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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

THE POWERFUL OWL

GUEST SPEAKER: Jennifer Freeman CHAIRMAN: Kaye Carter REPORTER: David Firth



We welcome Jennifer Freeman to our meeting this week. She will tell us about the Powerful Owl (*Ninox Strenua*), a native of eastern and south eastern Australia.

It is not on the list of threatened species, however in New South Wales it is scheduled as vulnerable. They do not do well in developed areas where native forests have been removed.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

This is the annual training day for incoming directors and executives of clubs When: Sunday 14th April 2019 between 8.30am and 4.30pm Where: Western Sydney University College

> Building U10 Nurragingy Avenue (just off Eastern Road) Quakers Hill NSW 2763

This is a great opportunity to connect with fellow Board members across our District and help ensure we remain one of the greatest Districts in the country!

You can register by clicking on the link assembly.rotarydistrict9685.org.au

Let's have a full roll up to support incoming president Jim Fraser.

OUR MEETING NEXT WEEK To Be Advised CHAIRMAN: President Adrian Reporter: Ian Chappel

Meeting Report – Monday 25th February

It was a very small group of members for the night (the magnificent 8), but it was nice to see David Walsh and to hear that Priscilla is making a good recovery from a nasty accident whilst on holidays in Japan.

David Firth advised that Theo was still in The San, receiving treatment for his infection. In response to a request for assistance with the Murder Mystery Week-end, which Theo was organising, the President nominated his wife, Wendy, to organise the details of attendance, etc.

President Adrian also advised of the proposal from District to consider amalgamating the 2 Sydney based Districts into one, and that he had forwarded the details to all the members by email, except Jack Reid, to whom he personally handed a printed copy, and noted that this matter will be discussed by the members in the near future. Each club is requested to have an open ballot as to whether they support the amalgamation or not.

The President also mentioned the forthcoming marriage of his daughter and the interesting arrangements for the numbers at the wedding which will be held in our Southern Highlands.

David advised of the details of getting tax receipts for donations and the attempts to contact Nicole Bondoc from the Banna Group in regard to support for collections at Pennant Hills, including support from local shopkeepers for the benefit of flood victims in Queensland.

The Projects Director advised that the club had a booking for Wednesday 12th June for Ronald McDonald House 'Meals From The Heart' and the need for a full team of workers, especially if the request was for a barbecue. He also flagged the news that the Westpac bank at Pennant Hills was due to close at 3 pm on Friday 15th March and the need to find a suitable "holding place" for gifts if we decide to continue with the "Tree Of Joy" project at Pennant Hills Market Place.

After a break for dinner and some "running repairs" to both the Master and Slave computers, the Chairman John Ellis introduced our Guest Speaker, Matthew Pines, who was accompanied by his father Chris. John advised that the "Young Endeavour" program had commenced at Pennant Hills High School in 2002 and it enabled year 11 students to participate in a 2 week sailing adventure on the sailing ship which was a gift from the U K Government to Australia for the Bicentenary in 1988.

Matthew advised that to-date about 13,000 students had participated in the program and he was very pleased with his team on the ship, which included an equal number of boys and girls in the crew. They had come from other states as well as other parts of New South Wales. The ship started in Melbourne in January and made their way up the East Coast including a lot of big swells in Bass Strait, passing Wilsons Promontory.

The entire crew were formed into 4 hour shifts and the trip also included a stop at Eden. They arrived in Sydney in



time to participate in the Australia Day celebrations, including the 'tall ship race'.

Matthew explained that one of his great fears was the fear of heights, and he and other crew members all agreed to face their own "demons' full on, and both he and other members were delighted that they were able to overcome the challenges and came away better people for their efforts. He was particularly pleased that in Sydney Harbour he was on the top most sail rigging for the journey up the Harbour and under the Bridge.

He also explained that the requirements for team work and co-operation during the sail up to Sydney enabled him to realise the importance of "team work" and the need to participate in following instructions from others in command.

Matthew finished by saying that his experience on the ship was "the best experience he ever had" and to finish his presentation there was a short video , which capped off an excellent presentation.

Reporter: Pat Parker

URGENT ASSISTANCE REQUIRED HEALTH & EDUCATION REPURPOSING ACTIVITY

The restructured Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS), Health & Education Repurposing Activity (HEERA) – formally Donations in Kind regularly needs assistance from clubs and club members to assist with sorting and preparing equipment and general items for shipment to developing nations and other areas of need.

Although this work is on-going currently throughout February and March we have urgent need of assistance by 4 – 6 volunteers on Tuesdays & Thursdays for sorting and packing hospital linen for a project in Timor Leste' and preparing hospital beds and other equipment for projects in the Northern Province of Sri Lanka.

The role of HEERA is to assist Australasian Rotary Clubs and other humanitarian organisations to access redundant health and educational equipment in our society and to sort, package and transport these items to communities locally, nationally and internationally where they are in great need. Whether it is for your own club project or not, assisting at HEERA is a great way of fulfilling Club International Service ideals. By your efforts a disadvantage person or community somewhere in the world will benefit with higher health or educational advantages.

The activity is open regularly on Tuesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 10:00am and 2:00pm for this purpose and some Saturdays for loading containers.

Address: Unit 4, 12 – 16 Anella Avenue Castle Hill Schedule: March Tuesdays – 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th Thursdays – 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th

If your club members are available to assist on any of these days please call or email me as follows; M: 0419 046 688 E; <u>keithroffey@bigpond.com</u>

Thank you; your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Keith Roffey – HEERA Supervisor

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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

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THE FORWARD PROGRAM					
DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER		CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
March 11th	ТВА	ТВА		President Adrian	lan Chappel
March 17th	'THE BIG DAY OUT' - President Adrian is organising this club social outing to a secret destination remembering that it is St Patricks Day.				
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
April 15th	Hills District Rotary Meeting (see details below)	at Springfield House, Dural		PE Keith Ball WPH/ Cherrybrook Club	David Firth
BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES BIRTHDAYS Ian Chappel - March 3rd Georgia Glockemann - March 4th Jeanette Rigney - March 14th Heather Firth - March 24th MIVERSARIES Claude & Jeanette Rigney - March 9th Jim & Esther Fraser - March 11th David & Heather Hopping - March 25th INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES Ian Chappel - March 10th			ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETINGMember Attendance50.0%Apologies:Ahmadul Ameen, Theo Glockemann, Ian ChappeKaye Carter, Ian Fraser, Pam Hudson, TerryPankhurst, Phil StantonGuest Speaker:Matthew PinesVisitors:Chris PinesVisitors:Datis Pines		
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	Venue. Springfield House Du Address: 245 New Line Rd, Dura				

Speaker: Riccardo Bosi - Author and former Australian Army Special Forces Lieutenant Colonel

Meal cost: \$32 for two courses. (main and dessert). Payment required by April 12th

Attendance booking: Please email Keith Ball (keith@keithball.id.au) and include any dietary requirements. Numbers by April 5th.

This is a partners' meeting open to family and friends.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

`Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Australia.'

- Charles M Schulz