

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

'The Salvo's Red Shield Appeal'

CHAIRPERSON: Theo Glockemann

REPORTER: Kaye Carter

With the Red Shield Appeal for 2019 set for the weekend of May 25th and 26th, tonight we welcome the local organiser from the Salvation Army to let us know how we can help again this year.



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

Nurrangy Avenue (just off Eastern Road)

Quakers Hill NSW 2763

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM

**Combined Meeting - 15th April - at Springfield House,
245 New Line Road, Dural - 6.30 for 7.00pm start**

Speaker: Riccardo Bosi Reporter: David Firth


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**before Noon on
Saturday**



Meeting Report – Monday 1st April, 2019

This meeting of the Club with no fixed abode was opened by President Adrian Bell who welcomed Cassandra O'Connor, our guest speaker. Adrian then reviewed the April Fool's Day publicity stunt of John Lennon and Yoko in 1973. Theo Glockemann gave his murderous henchmen joining instructions for Saturday 6 April in Blackheath. The whisper circulated that they are planning to murder their wives and claim it was all a mystery. David Firth is seeking awardees for Pride of Workmanship in May and is also seeking a good venue, noting that Pennant Hills Golf Club will not be available. Beecroft Bowling Club and West Pennant Hills Sports Club are possibilities and when David mentioned possible costs the vote supported the Bowling Club.

Chairman Phil Stanton then introduced Cassandra O'Connor, a publicity representative of the North Connex tunnel project. She started her working life as a journalist, however her role with the tunnel project is to bring community groups, such as our Club, us up-to-date with the project. As locals we all are aware that the tunnel is planned to connect the western end of the M2 motorway with the southern end of the M1. Cassandra's purpose was to go into some detail. The tunnel will be the longest and the deepest road tunnel in Australia, running 9 km below Pennant Hills Road and over 90 m below the surface near Wilson Street. When compared with the 26.5 km Lærdal Tunnel in Norway, it is just a shrimp. The main aim of the tunnel is to take heavy vehicles off Pennant Hills Road. These vehicles must use the tunnel and accept a toll of \$21 and if Jack Read wishes to take Ruth for a drive he will pay only \$7. Shonky drivers will be made aware that cameras will keep a record of them entering and leaving the tunnel. Vehicles carrying dangerous goods will continue to use Pennant Hills Road. The main contractors are Lend Lease and Bouygues and the main compounds are at Wilson and Trelawney Streets. The scheduled completion date was to have been December 2019, however the date will now be some time in 2020. With a tunnel each way and service and safety accesses there will be 21 km of tunneling in all. There will be 88 cross passages between the two main tunnels. Some 2,250,000 m³ of spoil has been excavated, most



Our Guest Speaker
Cassandra O'Connor

of which has gone into the Hornsby quarry. A special 60 m long conveyor allowed trucks to deposit spoil without needing to go down into the quarry and the last dump was on 26 January 2019. Although a straight line tunnel could have been built, the roadway will follow a curving course, a measure to retain a driver's concentration. Cassandra illustrated her presentation throughout her address and went on to explain the machinery to progress the tunneling and how spoil was brought to the surface. A gantry crane capable of lifting 100 t handles vehicles and machinery and vertical lifts bring up the spoil. Twenty Sandvik road headers were used for initial boring in both directions from the 4 entrance

points including Wilson Road, and handled shale, clay and sandstone. Geotechnical chaps went in periodically to inspect rock conditions. Their reports would determine any necessary supports and rock bolting. Shotcreting of the exposed surfaces followed and then a surface miner trencher went in to take out another 2 metres from the flooring. This tunneling went on 24/7 and the first break through was in September 2017, a great opportunity for the pollies to don their hard hats and orange vests and join the crowd of 150 visitors and media. There will be a control centre near Pennant Hills Golf Course to monitor and control tunnel traffic and large axial flow fans



The tunnel nearing completion

will maintain air flow. There is still much to be done to complete the tunnel fit out including paving, electrical work, paneling, fire drenching and waterproofing. There will not be any dripping from the tunnel roof. Cassandra fielded many questions during her presentation and together with the photographs we were all very much better informed of this major infrastructure project. This brought the proceedings to an end and President Adrian closed the meeting.

Reporter: John Ellis

The following article I found a couple of years ago. You will see that it was written by a Past District Governor of Lions International. But the message is very much relevant to us. Attracting new members is much easier when people are aware of our presence and our efforts in the community.

A FOCUS ON MEMBERSHIP

We will often hear people say that Lions is the World's best kept secret, and with this in mind I find myself asking "Why is it so?"

Our Zone Chairman continue to report on the wonderful projects that are undertaken in our District, and they bring great credit to you all. However as we appear to be a best kept secret I wonder if we are doing enough to let people know about our Lions activities.

For example, **do we identify our projects by prominently displaying the Lions Logo or similar signage with a Lions identity?** Indeed, do the public know how important Lions are to the community?

Experience tells us it is easier to recruit new members if we are visible in our community. As Lions we need to take advantage of that community exposure. Sadly at present we are not winning the membership race. Our numbers continue to decrease slowly but surely.

So I have to ask - do we have a focus on membership?

Lions, in order to maintain the humanitarian work that we do in assisting our communities we need to constantly review and renew our membership. We do this not just for the sake of numbers, but because new members bring new energy and new ideas. If we don't focus on renewal then our Clubs will slowly close and unfortunately our communities will be the ones to suffer.

Lions, **we need to articulate to our communities who we are and why we are very important by delivering the following messages whenever and wherever we can:**

- ☐ ☐ **We are global**
- ☐ ☐ **We serve where we live**
- ☐ ☐ **We give 100%**
- ☐ ☐ **We do it ourselves**
- ☐ ☐ **We are rich in heritage and pride**
- ☐ ☐ **We are in good company**
- ☐ ☐ **We're open**
- ☐ ☐ **We are dedicated to sight and much more**

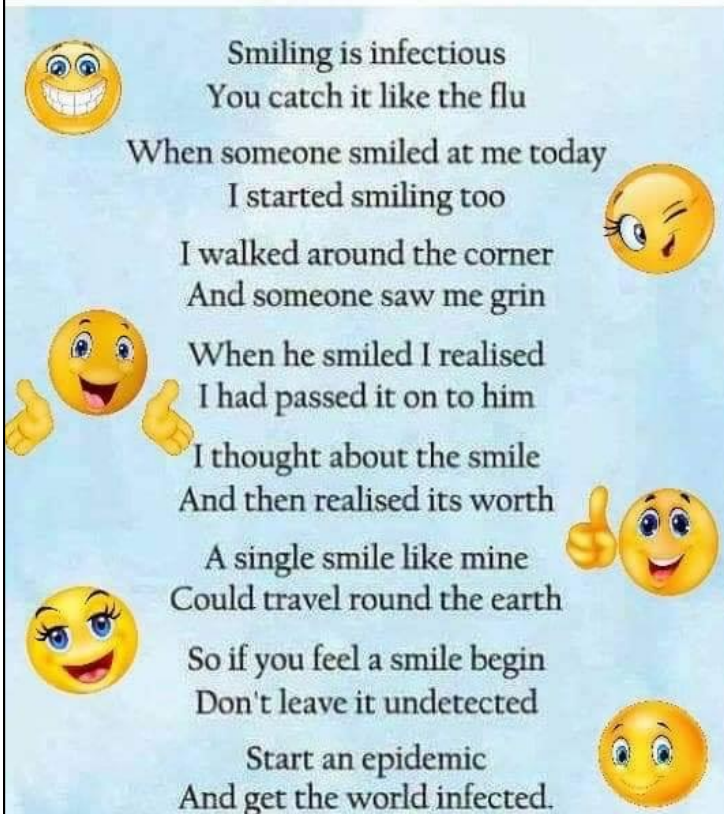
Lions, each of us has unique gifts that we bring to our mission of service and we owe it to ourselves, to our fellow Lions and to our communities to use them to the best of our abilities.

PDG Elvio Munzone

This is why it is so hard to beat the All Blacks rugby side - you are playing the whole nation not just 23!



What a great poem by the late Spike Milligan about smiling



THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
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
April 22nd	NO MEETING	EASTER	PUBLIC	HOLIDAY
April 29th	Astronomy	Richard McDermid	Phil Stanton	Jim Fraser
May 13th	Club Forum	Members	President Adrian	John Ellis
May 20th	Pride of Workmanship Awards	Rev Alan Lowe	Pat Parker	David Firth

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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Ian Huckel - April 5th
 Peter Hudson - April 8th
 Dorothy Green - April 19th
 Pam Hudson - April 21st

ANNIVERSARIES

Terry & Maureen Pankhurst - April 9th
 Pat & Sandra Parker - April 9th

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

George Green - April 3rd
 Graeme Ashdown - April 7th

ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

Member Attendance

62.5%

Apologies:

Ahmadul Ameen, Ian Chappel, Jim Fraser, Pam Hudson, Terry Pankhurst, David Walsh

Guest Speakers:

Cassandra O'Connor

Visitors:

Nil



PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARDS NIGHT

Our Pride of Workmanship Awards night is on Monday, 20th May at Beecroft Bowling Club. The cost will be \$45 each.

Our guest speaker is Rev Alan Lowe who sa most of you know is a past member of our club and was the Senior NSW Police Chaplain.

So we now need to identify potential awardees and/or nominators. Do you know someone who deserves to be recognised for the manner in which he or she performs their job?

Do you know someone who provides a community service deserving of recognition and an award?

Let David Firth know of anyone you have in mind - Phone 0444 565 780 our new Pride of Workmanship mobile phone number.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'The shortest distance between two points is under construction.'

Leo Aikman