



ROTARY CLUB OF
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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Astronomy

GUEST SPEAKER: Richard McDermid

CHAIRMAN: Phil Stanton

REPORTER: Jim Fraser

Hopefully Richard will be able to tell us what this photo is!



Report on the initial meeting of local Rotary Clubs interested in being involved in the opening of the NorthConnex Tunnel in 2020.

As a result of Theo Glockemann's efforts there were about 14 people in attendance last Thursday evening. They represented most of the surrounding clubs. A very positive discussion ensued covering a number of possibilities for activities in association with the opening. The meeting appointed Greg Keirghan, Beecroft President, as chairman with the task of approaching NorthConnex/NSW Govern-etc. to see what their response will be. Our clubs are requested to appoint a committee member; what manpower and expertise they can provide. Next meeting is set down for Thursday May 9th at Lutanda Manor at 7.00pm.

NEXT WEEK

Guest Speaker: TBA

Chairman: President Adrian

Reporter: Phil Stanton

Combined Meeting Report – Monday 15th April, 2019

This combined meeting was organised by West Pennant Hills & Cherrybrook club at their venue, Springfield House, Dural. They hosted a gathering of approx. 150 people representing 12 Rotary clubs. Incoming District Governor, Kalma McLellan, was present to welcome everyone and endorse the idea of bringing a number of clubs together to promote interaction and an exchange of ideas. Our club was represented by a total of 13 members and partners who were allocated to 3 different tables.

Following the usual rotary preliminaries, we enjoyed a nice meal despite a blackout of nearly 30 minutes. The staff did a great job to manage what was looking like a very difficult situation. The special guest speaker was then introduced.

Riccardo Bossi is a former Australian Army Special Forces Lieutenant Colonel who has led teams in a number of organisations, including:

2nd/4th Battalion (Light Infantry); 1st Recruit Training Battalion; Special Air Service Regiment; 5th/7th Battalion (Mechanised); 1st Commando Regiment; Army Headquarters; Headquarters Special Operations; Headquarters Australian Theatre, and Combined Joint Task Force Headquarters – Kuwait.

In 2010 Riccardo and his wife moved to the United Arab Emirates where he was contracted to advise their Special Operations Command. He not only developed high level strategy and capability development frameworks but also led the training of UAE Special Forces soldiers to fight the 'War on Terror' and deployed with them to Afghanistan in 2012.

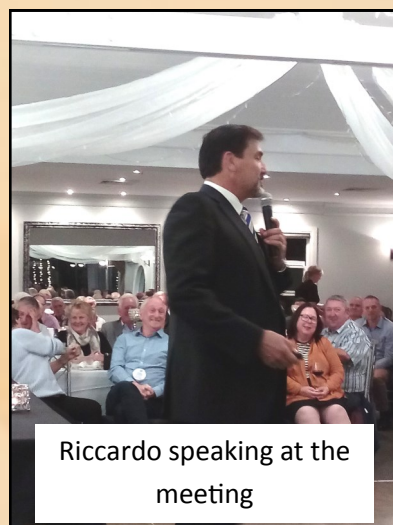
Riccardo's presentation, illustrated with slides, started with his move to the UAE to commence his training contract. He gave an interesting background on the development of the UAE and the development of the cities of Dubai and Abu Dhabi.

He then described the work he and his crew did in training the Special Operations troops into a force able to perform in a similar fashion to the Australian SAS force and the American Special Forces Marines.

The deployment to Kandahar, Afghanistan in 2012 was a move into a war zone which resulted in his newly trained troops exposed to the type of conflict engaged in with the Taliban – random mortar attacks; improvised explosive devices; sniper fire; etc. They were based at the Forward Operations Base in Helmand Province alongside Afghan and US Special Forces troops.

Riccardo reflected on those he worked with in Afghanistan, being impressed with the UAE troop commander and was very impressed with the American troops he worked with. This was a very interesting presentation by a very skilled presenter who has developed a very successful consultancy business.

Reporter: David Firth



Riccardo speaking at the meeting



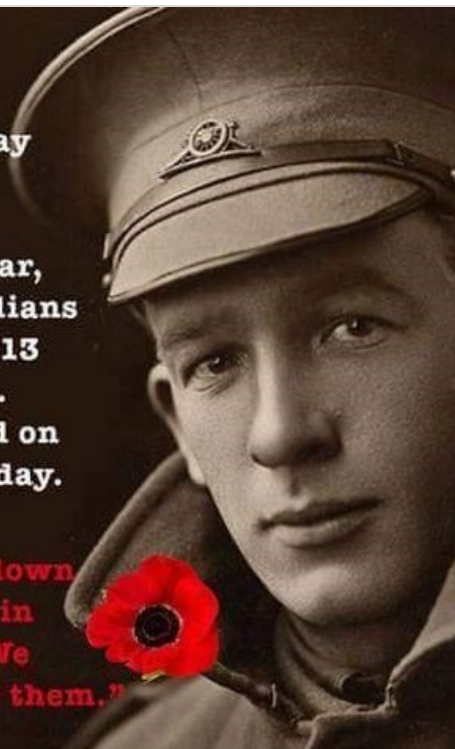
Riccardo in battledress



On patrol in Afghanistan's Kandahar Province

**The last shot
of WW1 was
fired on Monday
11 November
1918. During
this terrible war,
61,720 Australians
died and 137,013
were wounded.
Seventeen died on
that very last day.**

**"At the going down
of the sun and in
the morning, We
will remember them."**



THE TWENTY-FIFTH OF APRIL - Roderic Quinn
the Army

THIS day is ANZAC Day!
Made sacred by the memory
Of those who fought and died, and fought and live,
And gave the best that men may give
For love of Land. It dawns once more,
And, though on alien sea and shore
The guns are silent all,
Yet we with pride recall
The deeds which gave it immortality.

Great deeds are deathless things!
The doer dies, but not the deed,
And, when upon that fateful April day
Our Anzacs, throwing all but love away,
Gave life and limb for Honour's sake,
With Freedom tremblingly at stake,
They lit a beacon-light
Imperishable, bright,
That evermore the Nation's soul shall heed.

Not Peace, not Peace alone
Can make a nation great and good
And bring it that full stature, strength, and grace
That fit it for an age-enduring place
In men's regard. Through storm and strife
It runs to sweet and noble life;
For through its veins there runs
The valour of great sons
Who died to give it stately nationhood.

This day is ANZAC Day!
Made sacred by the thrilling thought
Of those who proved their souls, it reappears;
And thus 'twill dawn, and dawn through future years
Till Time our petty deeds efface,
And others, dwelling in our place,
Tell o'er, with tongue and pen,
The glorious tale again
Of how on beach and crag the Anzacs fought.



Sushil Gupta resigns as RI president-nominee

My Fellow Rotarians,

It is with a heavy heart that I announce my resignation as the president-nominee of Rotary International. While it was my dream to serve as your president, my health prevents me from giving my absolute best to you and the office of the president at this time. I believe Rotary deserves nothing less than that from those elected to represent this great organization of ours.

I have made this difficult decision after much soul searching and conferring with my family. This is not only a disappointment for us, but I am also keenly aware that this will be a disappointment for many Rotarians in India who were so proud to see someone from our country again named as president. I know that this is what is best for Rotary International.

I have been a Rotarian for more than 40 years and it has given me everything I could ask for. I can think of no higher honour than to have been selected by the Nominating Committee as president of Rotary for the 2020-21 Rotary year. I will continue to proudly serve as a Rotary member and pursue some major initiatives that I wanted to accomplish during my year as president, because I know that we are poised to achieve more great things in the future.

I wish nothing but the best to the candidate who succeeds me as president and thank you all for the support and encouragement you have shown me in the past year.

Sushil Gupta 26-Apr-2019

THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
May 6th	TBA	TBA	President Adrian	Phil Stanton
May 13th	Club Forum	Members	President Adrian	John Ellis
May 20th	Pride of Workman- ship Awards	Rev Alan Lowe	Pat Parker	David Firth
May 27th	Joint Meeting with WPH & Cherrybrook Partners Night	POW Night	President Colin Sharpe	Kaye Carter
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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Pat Parker - May 5th

ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Terry Pankhurst - May 29th



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

56.25%

Apologies:

Ahmadul Ameen, Ian Huckel, Pam Hudson, Terry Pankhurst, Pat Parker, David Walsh

Guest Speakers:

Riccardo Bossi

Visitors:

Wendy Bell, Heather Firth, Georgia Glockemann, Dr Leo Edena

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

We want our leaders to be fair dinkum, as much among us as above us.

- General Sir Peter Cosgrove