

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Hills District Combined Rotary Meeting

GUEST SPEAKER:

Riccardo Bossi

Author and former Australian Army Special Forces Lieutenant Colonel

REPORTER: David Firth

Meeting venue: Springfield House, 245 New Line Road, Dural

Time: 6.30 for 7.00pm start


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Saturday



DISTRICT ASSEMBLY 2019

Five members of our incoming Board of Directors made their way to the District Assembly held at the Nirimba Campus of the University of Western Sydney yesterday. This was our first time at this venue and the facilities were very good.

The program was a familiar format with everyone in the opening plenary session, followed by morning tea. We then had a change to the breakout sessions for projects, with all avenues of service in together and split up into 5 regions. This did not work very well as there was only about 20 minutes for each avenue of service—hardly enough time to cover all the activities.

After lunch there was the final plenary session which included a video presentation about Rotary Club Central on Rotary.org, followed by an excellent guest speaker, Alan Moran, from the university talking about Community Connections and Leadership. The final session closed at 3.30 after a very worthwhile day.

NEXT WEEK

NO MEETING DUE TO THE EASTER PUBLIC HOLIDAY

**The following week, April 29th, our program is
'ASTRONOMY' Guest Speaker: Richard McDermid
Chairman: Phil Stanton Reporter: Jim Fraser**

Meeting Report – Monday 8th April, 2019

The president opened the meeting at 7pm with his usual “on this day” memorability much to the chagrin of some members, but to the delight of others. It was an informative business session which included:

- ◆ The president asked members for feedback on whether they would be interested in a “Big Day Out” to Tamworth for a “grand tour” that links to ‘Doing it for Farmers’. This would occur sometime between now and the end of June. It’s a 4 ½-hour drive with some non-driving members requesting car support.
- ◆ Re the joint dinner this Monday night at Springfield House, Dural (6.30pm to 7.00pm start). David will email WPH & Cherrybrook Club to confirm the number of members attending. Then, David will email members, who have paid and have planned to attend, of this confirmation.
- ◆ Phil gave a summary of the Murder Dinner weekend in the Blue Mountains. Ten members gathered at 6pm aptly dressed, some carrying “guns and knives” for their character development. Michael (the host) led the event distributing cue cards throughout the night. Finally, Phil was “stabbed” by none other than his real-life wife, Lyn, for having multiple affairs. And yes, Phil came back to life to eat his dessert! A good night was had by all. Thank you, Theo for the suggestion and successful organisation.
- ◆ Theo requested members’ approval for him to approach other Rotary clubs in the area re the opening of the NorthConnex Tunnel. Theo has drafted a letter suggesting Rotary involvement in the opening celebrations. Theo will then contact Cassandra (the PR speaker from last meeting).
- ◆ John Ellis mentioned that Emily Sykes has requested club support for the science forum. John will visit Emily’s family on Tuesday night to discuss the financial arrangements.
- ◆ David gave an update on the potential nominating enterprises for the Pride of Workmanship Awards. He suggested 10-12 awardees who are invited to the dinner and presented with a plaque. The club supported David sending a letter to Thornleigh Rotary inviting them to the dinner.
- ◆ Theo gave an update on Pam who due to her illness is unable to mix in groups.
- ◆ The Assembly will be held this Sunday in Quakers Hill. Attendees will be John, Jim, David, Theo and Kaye.
- ◆ Theo advised that there is an East Timor meeting this Saturday afternoon at Lutanda at 2pm.
- ◆ The Pennant Hills Hotel has not been booked for Monday, 15th April, but members can get a table together for dinner if so desired.

The meeting was handed over to Theo who spoke about the help we can provide to support the Red Shield Appeal on May 25/26. The guest speaker was Chaplain Gary Smith who outlined the role and activities of the Salvation Army facilities in the area. He mentioned that it is getting harder to get volunteers, partly due to the need for a ‘working with children’ approval. Volunteers will be at two shopping centres as well as Bunnings and McDonalds. Theo mentioned that Barker College will be involved.

Gary also gave an update on extra activities the Salvos are engaged in such as support for the farmers in rural areas, and Rehabilitation centres, which conduct highly successful nine -month drug rehabilitation programs.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Reporter: Kaye Carter

Our Guest Speaker talking with members after the meeting closed.



Charles Schultz Philosophy

The following is the philosophy of Charles Schultz, the creator of the "Peanuts" comic strip. You don't have to actually answer the questions. Just read the e-mail straight through, and you'll get the point.

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Alan Border medal winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Australian F1 Car Race.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of NRL grand final winners.



How did you do?

The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.



Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.



Easier?

The lesson: The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones that care.

THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
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 Workman- ship Awards	Rev Alan Lowe	Pat Parker	David Firth
June 12th	Ronald McDonald House 'Meals from the Heart'	Organiser Pat Parker	We need as many	helpers as possible
June 24th	Club Changeover Partners Night	Venue to be con- firmed	TBA	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



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, as 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.

ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

Member Attendance
75.0%

Apologies:

Pam Hudson, Terry Pankhurst, Pat Parker,
David Walsh

Guest Speakers:

Chaplain Gary Smith

Visitors:

Nil

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Most of us spend too much time on what is urgent and not enough time on what is important."

— Stephen R. Covey