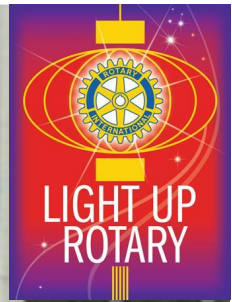




The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook Club Bulletin



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Monday 19th January 2015

Club Assembly

**** NO MEETING ****

on Mon 26th January, 2nd February 2015

Monday 9th February

Dr Paul Wrigley – Sensory Neurophysiology Research

Duty Roster

Next Meeting – Monday 19 January		Following Meeting – Monday 9 February	
Speaker Host	Pres. Barry Freeman	Speaker Host	Teresa Janowski
Night Reporter	Ros Savio	Night Reporter	Colin Baxter
Front Desk	Bob Davison	Front Desk	Bob Davison
Front Desk	Ian Roberts	Front Desk	Max Henderson
Steward	Colin McGowan	Steward	Alan Paynter
Steward	Tom Westcott	Steward	Gino Savio
Photographer	Ross Ballinger	Photographer	Ross Ballinger

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January 26 Australia Day Holiday - ** no meeting **	February 1 Family Charity Picnic
February 1 PRT meeting 10am	February 11 Board Meeting
February 22 Social BBQ with ARV – Kokoda Memorial Walk	February 28 Book Sort – 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****

President's Report – Barry is on Leave, back next Mon



We look forward to his next words of wisdom

Night Report – 12th January 2015

(It was about 7:30pm when it was realised there was no night reporter – Douglas was absent. Hence the impromptu night reporter started taking notes at this time)

Graham Cuthbertson opened the meeting promptly at 7pm (but sadly, no warning bell). He welcomed Keith Ball as the chairman of this Membership meeting. Maxx was invited to light the candle.

Maxx then gave his update for the past month. Christmas was spent in Brisbane which was a fantastic time with the Sharpes and family. He did mention that it was the hottest Christmas he had ever experienced – much hotter than it ever gets in Finland. Then he returned to Sydney for New Years' Eve, which began early morning at Mrs Macquaries Chair with a group of friends and other exchange students. It was a long day, likened to watching a match of cricket, but worth it for the fireworks. He has had a month of holidays so far, with trips to the beach (Coogee and Bondi) and many outings with various friends. Later in the meeting Colin Sharpe expressed the surprise on Maxx's face when given the Santa sack with presents from Club members. He was very surprised, and certainly appreciated having so many presents to open, it made this Christmas even more special.

Jim mentioned an email he had sent earlier seeking accommodation for a lady, associated with Rotary in QLD, for several months while doing education at the SAN. Carol had kindly offered.

He then read a thank you card from Howard for the kind wishes he received while in hospital having joints rebuilt. Howard is looking fit, and must be close to heading off around Australia again.

Rosemary then announced that it is just over eight months to the garage sale. Now is a good time to be making jams and to be thinking of what you can contribute. Rosemary will prove to be a great project manager for this one – give her your full support!

Tony Coote then gave an update on Youth. Emma Nolan is currently at the RYLA camp, thanks to Rosemary who took her and Andrew who brings her home. There is a RYLA dinner Tuesday night which will be attended by the Turnbull's and Coote's.

District have formally advised of the change of RYEP candidate rules, that they need to return to secondary studies after they return from a year overseas. This will make finding suitable candidates even more of a challenge. We will also be focusing on National Youth Science forum (NYSF) candidates, and assembling a team for MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly).

Stan advised that Douglas missed the meeting to be at home with Kaija who is currently ill with whooping cough. The Club send their best wishes to Kaija for a speedy recovery.

Andrew advised three things regards the book fair (he struggled to remember the 3rd item!):

1. There is a committee meeting on Tuesday (13th) 7:30pm at Max's
2. We need boxes – please collect them now
3. The first book sort is Sat 28th Feb

Colin S made a comment that while in Brisbane they came across a carols event where a newly formed Rotary club of 7 members were running a sausage BBQ. Maxx was chatting with them, and volunteered to help – a chance to use those skills we have given him!

Colin S also gave a reminder of the family charity picnic on Sunday 1st Feb at Fagan Park. He has booked a shelter for the day (near the Japanese Gardens) so please invite family and friends.

Finally, a reminder of the Social Voc committee meeting this Wed night at Carol's

Keith then announced he is sending out 6 packages to the web site team to get about 10-15% updated and bring it back to current.

The highlight of the evening is talks by recent members, Andrew Little and Daniel Tan.

Andrew Little went first and gave us a very interesting history of himself.

Born in Melbourne (Elsernwick) and lived at the back of his mums hair salon (where he was given free haircuts). At the age of 12 the family moved to Frankston. Dad was a builder, but to avoid the many dud architects, Andrew studied mining initially at RMIT. He went on an exchange to Mexico and travelled US and Mexico. After graduating, he got a job at Petes Down Mine, which strip mined Coal/Coke. He lived with the oldies, and noted their daily life cycle: work -> drink (lots) -> eat -> sleep then work -> And so the cycle goes.

He met Desley when on R&R and together they moved into rental accomm. At just \$5 pw.

Then he changed jobs to Alcoa (bauxite) and they moved to Mantra??

Next job was Memprock Engineers which specialised in processing plants (mostly gold). Spent some time in Africa and contracted Malaria with a second bout – he now avoids visits to Africa.

Next change was to banking, at Bank West in Perth, then moved to Chase bank Sydney. (They had to give him some sweeteners to move to Sydney due to high property prices).

After 10 years banking, it was back to mining, this time in Mongolia (circ 2008) and travelled backwards and forwards, Sydney to Mongolia. The typical winter temp is -25dec C. Late 2013 Andrew had had enough, just as the mining industry died. Hence he is in semi-retirement, at least until mining comes good again.

He has three children. Daughter Rosemary is a Paralympian and won bronze in London in 2012. Rosemary has presented at our Club, and recommended our Club to Andrew as a good one worth considering. (excellent choice!)

Daniel Tan then told us of his background. Born in a small town (Port Klang) outside KL, Malaysia. (He is “Malaysian born Chinese come Kiwi now Australian”).

His father, Joseph, helped for Malaysian Airlines then took a lead role in training. Mum was a nurse in Malaysia. In the 70's they decided that it was unfair to send the eldest overseas for education so embarked on a plan to move away from Malaysia. This started by opening a restaurant as well as continuing their jobs. The restaurant was very successful, so they sold this and moved to NZ, just in time to avoid kidnap by local gangs (or was it government elements, mmmm!). NZ economy had bottomed so the family met their criteria to emigrate. Dad tried the police force, then McDonalds, then finally

discovered the world of real estate in '87. Many said that Joseph would not succeed in real estate but he applied himself and was recognised as top real estate agent. At this time Daniel studied art/economics, for fun.

Then his parents decided there was more opportunity in Sydney and planned to move. Daniel applied to all universities, and was accepted in UTS studying architecture. He had to move to Sydney before the rest, and recalls the night he arrived, he went exploring this new country, around the Redfern area. He was confronted by three aboriginals who asked for money. Three grew to twenty, and he had to run really fast to get away.

Architecture at UTS went well, except that it took 6 months to find employment. First job was Luna Park redevelopment. They held a design competition and Daniel came second. Next was Qantas building then he was constantly head hunted: Sydney Stadium, Star Casino etc.

Dad started the Century 21 Cherrybrook, and was the top performer for many years. Daniel decided he isn't an architect and joined the family business which allows more family focus. His first date with Angela was the opening of the Star Casino. Her role was bookkeeping. When they married Angela went from "Brown" to "Tan"). They have seven children, 5 girls aged 15, 14, 13, 11 & 9 and two boys aged 5 & 3 (if I got the details wrong, it was because Daniel wasn't too sure!!). The lived in Cherrybrook and recently moved to Castle Hills.

Bob Myers got Daniel involved in Rotary, sponsoring events and Daniels interest grew. He "threatened" to join several times then finally did. He would like to be more involved than business and family allow (Daniel, we understand. Just do what you can, *Ed*).

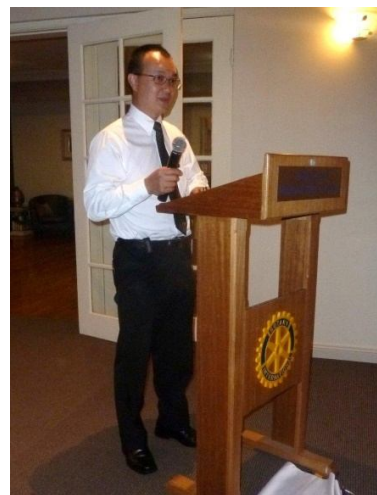
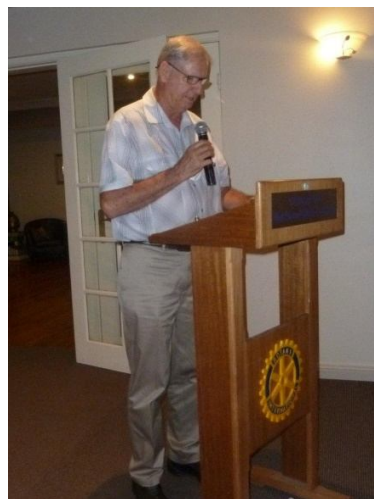
In conclusion, we had two fascinating member talks making the evening very worthwhile. Thank you Andrew and Daniel, for your talks'

The raffle was won by Steve Baker, and the Club won H&T. Daniel snuffed the candle.

Next week's meeting, 19th Jan, is Club Assembly, where your input could make a difference to the running of the Club, so do come along.

Keith also commented that the District website (<http://www.rotarydistrict9685.org.au/>) has a wealth of information via the quicklinks. It is worth using member login for full access.

Impromptu Night Reporter: Bob Davison



Maxx's Christmas Pics

Maxx & Amelia



Maxx & Archie



Maxx and ??? at Surfers



Maxx at Surfers



Maxx and his Santa delivery



Maxx & his surprises



Maxx and more surprises



Maxx at Mooloolaba



Maxx loves pies!



Phantom of the Opera - Riverside Theatre Parramatta – Fri 13 Feb

From Colin Sharpe:

Dear members and partners

The Social Leadership Team has chosen Friday 13th Feb 7.30 pm performance for a block booking of Premium Circle seats

The cost for 10 or more is \$43 each including booking fee.

Please let me know if you are interested OR NOT in participating in a group booking.

If attending I will need \$43 per person paid to my BSB account by Jan 30 after which I will make the booking assuming there are sufficient seats available for that performance. I will send out details of my BSB account to those who indicate they wish to attend.

From the creative team responsible for the hit productions of **Beauty and the Beast**, **Annie** and **Hairspray** comes the most successful stage musical of all time, **The Phantom of the Opera**. The new production stars Ben Mingay (**Wonderland, Packed to the Rafters, Jersey Boys, Dirty Dancing**) as The Phantom, Johanna Allen (**Wicked, Dr Zhivago, The Pirates of Penzance**) as Carlotta and Erin Clare (**Snow White**) as Christine.

Far beneath the majesty and splendour of the Paris Opera House, hides the masked figure of The Phantom in a shadowy existence. Shamed by his physical appearance and feared by all, he falls madly in love with an innocent young soprano, Christine, and devotes himself to creating a new star by nurturing her extraordinary talents and by employing all of the devious methods at his command. Andrew Lloyd Webber's mesmerising score includes **The Music of the Night, All I Ask Of You, Wishing You Were Somehow Here Again** and the title song **The Phantom of the Opera**. Jaw-dropping scenery, dazzling costumes and breathtaking special effects magically combine to bring this tragic love story to life each night. Don't miss it!

Full details can be found at

<http://riversideparramatta.com.au/show/the-phantom-of-the-opera/>

BowelCare 2015 – Pharmacy Sales Sat 2May to Sat 27 June

Changes to future BowelCare Programs:

We are very pleased to announce that BowelCare 2015 – our 25th year of service in the community – will see the introduction of a new bowel screening test kit.

Throughout Australia, Rotary has chosen to update to the latest technology to screen for occult blood using a Faecal Immunochemical Test (FIT).

The Australian made brush-based test is very easy to use, requires no faecal samples, and there are no dietary or medication restrictions. Participants only need to take two samples from two separate days.

When participants complete their test they will mail the sample card back to the pathology laboratory in the pre-addressed envelope provided with the kit. Results are received within 14 days.

50th Anniversary – Rotary Club of Castle Hill.

It is exciting times at the Rotary Club of Castle Hill as we prepare to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our chartering on Wed 18 March 2015, exactly on the date of the anniversary.

We have arranged for our member, Frank Anisse, to hold the event at the Madison Reception Centre in Dural, gathering for fellowship at 6:30pm with the proceedings commencing at 7pm.

We would be delighted if you and your members would consider joining us in this “once in a life time” celebration of the “Golden Anniversary”. The cost per Rotarian/partner has been set at \$50 per person.

Please contact Mike Hallen (mhallen@ozemail.com.au 0418 466900) for further details.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Mike Blair
President Rotary Club of Castle Hills.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



29th Jan – Rosemary And Rob Clarke
3rd Feb – Graham and Judy Cuthbertson



27th Jan – Jean Baker
28th Jan – Teresa Janowski
30th Jan – Roma Chandra
7th Feb – Angela Tan

Humour – High School teacher arrested

A high school teacher was arrested today at Sydney's Kingsford-Smith International airport as he attempted to board a flight while in possession of a ruler, a protractor, a compass, a slide-rule and a calculator.

At the press conference, the Attorney General said he believes the man is a member of the notorious extremist Al-Gebra movement.

He did not identify the man, who has been charged by the AFP with carrying weapons of math instruction.

'Al-Gebra is a problem for us', the Attorney General said. 'They derive solutions by means and extremes, and sometimes go off on tangents in search of absolute values.' They use secret code names like "X" and "Y" and refer to themselves as "unknowns;" but we have determined that they belong to a common denominator of the axis of medieval with coordinates in every country. As the Greek philosopher Isosceles used to say, "There are three sides to every triangle."

When asked to comment on the arrest, Federal Opposition Leader Bill Shorten said, "If God had wanted us to have better weapons of math instruction, He would have given us more fingers and toes."

Fellow Labor colleagues told reporters they could not recall a more intelligent or profound statement by the Opposition Leader.

Club Programme 2014-2015				
		Updated 24/11/2014 by RWH	PARTNERS night.	
Jan-15		Rotary Awareness Month		
Mon	5	No Meeting		
Sun	4	President's BBQ at Pres Barry's		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 – deferred TBA	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
Tue	10	Book Fair committee meeting		Andrew Little
Wed	11	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30		Barry Freeman
Fri	13	Phantom of the Opera – social outing at Riverside	Yes	Colin Sharpe
Mon	16	Detective Hans Rupp Partners Night	Yes	Tony Coote
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 – at Uniting Church		Andrew Little
Mar-15		Literacy Month		
Mon	2	Norwest Rail Link Update (TBC)		
Mon	9	The Great Debate - subject "TBA" - Partners Night	Yes	
Tue	10	Book Fair committee meeting		Andrew Little
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
Jan 2015			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Rotary Mtg	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Rotary Mtg	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Australia Day	27	28	29	30	31	

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
Feb 2015						1 Family Picnic
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Rotary Mtg	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Rotary Mtg	17	18	19	20 Umina Beach	21 Umina Beach	22 Umina Beach
23 Rotary Mtg	24	25	26	27	28	

Club Positions

Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook

President	Barry Freeman	0414 400 100
President Elect(s)	Cawas Sahukar	0432 692 602
	Teresa Janowski	0459 761 123
	Tony Coote	0412 812 624
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