



# SPOKES

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**Rotary**  
District 9685



## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

# THE BEN HALL LEGACY

Guest Speaker: John Donohoe

Chairman: David Firth

Reporter: John Ellis

**Our speaker tonight has written a book about Ben Hall and has considerable knowledge of his story and other bush-rangers. We welcome him to our meeting.**



### AN INVITATION TO THE 60th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

OF THE CHARTERING OF

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF PENNANT HILLS.**

WE ARE HAVING  
AN AFTERNOON TEA  
WITH A CHANCE TO MEET UP WITH  
OLD FRIENDS, PAST MEMBERS,  
CURRENT MEMBERS  
PARTNERS AND FRIENDS OF THE CLUB.

IT WILL BE HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT

LUTANDA MANOR,  
14 VICTORIA ROAD,  
PENNANT HILLS  
ON SUNDAY 15th MARCH  
AT 2.00PM TILL 4.30PM

**PLEASE COME ALONG AND JOIN US FOR A  
TIME OF CELEBRATION AND ROTARY FELLOWSHIP**

RSVP TO [davefirth@bigpond.com](mailto:davefirth@bigpond.com)  
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TO NOTIFY MEETING

APOLOGIES &  
GUESTS:

**9294 2107**

before Noon on

Monday



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**NEXT MEETING - MARCH 4th**

**Planning for our 60th Birthday Function**

**Chairman: President Jim**

**Reporter: David Firth**

## Rotary Meeting Minutes

19<sup>th</sup> February, 2020

Chockers. ish.

Our new Little Home was absolutely and totally nearly full. We ended up with just a single seat vacant. Such is the interest in our **Young Endeavour** project.

Tonight we had Pennant Hills High student Jessica Dargan on hand to talk about her experiences aboard the Good Ship Young Endeavour along with her Mum, Dad & Auntie Rochelle.

President Jim allowed us to consume a very pleasant dinner and some fellowship without any interruptions. What a good chap.

Post dinner, he advised that our nominee for Excellence has got up at the Combined District Conference in Wollongong . Several members of the club will be on-hand to witness the award presentation at the weekend. Jim also attended the district Presidents meeting at The Ranch... I was very surprised at the number of members who did not know that was the locals short hand for The El-Rancho establishment at Marsfield – my college days employer of yesteryear – if you ate a steak sandwich there on a Friday or Saturday night in the early 70's.... I woulda cooked it.

Dave Firth gave us an update on the health travails of our favourite Theo. Apparently Georgia had to put her foot down to stop Theo from attending tonight. Tough fella, that Theo. Not as tough as Georgia though.

Still with Theo – 14:00-16:00 Sunday @ Lutanda – Timor Project Info session.

And David also reminded members that 14/March is our Clubs 60 yr anniversary. By now, everyone should have received an invitation to the celebrations on Sunday 15 March.

Another hilarious session of technical incompetence with the coffee machine followed. And we let some of these people drive motor vehicles.....

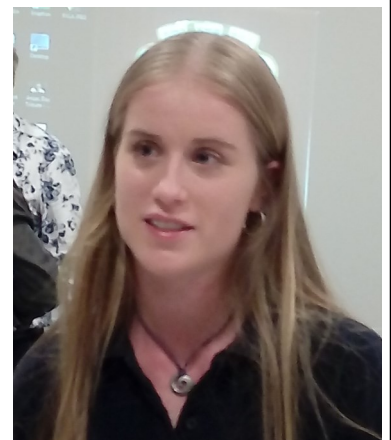
In a totally misguided attempt to raise money, tonights general knowledge quiz didn't go to plan – John Ellis failed in his attempt to sweep the competition, and speaker Jessicas dad Martin won that, then her mum won the lucky door prize. Rigged! Rigged! I heard people shout.

I think it's safe to say – Jessica loved her time aboard the Young Endeavour. The weather might not have been like the brochure, but the adventure was top notch. She even enjoyed cake and Happy Birthday on the last day of the voyage as she celebrated her 17<sup>th</sup> birthday.

She climbed the heights (34 metres to the top of the mast), sicked up all the weakness and left herself stronger for it, stood watch in the dark hours, took command of the boat on the last day and generally had an extraordinarily great time. Oh, and she came home more confident, a better leader, able to resolve more issues and quickly make friends and build teams. Just as planned.

She even led the club in the National Anthem. Brave girl.

See all o' ya bushrangers next week.



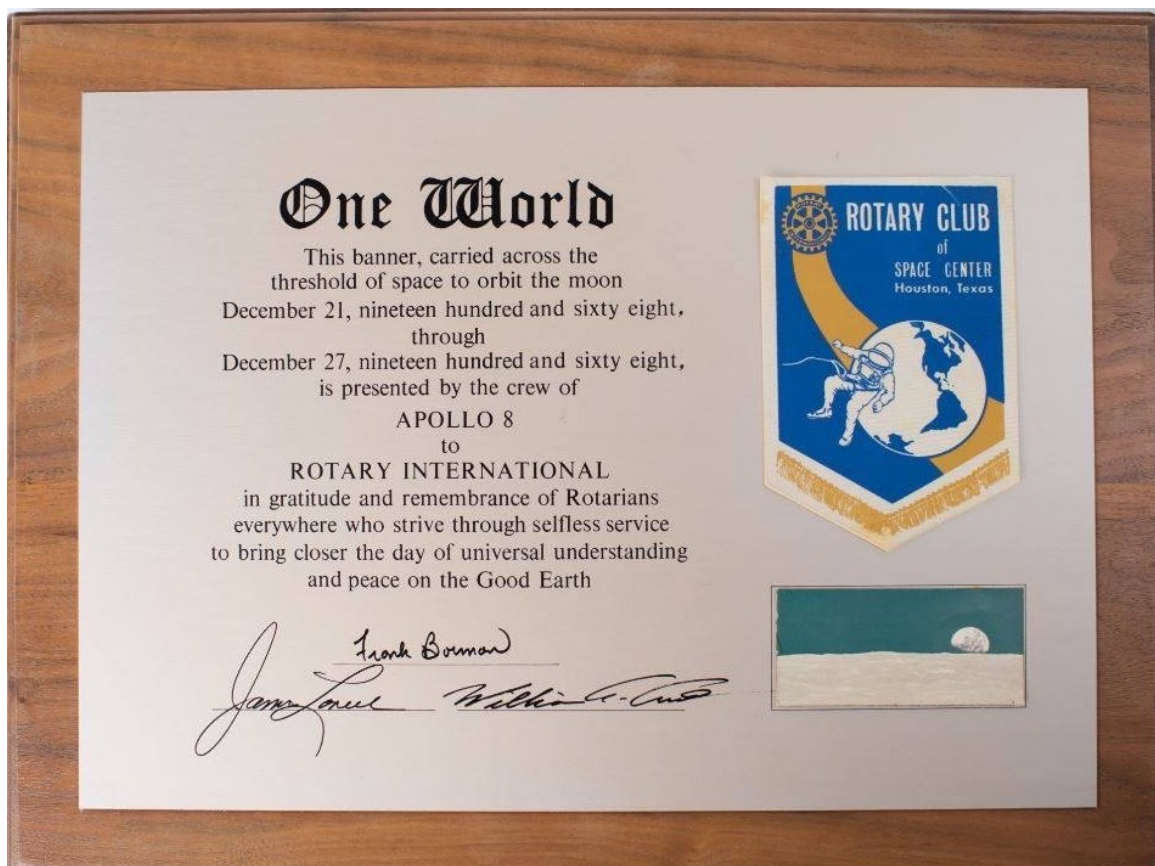
Reporter: PP Adrian Bell

115 YEARS

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROTARY!

February 23rd 1905 - 2020

*So Rotary is celebrating a birthday as we will be soon!*



*An interesting piece of memorabilia presented to Rotary International*



## OUR FORWARD PROGRAM

Date	Program	Speaker	Chairman	Reporter
MARCH 18th	Our RYPEN students Report <b>To be confirmed</b>	Ashlin Upton Zac Dunlop	John Ellis	Pam Hudson
20-22nd MARCH	<b>'REASONS' COMBINED DISTRICT CONFERENCE</b>	<b>VARIOUS</b>	<b>AT WOLLONGONG ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE</b>	<b>PRESIDENT JIM</b>
APRIL 1st	Home Modification & My Aged Care	Jenny Ryan & Madeline Yan	Phil Stanton	David Firth
MAY 20th	PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARDS	TBA	TBA	TBA

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](http://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 :**

75%

#### **Apologies:**

I Chappel, T Glockemann,

T Pankhurst, D Walsh

#### **Guest Speakers:**

Jessica Dargan

#### **Visitors:**

Martin Dargan, Janene Blue, Rochelle Blue

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“I must have a prodigious quantity of mind;  
it takes me as much as a week sometimes to make it up.”

- Mark Twain