

  
ROTARY CLUB OF  
**PENNANT HILLS**

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Saturday



## AUSTRALIA DAY MEETING INCLUDING THE 2019 AUSTRALIA DAY MERIT AWARD

**GUEST SPEAKER: Dr ANTHONY RIGNEY**

**CHAIRMAN: PHILLIP STANTON**

**REPORTER: JOHN ELLIS**

We welcome all our guests to this special meeting. Our guest speaker, Dr Anthony Rigney, is Clinical Services Manager at KYDS, an organisation helping young people understand and manage difficult issues in their lives. It was established in 2005 as an initiative of the Rotary Club of Lindfield with support from Ku-ring-gai Council. We look forward to Anthony's talk.

### The 'Young Endeavour' Award

*This is a photo of the 'YOUNG ENDEAVOUR' at anchor in Sydney Harbour on*



*Friday having arrived from Melbourne for the Australia Day celebrations. On board, as one of the youth crew for the voyage, is Matthew Pines, a student from Pennant Hills High School, who is sponsored by our club. In the near future we will have the opportunity to hear Matthew's story of the voyage and what it has meant to him.*

## OUR MEETING NEXT WEEK 'OUR ELECTORAL SYSTEM'

**SPEAKER: Debbie Nguyen**

**CHAIRMAN: President Adrian**

**REPORTER: Jim Fraser**

## Meeting Report – Monday 21st January, 2019

Our fearless President opened the meeting following dinner and proceeded to explain the circumstances surrounding the photo in Spokes with the District Governor with them both holding garden gnomes. He explained that the task given to us was to decorate the gnome he was holding and take it to the Great Gnome Festival at Glenbrook on Australia Day. He, wife Wendy, and daughter Alexis are doing the decoration and they will take it on Saturday to join those from all the Rotary clubs in our district.

Adrian advised members that the Farmers Drought Appeal is on again. Wendy is collecting goods. Pam Hudson and David Walsh have provided large bundles and back to school items are particularly wanted for next week. This time the goods will be distributed directly to Walgett which has been particularly hard hit.

Assistant Governor John Fennesy has advised of a joint zone meeting on 15th April - a Monday evening - at the Madison Reception place at Dural.

John Ellis commented on our RYLA awardees, Megan Dixon and Connor McLellan, following the completion of their week. They have both enjoyed the program and will report back to the club in due course. Other youth program attendees who will report shortly are Jared Tong who went to NYSF and Tarran McDermid who we helped sponsor to a NASA Space Camp in USA. Kaye Walker, who accompanied John Ellis to the RYLA Dinner was most impressed with all she learned there.

The balance of the meeting was taken up with discussion of the details of our Australia Day meeting next Monday at Beecroft Bowling Club. Phil Stanton has made all the arrangements with the guest speaker; President Adrian has secured the venue and made arrangements with the caterers through the bowling club; David Firth is assembling the numbers for the evening. It promises to be another great Australia Day celebration.

### PRESIDENTIAL THEME FOR 2019-20



Rotary is built on connection. When Paul Harris came to Chicago as a young lawyer, he formed Rotary for one compelling reason: to help him connect to others in a new city.

More than a century later, we have at our disposal countless ways to form friendships and networks, most of which Paul Harris never dreamed. Yet Rotary's ability to connect us remains unique — and unrivaled.

In 2019-2020, it will be our challenge to strengthen the many ways that *Rotary Connects the World*, building the connections that allow talented, thoughtful, and generous people to unite and take meaningful action through Rotary service.

**Mark Daniel Maloney RI President Elect**

### AUSTRALIA DAY 2019 HONOURS FOR DISTRICT 9685 ROTARIANS



Kenneth Austin OAM (Gosford North)

Bill Cook OAM (Woy Woy)

Geoff Pritchard OAM (North Sydney)

Ted Waters OAM (Manly)

Australia Day reminded me of a fine Australian and prominent Rotarian from this district, Past RI Director John Carrick. John was a great raconteur, but was noted for his recitation of the following poem always without a note or prompt!

## The Oozlum Bird

by W. T. Goodge

It was on the Diamantina  
Where the alligators grow,  
And the natives' allegations  
Ain't particularly slow.  
He was old and he was ugly,  
He was dirty, he was low;  
He could lie like Ananias,  
And they called him "Ginger Joe."

He was wood-and-water joey  
At the "Jackeroo's Retreat,"  
Where the swagmen and the  
shearers  
And the bound'ry riders meet;  
And he'd pitch 'em lots of "fairies,"  
But the best I ever heard  
Was McPherson's trip to Sydney  
On the famous Oozlum Bird!

"You can talk about yer racehorse  
And the pace as he can go,  
But it just amounts to crawlin',  
Nothink else!" said Ginger Joe.

"And these cycle blokes with pacers,  
You can take my bloomin' word,  
They're a funeral procession  
To the blinded Oozlum Bird!

"Do yez know Marengo station?  
It's away beyond the Peak,  
Over sixty miles from Birdsville  
As you go to Cooper's Creek,  
Which the blacks call Kallokoopah,  
And they tell you that Lake Eyre  
Was one time an inland ocean.  
Well, the Oozlum Bird is there!

"Bet yer boots it ain't no chicken,  
It's as big and wide across  
As the bird what beats the  
steamships,  
What's it called? The albatross!  
That's the bird! And old King Mulga  
Used to tell the boys and me  
They were there when Central 'Stralia  
Was a roarin' inland sea!

"I was cook at old Marengo  
When McTavish had the run,  
And his missus died and left him  
With a boy—the only one.  
Jock McPherson was his nephew,  
Lately came from Scotland, too,  
Been sent out to get "experience"  
As a kind of Jackeroo!

"Well, this kid of old McTavish  
Was a daisy. Strike me blue!  
There was nothing, that was  
mischief,

That the kiddy would n't do!  
But he was a kindly kinchen  
And a reg'lar little brick,  
And we all felt mighty sorry  
When we heard that he was sick!

But, McTavish! Well, I reckon  
I am something on the swear,  
But I never heard sich language  
As McTavish uttered there;  
For he cursed the blessed country,  
And the cattle and the sheep,  
And the station-hands and shearers  
Till yer blinded flesh would creep

"It was something like a fever  
That the little bloke had got,  
And McTavish he remembered  
(When he'd cursed and swore a lot),  
That a chemist down in Sydney  
Had a special kind of stuff  
Which would cure the kiddy's fever  
In a jiffy, right enough!

"So he sends me into Birdsville  
On the fastest horse we had,  
And I has to wire to Sydney  
For the medsin for the lad.  
They would send it by the railway,  
And by special pack from Bourke;  
It would take a week to do it  
And be mighty slippery work.

"Well, I gallops into Birdsville  
And I sends the wire all right;  
And I looks around the township,  
Meanin' stopping for the night.  
I was waitin' in the bar-room—  
This same bar-room—for a drink  
When a wire comes from McPherson,  
And from Sydney! Strike me pink!

"I had left him at Marengo  
On the morning of that day!  
He was talking to McTavish  
At the time I came away!  
And yet here's a wire from Sydney!  
And it says: 'Got here all right.  
Got the medsin. Am just leaving.  
Will be home again to-night!'

"Well, I thought I had the jim-jams,  
Yes, I did; for, spare me days!  
How in thunder had McPherson  
Got to Sydney, anyways?  
But he'd got there, that was certain,  
For the wire was plain and clear.  
I could never guess conundrums,  
So I had another beer.

"In the morning, bright and early,  
I was out and saddled up,  
And away to break the record  
Of old Carbine for the Cup.  
And I made that cuddy gallop

As he'd never done before;  
And, so-help-me-bob, McPherson  
Was there waiting at the door!

"And the kid was right as ninepence,  
Sleepin' peaceful in his bunk,  
And McTavish that delighted  
He'd made everybody drunk!  
And McPherson says: 'Well, Ginger,  
You did pretty well, I heard;  
But you must admit you're beaten,  
Joe — I rode the Oozlum Bird!'

"Said he'd often studied science  
Long before he'd came out here,  
And he'd struck a sort of notion,  
Which you'll think is mighty queer—  
That the earth rolls round to eastward  
And that birds, by rising high,  
Might just stop and travel westward,  
While the earth was rolling by!

"So he saddled up the Oozlum,  
Rose some miles above the plain,  
Let the Earth turn underneath him  
Till he spotted the Domain!  
Then came down, and walked up  
George Street,  
Got the stuff and wired to me;  
Rose again and reached Marengo  
Just as easy as could be!

"But," says I, 'if you went westward  
Just as simple as you say,  
How did you get back?' He  
answered:  
'Oh, I came the other way!'  
So in six-and-twenty hours,  
Take the yarn for what it's worth,  
Jock McPherson and the Oozlum  
Had been all around the earth!

"It's a curious bird, the Oozlum,  
And a bird that's mighty wise,  
For it always flies tail-first to  
Keep the dust out of its eyes!  
And I heard that since McPherson  
Did that famous record ride,  
They won't let a man get near 'em,  
Couldn't catch one if you tried!

"If you don't believe the story,  
And some people don't, yer know;  
Why the blinded map'll prove it,  
Strike me fat!" said Ginger Joe.  
"Look along the Queensland border,  
On the South Australian side,  
There's this township! christened  
Birdsville,  
'Cause of Jock McPherson's ride!

From book: Hits! Skits! And Jingles!



# THE FORWARD PROGRAM

| DATE        | PROGRAM                | SPEAKER         | CHAIRMAN            | REPORTER                 |
|-------------|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Feb 11th    | NYSF in 2019           | Jared Tong      | John Ellis          | Pam Hudson               |
| Feb 18th    | The NASA Space Camp    | Tarran McDermid | John Ellis          | Kaye Carter              |
| March 29-31 | DISTRICT CONFERENCE    | TO BE HELD AT   | NEX NEWCASTLE       | KING STREET, NEWCASTLE   |
| April 6th   | Murder Mystery Weekend | at Blackheath   | see Theo Glockemann | for bookings and details |

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### BIRTHDAYS

John Ellis - January 30th

Jack Reid - January 30th

### ANNIVERSARIES

Graeme & Margaret Ashdown - January 4th

Theo & Georgia Glockemann - January 4th

George & Dorothy Green - January 17th

### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Pam Hudson - January 20th

## ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

### Member Attendance

56.25%

### Apologies

Ian Chappel, Jim Fraser, Pam Hudson, Terry

Pankhurst, Pat Parker, Claude Rigney

### Guests

Nil

### Visiting Rotarians

Nil

## **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

"God bless America.  
God save the Queen.  
God defend New Zealand,  
and  
thank Christ for Australia."

**Russell Crowe**



Tall ships on the harbour on Australia day