

# **SPOKES**

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### **CLUB AGM & ELECTIONS**

**Chairman: President Jim Fraser** 

**Reporter: John Ellis** 

The AGENDA will include Approval of the minutes of the last AGM;

The Financial Report for 2018-19;

The election of:

President for 2020-2021

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

and 6 Directors

who will be assigned to the following portfolios

by the President Elect -

Administration

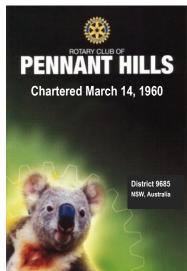
Membership

**Public Relations** 

**Projects** 

International & The Foundation

Pride of Workmanship







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**NEXT WEEK - WEDNESDAY, 11th DECEMBER, 2019** 

CLUB PLANNING & REVIEW OF CLUB CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

Chairman: President Jim Fraser Reporter: David Firth

### Meeting Report - Wednesday 27th November, 2019

Welcome one and all to the Boardroom at the Pennant Hills Golf Club, for an abbreviated meeting this evening.

Deep into our run up to Christmas, AGM and annual reporting period, Club Secretary John queried the timing of the reporting to the NSW Govt – one of the drudges of being an incorporated not for profit.

David Firth gave us a light hearted update on the progress of the Trailer Raffle – when depositing the weekly takings, David was momentarily confused about the value of the counted \$ by the bank... David had counted it all up, then checked it twice (being a Christmas thing, he wanted to ensure Santa had him on the Nice list), only for the bank teller to disagree, so as a result we are \$50 richer than we thought we were!!

The indefatigable Patrick modestly acknowledged a report that he scored a hole in one on the weekend. I'm thinking that's a good thing to do!

Phil, meanwhile, set some sort of record by <u>running</u> between shots on his round, and completed 9 holes in 34 minutes!! Makes you wonder where he spends the rest of his time "playing golf", doesn't it!

Claudius brought everyone's attention to matters of a timely nature. By arriving 15 minutes or so late... the catering crew had already doled out all the good stuff for dinner, and Claude was presented with a platter of soggy sandwiches for his dinner. Moral of the story – confirm your attendance, and don't be late!!!

David spoke to the members about a possible Australia Day awardee and a speaker for the event to be held on Wednesday Jan 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Yup, 2020!

All that out of the way, almost all the members jumped into their cars and zoomed off for a "vocational" visit – We went to visit Trevor Davis, a sprightly 89 year old, who had a fully restored 1916 Ford Model T Town Car and an original (unrestored) 1930s Model A.

Anyone with a modicum of petroleum product in the veins would have recognised the effort that went into restoring a 103 year old vehicle from a few boxes of bits. That took Trevor 5 years, and the result is magnificent. Almost none of the features that we expect on a modern car were in there – no ABS, not even any front brakes, no air conditioning (nor a heater), no electric starter, no central locking (heck, no door locks anyway!), no parking assistance, cruise control, reversing camera, airbags etc etc. But it was lovely, all the same. And of course, from the vast array of paint options that were available at the time, this one is black.

With a whopping great big 2.9 litre 4 cylinder engine (22.5hp that would struggle to get to 45 mph) it is one of only 1,972 built that year - there were well over 300,000 more Model Ts built that year, but relatively few 7 seat Town Cars – perhaps it was the SUV of its day, it originally sold for \$USD 640.

It was a terrific visit. The cars were fascinating and Trever is a top bloke. Thanks for having us over to your place, Trevor.

Remember – AGM next week. Best volunteer before you get shanghaied into a role!

**Reporter: Adrian Bell (our very own race car driver!)**See photos of our visit next page.

### THE MODEL T FORD VISIT WITH TREVOR DAVIS



These are a few photos taken during our visit with Trevor Davis last Wednesday evening. They don't do justice to the great attention to detail - and he did all the work!

That's Trevor at left beside Jack

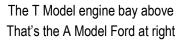


In the photo below, that's Claude looking regal in the back seat!











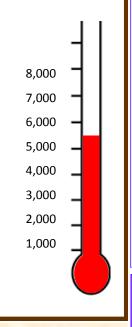
### **OUR FORWARD PROGRAM**

Date	Program	Speaker	Chairman	Reporter
Saturday 7th December	TRAILER RAFFLE	At Thornleigh Market- place	Morning Shift 8.30 to 11.30am A Ameen, John Ellis, Jim Fraser	Second Shift 11.30am to 2.30pm David Firth,
DECEMBER 11th	CLUB PLANNING & REVIEW OF CONSTITU- TION & BY-LAWS	ALL	President Jim	David Firth
DECEMBER 18th	Christmas Party Partners Night	Social Night at Lutanda Manor	Theo Glockemann	Pam Hudson
JANUARY 29th	CLUB AUSTRALIA DAY  MEETING  with Partners	Jan-Maree Ball	ТВА	ТВА

### **TRAILER RAFFLE**

West Pennant Hills/Thompsons
Corner was our venue last Saturday. We sold 317 tickets and took \$528. This was well down on this venue last year, however our YTD figure at \$5,419 is still over \$400 ahead of last year.

This Saturday we are back at Thornleigh, our second last day. We have 3 sellers in the morning but only 1 in the afternoon so far. Who can help?



In March 1931 Nicholas Murray Butler who was the President of Columbia University in New York delivered a speech on Charter Day at the University of California in which he said -

"The vast population of this earth, and indeed nations themselves, may readily be divided into three groups. There are the few who make things happen, the many more who watch things happen, and the overwhelming majority who have no notion of what happens.

Every human being is born into this third and largest group; it is for himself, his environment and his education to determine whether he shall rise to the second group or even to the first."

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES BIRTHDAYS

George Green - December 17 David Firth - December 19 Adrian Bell - December 25

Bill Woodman - December 25 Jim Fraser - December 30

Theo Glockemann - December 30

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Nil

### **INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES**

David Firth - December 16, 1982

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

**Member Attendance:** 62.5%

**Apologies:** K Carter,T Glockemann, I Huckel, P Hudson, T Pankhurst, P Parker

**Guest Speaker:** Trevor Davis

Guests: Nil

### **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

A leader is a dealer in hope.

-Napoleon Bonaparte