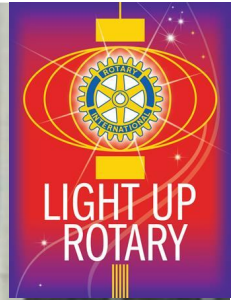




The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook

Club Bulletin



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Monday 8th December Rotary Foundation – Monica Saville
Monday 12th January 2015 New Members Night
Monday 19th January 2015 Club Assembly

Duty Roster

Next Meeting – Monday 8 December		Following Meeting – Monday 12 January 2015	
Speaker Host	Rosemary Clarke	Speaker Host	Keith Ball
Night Reporter	Clive Denmark	Night Reporter	Douglas Lam
Front Desk	Bob Davison	Front Desk	Bob Davison
Front Desk	Nick Chuah	Front Desk	Graham Evans
Steward	Peter Cleary	Steward	Andrew Little
Steward	Teresa Janowsky	Steward	Tony Makin
Photographer	Ross Ballinger	Photographer	Ross Ballinger

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Upcoming Events

December 7 PRT Meeting – 10am	December 10 Board Meeting – 7:15 for 7:30 @ tba
December 11 Tree of Joy – Santa’s workshop @ Turnbull’s	December 14 Christmas Lunch + Kris Kringle
January 4 President’s Picnic	January 11 Bunnings BBQ - Thornleigh

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****

President's Report #19 – week commencing 24th November 2014

**“The Standard that you walk past,
is the Standard you accept.”**

General of the Australian Army



On TV last week, the General was referring to the issue of sexual harassment, sexual misconduct and sexual assault in the armed forces. He used this quote in his interview and, whilst he was using it in the context of the problems he is trying to address in the Army, I knew the saying had wider implications for us all.

*How many times have I accepted something that I should not have accepted?
How many times have I cast my glance aside pretending not to see what I knew to be there?
How many times have I listened without speaking when I know I should have and acted or responded?*

It would be pretty hard to be able to say never, because we are all, human and have human foibles.

However, I do know that having heard this quote, I am less likely to let things pass me by when I know I should act!

Thank you all for your tolerance and support on Monday night.

From my point of view, it was a night we had to have and I believe we saw our club performing at its highest level. We had a real ongoing problem and we dealt with it. In so doing, we have at least set up the foundations for us to get the leadership succession-planning going again in our club and that can only bode well for our future as a viable and vibrant club.

We are members of a club we can be proud of. I saw that again on Monday night.

Thank you all for your participation.

Of course, now all we have to do is make the outcome situation work. I feel sure that we can.

We have 5 members prepared to serve a 2-3 month role as President next year as well as a wonderful President Elect in Rosemary Clarke. We WILL make it work. Thank you all so much for your attendance, (maybe a record for an AGM in our club), your discussion, and the outcome we achieved.

Have a brilliant week, everyone.

Barry

Night Report – 1st December – AGM

Sergeant Graham started the Meeting a few minutes past 7:00 pm.

Max Henderson presented a toast to Rotary, the Queen, Australia and [Denmark](#).

Uproars of laughter and jeering ensued. Max was quickly informed of Maxx's origins.

The meeting was then handed to President Barry.

He commenced by welcoming Sandy, who was just a tad late. For her "sins" Barry suggested she sit at the head table.

Hornsby Shire Council Barry reported on progress with respect to the council. We are yet to receive the \$600 refund associated with the Trivia night.

District Conference For those who have indicated that they wish to attend, it is now time to register.

Youth Report Tony Coote commenced by acknowledging the assistance of Rosemary, Teresa and Bob D. is assisting to make last week's Youth Night a successful event.

Tony also sought and received assistance in transporting students from RYLA Camp later this month.

Maxx In his usual slow and loquacious style Maxx presented a report covering his most recent week of Life in Paradise. Items covered ranged from school assessments, a forthcoming visit of a fellow exchange student in Tasmania, the Best Meat Pie ever on Friday, long walks around Sydney on Saturday (eating French Fries) and a quiet Sunday.

Max Henderson reminded the Book Fair Committee of a meeting on Wednesday.

Colin Sharpe Reported that the Xmas Lunch looks like having 56 attendees plus 2 children. Colin reminded the Club that Kris Kringle presents should be limited to \$10 in value. Finally that if you have dietary requirements then it is time to inform him of these. There is a Soc/Voc Committee meeting this coming Wednesday.

Rosemary Reported that the Garage Sale Committee is active and will soon approach the Club for assistance with various roles.

Annual General Meeting (note Official Minutes were taken by Jim)

Jim opened the AGM at 7:50pm, and then handed the floor to Pres. Barry.

- Steve Baker was noted as an apology
- Minutes of the Last AGM were passed
- There were no matters arising
- Bob D presented a Treasurer's Report that included an Auditors report. This is to be discussed at the next Board Meeting (but there are no significant issues).

Elections

Officers

- Jim Simpson was the sole nominee for Secretary and duly elected to Office.
- Bob Davison was the sole nominee for Treasurer and duly elected to Office.

Directors

- There were 7 nominees for Director to fill the 7 positions

- Keith Ball, Rosemary Clarke, Tony Coote, Max Henderson, Teresa Janowski, David Turnbull and Cawas Sahuka are elected.

General Business

1. Constitution and By Laws

The amendments to the Club Constitution and Club By Laws were passed after minimal discussion (Jim explained the change involving Working With Children and Rosemary sought clarification on Satellite Clubs)

2. Crisis of Leadership

Pres. Barry then addressed the meeting and told of how disappointed in himself he was in failing to achieve at minimum a President for next year and a President Elect.

He outlined how before/after (?) a meeting of Past Presidents held in November he had floated the idea of 2 presidents for 6 months each, and still failed to achieve a solution.

He presented the Club with the following immediate objectives

President YEJ 2016

- 1 * 12 mths
- 2 * 6 mths
- 4 * 3 mths

President Elect

Program Manager (rest of YEJ 2015)

Considerable discussion took place involving the above three objectives but also extending to frequency of meetings.

Finally the following emerged:

- Five people volunteered to be President for a part of next Rotary year. These are:
 - Teresa Janowski, Ross Ballinger, Tony Coote, David Turnbull and Cawas Sahukar
- Rosemary Clarke volunteered to be President Elect, and
- Peter Cleary has volunteered to be Program Manager.

The AGM closed at 9:25 pm

The meeting closed soon after

I congratulate all who participated in the night's proceedings

Keith Ball, Night Reporter

Footnote: no pics from the AGM, Ed.

Monica Saville's – article in Rotary Down Under

"For Monica Saville, Rotary's polio eradication campaign is personal. Saville, who survived the disease as a child in Australia....."

Read the full article at www.rotarydownunder.com.au/latest-news/a-polio-journey/

ShenYun – 5,000 years of civilisation live on stage.

6-15 February 2015, Capital Theatre



For 5,000 years divine culture flourished in the land of China.

Humanity's treasure was nearly lost, but through breathtaking music and dance, Shen Yun is bringing back this glorious culture.



Choice seats are now available – let Bob know if interested.

(C Reserve \$80, B reserve \$100, A reserve \$120, Premium \$150)

More info on: www.shenyun.com

Birthdays and Anniversaries



21st Dec – Nick & Alison Chuah
28th Dec – Graham & Margaret Evans
7th Jan – Cawas & Rashna Sahukar



11th Dec – Kaija Lam
11th Dec – Sandy Burrage
12th Dec – Jill Turnbull
21st Dec – Ross Ballinger
22nd Dec – Rob Hamer
28th Dec – Lynne Henderson
29th Dec – Helen Lambert
31st Dec – Pamela Makin

Not Humour – But a Good Read

Sack Lunches

I put my carry-on in the luggage compartment and sat down in my assigned seat. It was going to be a long flight. 'I'm glad I have a good book to read. Perhaps I will get a short nap,' I thought.

Just before take-off, a line of soldiers came down the aisle and filled all the vacant seats, totally surrounding me. I decided to start a conversation.

'Where are you headed?' I asked the soldier seated nearest to me. 'Petawawa. We'll be there for two weeks for special training, and then we're being deployed to Afghanistan.'

After flying for about an hour, an announcement was made that sack lunches were available for five dollars. It would be several hours before we reached the east, and I quickly decided a lunch would help pass the time...

As I reached for my wallet, I overheard a soldier ask his buddy if he planned to buy lunch. 'No, that seems like a lot of money for just a sack lunch. Probably wouldn't be worth five bucks. I'll wait till we get to base.'

His friend agreed.

I looked around at the other soldiers. None were buying lunch. I walked to the back of the plane and handed the flight attendant a fifty dollar bill. 'Take a lunch to all those soldiers.'
She grabbed my arms and squeezed tightly. Her eyes wet with tears, she thanked me. 'My son was a soldier in Iraq ; it's almost like you are doing it for him.'

Picking up ten sacks, she headed up the aisle to where the soldiers were seated. She stopped at my seat and asked, 'Which do you like best - beef or chicken?' 'Chicken,' I replied, wondering why she asked. She turned and went to the front of plane, returning a minute later with a dinner plate from first class.

'This is your thanks.'

After we finished eating, I went again to the back of the plane, heading for the rest room. A man stopped me. 'I saw what you did. I want to be part of it. Here, take this.' He handed me twenty-five dollars.

Soon after I returned to my seat, I saw the Flight Captain coming down the aisle, looking at the aisle numbers as he walked, I hoped he was not looking for me, but noticed he was looking at the numbers only on my side of the plane. When he got to my row he stopped, smiled, held out his hand and said, 'I want to shake your hand.' Quickly unfastening my seatbelt I stood and took the Captain's hand. With a booming voice he said, 'I was a soldier and I was a military pilot. Once, someone bought me a lunch. It was an act of kindness I never forgot.' I was embarrassed when applause was heard from all of the passengers.

Later I walked to the front of the plane so I could stretch my legs. A man who was seated about six rows in front of me reached out his hand, wanting to shake mine. He left another twenty-five dollars in my palm.

When we landed I gathered my belongings and started to deplane. Waiting just inside the airplane door was a man who stopped me, put something in my shirt pocket, turned, and walked away without saying a word. Another twenty-five dollars!

Upon entering the terminal, I saw the soldiers gathering for their trip to the base. I walked over to them and handed them seventy-five dollars. 'It will take you some time to reach the base. It will be about time for a sandwich. God Bless You.' Ten young men left that flight feeling the love and respect of their fellow travellers.

As I walked briskly to my car, I whispered a prayer for their safe return. These soldiers were giving their all for our country. I could only give them a couple of meals. It seemed so little...

A veteran is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to 'citizens of United States / Canada ' for an amount of 'up to and including my life.'

That is Honour, and there are way too many people in this country who no longer understand it.'

Club Programme 2014-2015				
		Updated 24/11/2014 by RWH		PARTNERS night.
Dec-14		Rotary Fellowship Month		
Mon	1	Annual General Meeting		Jim Simpson
Wed	3	Book Fair meeting #1 at Max Henderson's		Max Henderson
Sun	7	PRT Meeting 10am		Barry Freeman
Mon	8	Rotary Foundation Monica Saville		Yes Barry Freeman

Weds	10	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30		Barry Freeman
Thurs	11	Tree of Joy- Santa's Workshop at the Turnbull's 7.30pm	Yes	Douglas Lam
Sun	14	Christmas luncheon + Kris Kringle Gifts – Baulkham Hills Sports Club	Yes	Social Comm
Mon	15	No Meeting following Christmas Luncheon		
Mon	22	No Meeting		
Mon	29	No Meeting		
Jan-15		Rotary Awareness Month		
Mon	5	No Meeting		
Sun	4	President's Picnic		Barry Freeman
Sun	11	Bunnings Thornleigh BBQ		Barry Lambert
Mon	12	New Member's night		Keith Ball
Mon	19	Club Assembly		Barry Freeman
Mon	26	Australia Day – No meeting		
Feb-15		World Understanding Month		
Sun	1	Family Charity Picnic		Barry Freeman
Sun	1	PRT Meeting 10am		Barry Freeman
Mon	2	No meeting following Charity family picnic		
Fri	6	Mount Kosciuszko walk with Maxx	Yes	Graham Cuth.
Sat	7	staying at North Perisher	Yes	Graham Cuth.
Sun	8	Ski Lodge	Yes	Graham Cuth.
Mon	9	Dr Paul Wrigley – Sensory Neurophysiology Research At the Pain Management Research Institute	Yes	Barry Freeman
Tues	10	Book Fair Meeting		
Wed	11	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30		Barry Freeman
Mon	16	Detective Hans Rupp Partners Night	Yes	Tony Coote
Fri	20	Book Fair - Sorting.	Yes	Max Henderson
Sun	22	Club social Barbeque with guests from ARV. 10am-2pm, Kokoda Memorial Walkway BBQ area (adjoining Cafe end Killoola St Concord)	Yes	
Mon	23	Youth Night -RYPEN, RYLA reports.	Yes	Tony Coote
Sat	28	Book Fair preliminary sort -		
Mar-15		Literacy Month		
Mon	2	Norwest Rail Link Update (TBC)		
Thu	6	Bowel Scan sales commence – Cherrybrook Shopping Centre (Date TBC)		Barry Lambert
Mon	9	The Great Debate - subject "TBA" - Partners Night	Yes	
Wed	11	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30		Barry Freeman
Sat	14	Book Fair - Major Sorting at Church Hall.	Yes	Max Henderson
Mon	16	Alan Barge - University of the Third Age		Barry Freeman
Fri	20	District 9685 Conference	Yes	David Turnbull
Sat	21	District 9685 Conference	Yes	David Turnbull
Sun	22	District 9685 Conference	Yes	David Turnbull
Mon	23	Looking for speaker		
Tues	24	Moving of tables, Books (from garages and containers) etc. to Church carpark	All	Andrew Little
Wed	25	Setout tables, last minute sort and setout books	All	Andrew Little
Thur	26	Final setout – all ready to sell	All	Andrew Little
Fri	27	Book Fair - Uniting Church, New Line Road, Cherrybrook	All	Andrew Little
Sat	28	Book Fair - Uniting Church, New Line Road, Cherrybrook	All	Andrew Little
Sat	28	Book Fair "Celebration" Dinner	All	Andrew Little
Mon	30	No Meeting - R&R following Book Sale		

Maxx's Calendar – Which day will you invite Maxx out? (If not yellow)

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
Dec 2014						
1 Rotary Mtg	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Rotary Mtg	9	10	11	12	13	14 Xmas Lunch
15 Rotary Mtg	16	17	18	19	20 School Hols Start	21
22	23	24	25 Xmas	26	27	28

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