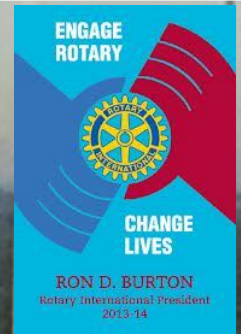




The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook Club Bulletin

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Monday 24th February

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

Monday 3rd March

Northwest Rail Link – Peter Bourke, Katherine Martin

Monday 10th March

The Great Debate - subject "Marriage is a"

Duty Roster

Next Meeting – Monday 24 February		Following Meeting – Monday 3 March	
Speaker Host	Bob Davison	Speaker Host	Rob Hamer
Night Reporter	Gino Savio	Night Reporter	Graham Cuthbertson
Front Desk	Rob Hamer	Front Desk	Bob Davison
Front Desk	Ian Roberts	Front Desk	Brian Furrer
Steward	Ros Savio	Steward	Howard Fleming
Steward	Graeme Evans	Steward	Carol Russell
Photographer	Ross Ballinger.	Photographer	Ross Ballinger.

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Upcoming Events

Sunday February 23 District 9685 Conference	Sunday February 23 BBQ social with retirement village – Bray's Bay Reserve, Concord
Saturday March 1 Book sort at Church Hall	Sunday March 4 Board meeting – Douglas Lam home
Thursday March 6 Bowel Scan sales commence	Friday 14 & Saturday 15 March Book Fair – Uniting Church

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 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



It looks as though we're heading in to a period of service activity and fundraising. Between now and Easter.

- Next **Sunday 23rd February** Douglas & Sandy are organising a Group of members (who are not attending the District Convention) to take a bus of oldies for a **Bar-B-Q at the Concord Kokoda Memorial Park.**

- On Friday 28th we are setting up for &

- On **Sat 1st March** conducting our **1st Book sort for this year's Book Fair at the Uniting Hall in New Line Road, Cherrybrook** (I will put a sheet out next Monday for the week leading to the Sale & the Sale itself, i.e. sat 8th thru to sat 15th march)

- **Sun 30th March** has been pencilled in for the **walk/inspection of the Callicoma Track Walk** at Cherrybrook to determine whether we take it's maintenance as a community

project.

- Peter Cleary has investigating how we can best help Farmers who have been struggling with various problems arising from the drought. For those members who were not present on Monday Pete suggested that that may be for a group of us to head to a drought impacted region of NSW in a bus for about a week. It appears that showing an interest & talking to some of those affected may be just as important as any physical or financial help we can provide, although we would probably aim to do all three.

Just a reminder **next Monday is a Youth Meeting** where the attendees we have sponsored to RYLA and RYPEN will report back to us on what they got out of the various activities they attended. We are also sponsoring the Youth Parliamentarian, Brendan Ma, who will tell us his plans. Finally, we have Bethany Ferguson, who returned from exchange to Denmark in January, to talk about her year. It has been designated as a **PARTNERS night** so please mention it to your partner to see if they would like to come.

Regards *President Clive*

Night Report for 17 February Meeting

President Clive opened the meeting and welcomed the guests present. Clive advised members of the upcoming Book Sale and asked members to indicate if they were able to assist with the sorting on the dates and times shown on the sheets.

Douglas Lam spoke of the BBQ next Sunday at Brays Bay Reserve, Concord from 9.30am with lunch served 11.30/12noon. BBQ supplied but bring salads and sweets and any drinks. Members were asked to say yes or no for catering purposes.

Vilde gave an update of her activities for the week – including her weekend at Perisher but unfortunately it was too wet to do the Mt. Kosciuszko walk.

Peter Cleary addressed the meeting regarding the current drought in New South Wales that farmers are experiencing and is making enquiries to see if our club can assist in helping in some way.

Our guest speaker Mark Buckingham was then introduced. He is a 30 year serial entrepreneur and self employed. He has just sold a business and is establishing a new one. Has had an IT address since 1980 long before it became popular and is currently engaged in a new venture called "Senior Tech" to educate seniors in the use of IT, particularly Rotarians to further develop Rotary.

"Seniors Technology IT" = conversation seen by others
POINTS

- * "Electronic media" is publication of what you do
- * "Time poor" is not enough time to respond to social media
- * Many channels - 148. Why so many? Because they are all different
- * " Facebook" - over 800 million users. Average user/person has 134 friends. Going public 16,900 people can see that message
- * Australian users - 1/2 male 1/2 female
- * " You Tube" - 1 billion per month participating
- * "Tweets" - able to send a message to millions of people - 200 million users
- * "Linkedin " is a special section for professional people. It is a Facebook for grown people
- * Completely person focused. It is a good way to improve our Rotary.

At the conclusion Mark answered questions from members.

The raffle was drawn and head and tails won.

President Clive closed the meeting, thanking our guest speaker and all other guests attending.

Night Reporter - Colin Wright



Mark Buckingham:



Vilde with her Aunt Pia:

Kokoda Track Social BBQ – Sunday 23rd 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. Sandy has arranged a group of seniors from ARV.

The club will provide the BBQ and members will bring salads and desserts. Time is flexible, 09.30 onwards, as we aim to serve the seniors between 11.30-12.00 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. 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

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 or phone 0424 026 343 - or register at the [Host Organising Committee website](#).

Where Does That Donation Money Go?

An article Bev found, I thought I'd share, Ed.

It used to be "Rob the rich to give it to the Poor"

Now it is more like "Rob the Poor to enrich the Rich".

Donating - Ever wonder where that donation money goes?

Keep these facts in mind when "donating". As you open your pockets for yet another natural disaster, keep the following facts in mind; we have listed them from the highest (worse paid offender) to the lowest (least paid offender).

The worst offender was yet again for the 11th year in a row is, UNICEF - CEO, receives \$1,200,000 per year, (plus use of a Rolls Royce for his exclusive use where ever he goes, and an expense account that is rumoured to be well over \$150,000.) Only pennies from the actual donations goes to the UNICEF cause (**less than \$0.14 per dollar of income**).

The second worst offender this year is Marsha J. Evans, President and CEO Of the American Red Cross... For her salary for the year ending in 2009 was \$651,957 plus expenses. Enjoys 6 weeks - fully paid holidays including all related expenses during the holiday trip for her and her husband and kids. Including 100% fully paid health & dental plan for her and her family, for life. This means out of every dollar they bring in, **about \$0.39 goes to related charity causes**.

The third worst offender was again for the 7th time was, Brian Gallagher, President of the United Way receives a \$375,000 base salary (U. S. Funds), plus so many numerous expense benefits it's hard to keep track as to what it is all worth, including a fully paid lifetime membership for 2 golf courses (1 in Canada, and 1 in the U. S. A.), 2 luxury vehicles, a yacht club membership, 3 major company gold credit cards for his personal expenses... And so on. **This equates to about \$0.51 per dollar of income goes to charity causes**.

Fourth worst offender who was also again in the fourth spot, for every year since this information has been made available from the start 1998 is amazingly yet again, World Vision President (Canada) receives \$300,000 base salary, (plus supplied - a home valued in the \$700,000 - \$800,000 dollar value range, completely furnished, completely paid all housing expenses, including taxes, water/sewer, telephone/fax, HD/high speed cable, weekly maid service and pool/yard maintenance, fully paid private schooling for his children, upscale automobile and an \$55,000 personal expense account for clothing/food, with a \$125,000 business expense account).

Get this, because it is a "religious based" charity, it pays, little to no taxes, can receive government

assistance and does not have to declare where the money goes. **Only about \$0.52 of earned income per dollar is available for charity causes.**

Of the sixty some odd "charities" we looked at, the lowest paid President/CEO/Commissioner) was heading up a charity group in Canada. We found, believe it or not, it was.....

Ready for this? I think you might be surprised... It is, none other than...

The Salvation Army's Commissioner Todd Bassett receives a salary of only \$13,000 per year (plus housing) for managing this \$2 Billion dollar organization. **Which means about \$0.93 per dollar earned, is readily available and goes back out to local charity causes... Truly amazing ...** And well done "Sally Anne"

Rotary & Lions Clubs use all donations to go back into the community as all account monies are the responsibility of the club to raise by odd jobs to a separate account. \$1 for every \$1 Goes back to the Community

No further comment is necessary..."Think Twice" before you give to your charity of choice as to which one really does the best for the most - or the least for the most, for that matter. Remember charity starts at home. Look after the people of this country.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Anniversaries

nil

Birthdays

Nil

Notices

We had another granddaughter born on 22nd January - her name is Azumi Ingrid Ada Lambert and is our 6th grandchild. Helen Lambert

Food for Thought



If nature intended us to talk more than listen, she would have given us two mouths and one ear." – Anonymous

Humour – I didn't know that!

Us older people need to learn something new every day.. Just to keep the grey matter tuned up.

Where did "Piss Poor" come from? Interesting history. They used to use urine to tan animal skins, so families used to all pee in a pot. And then once it was full it was taken and sold to the tannery... if you had to do this to survive you were "Piss Poor". But worse than that were the really poor folk who couldn't even afford to buy a pot... They "didn't have a pot to piss in" and were the lowest of the low.

The next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be. Here are some facts about the 1500's

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and they still smelled pretty good by June.. However, since they were starting to smell, brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odour. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, Then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water!"

Houses had thatched roofs-thick straw-piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof.

When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof.

Hence the saying, "It's raining cats and dogs." There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence.

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying, "Dirt poor." The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on the floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entrance-way. Hence: a thresh hold.

(Getting quite an education, aren't you?)

In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire.

Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat.

They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence the rhyme: "Peas porridge hot,

peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old." Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special.

When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could, "bring home the bacon." They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and chew the fat.

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or the upper crust.

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence the custom; "holding a wake."

England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a bone-house, and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell.

Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the graveyard shift) to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be, "saved by the bell" or was "considered a dead ringer."

And that's the truth. Now, whoever said history was boring!!!

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

February 2014

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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 Briefing	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 Family arrive	25 Safari	26 Safari	27
28	29	30				

May 2014

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

		Club Programme 2013-2014		RED YES = PARTNERS on a meeting night.	hols
		Updated 22/1/2014 by RWH		Tentative date hold only	
Feb-14		World Understanding Month			
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
Mar-14		Literacy Month			
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 "Marriage is a"		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	Book Fair Uniting Church, New Line Road, Cherrybrook		All	Clive Denmark
Sat	15	Book Fair Uniting Church, New Line Road, Cherrybrook		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
Apr-14		Magazine Month			
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
May-14		Community Month			
Thur	1	Vanuatu RAWCS trip – through May 11 th		Yes	Tony Makin
Mon	5	Anniversary meeting – past members night		Yes	Ross Ballinger, Alan Paynter
Tues	6	Club Board Meeting 7:15 for 7:30. Combined current and incoming Boards			Clive Denmark
Mon	12	Nadia Messiha – Hills Family Lawyers. A bird's eye view of Family Law – Property, Parenting & Grand-parenting.		Yes	Rob Hamer
Mon	19	Philip Smith – ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children)			Rob Hamer
Sat	17	Weekend away – the social highlight of the year		Yes	Social Comm.
Sun	18	Weekend away – the social highlight of the year		Yes	Social Comm.
Sun	25	Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal			
Mon	26	Vocational Awards – Pride of Workmanship			Colin Sharpe

Directors 2013-14

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