



# SPOKES



## Rotary Opens Opportunities

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**Join us on Zoom Meeting**

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



### THIS WEEK

Hornsby Council  
Cr Emma Heyde

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We have good news this week. The Provisional Rotaract Club of Pennant Hills/Cherrybrook has been given the go ahead to be chartered, subject to completing the necessary paperwork! So they are now pressing on with their Constitution and By-laws so that they can complete the charter submission form. Both sponsor clubs – ourselves and West Pennant Hills & Cherrybrook – have to sign off on this. They are planning for their Charter Night in early February. Both sponsoring Rotary Clubs have a responsibility to maintain close contact with the Rotaract Club to offer advice and assistance where necessary and to foster a close relationship with them.



Can I remind everyone that we should produce a 5 minute video showcasing our club activities. We could include video from Timor Leste of their RYLA held recently and of any or all of our local activities. Can I ask if anyone would like to volunteer to put such a video together? We are looking at producing this by late February. Further to our discussion last week about having a Christmas Social gathering at a member's home, I have checked the current government regulation and confirmed that the maximum number of visitors to a residence at one time is 20 which would seem to preclude us from proceeding along those lines. Let's talk about it further.

I'd like to say how fortunate we have been with the guest speakers this year, and last week we were especially privileged to have Rob Dunn talk to us so engagingly about Opportunity International. I'm sure you were as impressed with his presentation and the passion that he spoke with about the organization and the remarkable results it has and continues to achieve. Thanks Theo for securing him as our speaker and how delightful to have his mother join us for the evening.

My final reminder tonight is that of the approaching AGM and election of our leadership team for 2021-2022. We need nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 6 directors, and, if possible, President-elect for 2022-2023. Please give this your serious attention and I'm sure Secretary John Ellis will be glad to receive your nominations or offers to serve.

**President David Firth**

## MEETING REPORT

REPORTER TERRY PANKHURST

President David opened the meeting, welcoming Guest Speaker Rob Dunn, his mother Peg and Georgia Glockeman.

John Ellis provided a report on Rypen being that he has three nominations so far for next year's event. Next year's event will be conducted via zoom due to Covid restrictions. Theo put forward a proposal to utilise Rypen for the indigenous children of our District and has had discussions with the Department of Education's Aboriginal Liaison Officer on the Central Coast.

It is hoped to hold Rypen in the Blue Mountains early next year, again via Zoom, for sixty children.

Jim reported on our recent Bowel Care Programme (formerly BowelScan).

Total Kits Sold	11,451	Total Tests	10,235
Total Positive Tests	631		

75% of positive tests are from people 75 years and older. Regrettably the programme will not go-ahead next year due to Covid and the cost. The Government now has its own programme in place, having once more been shown the way by Rotary.



Our Five-Minute Speaker Pam (via Zoom) gave an interesting talk on her three journeys 2005.8.11 to Mongolia and Russia.



The irrepressible and ever-working Theo introduced our Guest Speaker Rob Dunn, Past CEO of Opportunity International Australia.

Rob spent some time in his early years backpacking around India so was no stranger to the poverty there when he joined Opportunity International, a not for profit organisation, providing microfinance for the disadvantaged in India and Indonesia.

Poverty affects every facet of family life. Those living in poverty have very little prospect of improving their lifestyle. A small loan of \$100 (95% of loan recipients are women) can provide funds to purchase sewing machines, set up a tailoring shop, purchase seeds, farm animals or maybe a small truck or a fishing boat – the possibilities are endless.



These small collateral free loans are often provided to a group of individuals (10-20) who meet together to receive and repay their loans, providing support for each other. The non-payment of the loans is very small, maybe 2%.

Most borrowers go on to bigger loans establishing a very good credit rating and climbing out of poverty, providing themselves and their families with better health, education and living conditions.

Rob stated that worldwide;

Girls attending school	60%
Poverty had halved	
Vaccinations	80%
1966 worldwide poverty	50%
2020 worldwide poverty	9.2%

A very interesting talk and a thought-provoking speaker.



The meeting closed with a discussion regarding our Christmas Party on 23<sup>rd</sup> December. Theo suggested a fully catered BBQ costing approximately \$30 per person. The only issue to be decided is the venue.

## PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP INTERNATIONAL

*The story below was found on the internet and is about the Rotary Club of Utica, NY. They have been holding Pride of Workmanship Awards since 1990 and I suspect the idea originated from our club, as we had an exchange student in 1988, Jennifer Branton, who was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Moravia, NY. She returned to that club in 1989 with a presentation pack of POW material, and we know that the Moravia Club started running the program from that time. Both clubs are in District 7150 so it seems likely that the information was shared by the Moravia Club.*



### Rotary Club of Utica Announces Pride of Workmanship Award

November 19, 2020

The Rotary Club of Utica, recently held its 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Pride of Workmanship Awards program on November 15. The event was a combination luncheon at the Delta Hotel and also was available through Zoom on-line.

The top five awardees were chosen from a large field of nominations and represented a cross-section of our local work force, including professionals in the medical field, police work and local non-profits.

The winners were chosen in recognition of their pursuit of excellence in their work practices plus they demonstrated an outstanding attitude and dedication to their jobs. Roxanne Mutchler, the committee chairperson of the event, said, "The Rotary Club of Utica is proud to recognize these individuals for their quality service to their employers and the community. They truly exemplify the awards motto: 'Do it once, do it well. Build a Better America.'"

The award winners were: Alex Carangelo, PA (Central New York Brain & Spine Neurosurgery); Laurie Depot, RN (Mohawk Valley Health System); Ed Noonan, deputy chief (Utica Police Department); Kimberly Scerbo, manager of children's services (Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired); and Jim Smith, facilities manager (Catholic Charities of Oneida/Madison County).

Congratulations to all winners!



## TRAILER RAFFLE REPORT – DAY 6



We must have had the 'A' Teams at West Pymble. We had a very good day selling 306 tickets and taking \$1,148.50. Our YTD total is now \$6,202.55. This compares with last year at West Pymble where our takings were \$724 and YTD was \$4,183.

So, with just 750 tickets left to sell – assuming those members with books will sell theirs – and 4 weeks to go, I am going to order a further 1500 tickets to be safe. What a good problem to have

**David Firth Pres.**

### ROSTER SATURDAY 28th Cherrybrook

AM Adrian Bell

PM Claude Rigney

PM Jason Terry

AM David Firth

PM Phil Stanton

Date	Program	Speaker	Chairman	Reporter	Member 5 min talk
Nov 25	Social Night at Pennant Hills Golf Club	Cr Emma Heyde Hornsby Council	Kaye Carter	Phil Stanton	Theo Glockemann (by zoom?)
Dec 2	Club AGM (by zoom) Hornsby/Kurangai 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 (Venue to be decided)	Nil			
Xmas break					
2021					
Jan 13	Planning Night Welcome back				

### GUESTS

Peg Dunn

Georgia Glockemann

Rob Dunn

### BIRTHDAYS

4 November Lyn Stanton

7 November Sandra Parker

22 November Claude Rigney

### ANNIVERSARIES

### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

1 November John Ellis 1990

### ATTENDANCE

87%

### APOLOGIES

Ian Chappel

Pat Parker