



# SPOKES

## Rotary

Club of Pennant Hills



## Rotary Opens Opportunities

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<https://zoom.us/j/9886604775>

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District 9685



### THIS WEEK

Drake's Handmade Jewellery  
Scott Drake

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This Wednesday is Remembrance Day. Please come to the meeting wearing your poppy. What an excellent promotion this has been thanks to Kaye's hard work. And



the feedback has been very positive – with many people amazed that we were giving these out and not charging for them. I shall be interested in the feedback from the letterbox drop of the paper ones. I understand that Kaye may have run out of the backing cards which means we produced over 1,500!



As I said last week in this column, we have now set up the Trees of Joy at Pennant Hills and at Thornleigh. At Pennant Hills we have a brand new tree and surrounds after the refurbishment of the centre. Again we are fortunate that the centre security team are collecting the gifts each night and placing them in the centre management office.



At Thornleigh, we have a new pull up banner as signage and the ladies hairdresser, AMS Hair Studio, are providing security for the gifts each day by taking them into their salon. The manager, Bee, is very keen to help us in any way she can.

The Trailer Raffle continues at near record levels with us averaging \$1,000 a week at present and thus we have raised in 4 weeks what it took 6 weeks in recent years! This Saturday we are at Beecroft with the trailer in the underground carpark of the Woolworths Centre.

Have a good week,

**President David Firth**



After a muted bell ringing by the Sarg, head guru and chief poobah Pres Firth opened the meeting with welcomes to our guest speaker Heather Ruddock and our partners.

Rotary Grace, then necessary adjustment to the zoom camera that made our esteemed president look more like a giraffe with a long neck!

Ida gave a very interesting and appropriate 5 minuter by explaining with slides the Chinese election system, and noting that it had taken the current President thirty years of hard work to achieve his position. Her presentation concluded with a crash mandarin lesson – when all males were forced to repeat after her – “Cao Po Wo Ai Ni”. Eventually all was made clear – it means – “Wifey, I Love You”. I must say that repeating this phrase repeatedly has made little difference to your reporters’ marital relationship. Ida’s presentation was the high water mark of 5 minuter presentations!



Reports then – GOLF DAY figures not finalised but noted that the auction took over \$2000. Pres David thanked all those whose efforts ensured the day was successful despite the rain.

– TRAILER RAFFLE another record day - \$1100 at Westleigh despite Aldi being closed. “We’re on fire” bragged the Preso. Year to date \$3286 after only three outings!

YOUTH – Young Endeavour project cancelled due to virus but alternative arrangements being made for when it recommences. - MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly) will be in May with Epping RC at the helm.- RYPEN will be digitally held over three weekends.

COMMUNITY – Kaye had put together stacks of twenty printed Armistice Day poppies for distribution by members and five crocheted poppies for “special” distribution. She had also had the printing sponsored by a business friend. A super project initiated and managed by Kaye. Well done!

Adrian reported that his daughter Caitlin who was our guest speaker last week and is Deputy Ambassador to Lebanon, has distributed the poppies given to her by Kaye, and that they will all be proudly worn at the commemorations on 11/11.

Round about this time the Chief Poobah noticed that the zoom image was reversed. Our pseudo IT expert/Sargeant when asked why, came up with a supposedly high tech answer that the image needed to be reversed so that it came out the right way round when viewed by “zoot-ees.” Complete rubbish of course and he then fessed up that he didn’t have a clue why - before fixing it!! (Oh the tangled web we weave when . . . . .)

The Sargeant’s session was delayed while he fixed the computer! Then proceeded with merit fines – a first for him! Pres Poobah was fined for his golfing efforts on the 9<sup>th</sup> Hole, where he spoilt all the fun that your reporter and Terry P had planned when Poobah hit his customary shot into the trees. He hit it onto the green! Just shows what a dozen sessions at the golf range can do!



Chairlady Kaye then introduced Heather Ruddock – wife of our current Mayor and long time Member of Parliament.

Phillip was first elected to Parliament in a 1973 by election for the seat of Parramatta. Heather related how the role of being married to a public figure had changed over three decades, in line with the changes to our community. In her twenties she was made patron of a community group with average age seventy, which at times proved challenging.

She recalled that shortly after Phillip had been sworn in as a conservative MHR, Fred Daly, opposition Labor high flyer, crossed the floor to introduce himself and welcome the Ruddocks for what he hoped was a short stay.

Among her early duties was an invitation to school fetes where she was landed with the role as celebrity judge for the kids “Best Looking Teddy Bear”. Never again she mused. Until she was again trapped into the position of judging in a “Best Looking Baby” contest. She was never trapped again in her 30 years of public life!

## MEETING REPORT CONT.



The pressures on the family of having an MP as father were many. From her daughter confessing to friends that she was “no good at making up stories”, and that she couldn’t join her friends in blowing up letter boxes on Empire Day. Wow – now that’s pressure!

Over the years Heather has travelled extensively and seen things very few people would see, and meeting a wide variety of people – from beggars to Prime Ministers.

Heather is a qualified lawyer and is currently involved in work concerning credit and credit cards, an activity where she marvels at the pace of change in society from steam engines to artificial intelligence in such a short time.

Other Phillip Ruddock achievements were as a sixteen year old advising his parents that he was reserving the site for what is now Ruddock Park at Westleigh, and originally instigating the idea for North Connex.

After a few questions Kaye thanked Heather for her address and presented her with a bunch of flowers.

The last bit of noteworthy news for the evening was that John Ellis did not win the raffle. That multiple winner Jack Reid again stole the prize.

Pres Poobah thanked all for coming, reminded us that the trailer will be at Coonara this Saturday, and concluded the meeting with the National Anthem.

We then went home to watch what was left of the State of Origin.



## PRIDE of WORKMANSHIP on the MOVE

The club will be taking Pride of Workmanship to our business community in November.

We have now organized a Pride of Workmanship Award presentation “off-site” as it were. The Cherrybrook Christian Care Centre in Kitchener Road who we have helped with the ‘Face to Face’ project, has invited us to hold a presentation for one of their staff as a morning tea on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am. Due to the Covid requirements, there is a cap on numbers that we can have attend, so if you are interested, please contact me. Could you please supply a copy of your flu inoculation if attending.

The function will be in their Community Room and will be hosted and catered by the Centre. This is a first for us with Pride of Workmanship but it may not be the last.



## TRAILER RAFFLE REPORT – DAY 4



Well another excellent day at Coonara Shopping Village.

We sold 243 tickets and took \$859.50 for the day. Our YTD total is now \$4,146.05. This compares with last year at Coonara where we took \$591.00 and the YTD figure was \$2,481.

In past years it has taken about 6 weeks to reach our current YTD total

**David Firth Pres.**

Date	Program	Speaker	Chairman	Reporter	Member 5 min talk
Nov 11	Drake's Handmade Jewellery	Scott Drake	Jack Reid	Pat Parker	Kaye Carter
Nov 18	Opportunity International	Rob Dunn Past CEO	Theo Glockemann	Terry Pankhurst	Pam Hudson (by zoom)
Nov 25	Social Night at Pennant Hills Golf Club	Cr Emma Heyde Hornsby Council	Kaye Carter	Phil Stanton	Theo Glockemann
Dec 2	Club AGM (by zoom) Hornsby/Ku Ring Gai Womens' Shelter	Louise McCann	David Firth	John Ellis	Nil
Dec 9	Travel Bites	Esther Fraser	Jim Fraser	Ian Chappel (by zoom)	David Firth
Dec 16	Hornsby Hospital	Lee Gregory General Manager	Adrian Bell	Pam Hudson (by zoom)	Phil Stanton
Dec 23	Xmas function	Nil			
2021	Happy New Year				
Jan 13	Planning Night Welcome back				

### GUESTS

Heather Firth  
Georgia Glockemann  
Maureen Pankhurst

Jeanette Rigney  
Heather Ruddock  
Lyn Stanton

### BIRTHDAYS

4 November Lyn Stanton  
7 November Sandra Parker  
22 November Claude Rigney

### ANNIVERSARIES

#### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

1 November John Ellis 1990

### ATTENDANCE

94%

### APOLOGIES

Ian Chappel