



ROTARY CLUB OF
PENNANT HILLS

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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

'MY EXPERIENCE AT RYPEN'

GUEST SPEAKER: Alister Fullerton

CHAIRPERSON: John Ellis

REPORTER: Pat Parker



ROTARY PROGRAM OF ENRICHMENT

Teenagers today benefit greatly from opportunities to develop "life skills" and motivation to help them cope with the challenges of a very competitive future.

Pressure is put on students to perform academically and their results are the benchmark of success. However other skills are needed for the next stage of a student's growth, be that further education or the workplace.

During an intensive residential weekend, young people aged approximately 14 to 16 years will develop increased motivation, improved life skills, better self-image, pride in themselves and an understanding of setting and achieving goals. At the same time, participants are interacting with peers from different backgrounds, and different parts of our district, improving their teamwork skills and having fun!! All this done in an informal atmosphere, where questions and debates are encouraged.

We offer two RYPEN Camps at two different venues. We now have the best of both worlds – a camp at the Narrabeen Sydney Academy of Sport & Recreation in summer, and a camp in the beautiful Blue Gum Lodge in Springwood in winter.

So tonight we welcome Alister Fullerton who attended the summer weekend recently, to tell us about his time there.

OUR MEETING NEXT WEEK

'A NORTHCONNEX UPDATE'

SPEAKER: Cassandra O'Connor

CHAIRMAN: Phil Stanton Reporter: John Ellis



Meeting Report – Monday 18th March, 2019

President Adrian opened the meeting and welcomed members and guests including our guest speaker Phil Radmall.

From an attendance point of view it was a big night, all current financial members were present with only one exception, Pam Hudson had called in sick (get well soon Pam).

Jim Fraser noted that he had been to President training so he is now all set and ready to go.

President Adrian advised that all clubs in the two adjacent local districts have been asked to vote on the idea that the two districts be joined. Our club ended up recording a split vote. There was also mention of the combined meeting scheduled for April 15th at Springfield House. Numbers will need to be advised and money will need to be paid to Terry Pankhurst by next week.

After a rather torturous lesson on matters of trivia (related to the days date), President Adrian handed over to Kay Carter to introduce Phil Radmall.



Phil was born in the UK and immigrated in the early 90's to Australia. He is a colleague of Kay's at Macquarie University and has a long-held interest in poetry. This has been at a professional level, (studying and teaching), but also at a participant level....he has written a book of poetry. This was self-published in 2003. Phil mentioned that the way in which low volume books are now being published is via a "print on demand" arrangement that is achievable through the internet.

Phil's presentation took us through the approach that various poets have used and sought to leave us with a "sense" of the form or the fact of poetry - the way it uses words to paint pictures. He noted that poetry today is more a classic style i.e. being clever rather than communicating the way they feel. Creative writing schools tend to move poets more towards a craft rather than coming from mood/feelings and Phil's view is that this is not necessarily helpful, because it does not necessarily mean that the poet is transmitting how they are feeling, or in fact enabling the reader to feel "something".

It was an excellent presentation and enjoyed by all present.

Reporter: Phil Stanton

Philip's poetry book is called 'Earthwork' and was published in 2017 by Ginninderra Press. One of his poems is

'MEMORY'

My memory is lazy.
Like the last time I peeked in on it
Asleep in its dim-lit room
Dreaming of itself.

Philip Radmall

Fellows, the following is some information about how Rotary is governed and how the constitution and by-laws of Rotary International are regularly updated to reflect present day views.

Council on legislation to review changes to RI policies

Rotary members from all over the world will gather in Chicago 14-18 April to consider changes to the Constitutional documents that guide Rotary International and its member clubs.

The [Council on Legislation](#) meets every three years and is an essential part of Rotary's governance. The representatives — one from each Rotary district — review and vote on proposals that seek to change Rotary's constitutional documents.

This year, the council will consider more than 100 proposals, including one new item and three recently amended motions from the Rotary International Board of Directors:

1. Authorize the RI board to change RI to a 501(c)(3) organization

Proposed enactment 19-117 seeks approval to change Rotary International's charity status from a 501(c)(4) organization to a 501(c)(3) organization under the United States tax code. As a 501(c)(3) organization, RI would be eligible for benefits, such as tax reductions, vendor discounts, and certain corporate sponsorships.

2. To admit Rotaract clubs to RI membership

Proposed enactment 19-72 would acknowledge Rotaract clubs in the RI Constitution and Bylaws and elevate them to being more equal to Rotary clubs. The Board believes that now is the time to emphasize the important role that Rotaract clubs play in the Rotary family by formally recognizing them in the constitutional documents. Rotaract clubs will continue to have their own standard constitution, maintain their own identity as Rotaractors, and preserve their unique club experience but will receive greater support from RI.

3. To amend the term of reference for the Rotaract and Interact Committee

Proposed enactment 19-75 would remove Interact from the responsibilities of the committee in order to emphasize Rotaract as a membership experience distinct from Interact as a youth program conducted by Rotary clubs. It allows the committee to focus efforts on improving the Rotaract experience, which was identified by the [strategic plan](#) as showing great potential as a new channel into Rotary. The RI president may still appoint an Interact committee.

4. Revise policy on financial reserves

The RI Board seeks to modernize RI's policy for reserves to meet future circumstances, in accordance with principles of good governance. Proposed enactment 19-95 would provide a clearer definition of reserves and specify that the appropriate level of reserves is 55 percent of annual operating expenses instead of 85 percent.

DETAILS OF THE COMBINED MEETING ON 15th APRIL - **NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE**

Venue: Springfield House Dural – 6.30 for 7.

Address: 245 New Line Rd, Dural NSW 2128 Australia

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.

THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
March 29-31	DISTRICT CONFERENCE	TO BE HELD AT	NEX NEWCASTLE	KING STREET, NEWCASTLE
April 1st	A NorthConnex Update	Cassandra O'Connor	Phil Stanton	John Ellis
April 6th	Murder Mystery Weekend	at Blackheath	see	for bookings and
April 8th	SALVO'S Red Shield Appeal	TBA	Theo Glockemann	Kaye Carter
April 14th	District Assembly	At Western Sydney Uni College	Nurragingy Ave, Quakers Hill	8.30am to 4.30pm
April 15th	Hills District Rotary Meeting (see details page 3)	at Springfield House, Dural	PE Keith Ball WPH/ Cherrybrook Club	David Firth

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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Ian Chappel - March 3rd
Georgia Glockemann - March 4th
Jeanette Rigney - March 14th
Heather Firth - March 24th

ANNIVERSARIES

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 MEETING

Member Attendance

93.75%

Apologies:

Pam Hudson

Guest Speakers:

Philip Radmall

Visitors:

Dr Leon Edena

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.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The less one knows, the more he thinks he knows, and the more willing he is to employ any and all measures to enforce his views upon others."

- Paul P. Harris