



**Rotary**  
District 9685



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**before Noon on**

**Monday**



## THIS WEEK

*As I understand the president is conducting a quiz online this week as the centre piece of our meeting, the following 'offering' from John Ellis seems appropriate!*

### DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOU LIVE?

**Bellamy Street** – In 1856 James and Hannah Bellamy purchased the Thorn grant of more than a square mile for £900. That would be about \$200 an acre these days. It was subdivided in 1873.

**Copeland Road** – Sir Henry Copeland was Secretary for Lands in the early 1890s and thus involved in the naming of streets and suburbs. He was born in Hull and married Hannah Beecroft whose sister was Mary.

**Fairburn Avenue** – George Fairburn was a builder and developer of the area in the 1950s. His company was Coleman & Fairburn.

**Fisher Avenue** – Donnelly and Robert Fisher purchased land from George and James Bellamy and George Laurence in the 1880s and '90s.

**Hibbertia Place** – hibbertias or guinea flowers are a group of 125 plants mostly endemic to Australia. George Hibbert (1757-1837) was a merchant and amateur botanist.

**Hillcrest Road** – "Hillcrest" was the name of Robert Fisher's family home built ca 1905 and demolished in 1922. He and his brother had purchased land from the Bellamy family in the 1880s and '90s. Robert Fisher's property was known as "Greycliffe" and nearby Trebor Road is Robert spelt backwards.

**Paradise Close** – Abbey Place was the site of a Benedictine Abbey that was sold in 1986. From 1988 the developers came in and street names came from aspects of abbey life including paradise and priory.

**Victoria Road** – honours Queen Victoria

I have not much to offer for those in **Rorke Street**, **Page Court**, **Westmore Drive**, **Bimbadgen Place**, **Wilson Road** and **Binomea Place**.

**Rorke Street** could possibly be a reminder of the British defence of Rorke's Drift in 1879 during the Zulu Wars.

**Bimbadgen** is an Aboriginal word for "a place with a good view".

*John Ellis*

## The President's Invitation for Wednesday 6th May, 2020

Hello,

You are invited to the Rotary Weekly Meeting tomorrow night (Wednesday 6th May) at 7.00 pm.

The link details are <https://zoom.us/j/9886604775>

The meeting ID: 988 660 4775

Regards

Jim Fraser

Ph: 0412 679 710

## Preventing Dementia free online course - opens soon

The Wicking Dementia Research and Education Centre is at the forefront of translational research and support for issues confronting people with dementia and their carers. Projects are being carried out in Tasmania and nationally, across research fields such as neuroscience, medicine, nursing, psychology and sociology, health, economics and policy.



**Course duration:**

4 weeks

**Estimated effort:**

2 hours per week

**Course access:**

Day or night, on your smart phone, tablet or computer

**Course closes:**

26th June 2020 (content is accessible across 6 weeks)

**Cost: FREE**

Preventing Dementia is a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC), offering university-quality education about the latest research in dementia risk and protective factors. The free course provides an opportunity to engage with the perspectives of a global community, without requiring exams or assignments.

With the ageing of the world's population, dementia is a major public health issue. Is it possible to modify your risk of dementia? A substantial proportion of risk is associated with advanced ageing as well as genetic risk factors, but the latest research has indicated there are modifiable risk factors which may decrease your susceptibility to dementia. The Preventing Dementia MOOC investigates the best available evidence about dementia prevention, drawing on a range of expertise from around the globe.

You will have the opportunity to engage in online discussions, and can also participate in new research in this field, to help us determine the most effective ways to help people reduce their dementia risk. At the end of the Preventing Dementia MOOC, there is also the opportunity to undertake an assessment of your individual risk.

Preventing Dementia is suited to everyone - whether you are an individual with an interest in brain health and/or dementia risk reduction, or an allied health professional, clinician, aged care service provider or health policy professional - this course is designed to be accessible and appealing to people from diverse backgrounds.

You can sign up and enrol at: [mooc.utas.edu.au/landing/pd5share](https://mooc.utas.edu.au/landing/pd5share)



## OUR BICENTENARY FOUNTAIN PROJECT

Planning of our project started in 1983, some 5 years before the event. Over the next 3 or 4 years, we had discussions with Hornsby Shire Council and in 1986 we adopted the proposal of Rotarian Eric McGraw for a distinctive fountain in the forecourt of the Pennant Hills Community Centre. Phil Stanton lent his talents to the design of the project and funds were raised from local businesses together with donations in kind as follows - Stanton Dahl, E H McGraw, Ken Coles Excavations, Les Vagg, Barclays Bank, I B M, Black Stump Restaurants, Formica Plastics, Pennant Hills Toyota.

As part of the project, it was decided to bury a time capsule in the area to be opened in 100 years time. The community were invited to purchase envelopes in which to place items depicting life in this community in 1988. This raised valuable additional funds.

The club president in 1987-88 was Bob Cornish. In his annual report he wrote- "The club's major community service project was the erection of the Rotary Fountain at the Community Centre, Yarrara Road. This was the culmination of the efforts of five years' planning both technical and financial. The fountain was officially opened by the President of Hornsby Shire Council, Councillor Lindsay Browne. The cost of the project was \$34,000. The club can be proud of its efforts in presenting to the council a magnificent monument in celebration of 200 years of the history of Australia."

The council were charged with the care and maintenance of it from that time. Some years later, the council made a decision to build a library on the site in front of the community centre which unfortunately involved removing the fountain. This construction took place and the library was opened in 1998.



The opening of the fountain - above is the assembled gathering of club members and their wives.

President Bob Cornish with the time capsule which is now located in an area beside the library.





## OUR FORWARD PROGRAM

Date	Program	Speaker	Chairman	Reporter
May 17th 17th 24th 24th	<u>DISTRICT 9685 ASSEMBLY</u> Public Image Community International Vocational	COMMENCING AT 9.00 am 12.00 pm 9.00 am 12.00 pm	For Pat Parker, Pam Hudson Phil Stanton David Firth	Registration: <a href="http://assembly.district9685.org.au">assembly.district9685.org.au</a>



PP Ian Chappel serving at the Big Aussie Barbecue at the RI Convention at Sydney Olympic Park 1st June, 2014

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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Pat Parker - May 5th

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

#### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Terry Pankhurst - May 29th

### ATTENDANCE

At last week's Zoom meeting 12 members were there -  
Jim Fraser, Ian Huckel, John Ellis, Pat Parker, Theo Glockemann, Adrian Bell, Ahmadul Ameen, Phil Stanton, Kaye Carter, Ian Chappel, Pam Hudson, David Firth

**I have a new philosophy. I'm only going to dread one day at a time.**

Charles M. Schulz

### **ANOTHER BIOGRAPHY - AHMADUL AMEEN**

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Ameen currently lives in Beecroft and considers himself very lucky to join a Rotary club so close to home.

He was born in Calcutta and he then lived in East Pakistan until 1947 independence.



Ameen graduated in 1971 as a Mechanical Engineer. He was awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship to study for his Masters degree at Strathclyde University, Glasgow. After graduation, Ameen returned home to East Pakistan by car through Europe and Asia taking 31 days. This was a very eventful trip and will form the basis of another interesting talk in the future.

On his return he was employed in the private sector in a gas company, Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution Co. owned 90% by the government and 10% by Shell Oil. The company supplied natural gas to the region from a massive gas field found in 1962 on the banks of the Titas River.

Following the winning of independence from Pakistan, Bangladesh nationalised Titas Gas and Ameen returned to the UK in 1973 to further his career. Failing to find suitable work there, he then moved to Singapore, teaching at Nanyang Technological University. This was a new technical university which has become one of the top technical universities certainly in Asia if not the world!. He was a pioneer in this university work for 18 years. He then retired to Bangladesh.

Ameen has a son who is a senior banker in Singapore as well as daughter who is a manager at IBM here in Sydney.

He is looking forward to his remaining years here in Australia and hoping to contribute to our Rotary club. He has also just joined the golf club.

Ameen was a member of the Rotary Club of Kerian, Malaysia from 2002 to 2006 and then the Rotary Club of Buriganga, Bangladesh from 2008 to 2015.