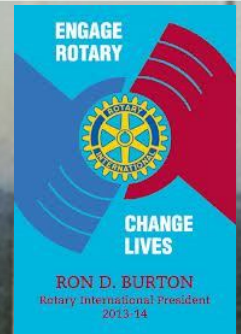




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Monday 3rd March Northwest Rail Link – Peter Bourke, Katherine Martin
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Duty Roster

Next Meeting – Monday 3 March		Following Meeting – Monday 10 March	
Speaker Host	Rob Hamer	Speaker Host	Rob Hamer
Night Reporter	Graham Cuthbertson	Night Reporter	Graham Cuthbertson
Front Desk	Bob Davison	Front Desk	Bob Davison
Front Desk	Brian Furrer	Front Desk	Brian Furrer
Steward	Howard Fleming	Steward	Howard Fleming
Steward	Carol Russell	Steward	Carol Russell
Photographer	Ross Ballinger.	Photographer	Ross Ballinger.

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Upcoming Events

Saturday March 1 & 8 Book sort at Church Hall	Tuesday March 4 Board meeting – Douglas Lam home
Thursday March 6 Bowel Scan sales commence	Tuesday 11 – Thursday 13 March Book sort & setup at Uniting Church
Friday 14 & Saturday 15 March Book Fair – Uniting Church – ALL HANDS	Sunday 30 March Callicoma Track walk

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



I always enjoy **Youth nights** but I thought last Mondays was good even by past standards. The room had a real buzz & as “speaker host” Bob kept the timing tight so that one speaker flowed seamlessly to the next, which was critical if we were to give everyone a fair go and finish the meeting at an acceptable time.

It was pleasing to have so many guests: Partners, relatives of the Young adults who had been to RYPEN, RYLA, the Youth parliament or on Youth Exchange, the participants themselves, some of the Rotarians involved in the Youth Exchange programme & a Rotarian from South Africa , who was leaving in the Queen Mary the following Day & his local friend.

I would be remiss if I did not include Tony & his partner Glenda & Bernard. Both have been to at least 4 meetings and are keen to join the club and get involved in our service activities. You will be most welcome.

The **Book Sale**, now in its 4th year, has developed in to our second largest fundraiser. **Fundraising** is a necessity if we are to have the monies to **fund our youth & service activities** & make **donations** to many worthy charities be they **Rotary programs** at home or overseas, **local organisations including Warrah** or the **President’s Charity this year which is Alzheimers Australia.**

We have fine tuned this year’s sale & have tried to limit double handling by doing culling and presorting at the eight drop off houses & then sorting at the church Hall itself this Saturday and on the Tuesday & Wednesday leading up to the sale. I thank all members who have volunteered to help with the sorting & the sale itself & encourage you to get your partners involved if they are interested. Many hands make light work!

Remember we can never have too many **fruit boxes** to sort in to and display at the sale. Those of you that have **folding tables** which they have supplied in the past are encouraged to bring them or organise to have them brought up to the Hall (preferably in the morning or evening of Tuesday 11th March.)

Next Monday we have speakers on the **North West Rail Link**. I think this is very timely, we are seeing a lot of activity at most of the station sites notably those at Roberts Road, Castle Towers & the Showground Site. It is also becoming clear that there will be a huge increase in High & Medium Sized housing and plenty of parking & traffic management issues. Rob could well have been provocative & titled the talk “ The North West Rail Project – a blessing or a curse?”

Regards *President Clive*

Night Report for 24 February Meeting

Welcome by President Clive to the Ladies and visitors. We had a visiting Rotarian from Chatswood, Durban Sth. Africa.

Bob Davison, the Chairman for our Youth night, gave a warm welcome to:

Beth Ferguson, exchange student back from Denmark, Mum Chris, and grandparents Colin & Jan Gabbie, exchange student from Chile,

Rotarians Paul Wynn (District YE Chairman), Sue & Ray Rice (Beth's District Coordinators),

RYLA – Britany Bickford

RYPEN – James Simpson and his family

Youth Parliamentarian - Brendan Ma and father Henry

And a welcome back to Alison and Tim Bowland.

Barry Freeman who attended the District conference has now decided to attend the Rotary International Convention. We all belong to a great organisation. Barry will be President next year and is looking for a PR director, any volunteers??? Max Henderson also attended the District Conference and agreed with Barry that it was a great day of working seminars, in fact it blew him away with what is happening which is fantastic, such as fundraising for the bushfires, Wahroonga are doing Shelter Boxes. Therefore a visit to the International Convention is a must, and in fact will save you many thousands of dollars as it is being held in Sydney 30 May – 4 June, 2014.

Douglas, thanked all concerned with the picnic on Sunday, NO Norby, but the ARV enjoyed the outing especially Keith's Apple Pies. Next year's picnic is booked for 22 February, 2015.

Tony Makin advises the deadline for Vanuatu is 1 March, 2014. So far there is Cuthbertson, Freeman, Davison and Turnbull. Meeting at Tony Makin's place at 8pm on Tues night. The container for Vanuatu is being filled at DIK on the 8th March. Please attend to assist.

Vilde had a great week with Pia, her Aunty who turned 21 last week.

Clive, 1 big sort out for the book fair on Sat. 1st March, at the Church all, and people are desperately needed. Please advise if you know anyone who would like to take these books after our book fair.

RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of ENrichment) - Held in late January, 2014, James Simpson thanked the Rotary, the sponsors. First night had an Ice Breaking Session – WHO AM I?? They made videos, team leaders joined in and showed they cared. They had team building and problem solving sessions. They learnt heaps, had a disco night and formed some great friendships.

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) - Britany Bickford was also a past exchange student who went to Denmark. This is a 1 week program with 80 participants. First night had a BBQ dance, 2nd day various speakers and a night session in encouragement. 3rd day different scenarios with 6 groups and various leaders and then had games 'stuck in the mud', netball, Ryala ball but no one knew what the game was about, but all had fun. At dinner they had Tim the Piano man and Dan the Rose man and they raised \$3010.00 for charity. Many other activities such as knitting, stock dancing, all in all it was an amazing week.

YOUTH PARLIAMENT PROGRAM - Brendan, year 11 student at James Ruse High, and 160 like minded people represented their areas and debated in the NSW Parliament. The Hill area is lucky, but unfortunately many don't take an interest in what is happening in their area. 5 key assets: Intensify, Achieve, Aim, Analyse, Learn, there were a cohort of similar young people who want to make a difference and are passionate, so you can make a change. We are definitely the lucky country. In April there is a training camp and July there is a State Parliament camp. Bob presented Brendan with a \$300 cheque from the Club to help cover the cost of these camps.

YOUTH EXCHANGE - Beth Ferguson went to Denmark, she was also a past Rypen student. Her 1st home host was Horsens, a small town on a fiord where you can go kayaking, swimming etc. (maybe if it is warm, which is not very often). She went to Manchester for a week for an English excursion, and then to Paris for a week for French language excursion. Great fun. Horsens East Rotary Club has 50 members, both men and women and is a Thursday lunchtime club. Went to Germany one weekend, Italy and Switzerland. Also saw a Danish Gymnastic show – very different!!

The 3rd host family had a pig farm, of more than 300 pigs and an assortment of many other animals. The family had 5 children. The 4th host family lived in the middle of nowhere and had horses.

She did her last Rotary speech in Danish which impressed everyone. She learnt a great deal, such as, responsibility, tolerance, persistence. Had a lot of support from other exchange students and has lots of memories. She thanked the Rotary Club and District. “Exchange is a great change for anyone as they learn to trust, think, deal with people, handle uncomfortable situations, homesick, it can be frustrating, music, connection between families, falling in love, exchange is growing up. Beth gave a great video, terrific presentation.

Colin Wright won the raffle.

Jim, the sergeant’s quote to the ladies “if a man says he will do something, you **don’t** have to remind him every 6 months”

Heads and tails won by Douglas Lam.

Night Reporter – Ros Savio



*Trio:
Beth:*

Alison & Tim:



Chair Paul:

Pres Clive, Brittany, Brendan, Beth, James, Bob:



Heartland Kia Vocational visit – Monday meeting 7th April

... Heartland Kia located at Cnr Windsor Road & Victoria Avenue, Castle Hill have agreed to hold our normal Rotary meeting along with partners on Monday 7th April at their dealership.

They can accommodate about 30/40 people and will do a short presentation on Kia as a brand and history of Heartland Kia, followed by the normal Rotary meeting format.

After which they will take us to the Kia showroom to view the cars (and if anyone wants a test drive then they can register for a weekend).

Regards, Cawas

..... more details will be provided

Rotary International Convention 1-4 June 2014

Have you booked yet? Not gone to an International Convention before? Then this is a MUST!

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.

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 Rotary world to Sydney and what better way to welcome them than to have them stay with us in our own homes.

You do not have to be registered for the Convention to take part in the Home Stay program.

There are still Convention-goers who are looking for Home Stay accommodation.

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](#).

Sharon Bickford helping a Friend in Need – Can You Help?

At Monday's meeting, our RYLA attendee, Brittany Bickford, told us of her Mum's support for a friend in Mudgee. Here is the email from SharonBickford:

From: Sharon Bickford <sharon.bickford@hotmail.com>

Subject: Fundraising for a friend who is dealing with Lyme disease

Hi All,

This is a different sort of email and I'm hoping you can help me. Some of you will have already seen this on Facebook but I'm trying to make sure I tell everyone as this is a very important cause and I need as many people to help me as possible. If you have any questions or concerns about the authenticity of this please ring or email me and I will be more than happy to fill you in.

As most of you will know we have moved to Mudgee for me to be able to fulfil a lifelong dream of becoming a veterinarian. I have a wonderful job at a really great little clinic here in town. The practise manager is a lady by the name of Lisa Tubnor. In 2012 she was diagnosed with Lyme disease and has been having a really rough time with it.

She now needs to go to Germany for treatment as the doctors here have told her there is nothing more they can do for her.

On Saturday March 8th Lisa's mum and sister are going to shave their heads as a part of a fundraiser to help fund Lisa's trip to Germany.

So here's the deal

You all know how I colour my hair all sorts of wild colours, I haven't seen my natural hair colour for probably close to 20 years!!!!

I am prepared to not just shave my head but also not colour whatever grows back for 3 months. However I need a really good incentive. So I am asking you all to help me with the incentive and pledge financial support for Lisa to enable her to get this vital treatment and hopefully be Lyme free.

Every cent will help her to get this treatment and reclaim the wonderful life she had.

The pledge page is: <http://peoplepledge.com.au/2014/lisa-tubnor/>

To make this a real incentive I am hoping to raise \$2500 of the \$25 000 she needs to get to Germany for treatment. If you can either email or private message me when you have donated I will know if I have achieved my goal for Lisa.

Please read about Lisa on the pledge page and help me to help her.

Thank you all for your support,

Sharon

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Birthdays and Anniversaries



Anniversaries

nil

Birthdays

Larry Jacka – 3rd March

Food for Thought



Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.

Dr. Seuss

Humour – (but that's no joke)!

A 'Conservative', in a wheelchair, entered a restaurant one afternoon and asked the waitress for a cup of coffee. The 'Conservative' looked across the restaurant and asked, "Is that Jesus sitting over there?"

The waitress nodded "yes," so the 'Conservative' requested that she give Jesus a cup of hot chocolate, on him.

The next patron to come in was a 'Bob Katter' supporter, with a hunched back. He shuffled over to a booth, painfully sat down, and asked the waitress for a cup of hot tea. He also glanced across the restaurant and asked, "Is that Jesus, over there?"

The waitress nodded, so the 'Bob Katter' supporter asked her to give Jesus a cup of hot tea, "my treat."

The third patron to come into the restaurant was a 'Labor' supporter on crutches. He hobbled over to a booth, sat down and hollered, "Hey there honey! How's about getting me a cold XXXX beer?" He too looked across the restaurant and asked, "Isn't that God's boy over there?"

The waitress nodded, so the 'Labor' supporter directed her to give Jesus a cold beer. "On my bill," he said loudly.

As Jesus got up to leave, he passed by the 'Conservative', touched him and said, "For your kindness, you are healed." The 'Conservative' felt the strength come back into his legs, got up, and danced a jig out the door.

Jesus passed by the 'Bob Katter' supporter, touched him and said, "For your kindness, you are healed." The 'Katter' supporter felt his back straightening up and he raised his hands, praised the Lord, and did a series of back flips out the door.

Then, Jesus walked towards the 'Labor' supporter, just smiling. The 'Labor' supporter jumped up and yelled, "Don't touch me I'm on a disability pension."

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

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 12/2/2014 by RWH		Tentative date hold only	
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		All	Clive Denmark
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 to KIA Homeland - Cnr Windsor Rd & Victoria Av, Castle Hill		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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