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THIS WEEK'S NEWS

After last Wednesday evening's Zoom meeting, and despite the various problems which some of us encountered, we did proceed with the wonderful suggestion of Pam Hudson to provide an Easter surprise for all the residents at Lutanda Manor. So this is what happened.



At the crack of dawn on Easter Sunday morning, Georgia and I clandestinely crept around all the villas and residences at Lutanda Manor delivering a little surprise from the Easter Bunnies at Pennant Hills Rotary.

The little surprises consisted of a small bag filled with Easter eggs enthusiastically sourced by our President Jim and his little bunny helper Esther, who put the eggs in the bags and tied a little coloured ribbon around the top. In addition to this, our Mister Doit, David Firth, had printed out an Easter greeting card which we stapled to each bag.

At this time of social isolation, where many at Lutanda are living alone with little interaction with family and others, our gesture proved a real hit! Despite us highlighting that the gesture was from Pennant Hills Rotary, we nonetheless have had little peace with residents continually calling or phoning to say Thank You! Perhaps we can now get some peace!!!!

WELL DONE ALL!!

PP Theo 'Super Bunny' Glockemann

The President's Ponderings for Wednesday 15th April, 2020

Hello,

We have something to brag about so hope you can join in.

I will call a couple of fellows to see if we can get through the tech difficulties.

I have sent an invite but the details are <https://zoom.us/j/95676455622>

Regards

Jim Fraser

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An Autobiography from the Past - PP Adrian Bell

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Adrian commenced by stating that he 'loves machines' – particularly those that are tactile, beautiful, functional, & handmade. He loves guitars and music – and motorcars – and mechanical watches. He likes to celebrate in style – he and Wendy celebrated their wedding anniversary

at the Jules Verne Restaurant in the Eiffel Tower last year, and Wendy's birthday at the Ritz in London. Adrian shares his birthday with Honorary member, Bill Woodman, having been born on Dec. 25th, 1955. He stated that he shared that birth year with Steve Jobs and Bill Gates – no wonder he also is in IT! Born in England, he came to Australia in 1965. He says all his school reports said "Adrian can do better" – doesn't everyone get reports like that? He was the first in his family to go to university, and was also the first to drop out! He then joined the IT world.

In the 1970's he went back to the UK to work, returning in 1980 in time to meet Wendy and marry her in 1981. While on their honeymoon, the IT company he worked for went bust. He decided to start his own IT consulting company and was able to secure a number of customers he had worked with for his previous employer. He has worked for himself for 30 years never having a paid holiday, and never having a day off sick! And has always worked from home. In recent years he has 'diversified' and become a property developer. With Wendy, they have built at least 40 homes.

In response to questions from members, Adrian commented that his dad was a glassblower and came to Australia when he felt he had gone as far as he could in the UK. He got a job on arrival in Sydney with the CSIRO. He is obviously very proud of both their daughters – Caitlyn who is very familiar to our club and currently works for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in India, and Alexis, who is 3 years younger. She is a sports scientist and co-ordinator who works for the Institute of Sport. Alexis has represented Australia in handball. Adrian acknowledged that both of his daughters are high achievers but both have had a lack of confidence in their individual abilities.

Continuing our history lesson from last week, here is another gem from John Ellis telling how Thornleigh and Hornsby came by their names. Read on.....

WHY HORNSBY AND THORNLEIGH

A few weeks ago we had a ripping yarn about the bushranger, Ben Hall and why he should be remembered as our best known gentleman of the road. However we should not forget John McNamara and William Dalton. Their story dates back to an incident in June 1830 when Dr William Sherwin was held up on Windsor Road near Parramatta by bushrangers. They took his gold watch and a box of lancets. Thinking they might fetch £20 for the watch, they offered to swap it for the doctor's cash. He said he only had credit card and offered, if they would not mind waiting, to ride back to Darling Mills and get some cash. He returned with 30/- which was gratefully accepted. From the doctor's description to the local constabulary, John Thorn, Chief Constable in Parramatta, suspected two convicts McNamara and Dalton, then on the run,. McNamara arrived in Sydney from Ireland in 1823 with a life sentence. Dalton was transported for seven years for being naughty in England and had been in the colony since 1825. Clearly, the job offers in and around Sydney didn't appeal to Dalton and in the year before he was arrested, notices in the *Sydney Gazette* listed him as a notorious runaway. He had run from a road gang, an iron gang and Hyde Park Barracks. In May 1830 he was indicted for a highway robbery upon John Ellison, and putting him in bodily fear, near Parramatta, and taking from his person one pistol, and £2 - 10/- in money. In April 1830, McNamara, a runaway from No 1 Iron Gang, was indicted for the murder of Constable Kenny only two miles from Parramatta. Poor chaps, they had not learnt to ride and didn't have horses. They were bushrangers on foot. A reward was advertised for such information as may lead to their apprehension. A convict successfully dobbling them in would receive a pardon. A free chap providing the necessary information would get £50. The journalist's style was then somewhat different to these days. "The runaways, including McNamara, must exercise more than common ingenuity in the art of hiding, if the Government Notice of the 31st ult; does not speedily bring them to light. An absolute pardon and passage to England, or a grant of land, are rewards of irresistible attraction."

Now Senior Constable Thorn was on the case. He took Constable Horne with him and rode out along the Windsor Road. Before long two bushrangers sprang from the bush, armed with muskets. Their erratic fire only put a hole in Constable Horne's hat. Horne shot and killed the bushranger, John McNamara. They pursued the other chap on foot and captured him. He was William Dalton, who was later tried and executed. What was their reward? Well, JohnThorn received a grant of one square mile and Samuel Horne received a grant of half a square mile. You see, he was a former convict, so one couldn't be too generous. Thorn named his grant Thornleigh and Horne named his grant just to the north of Thorn's grant and to the south of Pearce's Corner, Hornsby. John Thorn never lived on his grant as his next posting was to Singleton. And as we all know, in the 1880s the Department of Railways built a railway station at Jack's Island to the north of Pearce's Corner and named it Hornsby. Complaints from Hornsby residents were to no avail and so they came up with Normanhurst, remembering Norman Selfe, then chief engineer for Mort's Dock and a prominent local citizen. The house he built, Gilligalloola, still stands behind a very tall Norfolk Island pine at 80 Pennant Hills Road, Normanhurst.

Taken from contemporary newspapers and convict records.

John Ellis

If this picture looks familiar, it's because it is Peats Ferry Road in Hornsby when rebuilt in 1930's - later called the Pacific Highway but recently returned to its old name.



OUR FORWARD PROGRAM

Date	Program	Speaker	Chairman	Reporter
INCOMING DIRECTORS, THIS IS THE 1st SESSION THIS SUNDAY. I HOPE YOU CAN ALL JOIN IN.				
APRIL 19th	DISTRICT 9685 ASSEMBLY ONLINE	COMMENCING AT 9am	For all directors for next Rotary year	Registration: assembly.district9685.org.au

PHOTOS FROM THE ARCHIVES



A prize for anyone who can recall what the significance of this occasion was!
It was on 20th February, 1986.

One of the club projects since removed by the council.
The entrance to Wollundry Park from Ramsay Road.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Ian Huckel - April 5th
Peter Hudson - April 8th
Dorothy Green - April 19th
Pam Hudson - April 21st
Leon Edema - April 24th

ANNIVERSARIES

Terry & Maureen Pankhurst - April 9th
Pat & Sandra Parker - April 9th

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

George Green - April 3rd
Bill Woodman - April 6th



PP Bob Cornish with the time capsule originally buried under the Rotary Fountain. More info in a later edition of Spokes.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Technology is just a tool. In terms of getting the kids working together and motivating them, the teacher is the most important.

- Bill Gates