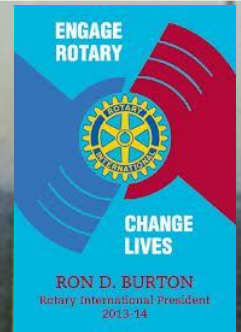




The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook Club Bulletin

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Monday 23rd June

** after Changeover – NO MEETING **

Monday 30th June

Mike Thomas, Exec Officer of Ronald MacDonald House

Monday 7th July

“The Plan 2014-2015” Barry Freeman

Duty Roster

Next Meeting – Monday 30 June		Following Meeting – Monday 7 July	
Speaker Host	Gino Savio	Speaker Host	Pres Barry Freeman
Night Reporter	Sandy Burrage	Night Reporter	Tom Westcott
Front Desk	Brian Furrer	Front Desk	Brian Furrer
Front Desk	Bob Davison	Front Desk	Carol Russell
Steward	Stan Baseley	Steward	Colin McGowan
Steward	Bernard Chandra	Steward	Peter Cleary
Photographer	Bob Davison	Photographer	Colin Sharpe

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Upcoming Events

July 9 Wednesday Board Meeting	July 9 Wednesday Vilde leaves to return home
July 11 Friday Hairspray at Hornsby RSL	July 20 Saturday Maxx, our exchange student, arrives from Finland

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****

Changeover Report



We had a great Changeover at Madison Function Centre on Saturday 21st June. This is a little earlier than most years but very successfully transferred the presidency from (now Immediate Past President) Clive Denmark to our new President for 2014-2015, Pres. Barry Freeman.

President Clive Denmark welcomed the guests then gave a brief report of the significant achievements during the year (details are in the changeover document).

Tony Makin gave a brief report on the working project we had in Vanuatu. It is not all work, we also had a lot of fun. He made several awards of beautifully hand crafted letter openers to:

- Bob Davison - master glass cutter

- Judy Cuthbertson (absent) - for entertaining us and the wonderful ne-Van children,
- Janet Hamer (absent) - also for keeping us entertaining,
- PP Barry Freeman - for keeping us amused with his many interesting stories

Tony then related the story of our previous trip to Vanuatu when twelve of us ventured in open ocean to Vanualava. Not a great distance, but we piled into a boat suitable for ten or less, in a 1m swell and no life vests. The waves occasionally broke over the gunnel, but we were well equipped with an ice cream container for a baler. All was going well until the baler was tossed with the water - and was fading behind us on the waves, to Barry's cry of "Wilson, come back Wilson". We all cracked up!

The full Vanuatu experience is the subject of the upcoming meeting on 16th July 2014.

Next we had a presentation from Vilde Sollien, our exchange student from Norway, telling us the significance of her year in Australia. There were many anecdotal stories as she described her year of many aspects. Well done Vilde, you also gave the club a great year.

Pres. Clive then presented donations to:

- Simon Crowson(Alzheimers Australia)
- Miriam Jacka (DIK),
- PDG Larry Jacka (RI Foundation)

The outgoing Board were thanked and recognised for their contributions during the year.

The following awards were presented :

- PP Barry Lambert - Allyn Day Award (most valuable member) presented by Bev Day
- Tony Cootes (absent) - Trevor Turner Award (Best New Member)
- Beverley Davison - Olive Turnbull Award (presented by David and Jill Turnbull)
- Jim Simpson - Paul Harris Fellow
- PP Bob Davison - Paul Harris Fellow
- Douglas Lam - Paul Harris Fellow
- PDG Larry Jacka - Paul Harris Fellow (Double Ruby)
- Bev Day – Paul Harris Fellow (personally awarded by PDG Larry Jacka)

President Clive Denmark inducted Barry Freeman as the President for 2014-2015.

President Barry is embracing both 2013-14 theme of “Engage Rotary .. Change Lives” as well as the new theme “Light up Rotary”. Engage and Change lives – “that act changed mine”. To celebrate the new theme he invited his daughter, Carolyn Anderson, to light a candle. This is symbolic of incoming RI President Gary C.K. Huang theme, and the same candle will be lit at Club meetings through the year.

Barry would like the Club to focus efforts on two concepts:

1. Happiness in the Club, and
2. Support of our local community

We are in for a very exciting year from what I have already seen of Pres. Barry’s ideas for the Club.

At the conclusion of the meeting Vilde drew the table decoration (balloons) raffle, and won one!

See the change over photo collage at:
<http://www.rotarynews.info/3/Club/4253/9035/>

Reporter: Bob Davison



Night Report – 16th June

Sergeant Jim introduced President Clive and the meeting was opened at 7.00pm sharp.

President Clive warmly welcomed everyone including our numerous guests and partners. This is President Clive’s final weekly meeting for his year.

President elect (and past president) Barry Freeman:

- Looking for suggestions for guest speakers so as to make our meetings interesting and memorable. Suggestion forms on the table.
- Reminded members of the District changeover on 26 June at Castle Hill RSL. Good chance to meet incoming DG Ian Scott.
- Suggested that we start a travel calendar so that we can keep track of who is away and where. General agreement that this was a good idea but on a confidential basis (not to be published). It will also help with allocating duties each week. Barry will coordinate.
- Reminder that our changeover is on this Saturday 21st June.

Other Report / Notices:

Vilde gave us an update on her movements. Unfortunately she was ill for several days so only managed to squeeze in numerous movie visits, lunches, ice skating and farewells! Remember: Vilde departs on 9 July.

We now moved on to the main event. Max Henderson introduced members of the **Sydney Youth Musical Theatre** (SYMT). Max became involved through his nephew Andrew who asked Max if he could help with the sets for the musical productions. He is still involved 20 odd years later and is obviously passionate about SYMT. They have a 16 piece orchestra and commence in 1979.

Max introduced Andrew who then gave us an extensive talk on the SYMT. They produce 2 shows per years and have a younger and older group. In 2008 they received OAM for their services to the arts. The group attract people who are keen on dancing / theatre / drama and they have a steady supply of potential artists who audition for roles within the company. They require not only performers, but musicians and people for behind the scenes work as well. This year they have a performance of Hairspray which starts in July. The younger group will also be performing Cinderella later in the year. Andrew then introduced some other members of the group. Kelly, Kaleigh and Adam. SYMT not only helps them to develop their performing skills but also life skills.

Members and guests were then treated to 'Good Mornings Baltimore' which is the opening song from Hairspray. It was sung by Kelly. This was followed by 'I Know Where to Begin' sung by Kaleigh. Both girls were accompanied by Andrew on the electric piano. The end of each song was met with rousing applause. The quality of the singing, particularly with the makeshift arrangements was excellent. It indicates the quality of the talent and direction at SYMT.

Lastly we met Adam who told us a little about himself and the joy he gets from teaching and directing 50-60 kids at SYMT. It was clear that each of our guests is a real talent themselves and members and guests thoroughly enjoyed the evening. The only question I can recall being asked was if they could perform some more numbers!

Max can still obtain tickets for Hairspray if you wish to attend and I recommend you do so if you can. It is staged at Hornsby RSL. Max thanked the group for joining us and for their performances.

Sergeant Jim then extracted numerous fines from followers of all the losing Soccer teams or non participants at the World Cup, together with some other indiscretions of members.

Vilde then arranged photos of the club members to take home.

Another good night of Rotary.

Steve Baker, Night Reporter



Trivia Night

Time: 6.30pm for 7.00pm
Date: Sat 23rd August 2014

Cherrybrook Community Centre
Shepherds Drive, Cherrybrook



Games and raffles
Lots of prizes to be won

Bring along your friends
And make up a table of 8

BYO nibbles & drinks
Light Supper provided

Cost \$20 PP

Among the charities this event will support are:
Alzheimer's Australia NSW ~ The Warrah School
and Rotary's "END POLIO NOW"

Contact our Hotline on : 0468 330 667
Or email: wphc.rotary@gmail.com



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See Hairspray the Musical

Max Henderson has been involved with The Sydney Youth Musical Theatre group and recommends Hairspray as a good night out. (<http://www.symt.org.au/drupal/> provides some good insights.)


Colin Sharpe has tentatively booked seats for **Friday July 11th** (need to be confirmed Friday May 30th.)

- Seating is at tables of 10
- Cost is \$32/adult (\$27 for Seniors Card Holders)
- Start time is 7 pm with performance from 8 – 10.30 including an interval.
- Bistro Dinner may be taken to the table – prices range from \$8.50 to \$25.

Let Colin know if you are interested.

To give you a flavour for what is in store for those who are going Max has lined up some of the players to perform at the club meeting on 16 June.

Sydney Youth Musical Theatre



HAIRSPRAY
THE MUSICAL

Book by Thomas Meehan, Music by Marc Shaiman, Lyrics by Scott Wittman & Marc Shaiman
Based on the New Line Cinema film written and directed by John Waters, Orchestrations by Harold Wheeler, Arrangements by Marc Shaiman
By arrangement with Hal Leonard Australia Pty Ltd, Exclusive agent for Music Theatre International (NY)

Hornsby RSL Club, 4 High St, Hornsby
JULY 4, 5, 10, 11 and 12. BOOKINGS: 9477 7777

<http://hornsbyrsl.iwannaticket.com.au> - www.symt.org.au

Position Vacant – Xiengkhouang Province of Lao

Several Rotary clubs in District 9685 (Sydney Region), District 9455 (West Australia) and District 3360 (Thailand and Laos) have partnered with the NGO named MiVAC (Mines Victims and Clearance) to undertake humanitarian work in Xiengkhouang Province of Lao Peoples Democratic Republic. The scope of work includes the construction of water supply and sewerage facilities for poverty-stricken communities in the province. The first stage of this project is being funded by Rotary clubs and augmented with a Rotary International Global Grant, GG1412794.

The current in-country manager of MiVAC is due to complete his tour of duty by the last week of September 2014, and we are seeking a replacement for this voluntary position.

The duration of the posting is negotiable, but the selected person should reside in Lao for a minimum of 3 months but preferably 4 months or more. Spouses are welcome to accompany the selected manager for all or part of the time.

For further description of MiVAC and its work, see the web site: www.mivac.org

For more on the water part of the project see:

<http://www.kuringgairotary.org.au/index.php/projects/international/lao-water-project>

The responsibilities of the position are summarised as follows:

- Represent MiVAC in all matters relating to MiVAC's work in Lao PDR;
- Manage indigenous Staff members, volunteers and visitors;
- Pay all accounts as due;
- Meet with Lao Government and District Government Officials;
- Mentor local indigenous personnel and volunteers involved with the project;
- Provide project reports to MiVAC/Rotary Director of Projects;
- Provide both financial and monthly reports to MiVAC Board;
- Purchase equipment and materials as required for the projects
- Assume responsibilities as required.

Place of Living - Phonsavan is the Capital of XiengKhouang Province, Lao PDR. You will be provided with furnished accommodation there.

If you are interested in this position and would like to know more information, please contact Hugh Hamlyn-Harris at mivacreruit@outlook.com

..... If this sounds too far away, why not consider the position of Bulletin Editor – you can do it from home, in Australia! (Ed ☺)

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Anniversaries

nil

Birthdays

Barry Lambert - 1st July
Howard Fleming - 4th July
Tom Westcott - 6th July

An Obituary printed in the London Times

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, **Common Sense**, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as: - Knowing when to come in out of the rain; - Why the early bird gets the worm; - Life isn't always fair; - And maybe it was my fault. **Common Sense** lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge). His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.



Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion. **Common Sense** lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims. **Common Sense** took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault. **Common Sense** finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement. **Common Sense** was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust, by his wife, Discretion, by his daughter, Responsibility, and by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 5 stepbrothers;

I Know My Rights - I Want It Now - Someone Else Is To Blame - I'm A Victim- Pay me for doing nothing.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone.

Contributed by I'm not really sure, Ed.

Thought of the Day

"He who lives in harmony with himself lives in harmony with the universe."

- Marcus Aurelius

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

June 2014

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
23	24	25	26	27	28 Entrance - Fergusons	29 Entrance - Fergusons
30						

July 2014

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4	5 Farewell friends	6 Farewell friends
7	8	9 Fls home to Norway				

Club Programe 2013-2014			RED YES = PARTNERS on a meeting night.	sc hols
		Updated 19/05/2014 by RWH	Tentative date hold only	
Jun-14			Rotary Fellowship Month	
Mon	23	No meeting following Changeover.		
Sat	28	District Changeover at Hornsby RSL - Date TBC	Yes	Barry Freeman
Mon	30	Mike Thomas Exec Officer of Ronald MacDonald House.		Rob Hamer
Jul-14			Rotary Fellowship Month	
Mon	7	"The Plan" 2014-2015		Barry Freeman
Wed	9	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30pm at David Turnbull's		Barry Freeman
Fri	11	"Hairspray" the Musical – Hornsby RSL 7pm	Yes	Colin Sharpe
Mon	14	Vanuatu Presentation.	Yes	Tony Makin
Tues	16	Trivia Night Meeting 7.15 for 7.30pm. TBC		Max Henderson
Sun	20	BBQ - Bunnings Thornleigh.	Yes	Barry Lambert
Mon	21	N. Webb Apiarist - moved from 16 June and confirmed 20/05		Rob Hamer
Mon	28	Club Assembly		Barry Freeman
Tues	29	Trivia Night Meeting 7.15 for 7.30pm. TBC		Max Henderson
Aug-14			Membership Extension Month	
Mon	4	Looking for speaker		Rob Hamer

Mon	11	S Russell. Mayor of Hornsby Shire		Rob Hamer	
Tues	12	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30		Barry Freeman	
Mon	18	Looking for speaker		Rob Hamer	
Tues	19	Trivia Night Meeting 7.15 for 7.30pm. TBC		Max Henderson	
Sat	23	Trivia Night - Cherrybrook Community Centre	Yes	Max Henderson	
Mon	25	Looking for speaker		Rob Hamer	
Sun	31	Porsche Car Club at the Amory Homebush. BBQ and Coffee. Date from their website 27/03/2014.	Yes	Max Henderson	

Club Positions 2014-15

Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook

President	Barry Freeman	0414 400 100
President Elect	TBA	
Past President	Clive Denmark	0400 425 210
Secretary	Jim Simpson	0439 465 725
Treasurer	Bob Davison	0413 008 574
Membership	Keith Ball	0478 599 155
Club Services	Douglas Lam	0419 421 659
Youth Services	Tony Coote	0412 812 624
Community Services	David Turnbull	0408 246 669
International	Cawas Sahukar	0432 692 602
Foundation	Ross Ballinger	0418 868 026
Vocational/Social Services Director	Colin Sharpe	0408 810 463
Fundraiser Director	Max Henderson	0404 020 985
Public Relations	Carol Russell	0418 431 157