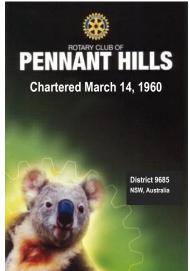


# **SPOKES**

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# GUEST SPEAKERS: EMILY SYKES & JAMES ALEXANDER

Chairman: John Ellis

**Reporter: Phil Stanton** 





# **SPREAD YOUR CLUB NEWS ON THE RADIO**

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**NEXT MEETING - FEBRUARY 19th** 

MY VOYAGE ON THE 'YOUNG ENDEAVOUR'

**Guest Speaker: Jessica Dargan** 

Chairman: John Ellis Reporter: Adrian Bell

## **Meeting Report - 5th February**

There was a full house for the meeting and President Jim introduced our Guest Speaker Amanda Irving, who was accompanied by her parents, Neil and Debbie, also introduced was Jason Terry who is trying to start up a Rotaract Club in our area. A vote of thanks was given to David Firth for arranging the Australia Day Awards night, and the District Governor, Kalma McLel-

lan was very impressed with the evening, David was also commended for providing material on Pride of Workmanship material to the Rotary Club of Shipley in the UK. The President also reported on a letter of thanks from Keith Hamilton acknowledging our contribution to Parramatta Mission through the Tree Of Joy.

Following the meal Jason Terry gave a update on his plans to set up a Rotaract club, Jason was a Ryla member in 2019 and has approached a number of local Rotary Clubs to gain support in trying to attract young people between the ages of 18 to 30 years. A number of suggestions were made by members of the Club and we wish him well in his endeavours.



Our guest speaker Amanda Irving had a most interesting story to tell. She is currently doing a 3 year course for a Batchelor of Music and hopes to one day become a band conductor. Her interest in music was encouraged by her school music teacher Miss Hope, who unfortunately died of cancer about a year ago.

Amanda had some reservations about attending Ryla as she did not like to take charge of large groups, but on reflection, she decided that it was an opportunity to attend a development camp, which was sponsored and she had nothing to lose by attending. She soon learned that to get things done, there has to be a leader, and to be successful, everyone has to become part of the whole team.



There were a number of new ways of encouraging people to participate in team groups, including the wearing of lanyards on a particular shoulder, and an unusual request "Amanda can you knit today a number of little hearts as tags for the group". Amanda used her music talents to organise her groups to participate in simple percussion and to "clap" to get their attention. It obviously worked as groups soon "got on board" and all they performed with great rhythm, and all appeared to have great fun.

Amanda also had a special way of classifying people into four different types, based on a normal cross. North group were regarded as Task focussed, South group were People focussed, The East group were Extroverted and the West group were Introverted. To make it a little more friendly, each group was also allocated bird names, eagle, peacock, dove and owl.

One of the benefits from RYLA for Amanda was to realise the importance of leadership and to know why you do what you do. She still does not feel comfortable being the leader and does not like conflict but there is little doubt that the experience at the camp will prove to be a great benefit to Amanda in the future, and we all wish her the very best in her chosen career.

Reporter: Pat Parker





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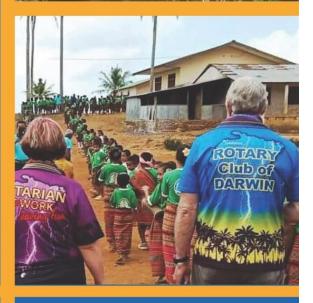
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### **OUR FORWARD PROGRAM**

Date	Program	Speaker	Chairman	Reporter
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
APRIL 1ST	Home Modification & My Aged Care	Jenny Ryan & Madeline Yan	Phil Stanton	David Firth

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# **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: 75%

Apologies: I Chappel, T Glockemann,

T Pankhurst, D Walsh

**Guest Speaker:** 

Amanda Irving

**Visitors:** 

Debbie Irving, Neil Irving, Jason Terry

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Like all great travellers, I have seen more than I remember, and remember more than I have seen.

Benjamin Disraeli