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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

'CLUB FORUM'

Chairman: President Jim

Reporter: David Firth

Tonight is an opportunity for all members to comment about our current club programs and activities and to consider our programs and activities for the rest of this Rotary year and into the future. So come along prepared to have your say.

R100 CENTENARY LOGO COMPETITION

In 2021, Rotary in Australia and New Zealand celebrates our first 100 years of service – and we need a powerful, engaging logo to help build our story.

So, we have created a Centenary Logo Competition to help make an impact.

What creativity can we conjure that captures the heart and soul of our centenary?

Separate designs for both New Zealand and Australia will be welcome. Or a design that covers both countries – a design that enhances Rotary's broader branding.

Everyone is welcome to enter – Rotarians, professionals, friends and family. And the designer's story will be an important part of the logo's launch. We are tapping into the passion and energy of volunteers who will be rewarded simply with heartfelt thanks acknowledged by Rotary leaders. That story will be part of our centenary story.

The competition is now open and closes on December 15. This is a tangible chance to make a mark on history!

For more information, submission protocols and technical guidelines, visit <https://www.rotary100downunder.com/>

NEXT WEEK - WEDNESDAY, 27th NOVEMBER, 2019

***Vocational Visit to view a beautifully restored
T Model Ford Town Car***

Chairman: David Firth Reporter: Adrian Bell

***We will meet as usual at the Golf Club at 6.00 for 6.30pm for
dinner and then go out for the visit.***

Meeting Report - Wednesday 13th November, 2019

President Jim Fraser opened the meeting with a warm welcome to all our guests and introduced our guest speaker, Ranford Elsey. After President Jim tormented us with questions about triskaidekaphobia, David Firth reviewed income from last week's trailer ticket sales. \$978 was received at Beecroft. He also brought us up to date with the Tree of Joy, now on display in the Pennant Hills shopping centre. Promisingly, some 22 cards were taken up in the first 24 hours. Gifts will be distributed to the Parramatta Mission and Stewart House.

John Ellis reported the outcome of interviews of four applicants at Pennant Hills High School who applied to sail in the *Young Endeavour* next January. Geon Lee was selected and he has been put in touch with the *Young Endeavour* office.

President Jim covered a recent meeting with local Club presidents – Australian Rotary Health, local programs and PKU were discussed. Next came Theo Glockemann's opportunity to boast of the numerous cuddles he received as a reward for drumming up business in El Sweetie's in Granville last Friday. This cultural event was enjoyed by all, despite having to watch the cuddling. Theo proposed a Club Christmas function at Lutanda, offering Wednesday 18 December. This date received overall support.

David Firth introduced Ranford Elsey who he met whilst attending a recent evening where nominations for Volunteer of the Year were being considered. Both Ranford and his wife, Julia, were nominated from Frontier Services, a Uniting Church charity. Ranford then introduced us to Frontier Services - volunteers whose logo is "For the Love of Helping People." Their work is related to helping outback communities and residents. The services include padres or chaplains who visit communities/properties in the outback, bringing to mind Banjo Patterson's "Bush Christening". "On the outer Barcoo where the churches are few, and men of religion are scanty, On a road never cross'd 'cept by folks that are lost, one Michael Magee had a shanty . . . "



Volunteers go out to assist farmers who have had a very tough time of things in recent years. Ranford reminded us of the work of Rev. John Flynn who saw the need for a mantle of safety for those out back of Bourke, covering physical, mental and emotional health and support. Ranford used the \$20 note to illustrate some of Flynn's work in developing the Royal Flying Doctor Service that was greatly assisted by Tregear's pedal radio services. He then used statistics to relate the incidence of suicide in these isolated areas compared with Australians in urban areas. In a small town where everyone knows everyone else, one would never raise one's private concerns. This is a field for the bush padres who have recently taken up additional areas near Ceduna, Cunnamulla and Cape York.

Ranford then covered the extent of help necessary with his personal involvement with a farmer near Bingara between Moree and Inverell, where he, Julia and another couple assisted in finishing a house. Last year Frontier Services provided 7,200 volunteer hours at 57 stations, and bush padres travelled 1,022,00 km attending their flock. The vision for the future is for 1000 volunteers and 25 chaplains who might not necessarily be from within the Uniting Church. They seek to collaborate with other agencies advocating for those in the bush. For an individual this could mean volunteering, donations, supporting the Royal Flying Doctor Service or making a bequest. Ranford finished with an overview of another job near Bollon, 100 km west of St George. Apart from feeding the chooks and animals and repairing fences in this drought stricken area they overhauled the kitchen where the windows, cupboard doors, drawers and doors needed the attention of his power tools and skills. The following year they built a shed for farm vehicles using some 'come in handy' secondhand roofing iron dumped 20 km away. Another job was near Dirranbandi where a family had taken up a 100 year old house that had been vacant for ten years. Apart from painting the house, the toilet required removal and reinstallation together with digging up the blocked line to the septic tank. After repairing the sewing machine most of the electrical wiring and lights needed work. Part of the reward was a bush barbecue over a 200 litre drum. Where will they go next? Several questions followed then President Jim closed the meeting with the National Anthem.



Julia & Ranford Elsey with President Jim

A Bush Christening

by A B 'Banjo' Paterson

On the outer Barcoo where the churches are few,
And men of religion are scanty,
On a road never cross'd 'cept by folk that are lost,
One Michael Magee had a shanty.

Now this Mike was the dad of a ten year old lad,
Plump, healthy, and stoutly conditioned;
He was strong as the best, but poor Mike had no rest
For the youngster had never been christened.

And his wife used to cry, 'If the darlin' should die
Saint Peter would not recognise him.'

But by luck he survived till a preacher arrived,
Who agreed straightaway to baptise him.

Now the artful young rogue, while they held their colloque,
With his ear to the keyhole was listenin',
And he muttered in fright, while his features turned white,
'What the devil and all is this christenin'?'

He was none of your dolts, he had seen them brand colts,
And it seemed to his small understanding,
If the man in the frock made him one of the flock,
It must mean something very like branding.

So away with a rush he set off for the bush,
While the tears in his eyelids they glistened --
'Tis outrageous,' says he, 'to brand youngsters like me,
I'll be dashed if I'll stop to be christened!'

Like a young native dog he ran into a log,
And his father with language uncivil,
Never heeding the 'praste' cried aloud in his haste,
'Come out and be christened, you devil!'

But he lay there as snug as a bug in a rug,
And his parents in vain might reprove him,
Till his reverence spoke (he was fond of a joke)
'I've a notion,' says he, 'that'll move him.'

'Poke a stick up the log, give the spalpeen a prog;
Poke him aisy -- don't hurt him or maim him,
'Tis not long that he'll stand, I've the water at hand,
As he rushes out this end I'll name him.

'Here he comes, and for shame! ye've forgotten the name
--

Is it Patsy or Michael or Dinnis?'
Here the youngster ran out, and the priest gave a shout --
'Take your chance, anyhow, wid 'Maginnis!'

As the howling young cub ran away to the scrub
Where he knew that pursuit would be risky,
The priest, as he fled, flung a flask at his head
That was labelled 'MAGINNIS'S WHISKY!'

And Maginnis Magee has been made a J.P.,
And the one thing he hates more than sin is
To be asked by the folk, who have heard of the joke,
How he came to be christened 'Maginnis!'

Reprinted here as Reporter John Ellis made a reference to this in this week's meeting report

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.

The Photo Missing from our Friday Night Social Report last week.



St Lucy's School Facebook Page

On Saturday night the St Lucy's Central Coast Bus Fund-raising Committee held a dinner at the Reef Restaurant in Terrigal to raise funds for the Central Coast Bus. We thank them for all their amazing efforts as the night was a great success. Special thanks also to The Reef Restaurant for all their help and for the lucky door prize voucher they donated. ([Pam Hudson has contact with this group](#))

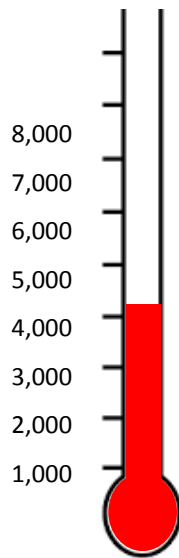


OUR FORWARD PROGRAM

Date	Program	Speaker	Chairman	Reporter
Saturday 16th November	TRAILER RAFFLE	At Cherrybrook	Morning Shift 8.30 to 11.30am A Bell, P Hudson, J Reid	Second Shift 11.30am to 2.30pm P Stanton,
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
DECEMBER 18th	Christmas Party Partners Night	Social Night at Lutanda Manor	Theo Glockemann	David Firth

TRAILER RAFFLE

West Pymble was our selling location last Saturday. We always have a good reception there, it being a smaller village shopping centre. This year we sold 380 tickets, 40 less than last year, but took \$724, \$22 more than last year. The reason? We had a total of \$90 in donations this time! Next Saturday we need 2 sellers in the afternoon shift - can you help?



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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

ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

John Ellis - November 1st (29 years)

ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

Member Attendance : 81.25%

Apologies: K Carter, P Parker, D Walsh

Guest Speaker: Ranford & Julia Elsey

Guests: David & Merrill Barr, Wendy Bell, Heather Firth, Georgia Glockemann, Maureen Pankhurst, Ruth Reid, Jeanette Rigney

There is no friendship, no love, like that of the parent for the child.

Henry Ward Beecher

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

‘A person who won't read has no advantage over one who can't read.’

- Mark Twain