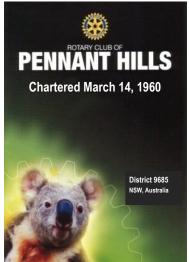


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#### THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

# 'VOLUNTEERING with Frontier Services'



**Speaker: Ranford Elsey** 

**Chairman: David Firth** 

**Reporter: John Ellis** 

### PARTNERS NIGHT at the Golf Club

Tonight we welcome Ranford Elsey and his wife Julia to our meeting to share their experiences as volunteers with Frontier Services Outback Links program. Outback Links connects volunteers with people in remote Australia doing it tough.

#### REMEMBRANCE DAY ORIGIN

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month attained a special significance in the post-war years. The moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war. This first modern world conflict had brought about the mobilisation of over 70 million people and left between 9 and 13 million dead, perhaps as many as one-third of them with no known grave. The allied nations chose this day and time for the commemoration of their war dead. In 1997 it was formally declared in Australia.

**NEXT WEEK - WEDNESDAY, 20th NOVEMBER, 2019** 

Club Forum

Chairman: President Jim Fraser Reporter: David Firth

### Meeting Report - Wednesday 6th November, 2019

Our meeting was held at the Hotel Pennant Hills as the normal room at the Golf Club was unavailable. President Jim welcomed everyone and kicked off even though members were still arriving.

The first report was by John Ellis who requested we provide \$300 to sponsor a team for MUNA from Pennant Hills High School. MUNA provides a group of students with 6 topics which they must be able to debate for and against other students from other schools. The club voted to spend the money and proceed. John also spoke of RYPEN and that he has 2 nominations which he will interview and outline the program with the attendee and their parents. John has booked a berth on the 'Young Endeavour' for between Hobart and Melbourne and has 3-4 nominations which he will interview. He also plans to speak with others at the school so a valid candidate can be selected who can gain the most from this great experience.

It was then over to Theo Glockemann to discuss the Friday outing to Granville for dinner. He confirmed 12 acceptances. I was one of the acceptances. it was a great night out with some interesting experiences and good food which I will leave to Theo to embellish in his colourful and robust manner at our next meeting.

David Firth provided a report on our trailer raffle ensuring we had people lined up for Beecroft and the result so far of \$2,481.

It was over to Phil Stanton to discuss the aftermath of the Golf Day. His first comment was around how great a job Pam Hudson did in organising the day, especially the lunch. Nominating tables to ensure people knew which table was theirs for lunch, resulted in a much better experience for players and lunch attendees than in previous years. There were 72 players which meant each hole had a group on it at the shotgun start. This was a good result, although David Firth felt he should have been provided a complimentary cart as he had so far to walk for the first hole and then on the way back for lunch. His request was up for kind review but quickly declined.

The financial outcome was a good result, raising close to \$10,000 for PKU. As a review of the overall event, it was agreed that the timing of the event was good; the format of the day was good; and the assistance of Pam Hudson in organising was greatly appreciated and needs to be followed in future years. There was some discussion about getting started on the planning a bit earlier to ensure there are more hole sponsors and other types of prizes or sponsorships that enhance the value and participation on the day. The auctioneer Kate Lumby was a good fit for the day and her interaction provided some extra money for the coffers. Theo Glockemann and Ian Huckel did a great job selling raffle tickets as did the PKU visitors who sold raffle tickets at the door and during the luncheon.

The trivia contest next door (at the hotel) started up with a loud burst, so the meeting was called to a halt. Meeting closed at 7:35.

**Emergency Reporter: President Jim Fraser** 

#### **OUR FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL EVENING**

Following Theo Glockemann's detailed instructions, we gathered at Hawa Charcoal Chicken in Granville at 6.30 last Friday evening - atleast most of us did although Terry Pankhurst had some difficulty in finding us. It was then agreed that we would all have the standard main meal of chicken with salads and sides including flat bread. The ladies had a quarter chicken and the men had half chickens - with most of us finding the serves a little too much. The quality was fine by all reports.

We then repaired to El Sweetie, a few doors down the street for sweets and coffee or tea - or in my case, a smoothie. This place was an eye opener with a large display area with a massive range of Lebanese sweets - in their words 'Sweets that dreams are made of'. Everyone was able to order whatever they desired, with some people buying goodies to take home. The highlight of the night, atleast in Theo's eyes, was a visit to our table by the lady owner. Check out the photo evidence of that visit!

Soon after 9.00 we all took our leave after a most enjoyable time of fellowship and fun.

David Firth

# The Tree of Joy at Pennant Hills Market Place in 2019

This is the eleventh year that we have joined with the Bana Group to provide the Tree of Joy at Pennant Hills Market Place. Over the years since our first effort in 2009,

we have had a growing response, except for last year when, due to a very late start, we were unable to receive as many gifts as in previous years.

This year, our contact at Bana Group, Nicole Bondoc, has ensured that we get six weeks exposure in our usual place near the ATM machine in the middle of the arcade. We are again supporting Stewart House at Curl Curl, and Parramatta Mission. The tree went up on Friday and we decorated it with cards and the signage—see photos — on Monday.

In the past, the Westpac Bank has provided security for the gifts by clearing them each working day and storing them on their premises. With the closure of the bank, Bana Group have provided their security guard to clear the gifts daily and store them in the management offices.

#### **CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

On December 4th is our AGM at which we will hold elections for the Board of Directors for the next Rotary year, 2020-2021. Positions to be filled are:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

and 6 directors

Nominations can be submitted to Secretary John Ellis or President Jim Fraser.

Obviously it is important that the position of President 2020-2021 is filled at this meeting. In addition, it would be good to elect a President Elect as well.



**Photos from Friday Night** 



The group enjoying sweets and coffee at El Sweetie

Due to a technology glich
we are not able to see the photo
of Theo and our hostess
at El Sweetie - you'll have
to wait till next week!

#### **OUR FORWARD PROGRAM**

Date	Program	Speaker	Chairman	Reporter
Saturday 16th November	TRAILER RAFFLE	At West Pymble	Morning Shift 8.30 to 11.30am I Chappel, J Ellis, T Glockemann, T Pankhurst	Second Shift 11.30am to 2.30pm P Parker, J Fraser D Firth
NOVEMBER 20th	Club Forum	President & members	President Jim	David Firth
NOVEMBER 27th	Vocational Visit to view Restored T Model Ford	Trevor Davis	David Firth	Adrian Bell
DECEMBER 4th	Club AGM & Elections	President Jim	President Jim	John Ellis

#### **ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING**

**Member Attendance:** 75%

Apologies: A Ameen, K Carter, P Hudson, C Rigney,

**Guest Speaker: Phil Stanton** 

**Guests: Nil** 

#### TRAILER RAFFLE Last Saturday we were back at **Beecroft Centre where Wool-**8,000 worths is located. We obviously 7.000 had our A Teams on the day be-6,000 cause we sold 549 tickets and 5,000 took \$978. This was much better 4,000 than last year. It is also worth 3,000 noting that Pat Parker received a 2,000 \$50 donation included in the 1.000 above takings. We are about \$500 ahead of this time last year.

# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES BIRTHDAYS

Lyn Stanton - November 4th Sandra Parker - November 7th Claude Rigney - November 22nd

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Nil

#### **INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES**

John Ellis - November 1st (29 years)

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

"It's easier to go down a hill than up it, but the view is much better at the top."

- Henry Ward Beecher