



Rotary
District 9685



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before Noon on

Monday



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM



MY TIME AT RYLA 2020

GUEST SPEAKER:

AMANDA IRVING

Chairman: John Ellis

Reporter: Pat Parker



District 9685 RYLA 2020 is the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards for young leaders based in the greater north, and north western areas of Sydney. RYLA is a transformational 7-day leadership program run under the auspices of Rotary all over the world. Each day consists of inspirational speakers and practical learning activities engineered to refine leadership skills. This RYLA program is exclusively for young Australians aged 19 - 27 from the Rotary district 9865.

NEXT MEETING - FEBRUARY 12th

"National Youth Science Forum 2020"

Guest Speakers: Emily Sykes & James Alexander

CHAIRMAN: President Jim Fraser REPORTER: Phil Stanton

Meeting Report Australia Day Celebration

Wednesday 29th January 2020

Guests

District Governor Kalma McLellan

Hon. Phillip Ruddock, Mayor of Hornsby Shire

Guest Speaker Jan-Maree Ball OAM

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by the Chairman Phil Stanton. Our President warmly welcomed all attendees and acknowledged the guest speaker, Jan-Maree Ball, DG Kalma McLellan and the Hon. Philip Ruddock. The president then invited John Ellis to lead us in Rotary Grace. John then gave an impressive talk on Australia in proposing the toast to Australia.

Past President Pat Parker gave us some endearing words of wisdom about Rotary and Australia and made a toast to Rotary International. DG Kalma McLellan responded to the toast and then presented John Ellis with a Paul Harris 4 sapphire pin in recognition of his latest \$US1,000 donation to the Rotary Foundation.

A buffet dinner followed where guests were treated to an ample feast. Three raffle prizes were then drawn and for the second year in a row, John Ellis won the main raffle prize. It was perhaps appropriate as it was the day before John's birthday. Indeed, our most senior member, Jack Reid also was to celebrate his 95th birthday the following day and both were celebrated.

It was time for the guest speaker, and David Firth introduced Jan-Maree Ball. She gave quite a lengthy, stimulating and humbling talk on her involvement with Aussie Hero Quilts, and the amazing volunteers who have helped to produce the many quilts sent around the world, some of them personalised for specific defence force personnel. Jan-Maree explained in detail the origins of Aussie Hero Quilts and who they were sent to and where they were sent. Not only quilts, but also laundry bags have been sent to many countries to defence personnel serving and continuing to serve in various capacities.

Jan-Maree illustrated her talk with a powerpoint presentation which provided photos of both the quilts and laundry bags and also many of the recipients. She gave a number of moving stories of defence personnel who reported how encouraging it was to receive a personal gift while serving so far from home and family.

She recounted how she came on the idea of the quilts. She heard of an Australian army casualty in Afghanistan who was flown to a US military hospital in Germany and there he received a quilt from America, the same as all the American servicemen in the hospital. She decided that in future all Australian servicemen injured should have a quilt. Aussie Hero Quilts and Laundry Bags started from there - she had photos of the first recipient and his quilt. She concluded her talk with a display of quilts and laundry bags which she had brought with her. She was assisted throughout the presentation by one of her quilter friends, Bev Fairbairn.

In response to questions, she explained that this is an entirely volunteer organisation operating from her home but with quilters dotted around the country. Much of the fabric is donated by the quilters, but they do raise funds for the finishing of the quilts and to purchase some materials.

David Firth proposed a vote of thanks which was warmly supported by the assembled gathering. He then gave a short background to the club's Australia Day Merit Awards and invited President Jim, with the assistance of DG Kalma and the Hon. Philip Ruddock to announce the 2020 awardee and present the award plaque. Jan-Maree was very surprised to receive the award - "For support to serving defence force members through Aussie Hero Quilts". She expressed her thanks and particularly on behalf of her 200+ volunteer quilters. Jim also presented both Jan-Maree and Kalma with flowers.

The president thanked everyone for coming and invited John Ellis to lead us in the national Anthem. I would like to add that the night was professionally organised and ran completely according to plan. Well done to all those who were involved in the organisation.

Reporter: Kaye Carter



See photos from the evening on the next page

Some Photos from Last Week's Meeting



OUR FORWARD PROGRAM

Date	Program	Speaker	Chairman	Reporter
FEBRUARY 12th	"NYSF 2020"	Emily Sykes & James Alexander	President Jim	Phil Stanton
FEBRUARY 19th	MY VOYAGE ON THE 'YOUNG ENDEAVOUR'	Jessica Dargan	John Ellis	Adrian Bell
FEBRUARY 26th	"THE BEN HALL LEGACY"	John Donohoe	David Firth	John Ellis
20-22nd MARCH	'REASONS' COMBINED DISTRICT CONFERENCE	VARIOUS	AT WOLLONGONG ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE	PRESIDENT JIM

District 9675 & 9685 Conference 2020

20-22 MARCH

Reasons
CONFERENCE 2020
Wollongong

Why are we Rotarians?
What keeps us serving in our communities?

Wollongong Entertainment Centre

Speakers incl. Turia Pitt, Kaye Green, Rebecca Tolstoy
& Rob Edwards

Roaring 20s ~ Saturday Night Theme

Registration ~ \$240 before 31 Dec 2019, \$280 before
29 Feb 2020 + a variety of other packages incl. for New Rotarians,
Rotaractors & those who can't attend all weekend

Register at bit.ly/reasonsconference2020

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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Graeme Ashdown - February 28

ANNIVERSARIES

David & Heather Firth - February 5th

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Jim Fraser - February 1st

Ian Huckel - February 10th

ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

Member Attendance : 62.5%

Apologies: A Bell, I Chappel, P Hudson,
T Pankhurst, C Rigney, D Walsh

Guests: Mahmooda Ameen, Jan-Maree Ball, Nicole Bondoc, Bev Fairbairn, Heather Firth, Esther Fraser, Georgia Glockemann, Sandra Parker, Anne Rands, Ruth Reid, Hon. Philip Ruddock, Lyn Stanton, Samantha Strahan, Marelle Thornton, Stewart Thornton, Maree Cochrane, Andrew Cochrane, Rachel Vincent, Ben Pollock

Visiting Rotarians: DG Kalma McLellan - RC of Ryde,
PDG David Rands - RC of Beecroft

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"War is the greatest evil Satan has invented to corrupt our hearts and souls.
We should honor our soldiers, but we should never honor war."

- Dean Hughes