

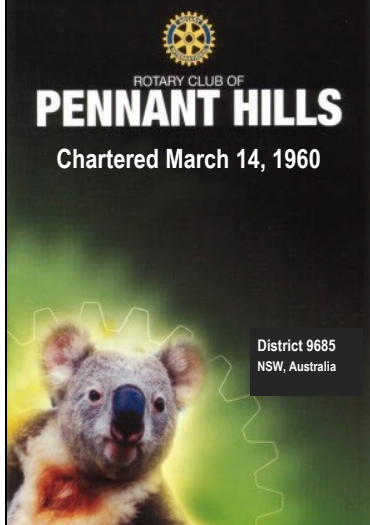
THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

'THE PROPERTY MARKET TODAY- THE RECENT PAST & THE FUTURE'

SPEAKER: David Walsh

CHAIRMAN: President Adrian Bell

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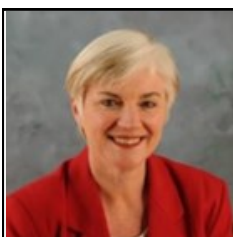
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New Rotary club models enhance connections

*By Jessie Harman, Chair of the RI Membership Committee,
and member of the Rotary Club of Wendouree Breakfast, Victoria*

Rotary's **new strategic plan** is underpinned by four key priorities – to increase our impact, expand our reach, enhance participant engagement, and increase our ability to adapt. The emergence of new club models is evidence that Rotary clubs and districts are working actively to advance these priorities.

These new club models represent an opportunity to connect with a more diverse group of individuals – particularly those who are unable or unwilling to join our traditional clubs. While new club models have been emerging for some time, the 2016 Council on Legislation decision to promote flexibility and innovation has arguably accelerated their development.

At the present time, it's possible to recognize at least seven different types of clubs:

Traditional clubs – at the heart of Rotary: a group of professionals and aspiring leaders who meet regularly for service, connections and personal growth

Satellite clubs – sponsored by a traditional club, but with their own meetings, projects, bylaws and board

E-Clubs – that meet exclusively online

Passport clubs – that allow members to attend other Rotary club meetings and service projects, so long as they attend a specified number of meetings in their own club

Corporate clubs – whose members are employed by the same employer, but who have different roles in their workplace

Cause-based clubs – whose members share a passion for a particular cause and whose service projects and activities center around that cause, and

Rotaract clubs – sponsored by Rotary clubs, whose members are aged between 18 and 30 and who meet together for service, friendship, and connections

Amid this landscape there are also hybrids of these types – adding further to the diversity of Rotary, and there can be little doubt that new club models will continue to emerge – including the possibility of a model of participation which is not club-based.

Development of new club models and new ways to engage with Rotary is a healthy sign – indeed some would say a critical ingredient – of our ongoing sustainability and success. Our challenge is to continue to evolve – to meet the needs of our members and our communities and to ensure Rotary stays relevant, innovative, and engaging long into the future.

NEXT WEEK - JULY 1st

Fellowship with the President

Chairman: President Adrian Bell

Reporter: John Ellis

MEETING REPORT - 17th June, 2019

You are no doubt familiar with the saying “One volunteer is worth ten pressed men”. The origin of the saying is uncertain, but is thought to go back to the early 1800s when the Royal Navy was known to take people, including children, off the streets and ‘press’ them into service on board ships. Rotary is well known as a club of volunteers, however, last week we may have stretched that a little by the manner in which we acquired our ‘Guest’ speaker. Terry Pankhurst, recently returned from another overseas excursion with Maureen, and himself a past Royal Navy submariner, was ‘pressed’ into service as our speaker to talk about his latest explorations. But more of this shortly.

President Adrian chaired the meeting, however his successor, the nominated reporter for the evening, was AWOL, reportedly sojourning in Vietnam with his wife. We trust he is obtaining inspiration and charging the batteries for his time as president in 2019-20.

Theo Glockemann provided an update on progress of the proposed Rotary involvement in opening celebrations of the NorthConnex road tunnels next calendar year. John Ellis gave a report on current activity in the Youth portfolio. David Firth then reported on the ‘Meals From The Heart’ effort during the previous week where we catered for perhaps 200 people at Ronald McDonald House, Westmead. He advised that the organisation had been in touch to thank us sincerely for our efforts on the night which had been very much appreciated by the families there. David then provided details of the changed arrangements for the ‘Meals From The Heart’ program for the future, with an increase in our financial commitment from the current \$350 to \$1210 per night. This will mean we have to reassess our involvement in the future. David also reminded directors and executives of the club that reports are now due for inclusion in the club’s annual report.

So, with dinner finished, our intrepid traveller and guest speaker, Terry, took centre stage to enlighten us on some of the highlights of his recent trip. He commenced with an insight into what is believed to be the largest slum in the world. This is Dharavi in Mumbai, India. Dharavi has an area of just over 2.1 square kilometres; 520 acres and a population of about 700,000 according to Wikipedia. This is a population density of over 270,000 per square kilometre. Terry’s photos gave a graphic insight into the general conditions under which the people live, work and play. The following are some pictures to illustrate this—



Terry emphasised that apart from living there, the people have set up businesses there. One of the popular industries there is recycling—recycling anything including plastics of all kinds, fabrics, metals, etc. Dharavi is where the very successful movie ‘Slumdog Millionaire’ was filmed.

Another quite different place which Terry showed us was the ancient site of Petra in Jordan. This is another of these ancient wonders of the world and now World Heritage Listed. Terry showed with his photos the narrow entry into the valley through the Siq, and then the amazing carved façade of Al Khazneh, otherwise known as ‘The Treasury’. Again, the following pictures illustrate some of the features of Petra.

Terry was thanked for his talk and the great photos he showed to illustrate his talk.



Reporter: The editor

Toilet Warrior Mark Balla

During a business trip to India, a chance encounter on a train led to two young men inviting Australian author Mark Balla to look around a slum called Dharavi, where they lived while studying at university. Dharavi is one of the world's largest slums, with one million people crammed into around 1.6km². Mark spent hours exploring with his two new friends, seeing the places where people lived, shopped and worked.

"Finally, we ended up at a school. I was looking around, and there were lots of little boys and girls... and lots of teenage boys as well."

But there was one noticeable absence – no teenage girls. When he asked why, the answer was simple: because there were no toilets for them.

Every day, tens of millions of children in India, and throughout the developing world, go to school where there is nowhere to go to the toilet. When Mark first learned about this issue just a few years ago, barely a quarter of the schools in India had separate functional toilets for girls. Thanks to Rotary and others, including the Indian Government, the numbers have improved dramatically.

For all the improvement, however, even today 20 per cent of girls in India drop out of school on reaching puberty, with almost half of them saying lack of toilets is their reason for leaving. Of those who continue their education, 20 per cent skip school when they have their period. Huge numbers don't drink water during the day, even in the heat of summer, because they are afraid they will need to go to the toilet.

Only five years ago, 100 million homes in India had no toilets. An Indian Government program over the past four years has seen almost 90 million household toilets built and yet there are still millions of people in the country who simply have no option but to defecate in the open.

"Boys and men will use walls, trees, gutters, bushes and train lines," Mark says. "That's the nature of open urination and defecation in India. Women and girls on the other hand, they don't go to the toilet outside during the day. Those who still have no toilet at home wait until after dark, or before dawn, and they go and look for somewhere quiet or secluded. Somewhere they can't be seen or heard. Somewhere perfect for sexual assault. In some states of India, up to half of all reported rapes happened to girls and women who are outside late at night looking for somewhere to go to the toilet.

"This revelation fundamentally changed my understanding of the world we live in. As all my friends know, my life changed on that day – and the lives of tens of thousands of underprivileged children have also changed as a result.

"I could have gone with the ever-reliable response of, 'What can I do? I'm only one person.' Instead, I decided to get involved. I simply couldn't walk away."

Mark found like minds at the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central, Vic, and joined up, with Operation Toilets Australia founded shortly after as a signature project of the club. The project's basic goal is to build toilets and deliver hygiene education programs to schools in developing countries. Through doing so, the hope is to improve health and overall community wellbeing, and in particular to enhance educational opportunities for young women.

Operation Toilets Australia partners with Rotary clubs around the world and in-country not-for-profit organisations to build toilets of solid brick construction with sustainable sanitation connections. A key component of any successful Operation Toilets project is a well-designed WASH (Water, Sanitation & Hygiene) education program. In Operation Toilets' largest projects, UNICEF guidelines have been followed very closely. Students are taught to wash their hands after visiting the toilet or before eating. Adolescent girls are taught about the importance of proper menstrual hygiene. Local communities are also encouraged to become involved.

Schools commit to an ongoing maintenance program to ensure the toilets are kept in good working order, thereby ensuring the project's long-term sustainability.

To date, Operation Toilets' projects have improved the lives of at least 30,000 children, with this figure expected to rise to well over 100,000 over the next 18 months.

Mark is also on the board of the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group (WASRAG). He's presented to around 70 Rotary clubs in five countries and three languages, at district conferences in Australia, the United States and India, as well as at the Rotary International conventions in Sao Paulo, Seoul and Toronto. This year, he will be involved in a breakout session in Hamburg and on the panel at the WASRAG World Water Summit in Hamburg as well. He is also a member of the Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisors, having just returned from a two-week assignment in Guatemala. Eighteen months ago, Mark was inducted to the World Toilet Organisation by Jack "Mr Toilet" Sim, who many Rotarians will remember as a keynote speaker at the RI Convention in Sydney.

"Six years ago, I thought Rotary was old men sizzling sausages outside Bunnings," Mark says. "Let's say that my understanding of our organisation has changed somewhat."

Mark recently published a book, Toilet Warrior, chronicling his humanitarian journey into the wonderful world of toilets. Profits from sales of the book will be donated to The Rotary Foundation. *(Reprinted from Rotary Down Under Facebook)*



Fellows, I came across this story from Rotary Down Under Facebook page and was immediately intrigued when I saw reference to the Dharavi slum in Mumbai just after Terry's talk last Monday.

THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
July 1st	Fellowship with the President	Everyone	President Adrian	John Ellis
July 6th	District Changeover	DG Susan & DGE Kalma	At Hornsby RSL Club - \$55 each RSVP by 28th June	
July 8th	Club Changeover Partners Night	At Beecroft Bowling Club at 6.30 for 7.00pm	Terry Pankhurst	David Firth

With the end of the Rotary Year approaching, all directors and executives are asked to provide an annual report for publication in the Club Annual Report.

All members are requested to check their entry in the current Club Directory and advise David Firth of any changes that are required.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Nil

ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Phil Stanton - June 14th (35 years)



The 2019-2020 Theme logo

ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

Member Attendance : 62.5%

Apologies: Ahmadul Ameen, Ian Chappel, Jim Fraser, Pam Hudson, Pat Parker, David Walsh

Guest Speaker: Terry Pankhurst

Visitors: Nil



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Be thankful we're not getting all the government we're paying for.

- Will Rogers