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Club of Pennant Hills



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THIS WEEK

Lions Club of Hornsby Projects Ted Henebery

President's Corner

Hi everyone, well this week I went to the District Changeover along with PP Jim. It was a luncheon held at Castle Hill RSL Club. Numbers were restricted for obvious reasons so there were to be only 2 or so from each club in attendance – in the end, there was probably 100 present, but it was also available to watch on Zoom. Somehow I missed seeing that notice.

The 'business' part of the function was conducted first from noon till 1pm, and then lunch followed. PDG Kalma gave an excellent report on her year, noting all the challenges that she had faced and remarked on how we had all managed to adapt to the latest Covid crisis. She thanked a large number of people who had supported and helped her in various ways throughout her year. A range of District awards were presented by the various advisers in one mass presentation at the tables. Unfortunately Jim did not get to bring home any of these. Kalma then presented some special awards including a Rotary Service Above Self Award to PDG David Rands in recognition of his years of service to the Rotary Foundation as District Adviser during which he encouraged clubs to make record donations to the foundation.



When the awards were completed, Kalma handed over the chains of office to DG David Clark who was accompanied by his wife Narda. DG David gave a short speech about his aims for the coming year and then introduced his 'team' of advisers, aides and assistant governors. Again this year, our assistant governor is Bob Erskine.

Lunch followed and we, Jim and I, enjoyed the company of Rosemary Clarke who is once again president of West Pennant Hills & Cherrybrook club. I'm sure we will have some joint meetings with them, commencing with the District Governor's visit on Monday, 31st August. More details shortly.

David Firth

Meeting Report

This was the night that Phil Stanton had arranged a presentation on the North Connex opening.

Jim Fraser dinged the dong at 6.30pm and opened the meeting. Grace was said by all and the President welcomed guests Ester Fraser, Heather Firth and Georgia Glockemann.

The President updated the members on Ian Huckel's recovery. He is currently in the Geraghty Rehabilitation Ward in Hornsby Hospital on the 4th floor and will probably be there for another 10 days while he works on his stability. He can receive visitors, but only one at a time. Terry Pankhurst was also recovering satisfactorily.

Pat Parker gave a briefing on The Tree of Joy and the trailer raffle. He has contacted 10 shopping centres and has received approval from 8 out of 10 centres.

Kaye Carter spoke about preparing knitted/crocheted poppies for Remembrance Day as a recruitment drive activity. These will be attached to cards. Samples of the poppies were shown to members. David Firth said he would send out a copy of Heather's pattern for making poppies (with Spokes) as Heather had previously made some for the Hornsby Hospital. Kaye also mentioned that the golf club dining nights would be factored into the future social nights, so there is less clash in activities.

John Ellis gave an update on RYLA. He mentioned Jason Terry from the recently formed Rotaract Club and that our club would support one of his members. However, RYLA may not eventuate next January.



After our meal was served, Pat's guests, Geoff Ashton and Ken Lynch, arrived to hear the presentation. A couple of other golf club members also joined the room to listen to the presentation.

Just after 7pm, our chairman, Phil Stanton introduced Raj Barot and his representatives from the different divisions to present on the North Connex Project Update. We were provided with an overview of the project and the need for the tunnel. In essence, no date is known yet when the tunnel will open, as it may be a couple of months before all testing has been completed.

Some of the topics covered were:

- Benefits of the tunnel
- Stages of the tunnel – now at the testing and commissioning final phase – still have some tests to complete
- Entry and exit points – plus the overhead bicycle track
- Four water treatment plants – (some members were very interested in this aspect)
- Tolling costs - \$7.91 for cars; \$23.73 for trucks & buses
- Tunnel maintenance closure – will close every 3 months (maintenance between 10pm and 5am)
- In-tunnel lighting – to maintain driver's alertness
- Incident management
- Opening communications – no community open event



Meeting Report Cont.

The presentation was professionally presented as this team has presented on the North Connex Project at a variety of venues. Many in the audience had questions that were expertly responded to. Raj keenly responded to Theo's request for a visit to the facility. It was also mentioned that there would be a 'virtual tunnel' video available in the near future.



President David informed the meeting that he and Jim Fraser will be attending the District Changeover Lunch at Castle Hill RSL on Sunday 19th July. The President closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

Rotary Seven Area of Focus



Introducing the latest Rotary area of focus: Supporting the Environment. The other six are: Basic Education; Maternal and Child Health; Peace and Conflict Resolution; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene; Economic and Community Development; and Disease Prevention and Treatment.



Club Doings

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Due Now
Semi annual dues are **\$225.00.**

Date	Program	Speaker	Chairman	Reporter	Member 5 min talk
Jul 22	Lions Club of Hornsby projects	Ted Henebery	Kaye Carter	Jim Fraser	Adrian Bell
Jul 29	Social Night at the Golf Club	Ida (Journey of a Chinese student in Sydney)	David Firth	Ahmadul Ameen	John Ellis
Aug 5	Dementia	Wendy Bell	Adrian Bell	Ian Chappel	Pat Parker
Aug 12	Running a Beauty Business	Daisy Hyung	Kaye Carter	Theo Glockemann	Ian Huckel

GUESTS

Raj Barot North Connex
 Ester Fraser
 Heather Firth
 Georgia Glockemann



BIRTHDAYS

23 July Esther Fraser

ANNIVERSARIES

6 July Phil & Lyn Stanton

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

1 July Ahmadul Ameen
 1 July Theo Glockemann

ATTENDANCE

74%

APOLOGIES

Ian Chappel
 Ian Huckel
 Pam Hudson
 Terry Pankhurst