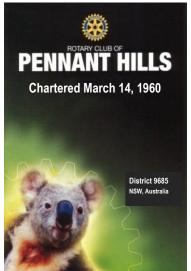


## **SPOKES**

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#### THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

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

**Chairman: David Firth** 

**Reporter: Adrian Bell** 





This week we are meeting, as usual, at the golf club at the normal time. Following dinner there, we will drive over to West Pennant Hills to view this beautifully restored veteran Ford T Model Town Car. Our host is Trevor Davis who also has an A Model Ford in original condition. Trevor is an active member of the T Model Ford Car Club of Australia (NSW) Inc.

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**NEXT WEEK - WEDNESDAY, 4th DECEMBER, 2019** 

CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & ELECTION OF THE BOARD FOR ROTARY YEAR 2020-2021

Chairman: President Jim Reporter: John Ellis

Positions to be filled at the election are:

**President 2020-2021** 

**Vice President** 

Secretary

**Treasurer** 

and 6 directors

If possible we should elect a President Nominee for 2021-2022

#### Meeting Report - Wednesday 20th November, 2019

This was a Club Forum meeting providing an opportunity for all members to hear about the various projects the club is involved in and to comment on them. President Jim opened the meeting in the usual way and asked for announcements.

The result of the Trailer Raffle selling at West Pymble was discussed. The result was very close to the result there last year and our cumulative total is \$500 ahead of last year at \$4,150. The shifts for next Saturday at Cherrybrook were sorted out with Ahmadul Ameen volunteering for the 2nd shift.

David Firth reported that the Tree of Joy at Pennant Hills Market Place is progressing well. To date approx. 130 cards had been placed on the tree. An initial problem with the centre's security personnel not clearing the gifts daily and storing them securely was corrected after Pat Parker contacted the Banna Group representative. We will be delivering the gifts to Stewart House on Tuesday 17th December and the Parramatta Mission delivery will take place on Friday 20th December. Any member is welcome to assist with these deliveries.

The 'Young Endeavour' program is underway again. John Ellis reported that the Pennant Hills High School student selected this time, Geon Lee, has been booked for the second voyage in January from Hobart to Melbourne. His parents are paying half the cost and they are arranging his flight to Hobart and his flight home from Melbourne. John also advised that applications for RYLA in January are still open. So far we do not have any applicants. They need to be 18 to 28 years old and looking for leadership training.

Our Attendance Officer Jack Reid reported that the notification of absences at meetings has improved and we have managed to avoid excess charges for non attendance.

Our Australian Rotary Health ambassador Ian Chappel gave us an outline of a Zoom meeting he had with other committee members who are tasked with promoting ARH to clubs in the district. Ian suggested that we may be able to nominate Dr Manal from the PKU Research unit for a District Vocational Excellence Award. He also suggested that we investigate whether a PHD student would be needed at PKU Research and whether we can finance our share - \$10,000 per year for 3 years.

President Jim then embarked on his trivia competition which was combined with a lucky door prize courtesy of Kaye Carter. Jim managed to baffle most of us with his trivia questions - even John Ellis was beaten on some! In the end, Pam Hudson won the trivia competition and Jack Reid won the lucky door prize.

After our coffee break, the president asked for items for open discussion. We started with the upcoming Annual General Meeting and the importance of having nominations for all positions, particularly that of president for next year.

We then discussed arrangements for the club's Christmas Party which is to be held at Lutanda Manor. Theo Glockemann has booked us in and the program is a barefoot bowls event. As catering arrangements were uncertain - Theo was absent from the meeting - President Jim undertook to check with Theo and Georgia as to what is required.

David Firth then raised the matter of our Australia Day meeting. It was agreed that it be held on Wednesday 29th January and David undertook to check that we can hold it at the golf club. The question of a guest speaker was then discussed and it was decided that we should invite Jan Maree Ball, founder of Aussie Hero Quilts, who lives locally, to come and tell us her story. David was given the job of organising the meeting including invitations, acceptances and catering.

The question of the Club Constitution and By Laws was also raised. Work had been done on updating these documents since the last revision in 2014, however they had not been submitted for approval to the members. As an incorporated body, the club has a need to keep these updated, in concert with the NSW law, and submitted to the Department of Fair Trading after they are passed at at club meeting. President Jim, Secretary John and David Firth were asked to prepare the documents and arrange for the necessary notice for the holding of a meeting to approve the changes.

President Jim then closed the meeting with the singing of our National Anthem.

Reporter: David Firth

#### THE MODEL T FORD

As we are going to see one of these iconic motor vehicles today, I have done some research on its origin and the man who started the mass production of motor vehicles on a production line. In developing the Model T, Henry Ford in 1907 said this -

"I will build a motor car for the great multitude. It will be large enough for the family, but small enough for the individual to run and care for. It will be constructed of the best materials, by the best men to be hired, after the simplest designs that modern engineering can devise. But it will be so low in price that no man making a good salary will be unable to own one - and enjoy with his family the blessing of hours of pleasure in God's great open spaces."

The Model T was launch in America in October 1908 and was an instant success. The factory stopped taking orders early in the new year as production until August was fully booked.

It is claimed that by the end of World War 1 Ford had achieved such dominance in the US market and most other places in the world that almost half the cars on earth were Model T's. More than 15 million were produced before production ceased in 1928.



The Production Line for the Model T



Henry Ford posing with one of his production models



#### **DISASTER SUPPORT**



With fires on top of drought, our northern neighbours are really struggling. If you and/or your club are in a position to support, there have now been a number of RAWCS accounts set up to manage your donations:

#### The projects are:

Queensland Bushfire Relief Appeal donations.rawcs.com.au/19-2019-20
NSW Bushfire Farmers in Need Appeal donations.rawcs.com.au/22-2019-20
Taree & Mid Coast NSW Bushfire Appeal donations.rawcs.com.au/41-2019-20

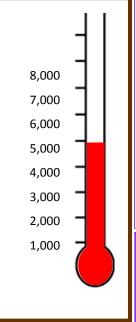
Please talk to Community Service Director Peter Kirkwood if you have any plans to support our bush cousins so that a coordinated approach can be taken. And thank you all so much for what you have already provided to so many across our state.

#### **OUR FORWARD PROGRAM**

Date	Program	Speaker	Chairman	Reporter
Saturday 30th November	TRAILER RAFFLE	At West Pennant Hills	Morning Shift 8.30 to 11.30am A Bell, I Chappel, J Reid	Second Shift 11.30am to 2.30pm I Huckel,
DECEMBER 4th	Club AGM & Elections	President Jim	President Jim	John Ellis
DECEMBER 11th	ТВА	ТВА	President Jim	Kaye Carter
DECEMBER 18th	Christmas Party Partners Night	Social Night at Lutanda Manor	Theo Glockemann	David Firth

#### **TRAILER RAFFLE**

At Cherrybrook, our selling location last Saturday, resulted in sales of 393 tickets and takings of \$707.50, slightly down on last year. As you can see at right, we are at \$4,890 year to date, which is about \$550 ahead of last year. We again had a number of smaller donations this week! Next Saturday at West Pennant Hills, we need 2 sellers on the afternoon shift - can you help?



Most people spend more time and energy going around problems than in trying to solve them.

Henry Ford

### 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)

#### ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

Member Attendance: 81.25%

Apologies: T Glockemann, P Stanton, D Walsh

**Guest Speaker:** Nil

**Guests:** Nil

#### **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

"Time and money spent in helping men to do more for themselves is far better than mere giving."

- Henry Ford