

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF
WEST
PENNANT HILLS AND
CHERRYBROOK INC.
DISTRICT 9685**



CLUB REPORT 2018-2019



**Fellowship, Integrity, Caring and Proud of
what we do.**

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Introduction



This year's report has been prepared by President Colin Sharpe with editorial input from the Club Directors.

Club Vision

It was slightly modified this year and is now: *"Our Rotary Club helps people and groups in need, within our community and internationally. We value fellowship and support for each other."*

Club Mission

Our Mission is to identify those groups and people who need our help and to support them using our skills and financial resources.

Club Values

Friendship, Integrity, Caring and Proud of what we do.

Rotary International

Our Rotary International 2018-19 President, Barry Rassin's, presidential theme is "*Be the Inspiration*". Rassin said to incoming district governors at Rotary's International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA. "I want you to inspire in your clubs, your Rotarians, that desire for something greater. The drive to do more, to be more, to create something that will live beyond each of us."

Rassin stressed the power of Rotary's new vision statement, "*Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.*" This describes the Rotary that leaders must help build, he said.

To achieve this vision, Rassin said, Rotarians must take care of the organization: "We are a membership organization first. And if we want to be able to serve, if we want to succeed in our goals — we have to take care of our members first."

Our club has endeavoured to follow the RI vision and this year's theme.



This is my second consecutive year as Club President and it has been a very rewarding experience. In the second year you know what you did not know

the year before. I must thank President Elect Keith Ball for his strong support, filling in as vice president during my lengthy holiday's planned before I became unexpectedly President again due to illness by our 2018-19 President Elect Charlotte McCartney who unfortunately, elected to resign from the club this year. Thank you also to Anne, without whose support my term as president would have been much less rewarding.

Club Goals

Earning the Rotary Citation is an honour that Rotary International hopes clubs strive to achieve. To earn the citation, we need to complete all activities and report our accomplishments to Rotary by 30 June. We were one of 7 clubs in the district to receive the 2017-18 RI Presidential Citation for helping Rotary Make A Difference in the Lives of People all over the World. The measured goals include those that strengthen Rotary and our club. Namely, increasing club membership, developing sustainable service projects, giving to The Rotary Foundation, and building awareness of Rotary in our community.

The Team

There are many members and partners who put in a lot of time to run this club and keep it functioning as a friendly, fun club that does good for people that need help.

I thank the Board of Directors this year who have been terrific support to me. Unfortunately, two directors were unable to fulfil their role: Charlie McCartney who became ill and Linda Barrett for family reasons.

- a. Club Services and President Elect/Vice President: - Keith Ball
- b. Community Services: - Jaswant Thakorlal
- c. Foundation: - John Tchetchenian
- d. Fundraising: – Managed by the event coordinators (due to the Director's illness and subsequent resignation).
- e. International: - Peter Stanton
- f. Marketing: –Operated by Colin Sharpe, Carol Russell and event organisers(due to the Director's inability to continue in the role and subsequent resignation).
- g. Membership: - Tony Coote
- h. Vocational: - Ricardo Raad
- i. Youth: - Janelle Craig
- j. Secretary: - Tony Makin
- k. Treasurer: Paul Laroumanie

I thank those who take on club service roles and have done a tremendous job.

- a. Sergeant-at-arms - Rosemary Clarke
- b. Program - Kerry Mann
- c. Bunnings BBQs – Bill Mann
- d. Bulletin production – Shared by Neville Hansen, Bob Davison, Andrew Little.
- e. Welfare Officer – Col McGowan
- f. Risk Manager – Peter Cleary
- g. Dinner Registration – Carol Russell who handed over to John Tchetchenian, who delegated to his administration assistant Julie Jones.
- h. District Conference co-ordinator - David Turnbull
- i. Webmaster – Keith Ball
- j. Working with Children Verification Officer - Tony Makin

The Partners in Rotary Team initiated in 2014-15 by Past President Barry Freeman continued this year. The PRT an important contributor to the running of the club, providing advice and dressing the tables for partners nights and special events. This year the PRT was: Anne Sharpe, Roma Chandra, Heather Hansen, and Bev Davison.

I thank the PRT and all the partners who are an integral part of the success of our club.

Highlights not covered in the Director Portfolios

We participated in six combined meetings with other Rotary clubs.

- a) Glenhaven joined for two meetings
 - a. In September Glenhaven joined us for a combined normal meeting.
 - b. In October we joined Glenhaven to hear a talk about St Gabriel's School which both clubs support.
- b) In April we achieved our most significant joint meeting with ~ 150 people from twelve clubs from the Norwest, Hills and Upper North Shore Clusters (West Pennant Hills & Cherrybrook (31), Beecroft (18), Berowra (1), Carlingford (23), Castle Hill (4), Dural (11), Epping (7), Glenhaven (8), North Rocks (8), Norwest Sunrise (8, Pennant Hills (15), and Hills-Kellyville (9)) joined us to hear an excellent speaker on the topic of a senior SAS officer serving in the middle east theatre of war.
- c) In May the Pennant Hills Rotary Club, who were the founders Pride of Workmanship of joined us for our award night.
- d) In November, we joined clubs from Norwest, Hills and Upper North Shore zones at a meeting hosted by the Epping Club to hear a debate between a current and past state liberal MP.
- e) In August, we joined with other clubs (Lower Blue Mountains, Hills-Kellyville, Kenthurst, Norwest Sunrise, Castle Hill, Beecroft and Pennant

Hills) for dinner meeting hosted by the Norwest Sunrise Club at Springfield House to celebrate "Service Above Self" and the Norwest Sunrise Medicos in Bolivia project.



We again joined the West Pennant Hill and Cherrybrook Lions Club for their ANZAC commemoration.

Club Health. The strength of our Club comes from the fellowship of its members and my aim for the year was to remain a vibrant Club, one that was doing things and having fun. The membership committee conducted another member satisfaction survey. A twenty-nine response out of our 39 membership is beyond expectation. The Survey essentially followed the Rotary District Club Health format, but using Survey Monkey to run it. Many thanks to Edwina (Rotarian Kerry Mann's PA) for putting the questions into Survey Monkey. Overwhelmingly members were satisfied with the club including the frequency of meetings. Some improvement opportunities were identified and implemented where possible. For example:

- 1) some minor changes to meeting format i.e. no grace and no toast to the Queen;
- 2) a greater representation of the demographic of our area – President Colin is currently working toward this opportunity with a local community organisation Australian Community Inspired Association; and
- 3) more hands-on community and international service projects.
- 4) greater recognition of our club in our community – President Colin is currently building a club relationship with the Hornsby Council, the Cherrybrook Shopping Centre, the Australian Community Inspired Association, The Federal MP for Berowra, the Cherrybrook Progress Association. Rotarian Carol Russell has continued to get articles about our club activities published in local newspapers and magazines.

We implemented an increase in meal costs due to increased costs imposed by our meeting venue. This also coincided with a change the in administration of attendance.

We ran three Club Assemblies in: July, November and April.

We were represented at District Changeover (4), District Conference (7) and District Assembly (8).

Rotarian Janelle Craig and President Colin participated in the Dare to Ask training program being provided by Lifeline and supported by Julian Leeser (MP for Berowra). Dare to Ask has been developed to equip individuals with the ability to recognise when it is necessary to ask whether someone is thinking about suicide, respond with the appropriate skills and referral to relevant support agencies. Julian Leeser is encouraging organisations to undertake Dare to Ask Training Course. After discussion with Lifeline it is our plan to run a shortened version at a club meeting during 2019-20.

President Colin, Neville Hansen and Brian Furrer met with the Cherrybrook Uniting Church Council to express our appreciation of their cooperation for the use of their garage. A donation was made to their historic church restoration fund. That church is one of two listed historic buildings in Cherrybrook. Discussion also identified families in need and who our Club may be able to assist.

We were asked by District to provide our club's view on our District (9865) continuing to hold discussions with the other Sydney District (9675) regarding voluntarily joining together. Our club supported these discussions, however in a final very close vote by all the clubs in our District these discussions will not continue.

We are participating (along with other local clubs) in the Pennant Hills Club's initiative for a Rotary Opening of the North Connex in 2020. A steering group has been formed to explore the opportunities available to Rotary.



This year saw the passing of Jim Kehoe who was a long-time ex member of our Club. Vale Jim Kehoe.



Helen Ballinger received a Paul Harris Fellow award from the Rotary E Club of Next Gen which is based in the Gold Coast. It was presented at a meeting of the Belmont Rotary club in Perth during a Tag Along caravan trip to WA late last year. The reasons for the PHF as given in the citation were:

- a) being innovative and compassionate and giving life-long commitment to helping others, Locally, Nationally and Internationally.
- b) Being a Girl Guide leader in Sydney for 10 years plus a further 2 ½ years in Racine, Wisconsin USA.
- c) Being a very active Member of North Rocks Rotary Club for 10 years.
- d) Being instrumental in starting the Cooking for Families program, at the Ronald McDonald House at Westmead Hospital and has continued this commitment on a regular basis for the past 20 years.
- e) strengthening the social fibre of the West Pennant Hills Club by running friendship dinners and weekends away.

- f) Being the 2017 President of Oakhill Dural Probus Club with 200 members.

Summary of our activities by Director portfolio

Club Services (Administration)

Director: Keith Ball

Program management

Kerry Mann took on the program management role this year and after tutelage from last year's manager Janelle we had another year of fantastic interesting and often inspiring range of speakers. Kerry also finds time to help Bill co-ordinate the Bunnings BBQs.

Sergeant-at-Arms

Finding a willing Sergeant is always a challenge however Sergeant-at-Arms Rosemary Clarke has used her teaching experience to keep our meetings under control, fun and cheerful. She introduced some interesting variation into extracting fines by having themes. Rosemary was also travelling much of the year and a number of other members were coerced into the Sergeant role. First timer Janelle, for example, innovatively fined members for achievements rather than misdemeanours.

District Conference



David Turnbull as Conference Coordinator assisted by Anne and Colin Sharpe, and Jill Turnbull put considerable effort into the District Conference. We did not win the Best Dressed award, but we did win the Best Dressed gnome. This earned a District Paul Harris for a member of the community. Our conference attenders selected Matt Giles, whose company ESI has been essential for the running of the garage sale, our biggest fund raising event. The money from these sales is used to benefit the community.

Again there were quality speakers and was a very enjoyable weekend for the six who booked in. Unfortunately, Anne and Colin could not attend as they were enjoying the Antarctic scenery.

Rotarian Keith penned this poem:

G'day,
I am your Gnome.
I came from some distant place in the Blue Mountains...
I was not alone as I had several brothers.

Some 80 of us were distributed around the District by Susan Wakefield.
A fella called Colin received me from Susan and gave me to David.

I decided that David was nocturnal.
Very often, in the middle of the night, my cupboard door was flung open....
There was David, in his all-togethers, often muttering "What am I going to do with you?"

Eventually a great change occurred.
Colin removed the mushroom on which I rested.
Then he took my hat. And filled me with a fondue.
Anne dressed me in an apron and rotary cap.
I became a Rotarian, doing good in the world!

Risk Management.

Peter Cleary professionally completed Risk Management for yet another year, a very important role when it comes to satisfying our insurance providers for events such as our major fund raisers. The documentation gets more complex each year.

Dinner registration

Carol Russell continued dinner registration until the beginning of 2019 when the pressure of work caused her to hand over to John Tchetchenian, who delegated to his administration assistant Julie Jones. Thank you Carol, John and Julie for your dedication to this important role. We changed the process during the year with registrations now having to be done by midday Friday. Julie is sending out a reminder e-mail on Friday morning.

Web page and Bulletin

The web page and bulletin has again been under Keith's leadership, however he has delegated bulletin production to be shared between himself, Andrew, Bob and Neville. Thank you Keith, Andrew, Bob and Neville for a great Bulletin that continues to be well regarded. Thanks to Keith's efforts during 2017-18 the club won the District award for best bulletin. The web page continues to be updated thanks to Keith's dedication.

Club Social Program

Chairman: Max Henderson

Committee: Carol Russell, Kerry Mann, Margaret McGowan, Roslyn Savio, Ross Ballinger, Colin Baxter, Bernard Chandra, Peter Cleary, Bill Mann and Alan Paynter.

Our social events (most were organised by the committee) this year included:

- a) A self-drive weekend away at Oberon/Jenolan Caves organised by Rotarian Ros Savio
- b) Two Sydney Youth Musical Theatre (SYMT) evenings at Hornsby RSL.
- c) A car run organised by Rotarians Alan Paynter and Colin Baxter.
- d) The Rotary Club of the Entrance theatre night at Woy Woy.
- e) President's New Year Lunch at Geranium Cottage

- f) Barbeque in the Park at Castle Hill Heritage Park. This replaced a normal Monday meeting with the proceeds were donated to Anna's cow project (see International section).
- g) End of year lunch at Muirfield Golf Club.
- h) Kriss Kringle to celebrate Christmas at our last meeting for the year.
- i) Many performances of the Castle Hill Players at the Pavilion Theatre.
- j) Gala Melbourne Cup evening on the Monday before the race.
- k) ANZAC Commemorative dinner, hosted by the West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook Lions Club.
- l) Book and garage sales dinners.

Community Service

Director: Jaswant Thakorlal.

Committee: Alan Paynter, Colin Baxter, Colin McGowan, David Turnbull, Gino Savio, Nick Chuah, Neville Hanson, Peter Stanton, Tom Westcott, Cawas Sahukar



Drought Relief

Our signature project for the year was Drought relief. All the proceeds from our Trivia night, the Federal Election Polling Booth barbeque and donation jars at all our events meant we were able to donate \$13,000 to Drought relief. Another \$10,000 was contributed by a club member taking our total to

\$23,000. We chose to make our donation to the Rotary Club of Coonabarabran's Drought Relief Fund which is distributing money and goods-in kind to drought affected families. Our funds went toward their grant program where families applied for a grant up to \$1000. Club members have travelled twice to Coonabarabran to meet with the Rotary club and see why drought relief is required. Another outcome is a strong bond between the two clubs.

Two other club members made anonymous donations direct to the Coonabarabran Club as appreciation of support they have received from the club during the year.

Club members also provided 30 pamper packs for women in distressed families.



Marie Knight, the wife of a drought affected farmer in the Coonabarabran area, started a program called Lamb Jumpers. These jumpers help Merino lambs from mothers suffering drought affects survive. We have co-ordinated

the collection and distribution of jumpers from local Probus Club knitters.

St Gabrielle's School.

Project 1

We celebrated the opening of the shed and sail project completed last Rotary year and have started another project this year at St Gabriel's private school for disabled children to be completed in 2019-20.



Project 2

David and Tony Coote are leading a hands-on project to build a vegetable garden, install a water tank and assemble a garden shed for the garden. The cost of this project is expected to be approximately \$5,000. Thank you to the team who amazingly got stage one (tank and gardens) finished on the first work day



Marayong School.

Last the club funded the installation playground shade sales at Marayong Public School by Rotarian Tom Westcott, however the opening occurred this year.





Tree of Joy. Our Tree of Joy program that is run in conjunction with the Cherrybrook Village Shopping Centre was co-ordinated by Rotarian Jaswant Thakorlal supported by Honorary Rotarian Brian Furrer. Thank you to Bernard who turned up every day to collect the presents from the shopping centre and deliver them to the Turnbull's. Thank you to David and Jill who once again so generously opened up their house for

sorting. We collected around 750 presents which was a about 80% of the baubles put on the tree. This is our normal return and is estimated at a value of around \$40,000. The gifts are distributed to needy people by the charities that participate in the program. Rotarian David was moved to tears when he attended the Wesley Mission thank you event.

Rotary BowelCare. Thank you to Rotarian Teresa Janowski who has worked diligently to run the club's BowelCare program. This year we have only coordinated supply of kits to local pharmacies and not sold them directly to the public at shopping centres.

Red Shield Appeal. We again participated in the Red Shield Appeal collection day which is coordinated in our area by Rotarian Theo Glockemann from the Pennant Hills Club. This year the collection support expanded to include static stalls in shopping centres and Bunnings Stores in the Thornleigh/Pennant Hills area.

ARC Residents Barbeque. We ran another very successful BBQ in conjunction with the management of Cherrybrook Village Shopping Centre for the residents of the Anglican Retirement Centre. About 100 residents attended.

West Pennant Hills Public School's Drought Relief Project. Four club members cooked 700 sausages for the school's Walkathon.

Cherrybrook Public School's International Eventing barbeque in March. Eight club members ran the BBQ.

Ronald McDonald House Meals from the Heart

We cooked and served dinner meals in July and November. Our participation in this project is under review due to new rules and increased costs.



Diabetes Alive

Diabetes Alive is a partnership with Medtronic, Variety – The Children's Charity and the Rotary Club St Ives to provide diabetes pumps to families with children where private health insurance is unaffordable and therefore not entitled to a free government issued pump. Without these pumps the T1DM patients need blood testing 6 times a day and insulin shots 3-4 times a day. Death and extreme suffering occur within either hours or days if the insulin shot is not taken

We contributed \$3000 which was added to \$6,000 from Rotary Foundation/Starlight/Lions Fund) to buy a \$9,000 a Medtronic insulin pump for a 4-year-old child with Type 1 diabetes mellitus living in Quakers Hill. The insulin pump injects insulin when food is digested and has a Wi-Fi connection to a carers phone to provide external monitoring.

Mums and Co.

We were invited by the management of the Cherrybrook Village Shopping Centre to participate in a pilot program reading to young children. Thank you to Rosemary for reading and Jaswant for selling some children's books left over from our Booksale.

Save our Kids

This is a project initiated in 2011 by the Rotary Club of North Gosford for suicide prevention. Since then it has had a positive influence on over 500 young people contemplating suicide. There are numerous other programs under the umbrella including

- SAFE Talk
- ASSIST
- Mind Your Sports Mates.
- Top Blokes and Stand Tall.

These programs have been integrated with other Rotary programs such as RYLA and RYPEN. The club has donated \$1000.

Community Support Donations

Donations for this year again focused on Rotary programs, needy schools and underprivileged children and adults. We have consciously moved away from donating to non-rotary charities where our donations go into a general fund and Rotary gets no recognition. We made the following donations and the details of which can be found in the Community Service section.

1) Rotary and Rotary supported/connected charities and causes

- a) \$7,500 to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund (RFAF)
- b) \$2,100 to the PolioPlus fund.
- c) \$1000 PDG Larry Jacka Memorial Donation to the RFAF.
- d) \$2000 to Australian Rotary Health through the Lift-the-lid program.
- e) \$13,000 to the Coonabarabran Rotary Club for drought relief.

- f) \$5000 to the Nusa Tenggara Association which is a Rotary partnership international aid project.
 - g) \$3000 to Diabetes Alive, a Rotary partnership project.
 - h) \$2,100 to Rotarian Anna Papoutsakis's Mission Nam-Possible for cows in Central Vietnam.
 - i) \$1000 Wheelchairs for Kids program that is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Scarborough in Western Australia.
 - j) \$1000 was donated to Save our Kids, a project initiated by a Rotary Club.
 - k) \$1000 going to Hornsby Ku-ring-ai PCYC, a Rotary partnership.
 - l) \$1000 to the District Governor's partners charity "Grace's House".
 - m) \$800 to the Rotary Club of Norwest Sunrise "Wheel Chair for Amruta" project. A club member has made an additional contribution.
 - n) \$500 to Shine for Kids – a project supported by many organisations including many Rotary Clubs. Their website recognises every supporter.
- 2) Other charities and causes
- o) \$1000 to the Rosie May Foundation for work in Sri Lanka. An additional contribution was made by two members and their neighbour for the purchase of a Tuk-tuk. This will enable a woman to generate an income and keep her family together.
 - p) \$2000 to the Wesley Mission Operation Hope for youth support.
 - q) \$3000 to St Gabriel's School for disabled children.

Foundation.

Director: John Tchetchenian.

This year our contribution to the Rotary Foundation consisted of cash donations across a range of Foundation programs. Most went to the Foundation Annual fund, but donations were also dedicated to PolioPlus and Australian Rotary Health. The number of club members who have become centenarians is disappointingly low this year, but not through lack of encouragement from John.

Fund Raising

Director: Vacant

Committee: Neville Hansen (Garage Sale), Max Henderson (Trivia Night), Andrew Little (Trivia Night) Rosemary Clarke (Book Sale).

2018 Trivia Night

Event Leader: Andrew Little (leader), Max Henderson (assistant leader),



The 2018 Trivia Night was held on Saturday 25th August and was the best to date with around 240 people attending. Thank you to the community, other Rotary, Lions and Probus clubs who supported us. This year we promoted where the money raised was going and this contributed to the success. We raised around \$7000 gross which all went to the Rotary Club of Coonabarabran's Drought Relief Fund. Grants of up to \$1000 are made to drought affected families for farm input and family living costs.

Steve Sims was once again a fabulous quiz master, with Rotarian Rosemary Clarke doing a great job as MC.



This Trivia night started our Drought Relief project for 2018-19. We chose to work with a country club from a NSW drought affected area. The Coonabarabran Rotary club was chosen through a connection between that club and Rotarian Rosemary Clarke. We were fortunate to be able to add \$10,000 from an anonymous club member to the \$7000 (gross) raised at the Trivia night. In early September President Colin and Anne, Rotarians, Ros and Gino Savio, Andrew and Desley Little and Rosemary and Rob Clark, Peter and Julie Cleary and Exchange student Larissa travelled to Coonabarabran to present the money.

2018 Garage Sale

Event Leader: Neville Hansen

Committee: Andrew Little, Jill Turnbull, David Turnbull, Tony and Glenda Coote, Rosemary Clarke, Colin and Anne Sharpe, Tom Westcott, Bill and Kerry Mann and Jaswant Thakorlal.



The 2018 Garage sale was held on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th October 2018. It rained so the sale was split between the Fire Station site and the Cherrybrook Uniting Church. Despite misgivings about doing this our takings and net profit was on a par with last year. Revenue for the sale days was ~ \$36,000 with a net return of ~ \$27,600.

The whole Club worked tirelessly for the period of collection & drop off (23rd September to the 15th Oct), and some long before that with preparations.

Neville Hansen (Leader) once again did an outstanding job in project managing the garage sale and was supported by an enthusiastic, hardworking committee.

Whilst it is a lot of very hard work, the fun and camaraderie enjoyed by our members over the weekend shows how rewarding and worthwhile this event is. We would also like to acknowledge the Rural Fire Service, Cherrybrook Girl Guides and the Cherrybrook Uniting Church for the use of their premises. Monetary donations were made to these three organisations to recognise their support. There are many people and organisations that contribute to the running of the garage sale. I thank the following:

- For the loan of equipment to run the sale from Bendigo Bank, Equipment Services International, Marayong Public School, Beecroft Rotary, and Yellow Brick Road (Carol Russell);
- For promoting the sale; Cherrybrook Public School, Pennant Hills High School, John Purchase Public School, West Pennant Hills Public School, and Cherrybrook Technology High School;
- For taking our left over goods; Providential Homes, Wayside Chapel, Salvation Army at Baulkham Hills and Salvation Army at Dural.
- Schibello Caffè for making their coffee cart available.
- This year Rotarian Peter Cleary was very successful in on-line selling of many items before the event and after the sale. In addition to the on-line sales made before the sale days approximately \$2000 was raised post-sale days and is not included in the above figures. Thank you Peter for your efforts.

District Governor Susan made a club visit shortly after the garage sale and we took the opportunity to celebrate the success of the sale and hold a party.

This included a visit by the Club's clowns (2018 District Conference dress-up winners), songs from soprano Georgia, and the traditional handing out of humorous garage sale donation awards. We also received our gnome from PDG John Wakefield to dress up for the 2019 District Conference.



A special fundraising committee under the leadership of Rotarian Neville Hansen was established to review fundraising and make recommendations for next year. It was recommended that the garage sale continue, but the incoming committee should consider their recommended changes. Included was a recommendation to investigate better storage to allow sale items offered to the club to be stored (and repaired if necessary) and sold on-line throughout the year.

President Colin with the help of the Deputy Mayor of Hornsby, has found a site in the Shire Council depot at Galston. It is hoped to have two 40-foot containers placed on that site. The two 20-foot containers at the fire station will be retained.

Toy raffle. In November the Cherrybrook Village Shopping Centre management organised a pop-up stall in the centre for us to run a toy raffle. Two toys were donated by Errol and Myra-Ann from Creations by EJ at Kellyville. We raised sufficient money to buy two cows for Anna (See International section). The rocking horse was won by an ex club member and the skittles by a Westleigh resident.



2019 Book Sale

Event Leader: Rosemary Clarke

Committee: - Max Henderson, Margaret McGowan, Bev Davison, Andrew Little, Kerry Mann, David Turnbull.

2019 Annual Giant Book Sale



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FOR DETAILS OF A CONVENIENT DROP OFF POINT
0468 330 667

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO OUR WEBSITE
www.wphcrotary.org/2019-book-sale
OR FACEBOOK PAGE
www.facebook.com/WPHCRotaryclub

Uniting Church
134 New Line Road
Cherrybrook

Friday 22nd March
9am To 5pm

Saturday 23rd March
9am To 5pm

Sunday 24th March
11am To 2pm
CLEARANCE SALE

We appreciate the support of our Gold sponsors

Century 21
JOSEPH SIM REAL ESTATE

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West Pennant Hills

We are looking for donations of books in good condition, original CDs, DVDs, records & sheet music

Proceeds will go to local Rotary charities

Donations accepted up to 5pm Monday 18th March
We really appreciate all the support that you give us with these donations.

THANK YOU!

Please Note: We are unable to accept text books, encyclopedias, dictionaries, damaged or dirty books, magazines, coffee table books, Readers Digest & condensed books

The 2019 book sale was held on Friday 22nd to Sunday 24th March.

Total takings of ~ \$20,000 were significantly above last year resulting in net profit of ~ \$16,700.

The use of the Cherrybrook Uniting Church garage area is gratefully acknowledged. As well as rent for the garage a significant donation was made to the Church Restoration Fund. The church is responsible for maintaining one of Cherrybrook's few historic buildings.

This success was due to the untiring efforts of our Book Sale Committee & our club members and their partners at the three book sorts, and the actual book sale days.



The book sale is a great way for our members to participate in community service to raise funds for well deserving charities and local community projects that are undertaken by our club. This year we promoted specific charities and causes as we believe this increases our return. In addition to the specified charities and causes some money goes to the Rotary Foundation which makes grants to Club projects that are helping people in need. The sale also provides fellowship, satisfaction and enjoyment of working together as a team.

We had a number of other volunteers who either came along to help during our book sort days, the lead up preparation to the book sale, or during the sale itself, including members sons & daughters of club members, Probus club members, students and other friends of Rotary. Thank you to all of you.

2018-19 Bunnings BBQ's

Leader: Bill Mann

We ran 7 Bunnings BBQ's. Bill has picked up the running of the Bunnings BBQ's thanks to the intensive training given by Janelle in buying the provisions and organising volunteers. Thank you to those members who help set up and dismantle the BBQ's and transporting the BBQ equipment to and from the container and more recently the Cherrybrook Uniting Church garage. Thank you to the regular BBQ helpers who cook and serve.

The Bunnings BBQ's are a great source of camaraderie for club members who all seem to enjoy their time cooking and serving customers. It is also provides a great exposure of the club & Rotary to the general public. We obtained one new member this year from a Bunnings BBQ.

Bunnings BBQ occurred on August 12, October 1. December 22, January 26, February 18, April 20, and June 15.

Other Barbeques.

We ran four BBQs using our trailer and two using school on-site facilities. Thanks to Neville and his organising team of Andrew Little, Douglas Lam, and Tom Westcott we participated in the inaugural NAB Run West Festival which returned a net profit of around \$1500. I thank all who participated in this event. We anticipated selling lots of drinks, however, Ronald McDonald House gave away drinks at the next-door stall. We learnt a lot from this exercise the least of which is that our current BBQ trailer needs replacing. Other opportunities are a faster process for cooking eggs, quicker set up and pull down, better signage.

Thanks to Tony Coote and Neville Hansen we ran our first Polling Booth BBQ which returned a nice profit using left over supplies from the NAB Run West. Thank you to all who participated. We now know the procedure to obtain permission to run such a BBQ. All the money has been donated to drought relief.

Project grants. One of the aims this year was to find grants to assist our projects. It requires forward planning to set up projects in the year before doing them to obtain a Rotary grant. We did not achieve this aim, however, we did obtain a Federal Government grant of \$5,000 to renovate our BBQ trailer. We are currently looking at the best way to spend this money and a learning from the NAB Run West Festival BBQ that we ran suggests we should purchase a new trailer. A new trailer supplier has been identified and a proposal is being prepared for the Board.

Sponsorships

We acknowledge the support of our sponsors, who provide either money or support in kind:

Gold: - Century 21 Joseph Tan Real Estate and West Pennant Hills Sports Club

Silver: - Altitude Capital, Hills Self-Storage & Cherrybrook Pharmacy.

Bronze: - Dental Touch, Yellow Brick Road, and Bendigo Bank.

Club fundraising income (approximate)

Event	Net \$
2018 Trivia Night	6,100
2018 Garage Sale	28,300
2019 Book Sale	16,600
Bunnings BBQs	5,700
Other BBQs	2,600
Toy Raffle	1,300
Total Fundraising	60,600

In summary, it has been another satisfying and rewarding year for fund raising.

International

Director: Peter Stanton

Committee: Tony Makin, Tony Coote and Paul Laroumanie, David Turnbull

Our International program continued under the leadership of Director Rotarian Peter Stanton who in line with the outcome of the member satisfaction survey found a project in East Indonesia. Peter has visited (at his cost) the area and confirmed that it meets the club's project criteria. A donation of \$5,000 has been made to support a Nusa Tenggara Association East Indonesia Aid (NTA) project funded by a number of Rotary Clubs, the Federal Government Australian Aid program and the Rotary Small Grants program. The project is structured as a subset of the total projects run by NTA, and is an active Rotary World Community Service (RAWCS) project.

The NTA mission is to reduce poverty among rural communities in East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia

The province of East Nusa Tenggara is just a few hundred kilometres from Australia, but a world away. On average, its people live on less than US\$1 per day, and over a third of the population is affected by malnutrition.

Illiteracy, infant mortality and life expectancy are among the worst in Indonesia. East Nusa Tenggara has a climate more like the seasonal droughts and floods of the Northern Territory than the year-round lushness of Bali or Java. As a result, the people of East Nusa Tenggara (many of whom rely on subsistence agriculture) are faced with harsh conditions for growing crops and raising livestock.



The NTA takes a grassroots approach to supporting the wellbeing of the people of East Nusa Tenggara. They provide small-scale funding and loans to local farming collectives, schools and families to invest in projects that will improve their quality of life and ensure that the essentials of clean water, good schools and productive agriculture are possible for everyone. For example: The NTA assists with the provision of 15 000 litre water tanks and toilets to improve household hygiene, reduce the time burden spent on water collection, and make some water available for animals and vegetables. Beneficiaries help to build these tanks themselves under the tutelage of local experts employed by NTA and using locally purchased materials, ensuring a real sense of community ownership

For several years the club has been supporting Rotarian Anna Papoutsakis with her project to purchase cows as a form of income for poor families in Central Vietnam. So far we have funded 9 cows as a club and two members have funded three cows. This year we funded Ann, Myra, and Heather, who join Penny, Cherry, Brooke, Pamela, Jill and Gwen.



We provided \$1000 to the Rosie May Foundation's 'Project Hope' to assist with purchasing tuk-tuks to provide an income for single mothers in Sri Lanka. Two club members and their neighbour privately funded a tuk-tuk.

Project Hope has made it its mission to prevent families in distress from separating. The project is based in the coastal village of Peraliya in South-Western Sri Lanka and offers economic and educational empowerment initiatives for single mothers. As part of these initiatives, Project Hope provide a range of workshops to educate the mothers in simple crafts which they can use to run their own business and, eventually, become economically

independent. These include the production of consumer goods such as rugs and incense sticks as well as the operation of a tuk-tuk driving service. The costs for running the workshops as well as the raw materials for rugs and incense sticks and the tuk-tuk's operational costs are subsidised by the Rosie May Foundation. To maintain an economic incentive system that cultivates a spirit of entrepreneurship and self-responsibility, participants pay a reduced fee for these courses.

Wheelchairs for Kids – a project initiated by the Rotary Club of Scarborough, WA. Wheelchairs For Kids (WFK) is an organisation whose mission is to manufacture and distribute wheelchairs to some of these children assisting them with the means to raise them off the ground from where they are presently confined, and gain a new level of freedom and mobility. Many wheelchairs are actually needed, but every one supplied by WFK makes an enormous difference for one needy child. WFK is made up of a group of retired volunteer members of the Perth metropolitan community in Western Australia. It is a totally volunteer based organisation with no paid staff. It is financed entirely from funds donated by members of the community, many different philanthropic individuals, businesses, clubs, schools, and government bodies. Approximately 340 wheelchairs are produced every month (approximately 3550 per year) and they are then subsequently distributed world wide to these needy children.



End Polio



One hundred and thirty four clubs from the two Sydney Rotary Districts' were encouraged to participate in the "Ride the Train to End Polio". A project initiated by Rotarian Mark Anderson from the Beecroft Club and his son to visit all 187 train stations in the Sydney area in one day and collect money from Rotary Clubs. Our Club donated \$2100 (\$1500 USD). The target was to raise \$1 million. The final count was \$240,000.00 in donations and with the Gates Foundation matching our dollars 2:1 the final amount will come to \$720,000.00!

Marketing and Public Relations

Director: Vacant

Committee: Keith Ball, Carol Russell.

Linda Barrett was unable to take up the role of Director because of family problems and consequently resigned from the club. Our event managers, along with Carol Russell and President Colin covered a number of relevant functions.

Thanks to Carol we managed to continue to get more articles published in local newspapers and monthly magazines. By my count we had more than 10 articles printed. For example the following article was published in the June edition of the Dooral Roundup.

ROTARY CLUB OF WEST PENNANT HILLS AND CHERRYBROOK PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARDS

■ CAROL RUSSELL

The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook held their annual Pride of Workmanship Awards on May 27th. Seventy people including Rotary Assistant Governor, John Feneasy; the Deputy Mayor of Hornsby Shire, Councillor Vince Del Gallego and Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Pennant Hills attended the ceremony at Springfield House Dural.

The recipients were:

- Geoff Baldry a local builder from Cherrybrook nominated by Rotarian Neville Hamer.
- Jessica Tilly, the marketing manager for Mincee at the Cherrybrook Shopping Centre nominated by President Colin Sharpe and sponsored by her supervisor Michael Mitchell.

- Michael Tran, proprietor of Cherrybrook Pharmacy at Appietree Shops and Club Silver sponsor. Michael shares his award with his staff, Debbie Tran, Kristina Ruplys and Isabel Lazaro. Michael was nominated by Rotarian Peter Chavry.

The award gives recognition to employees and business owners who have demonstrated the Pride of Workmanship motto "Do it right, do it well" through their service and the products they provide.

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The Club holds this award ceremony every year and club members are constantly on the look out for persons to nominate for such awards. Such a recognition fits closely with Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self". If you too would like to know more about Rotary in your local community please call President Colin Sharpe on 0408 810 463.

Neville and Andrew have been posting on Facebook.

We now ask for a gold coin in return for a raffle ticket at the entrance of our events and this gives us valuable information on attendance numbers and details for direct contact to promote our fundraising events. Thanks to Andrew for sending out the multitude of SMS messages.

Thanks to Rosemary we got our drought relief partnership with the Coonabarabran Club published in Rotary Down Under and our book

sale promoted in the District Governor's Newsletter.

The Dural and Round Corner Chamber of Commerce spoke to the club. The organisation's aim is to provide support to the local businesses and publish an annual directory of the local businesses known to them. They also publish a monthly newsletter that covers Cherrybrook and West Pennant Hills, in

which articles about our activities are published. These are expanding gradually and are keen to work with future Rotary events and Rotary members are welcome at networking meetings. As Vocational Director next year I will endeavour to strengthen our relationship.

Membership

Director: Tony Coote

Committee: Steve Baker, Rosemary Clarke, Neville Hansen, Cawas Sahukar, Colin Sharpe, Keith Ball, Max Henderson, Jim Simpson, Kerry Mann

Tony has been supported by an active committee that meets regularly. We now have a multitude of tools to assist us with locating and retaining new members. Unfortunately, our net membership has declined.

We started the year with 40 members and 1 honorary member. We gained SK Palaniswamy and Adrian Sonogo. (SK has relocated to Queensland temporarily and is unsure of his future plans) During the year Charlotte McCartney resigned because of illness and Linda Barrett because of family reasons. We will finish the year with 38 members, plus 1 honorary member.

During the year we completed the following activities-

- A membership survey, and we acted on the findings of the survey, primarily to make our meetings more attractive to potential members.
- Production of banners, flyers and other marketing tools.
- A strong presence on Facebook and in local media thanks to Neville Hansen and Carol Russell.
- Membership development training from Jeremy Carter.
- Completion of the Rotary 101 upgrade by Rosemary Clarke.
- Upgrading of the Kiosk Presentation, which is now run at all major fundraisers.

Throughout the year we had 10 potential members come along as guests at dinner meetings. (4 Female 6 male) but only two progressed to membership stage – both male. Clearly, we have to continue to find ways to attract new members to the club – especially female members. We face strong competition from Business Networking Groups and Probus Clubs.

Vocational

Director: Ricardo Raad

Committee: John Tchetchenian, Peter Cleary

Our vocational program centres around Pride of Workmanship and vocational visits. Under Rotarian Ricardo's leadership three awards were made to:

- a) Jessica Thy, marking manager for Mirvac at the Cherrybrook Shopping Centre.

- b) Geoff Baldry, a Cherrybrook builder.
- c) Michael and Debbie Tran, Kristina Rupsys and Isabel Lazaroo from Cherrybrook Pharmacy at the Appletree shops.

In addition we visited the Hornsby-Kai-ring-gai PCYC Café for a Monday meeting. We also donated \$1000.

Youth

Director: Janelle Craig.

Committee: Bob Davison

We support the Rotary youth programs such as Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA), Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN), National Science Youth Forum and Youth Exchange.

- g) RYLA is a seven-day residential camp where participants are immersed in a program centred around four key themes: Challenge by choice, diversity, community and time out. Young people aged 18-25 are given the opportunity to step away from the distractions of their busy lives and provide the space to think about what is important to them. We sponsored Thomas Hibberd
- h) RYPEN is a an intensive residential weekend, where young people aged approximately 15 to 16 years will develop increased motivation, improved life skills, better self-image, pride in themselves and an understanding of setting and achieving goals. We sponsored Mariah Radovu and Zachary Tchetchenian. The value of RYPEN can be seen from the following message:

Last year you sponsored me so that I could attend the RYPEN (Rotary Youth Enrichment) Summer Camp. At this camp I learnt many invaluable skills and tools that will support me well in my future and that gave me a lot of confidence in communicating, developing team work and leadership skills.

I wanted to advise that based on the skills that I received from this camp, I was successful in becoming part of the School Leadership Team for 2018/2019. I feel that my attendance at this Camp strongly supported my application and I wanted to thank you for giving me this incredible opportunity. I hope that I will be a strong and committed Leader that will make my parents, the school and you all proud.

- i) We also supported the cost of sending a young person to the 10-day National Science Youth Forum. We sponsored Ruairi O'Kane in 2018-19. Michael Bai has been nominated for 2019-20.
- j) We again participated in the Youth Exchange program with both an inbound (Larissa Marcossi) and an out bound (Mikaela Love) student. Larissa comes from Brazil and joined us in January 2018. Larissa has attended Cherrybrook Technology High School which has a student role a quarter of the population of her home town. Mikaela left last January to learn what it is like to be a student in Denmark and returned in Jan 2019.

Unfortunately we were unable participate in the 2019-20 youth exchange program as we were unable to find host parents, but are hoping to host again in 2020-21.

In August we held a Youth Exchange Reunion put together by Janelle, Rosemary and Tony Coote. Our inbound exchange students present were Louise Lastein (2012-13 from Denmark), Vilde Sollien (2013-14 from Norway), this year's students; Larissa Marcossi from Brazil and Josephine Schevers from Belgium. Josephine is being sponsored by Hills Kellyville and is staying with the Laroumanie's. Also present via video were Aviaaja Isaksen (2015-16 from Greenland), and Maxx Bjorkqvist (2014-15 from Finland) and Beth Ferguson (Club outbound student 2013-14 to Denmark).

We made a donation to sponsor two young people through the Wesley Mission's Operation Hope that gives disadvantaged young people a break from their everyday lives and the opportunity to work on person-centred goals.

Our tradition of presenting achievement prizes for students at West Pennant Hills Public School, Cherrybrook Public School and Cherrybrook Technology High School continued.

In July the Board has agreed to make a \$1000 donation to Michael Weathers' Michael plays for Westbrook AFL juniors and was selected to represent NSW Under 15's Schoolboys Team at the Nationals. Michael's mum passed away after a long fight with cancer and dad, a Fireman, was unable to find funds to send Michael to the Nationals.

We donated \$325 to West Pennant Hills Blowfly Cricket which pays for 5 children with special needs - downs syndrome, wheelchair, blind etc.

Club Treasurer

Our Treasurer this year is Paul Laroumanie who has been assisted while still on training wheels by Tony Coote assisted and Bob Davison. Paul has done a great job making all the books balance – a difficult but very necessary job. The job this year was further complicated by our decision to transfer all our accounts to Bendigo Bank at Galston. Bendigo Bank has accounts specifically to suite charities and their interest rates are slightly better than CBA, and ING which we currently use. Paul has also set up four square readers to replace the EFTPOS terminal that we currently rent from CBA. The CBA terminal has been returned. The square readers cost around the same as the CBA terminal to operate but are much more appropriate for use at our fundraising events. Much of the increase in fundraising revenue this year is attributable to the square readers as many people prefer to use EFTPOS rather than cash.

We passed our financial audit without issue other than as other auditors have noted "That it is difficult to establish controls over the collection of cash sales and donations prior to entry into the financial records". The club has endeavoured to address this issue to the best of its ability through cash

control procedures at fundraising events. We thank Bruce Bartle for agreeing to do our audit pro-bono. Bruce has taken over from Stacey Woon who has returned to New Zealand.

Club Secretary

Secretary Tony Makin is an invaluable officer of the club, keeping the club records up to date and district/RI happy, chairing our meetings and dealing with the multitude of things that keep the club running smoothly.

The introduction of Form 3 for members and partners who have one-on-one contact with children and youth was a trying time. However, we worked through the implementation difficulties helped somewhat by modifications to the content and intent of the form.

In conclusion

In summary our club has made a difference to the lives of many people here in Australia and abroad.

I thank my Board, the many committee members and their partners and all those who have helped in our many projects this year in making my year as President satisfying and rewarding. My thanks also to Anne, who helped tremendously with the workload of a president.

Colin Sharpe

President