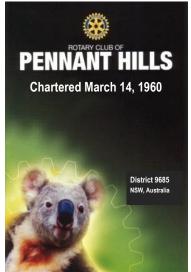


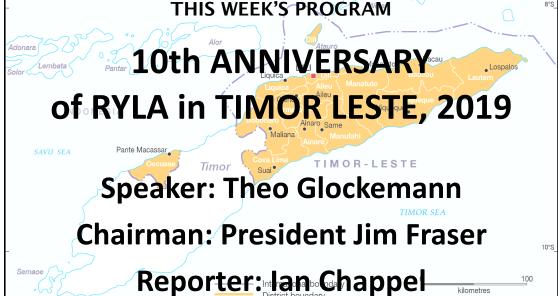
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NEXT WEEK
WEDNESDAY, 16th OCTOBER, 2019

"WHAT YOUR COUNCIL CAN DO FOR YOU"

Speaker: Phil Stanton

Chairman: President Jim Fraser Reporter: David Firth

MEETING REPORT - 2nd October, 2019

Members trickled in, all in anticipation of the arrival of our speaker, scheduled to recount his ride in a train. Should he not materialise an alternative loomed – PP Adrian seemed keen to tell us of his recent train ride into the City and back. Once settled down, President Jim Frazer asked members to prepare for a two minute burst on a trip or holiday experience. He then recounted aspects of the recent Presidents' meeting including the Foundation Dinner on 11 November and the importance of ensuring that funds raised actually reach intended recipients. Jack Reid stressed the importance of ringing through by Mondays when one will not be attending on the Wednesday. John Ellis asked members to consider possible RYLA candidates and reported lack of progress with working with children records. Phil Stanton gave a progress report on our Golf Day. He has 30 players and with another 12 coming via Terry Pankhurst. More are anticipated via PKU sources. Phil reported that suitable prizes have been secured from Harvey Norman. Pat Parker reminded us that our Trailer Raffle will kick off on 12 October and that we have had good support from Bunnings in assisting with trailer contents. The President's quiz followed in the normal fashion until he realized an adjacent member was peering over his shoulder – sneaky!

Ameen recounted his recent visit through Laos and how he had enjoyed Luang Prabang in particular. This tidy city on the banks of the Mekong, crowded with tourists, still emits the flavours and influences of the French.

David Walsh attended a wedding in Taranto, a city in the boot of Italy. From Bari to Taranto he found hospitable people, then waded through 15 courses at the wedding reception before giving attention to local history. Turks frequently attacked Taranto over the years, beheading any who expressed dismay with their incursions. The skulls of the unfortunates were shown to David who had to count them.

Claude Rigney's last holiday was to Russia 45 years ago. He was invited to view some mummified chap who turned out to be Lenin. On crossing the border into Poland, the tour team gave resounding cheers on realising they were free of Russian authorities. Aware of his background, Claude was a drug smuggling suspect.

Pat Parker expressed doubts about our changing climate. He recalled his dear grandmother who came from Ireland to settle in Carinda and lived to be 97. She recounted heat waves of yore when the birds fell from the trees and told us that despite all the polar ice melting, the Hubbard glacier in Alaska continues to grow. Despite what Greta Thunberg is telling us Pat queries the truth being offered about climate change.

Phil Stanton was in South Africa a year ago and recounted the extreme contrasts. On one hand they were taken to a golf course by helicopter then witnessed the tagging of rhinos from helicopter as a method of countering poaching. Poaching continues, perpetrated by those in desperate living situations.

Ian Chappel was in Munich in 1975, three years after the terrorists' deeds during the Olympics. Evidence of their damage and the consequent armed patrols were the stark reminder. He returned in 2014 to find a modern city, all those reminders gone. He was rather coy about how he elbowed his way through for another stein during Oktoberfest.

Ian Huckel reminded members of the Club's visit to Grenfell over the Lawson Memorial weekend in 2012. Henry Lawson was born there during the gold rush of the 1860s. Ian assured us that Grenfell is the premier town of the central west.

Jack Reid once owned a Land Cruiser and a caravan and to avoid Rotary meetings in 1988 he and Ruth did the lap around Australia, travelling anti clockwise. He mentioned Darwin and Yampi where he had worked in 1949. Jack was keen to spend more time amongst the wild flowers in WA, however Ruth cut the trip short to be home for the birth of a grandson – he arrived three months after they reached home again.

Terry Pankhurst told us about his holiday in the Royal Navy when he was 20. They commandeered HMS *Finwhale*, a submarine, and sailed from Faslane to Jan Mayan island, thence under the Arctic ice cap. Despite what Pat Parker said, the ice cap was bigger then. Terry claims he

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is the only Club member to have viewed an iceberg from underneath.

John Ellis was on leave in Berlin in August 1961 and woke up to the news that a wall had been built across Potsdamer Plaz, the beginning of the Berlin Wall. Ever careful with his coin, he recounted the price of a litre of beer was one mark – one West mark bought four East marks, so it was through Checkpoint Charlie for dinner and beer in East Berlin.

Adrian Bell was rather dismissive of their recent river cruise from Budapest to Amsterdam. What made the holiday really worthwhile was their visit to the Aston Martin test track at Gaydon. He assured us that he was able to drive the Aston much, much faster at Gaydon than down Pennant Hills Road.

President Jim called on all to recognize the joint birthdays of Phil Stanton and Terry Pankhurst, then closed the meeting.

Reporter: John Ellis

Terry Pankhurst enjoying some 'off duty' time aboard HMS Finwhale prior to going under the Arctic ice pack! He didn't catch anything.



During the 2019 Rotary Day at the United Nations, 5 Rotarians and 1 Rotary Peace Fellow received recognition for their work with refugees. The following is one of them.

Hasina Rahman

Club: Rotary Club of Dhaka Mavericks, Bangladesh

Project: Nutrition services for Rohingya children in Bangladesh



Description: Rahman, assistant country director of Concern Worldwide, has mobilized Rotary clubs and partner agencies to raise funds for and construct an outpatient therapeutic center that provides lifesaving preventive care and nutrition services for children and pregnant women who have fled to the Cox's Bazar refugee camp in Bangladesh to escape violence in Myanmar. The center has screened more than 500,000 Rohingya children and helped more than 7,000 severely malnourished children. Staff members and volunteers have learned about feeding infants and young children, and refugee families have received information in their own language about breastfeeding and proper hygiene.

OUR FORWARD PROGRAM

Date	Program	Speaker	Chairman	Reporter
Wednesday 16th October	'WHAT YOUR COUNCIL CAN DO FOR YOU'	Phil Stanton	President Jim Fraser	David Firth
Saturday 12th October	TRAILER RAFFLE STARTS	At Pennant Hills Market Place	Morning Shift 8.30 to 11.30am	Second Shift 11.30am to 2.30pm
Monday OCTOBER 28th	Joint District Governor's Official Visit with Beecroft at Pennant Hills Bowling Club	DG Kalma McLellan	Presidents Johanna & Jim	Kaye Carter
OCTOBER 29th	ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF DAY	AT PENNANT HILLS GOLF CLUB	Contact PHIL STANTON	PLAYERS & SPONSORS WANTED

ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

Member Attendance: 75%

Apologies: Kaye Carter, David Firth,

Theo Glockemann, Pam Hudson

Guest Speaker: Nil

Guests: Nil

I GUESS MAYBE THEY'RE RIGHT.. GOLF IS A GAME OF INCHES..

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES BIRTHDAYS

Terry Pankhurst - October 3rd
Phil Stanton - October 3rd
Maureen Pankhurst - October 25th
Heather Hopping - October 31st

ANNIVERSARIES

Jack & Ruth Reid - October 1st

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Adrian Bell - October 9th Kaye Carter - October 15th

FELLOWS, IT IS <u>ESSENTIAL</u> THAT YOU PHONE
THE ATTENDANCE NUMBER - 9294 2107 BY LUNCHTIME MONDAY IF YOU ARE NOT
ATTENDING THE MEETING THAT WEEK, SO
JACK REID CAN ADVISE THE GOLF CLUB FOR
CATERING PURPOSES!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Doubt kills more dreams than failure ever will

- Anonymous