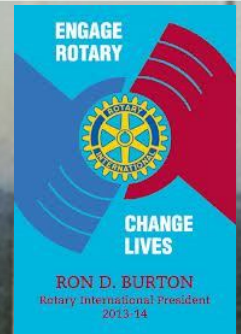




# The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook Club Bulletin

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## Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February

What's this "Social Media" thing all about – Mark Buckingham

## Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Youth Night – Bethany, Brittany, Richard, Nic, Brendan – Bob Davison

## Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Northwest Rail Link – Peter Bourke, Katherine Martin

## Duty Roster

Next Meeting – Monday 17 February		Following Meeting – Monday 23 February	
<b>Speaker Host</b>	Barry Freeman	<b>Speaker Host</b>	Bob Davison
<b>Night Reporter</b>	Colin Wright	<b>Night Reporter</b>	Gino Savio
<b>Front Desk</b>	Bob Davison	<b>Front Desk</b>	Rob Hamer
<b>Front Desk</b>	Max Henderson	<b>Front Desk</b>	Ian Roberts
<b>Steward</b>	Alan Paynter	<b>Steward</b>	Ros Savio
<b>Steward</b>	Tom Westcott	<b>Steward</b>	Graeme Evans
<b>Photographer</b>	Ross Ballinger.	<b>Photographer</b>	Ross Ballinger.

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## Upcoming Events

<b>Weekend February 14-16</b> Vilde's Mount Kosciuszko walk	<b>Sunday February 19</b> Movie night for Polio Plus – Castle Hill
<b>Sunday February 23</b> District 9685 Conference	<b>Sunday February 23</b> BBQ social with retirement village – Kokoda
<b>Saturday March 1</b> Book sort at Church Hall	<b>Sunday March 4</b> Board meeting – Douglas Lam home

## Meetings

Monday 6.30pm for 7.00pm – Springfield House – 245 New Line Road, Dural. <http://www.rotarydistrict9685.org.au>  
Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook Inc. PO Box 103 West Pennant Hills 2125 Australia

**APOLOGIES:** If you are unable to attend or are bringing a guest (even if they are your partner) you must notify Jilda.  
Phone 9439 1422 or email [accounts@lhogroup.com.au](mailto:accounts@lhogroup.com.au) before 11am on the day of the meeting.

**\*\*If you are expected and do not show you may be required to pay for the meal\*\***

## Presidents Report



Peter Cleary seemed to really strike a chord when he suggested the Club getting involved in **an activity to help drought stricken farmers & their families**. Pete has indicated he's looking for something where we can get involved in some way rather than just donating cash & will report back soon. #

We had a meeting of the Book Fair committee yesterday evening & after some discussion thought that we could raise some additional funds for such an initiative by using the donation jars which we used, at the Porsche day, to raise extra dollars for the bush fire relief. Anne Sharp suggested setting them on a hay bale to increase visibility!

**1st main sort** for the Book Fair may be deferred from **Sat 22 Feb to Sat March 1<sup>st</sup>**. At present the drop off houses are handling the volumes being received and are culling unsuitable books. There may be a need for some help to do sorting at some of the drop off

houses but we feel we can hold off doing a sort at the Church Hall till the following weekend when there is less on. On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> we have a group of us, mainly current & or next years Board members, going to the Concourse at Willoughby for the District Convention, whilst another Group of members assist Doug & Sandy with the oldies Bar-B-Q at the Kokoda Memorial.

I thought Jess gave a really enthusiastic talk on Monday about the work of **Operation Hope**. The new programme which offers kids the opportunity to go to Vision valley for regular activities & interaction finishing with bush activities at the end of each term sounds as though its got a better chance of achieving longer term benefits in terms of increased self confidence & positivity. I think Jess will make an excellent teacher, who can establish a good rapport especially of those kids who badly need teachers they can relate to! I'm sure we all wish her well.

Next week's topic has been changed (it was the North West Rail Link which is 2 weeks later) to **"what's this "Social Media" thing all about?"** with guest Mark Buckingham – see the write-up later in this Bulletin.

See you there!

Clive

# ps. Since Monday the farmers plight has been raised on talk back Radio & The Rotary Club of Sydney & 2GB kick started a fund to raise \$50k to pay for the fuel to get loads of hay from Southern NSW to drought affected parts of Western NSW, by Thursday they have raised over \$150k so there appears to be an increasing awareness & willingness to contribute from the public. Father Chris Riley ( "Youth off the Streets" ) was also on air talking about an initiative to provide youth Counselling & a load of feed to Bourke.

Regards *President Clive*

## Night Report for 10 February Meeting

Sergeant Jim Simpson opened the meeting and introduced President Clive Denmark who looked very dapper with his smart haircut and you would be forgiven if you did not recognise your President!

In the absence of Vilde (as she is not feeling too bright), Bob Davison gave a brief rundown on her activities over the last week. She helped with the cooking at Ronald McDonald House on Thursday, helped cater for a 21<sup>st</sup> of her school friend on Friday. Sunday she did the Colour Run at Homebush, and was a poorly sight when she returned home, multi-coloured from head to toe – Bev is still trying to get the “easily washes out” dye out of her clothes!

Ross Ballinger thanked all the volunteers who assisted at the Ronald McDonald House evening.

Looking forward to a wonderful Sunday BBQ lunch? Contact Douglas Lam who is organising a BBQ for the residents of the Anglican Retirement Flinders Village on Sunday 23rd at Brays Bay Reserve Shelter adjoining the Kokoda Track Memorial Walk in Concorde. The Deal – club will provide the BBQ members to chip in salads and desserts.

If your Rotary apron has got holes flipping the burgers and your hat has seen better days then it is time to contact Barry Lambert who is about to place orders for new ones.

Brian Furrer represented the club at the Uniting Care morning tea and was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation to the Christmas Giving Tree Campaign (Tree of Joy).

Colin Sharpe is looking for nominations for the Vocational night which is on 26th May. In case you know of any worthy nominee please contact Colin.

Our guest speaker for the evening was young Jesse from Vision Valley & Operation Hope who started as a kitchen hand and worked her way to her current role as a camp coordinator.

They have recently revamped the whole program and the current wilderness program is targeted towards teenagers from 13 to 17 years which is over the 4 quarters. The purpose is to instil goal setting as well as leadership and build confidence, self-awareness, care and independence.

Participants carry their own pack, sleep in tents, cook their own food and participate in outdoor recreation activities such as canoeing, abseiling and rock climbing.

On behalf of the club Bob Davison presented her with a cheque for \$1,550/- which Jesse graciously accepted and thanked the club as she has set herself a target to collect \$100,000/- in 2014.

Colin Sharpe won the raffle whilst Barry Freeman won Heads & Tails and graciously gave away the bottle of red to Brian Furrer second man standing.

Sergeant Jim closed the meeting with his life experience as we get older the theme being man posters *It is funny when my wife gives me the silent treatment – she thinks it is a punishment!!*

*Night Reporter*      *Cawas Sahukar*



Jess with Pres. Clive:

## Next Meeting – What’s this “Social Media “ thing all about?

### Rotary and Social Media

*Still very new to some of our more senior members, Social Media now rivals and possibly exceeds the popularity of e-mail. This is a very important method of staying in touch with the communities that Rotary is engaged with. It is also a good way to reach out to younger (and some older) potential Rotarians. This session seeks to introduce you to the major players and how your club can make the best use of them.*

### About the Speaker, Mark Buckingham, from Markbits

*Mark is a serial small business owner and has spent the last 30 odd years in the Information Technology field. He runs a digital marketing company, but his experiences cover a wide range of industries and situations.*

## Kokoda Track Social BBQ – 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb

On **Sunday 23rd February** we are having a BBQ down at **Brays Bay Reserve Shelter adjoining the Kokoda Track Memorial Walk in Concorde**. This used to be the Nordby function but unfortunately so far we cannot obtain any response from them regarding the invitation.

The club will provide for the BBQ and members will chip in salads and desserts.

Time is flexible, 0930 onwards, as we aim to serve the seniors between 1130-1200 so they can return home and have a rest and their medication.

Graham Cuthbertson has volunteered to be first on the spot to claim our rightful tables et al.

I will provide some vintage fermented grape juice and a few beers. Feel free to bring your own if you so desire.

Please email me back if you can whether you **can attend or not** so I can have numbers for catering. Come and enjoy a lovely Sunday BBQ lunch and long term forecast is a nice day.

Thank you and hopefully we can have this event to substitute for the Nordby function for next year.

*Regards, Douglas*

## Ronald McDonald House – 6<sup>th</sup> Feb

Thanks to all who helped on Thursday night at Ronald McDonald House. The Dinner was very much appreciated by all who were there.

Many had not had a roast “forever” and they loved it. The Volunteer on the night has never seen such a great selection of sweets and many of the house Guests came back for seconds even after saying that they had had enough after the roast. The feedback that we received on the night was one of great appreciation both for the quality and the fact that we did it.

We had a great team there with the cooking, supplying the sweets, serving, cleaning up and equally important, talking to the family’s. One Mother there lost a child yesterday, another Mother has spent the last 2 & half months in the ward 24/7, Dad has only been out in the dining room twice in that time.

Again, a great big THANK YOU to all who helped.

*Ross and Helen Ballinger*



## Rotary International Convention 1-4 June 2014

### **Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are needed before, during and after the Rotary International Convention 2014 to be held at Olympic Park between May 28 and June 4.

This is a great opportunity for everyone to become involved in a significant Rotary event.

We hope to have 700 volunteers. The more we have the lighter the load for everyone. You, your family and friends do not need to be a paying delegate for the Convention to volunteer.

Volunteers will be needed at the Sydney Airports, railway stations, hotels and mainly at Olympic Park venues.

You can [register](#) your interest in volunteering by selecting the (Download the Registration Form) button below. General enquiries can also be made via the [contact form](#).

[Download the registration form](#)

### **Home Stay accommodation Needed**

Rotary International President Ron Burton, on our behalf, has invited the world to Sydney and what better way to welcome them than to have them stay with us in our own homes.

What a fantastic opportunity for you to meet Rotarians from another country or perhaps other areas of Australia and make lifelong friends and share your Australian family experience with them.

If you have a spare room or two around the period of the Convention 1 – 4 June 2014 and wish to share in this great experience then this is your once in a lifetime opportunity.

You do not have to be registered for the Convention to take part in the Home Stay program, all you have to be is prepared to open your home to our visitors.

**There are just under one hundred Convention-goers who are looking for Home Stay accommodation BUT there is presently nowhere for them to stay.**

**If you can help, please contact PDG Paul Reid direct at [homestay@rotary2014.com.au](mailto:homestay@rotary2014.com.au) or phone 0424 026 343**

**- or register at the [Host Organising Committee website](#).**

## Movie Night for Polio Plus – Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Feb – Castle Hill

The Polio Plus movie night is on Wednesday 19th February at the Events Complex Castle Hill. The entry fee is \$20. Profits (hopefully better than half) goes to Polio Plus. This is being organised by Joan van den Berg (Hills Zone). We have five going – if you would like to go please contact Bob Davison - NOW.

### The Movie is:

#### **MONUMENTS MEN**

Release: 13 March 2014

Directed by: George Clooney (The Ides of March)

Cast: George Clooney, Matt Damon, Bill Murray, John Goodman, Cate Blanchett

Genre: Action/Thriller/Drama

Based on the true story of the greatest treasure hunt in history, The Monuments Men focuses on an unlikely World War II platoon, tasked by FDR with going into Germany to rescue artistic masterpieces from Nazi thieves and returning them to their rightful owners. It would be an impossible mission: with the art trapped behind enemy lines, and with the German army under orders to destroy everything as the Reich fell, how could these guys – seven museum directors, curators, and art historians, all more familiar with Michelangelo than the M-1 – possibly hope to succeed? But as the Monuments Men, as they were called, found themselves in a race against time to avoid the destruction of 1000 years of culture, they would risk their lives to protect and defend mankind's greatest achievements.



## Birthdays and Anniversaries



**Anniversaries**

*nil*

**Birthdays**

*Barry Freeman – 19<sup>th</sup> February*

## Food for Thought



Use your voice for kindness, ears for compassion, hands for charity, mind for truth, heart for love.

..... (happy Valentines Day!)

## Humour

This is a **true** story of a little Aussie Battler who found himself in a sticky situation.....



**It begins when this man takes the day off work and decides to go out golfing.  
He is on the second hole when he  
Notices a frog sitting next to the green.**

**He thinks nothing of it and is About to shoot when he Hears, Ribbit 9 Iron.'  
The man looks around and doesn't See anyone.**



**Again, he hears, 'Ribbit 9 Iron.' Again, he hears, 'Ribbit 9 Iron.'  
He looks at the frog and decides to  
Prove the frog wrong, puts the  
Club away, and grabs a 9 iron.  
Boom!**





**He hits it 10 inches from the cup.**

**He is shocked.**

**He says to the frog, 'Wow that's amazing..**

**You must be a lucky frog he asks?**

**The frog replies, 'Ribbit Lucky frog.'**

**The man decides to take the frog With him to the next hole.**

**'What do you think frog?' The man asks.**

**'Ribbit 3 wood.'**



**The guy takes out a 3 wood and, Boom! Hole in one...**

**The man is befuddled and doesn't know What to say.**

**By the end of the day, the man golfed the Best game of golf in his life and Asks the frog,**

**'OK where to next?'**

**The frog replies,**



**'Ribbit Las Vegas ...**

**' They go to Las Vegas And the guy says, 'OK frog, now What?'**

**The frog says, 'Ribbit Roulette.'**

**Upon approaching the roulette table, The man asks, 'What do you think I should Bet?'**

**The frog replies 'Ribbit \$3000, black 6.'**

**Now, this is a Million-to-one shot to win, but After the golf game the man Figures what the heck.**

**Boom!**



**Tons of chips come sliding back across the table**

**The man takes his winnings and Buys the best room in the Hotel.  
He sits the frog down and Says, 'Frog, I don't know how to repay you.  
You've won me all this money and I am forever grateful.'**

**The frog replies, 'Ribbit Kiss Me.'  
He figures why not, Since after all the frog did for Him, He deserves it..  
With a kiss, the frog turns into a Gorgeous 25-year-old girl.**



**'And that, Your honour, is how the girl Ended up in my room.  
So help me God**



**Or my name is not Craig Thompson.'**

## Vilde's Calendar – invite her out if date not yellow

### February 2014

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Colour run
10	11	12	13	14 Walk Mt Kosciuszko	15 Walk Mt Kosciuszko	16 Walk Mt Kosciuszko
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Conference
24	25	26	27	28		

### March 2014

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
31					1 Safari Brief	2 St Ives Sailing Day
3	4	5	6	7	8 Mudgee Davisons	9 Mudgee Davisons
10	11	12	13	14	15 Entrance Fergusons	16 Entrance Fergusons
17	18	19	20	21 Umina Beach	22 Umina Beach	23 Umina Beach then Move house
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

### April 2014

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Safari	11 Safari	12 Safari	13 Safari
14 Safari	15 Safari	16 Safari	17 Safari	18 Safari	19 Safari	20 Safari
21 Safari	22 Safari	23 Safari	24 Safari	25 Safari	26 Safari	27
28	29	30				

		<b>Club Programme 2013-2014</b>		RED YES = PARTNERS on a meeting night.	hols
		Updated 22/1/2014 by RWH		Tentative date hold only	
<b>Feb-14</b>		<b>World Understanding Month</b>			
Fri	14	Vilde's Mount Kosciuszko walk		Yes	Graham Cuth.
Sat	15	- staying at North Perisher Ski Lodge		Yes	Graham Cuth.
Sun	16	- 22klm walk Sat		Yes	Graham Cuth.
Mon	17	What's this "Social Media" thing all about? Mark Buckingham from Markbits			Rob Hamer
Sun	23	District 9685 Conference at Chatswood.		Yes	David Turnbull
Sun	23	Club social Barbeque 10-5, Kokoda Memorial Walkway BBQ area (adjoining Cafe end Killoola St Concord) Possible speaker on Kokoda.		Yes	Douglas Lam, Sandy Burrage
Mon	24	Youth Night -RYPEN, RYLA reports. Bethany Ferguson reports on her year.		Yes	Bob Davison
<b>Mar-14</b>		<b>Literacy Month</b>			
Sat	1	Book Fair – Sorting books at church hall.		All	Clive Denmark
Mon	3	Northwest Rail Link Peter Bourke and Katherine Martin			Rob Hamer
Tues	4	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30 at Douglas Lam's home			Clive Denmark
Thurs	6	Bowel Scan sales commence at Cherrybrook Shopping Centre. Date TBC			Barry Lambert
Sat	8	Book Fair – Sorting books at church hall.		All	Clive Denmark
Mon	10	The Great Debate - subject "TBA"		Yes	Jim Simpson
Tue	11	Moving of Books from containers to Church and setup		All	Clive Denmark
Wed	12	Moving of Books from collection points to Church carpark and setup		All	Clive Denmark
Thurs	13	Sort and setup of Books at Church carpark			
Fri	14	<b>Book Fair Uniting Church, New Line Road, Cherrybrook</b>		All	Clive Denmark
Sat	15	<b>Book Fair Uniting Church, New Line Road, Cherrybrook</b>		All	Clive Denmark
Sat	15	Book Fair "Post Mortem" Dinner		All	Clive Denmark
Mon	17	No Meeting. R&R following Book Sale			Rob Hamer
Mon	24	David Hart from Interplast.			Tony Makin
Sun	30	Callicoma Track walk			Douglas Lam
Mon	31	Alzheimer's Australia (TBC)			Barry Freeman
<b>Apr-14</b>		<b>Magazine Month</b>			
Tues	1	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30 - Tony Makin residence			
Mon	7	Vocational visit TBC		Yes	Colin Sharpe
Mon	14	Mark Wallace Rotary Down Under invited 16/07/2013			Rob Hamer
Mon	21	Bunnings BBQ - Dural		Yes	Barry Lambert
Mon	21	No Meeting - Easter Monday			
Sat	26	Bunnings BBQ - Dural		Yes	Barry Lambert
Mon	28	Anzac meeting - Looking for Speaker		Yes	Rob Hamer

**Directors 2013-14**

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