

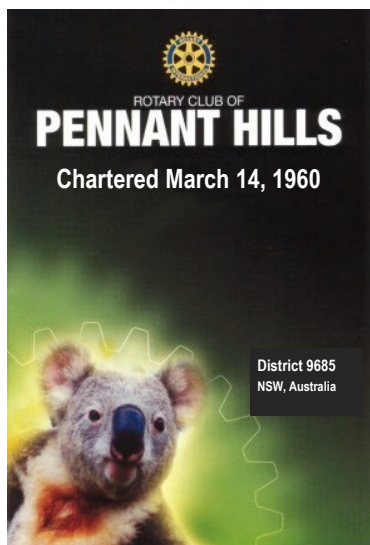


# SPOKES

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## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

*'Our First Meeting back at  
Pennant Hills Golf Club'*

SPEAKER: IAN CHAPPEL

*"The 5G Network Explained"*

CHAIRMAN: PRESIDENT JIM FRASER

REPORTER: KAYE CARTER



Formerly known as RYDA

Mount St Benedict College is booked to attend the day long session on Wednesday, 11th September, at Sydney Olympic Park. Our club is invited to provide hosts for the 6 groups that the girls are divided into to attend the 6 different sessions. So we are looking for 6 or 7 volunteers on that day. The sessions start at 9.30am, so we need to be there at 9.00am, and the sessions finish at 2.00pm. Lunch is provided. Pat Parker will be available, so we have 5 or 6 other positions to fill. Are you available that day?

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APOLOGIES &  
GUESTS:

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before Noon on

Saturday



## OUR PROGRAM NEXT WEEK

MEETING AS GUESTS OF BEECROFT CLUB AT  
PENNANT HILLS BOWLING CLUB

Speaker: DOMINIC PERROTTET, NSW TREASURER

Chairman: President Johanna Johns Reporter: Phil Stanton

## MEETING REPORT 29th July, 2019

Our last regular meeting at Hotel Pennant Hills did not go quite as planned with licensee Roman Nalywajko and his chef, Manjai Lee unable to join us. However, with numbers down, we did have a very productive meeting with President Jim Fraser leading.

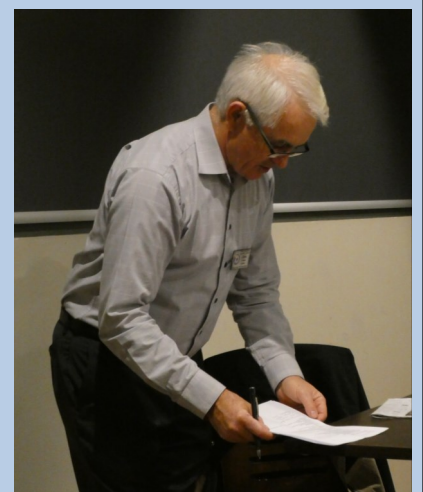
Following the fellowship/dinner part of the meeting, Jim explained the absence of the hotel folk and that he intends to call in and present a certificate of appreciation to Roman for their kind hospitality over the past 10 months or so. He then embarked on the questionnaire/money raising session in which everyone was encouraged to make a gold coin donation in exchange for a raffle ticket. Then a series of questions were asked, one to each member with correct answers providing an additional ticket. Other members could provide a correct answer when an incorrect answer was given. As a result, John Ellis ended up with 5 tickets. Theo Glockemann was invited to draw the winning ticket and Jack Reid was able to take a present home for Ruth. I'm not sure how much was raised, but it was a bit of fun.

Theo was then asked to report on the District Presidents meeting he attended on the Saturday morning - our president was absent as he was skiing at Perisher Blue Cow. Theo reported on a couple of the items presented at the meeting including the NorthConnex Opening project which he had presented. Progress here is slow with the search for the decision makers still not successful. District has not yet taken this on as a project. He then went on to report on our East Timor project and the preparations for this year's 10th year celebrations. He impressed on the need to have \$9,000 transferred to their access account so that they can get the first RYPEN this year organized. He has received confirmation that Woodside are 'on board' again this year, although their money will not arrive until about a week before the RYLA commences.

Kaye Carter spoke about the display with brochures that Beecroft have in the new shopping centre at Beecroft. She suggested that we should look at doing something similar at Pennant Hills Market Place. David Firth offered to investigate by contacting Banna Group and seek pricing for display stands. John Ellis followed with a discussion about the return run of Mark Anderson's suburban rail project raising money for End Polio Now. We also discussed the upcoming Daffodil Day in late August and the advice from Cancer Council that they will only be supplying daffodils and lapel pins for sale. The meeting agreed that this was unsatisfactory and that we should advise that we are not taking part this year.

President Jim then talked about a variety of items/projects that he sought discussion on. He had 12 outlined but only managed to cover a few.

- 1) Move to the golf club; he felt that is great move and thanked Phil for persevering.
- 2) Guests and other contacts; trying to get them more involved so we can get some new members and make for a lighter load at events. John Ellis is going to get a list of previous people we had supported so we could reach out to them for some assistance and involvement.
- 3) Ronald MacDonald House; these were great for getting out, but at the new cost we should maybe only do one. Pat Parker to be asked to see if we can negotiate a better price.
- 4) Outings; more like Adrian's Reno, so hope he sells his house soon so he can do another one. He also mentioned the Liquor Central Pennant Hills where we could go for an outing and taste either beer, wine or whiskey. Simon was open to suggestions



The president refers to his notes

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and timings. He currently does beer tasting on Friday nights and can chat about what makes good ones, etc.

5) Dinners; Malaysian with Ameen organising 'PAPARICH' on 4th September. Theo is to look for another place, possibly a Turkish restaurant.

6) Connecting with the Community; Jim believes there is funding available for people to do training for seniors about the use of computers. He will find out what is available and rely on people from Apple to give some understanding on basic ideas. Theo will check on whether or not we need police checks and will speak to Lutanda to see if they would like something like that. Adrian could give a good overview of networking at a high level so they understand the components, general things about photos and videos, and websites could be covered by others.

7) Themed trailer raffle days; Jim talked about picking a local event as the project for the day. At Pennant Hills Market Place for instance, the proceeds could go to the local primary school for some new sports equipment or books. This idea needs to be examined to see how it would work.

As time was against us, the president reminded everyone that our next meeting would be on Wednesday, 7th August at the Pennant Hills Golf Club, remembering that we need to advise if we are not going to attend, using the regular number on the front page of Spokes.

**Reporter: David Firth**

## **PROJECT: COLLECTING PLASTIC BOTTLE CAPS**

Steve Murphy is the CEO of a not-for-profit charity called Envision. This organisation has paired up with the Rotary Club of Wyndham, Vic. And others, to deliver the Helping Hands project, which turns recycled plastic bottle caps into prosthetic hands. He said there are 2 1/2 times more bottle caps in the ocean than plastic bags. Animals can choke on the caps.

Steve explained that, by using a \$300 3D printer and a handmade machine that turns bottle caps into filament, the team can custom-make a hand that allows the wearer to undertake basic tasks such as picking up a cup or holding a fork.

The team, led by Joe Ferlazzo, is keen to create 100 of these prosthetic limbs for kids in disadvantaged communities throughout Cambodia and other Third World countries – but first, they need people to donate as many plastic bottle caps as they can.

The project is using an \$18,000 Wyndham council grant to get schools involved in the project. The aim is to collect 1 million bottle caps.

The team is also seeking funding to allow them to buy a higher-quality 3D printer and other supplies.

Joe, who helped develop the prototype, said it was a cheap, simple concept that could change somebody's life. He said it took about 500 grams worth of recycled bottle caps, and 40 hours of work, to create one hand.

Steve Murphy said the project also trained and mentored long-term unemployed job seekers.

Not only does the team produce prosthetic hands but they also produce many other items that aid people with disabilities. Some of these include a device to open tin cans and another to help people open doors easier with their keys.

Joe has even created a robotic toy which attracts much interest from the school kids. Below is a picture of some of the items that have been created from recycled bottle caps.

There is a short video which explains what the Helping Hands project is all about.

**Our thanks to Theo Glockemann for raising this as a possible project for the club. If we are wishing to adopt it then we need someone who is prepared to collect the tops from members and deliver them to the central collection point. (The closest currently is at Rouse Hill.)**



## OUR FORWARD PROGRAM

Date	Program	Speaker	Chairman	Reporter
MONDAY AUGUST 12th	THIS IS A JOINT MEETING HOSTED BY BEECROFT CLUB AT PENNANT HILLS BOWLING CLUB			
	THE NSW GOVERNMENT TREASURY	HON. DOMINIC PERROTTET	PRESIDENT JOHANNA JOHNS	PHIL STANTON
AUGUST 21st	TBA	TBA	President Jim	Ian Chappel
September 4th	<b>SOCIAL NIGHT with partners</b>	<b>At 'PAPARICH' Restaurant</b>	In the Piazza area, Castle Towers	
<b>OCTOBER 29th</b>	<b>ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF DAY</b>	<b>AT PENNANT HILLS GOLF CLUB</b>	<b>Contact PHIL STANTON</b>	<b>PLAYERS &amp; SPONSORS WANTED</b>

### SPECIAL REMINDER

FROM THIS WEEK, ALL MEMBERS MUST ADVISE BY MONDAY LUNCHTIME IF THEY WILL NOT BE ATTENDING  
THE WEDNESDAY MEETING.

SIMILARLY ADVISE IF YOU ARE BRINGING A GUEST.

**PHONE 9294 2107**

#### ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

**Member Attendance :** 56.25%

**Apologies:** Ahmadul Ameen, Ian Chappel,  
Pam Hudson, Terry Pankhurst, Pat Parker, Claude  
Rigney, David Walsh

**Rotarian Guests:** Nil

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#### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

##### BIRTHDAYS

David Hopping - August 23rd

##### ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

##### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Jack Reid - August 8, 1963



I never think of the future - it  
comes soon enough.

Albert Einstein