



# SPOKES

## Rotary

Club of Pennant Hills



## Rotary Opens Opportunities

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before Noon on  
Monday

Join us on Zoom Meeting

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

## Rotary

District 9685



### THIS WEEK

**Travel Bites**

Esther Fraser

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

An incident last Saturday could certainly cause you to question what society is coming to. We had booked the trailer raffle ticket selling for the West Pennant Hills/Thompson Corner shops with us to set up outside the Coles Supermarket where we have had a long history of ready acceptance. This year, due to a change in the manager there and the problem of the pandemic, Pat Parker had some difficulty in getting a response from the new manager, however he finally gave us permission about a week ago.



Terry and his helpers were there at 8.30, set up and started selling tickets quite successfully. A little over an hour later a fellow appeared and claimed that they shouldn't be there; they were not Covid safe; and threatened to call the police. He also claimed to be a Coles employee. The manager of the store then appeared and after hearing this fellow's complaints, decided that we should pack up and go! I had been alerted and spoke with him with a copy of his emailed approval. He was not prepared to let us stay.

It would appear that the fellow, who refused to give his name, was known to staff, and has been a problem in the past. Can I say that I was very disappointed that the manager was not prepared to stand his ground having given us approval to be there. He did say we were the only ones he has approved to be there since the pandemic started, and only because of our long association with the store.

At our meeting this week, we need to discuss the idea of our district cluster group holding one or two combined Australia Day community events and if we want to be involved in the running of one of these. Currently there are 2 proposals. The first one is at the Village Green, Beecroft, proposed by Beecroft Club. They have a tentative approval from Hornsby Council with a stage available and a tentative booking of a band. The timing, program, etc. is yet to be determined depending on the support they receive from surrounding clubs.

The second one is by Carlingford club and is proposed to be at John Wearn Reserve at North Rocks. They are negotiating with their council and the program there would presumably be similar to Beecroft. I need to be able to report by Friday morning, how many people we have who will assist which ever event we support. Alternatively, we can elect to concentrate on our Australia Day meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> January which is our normal meeting night. Please give this some thought.

Finally, this week we are starting to deliver the gifts received on our 2 Trees of Joy. On Thursday we are planning to deliver gifts to Stewart House at Curl Curl. Pat Parker is organizing this, but I am sure he would appreciate one or two helpers. The same day, I am planning to deliver gifts to the Smith Family warehouse down at Homebush. If anyone would like to join me, they would be most welcome. Cheers,

**President David Firth**

President David Firth opened the meeting and welcomed Herbert Chan, formerly a member of the RC of Chatswood Sunrise and now a resident of Pennant Hills.

Kaye Carter had arranged for Louise McCann to speak to us on the Hornsby Women's Shelter, however, at short notice, she was not able to join us.

President David then recounted the Pride of Workmanship award on Friday 27 November at the Cherrybrook Christian Care Centre where the commitment of Sharon Sjamsudin to her role as Client Liaison Officer was recognised. Some 40 residents and five Rotarians attended the morning tea.

David went on to report on the trailer raffle at Cherrybrook on Saturday 28 November. A kerfuffle arose over the shopping centre management not recording our booking. Nevertheless our team took \$880, putting this year's results to date well ahead of last year.

The RC of West Pennant Hills/Cherrybrook held a Youth Evening on 30 November. President David attended the function and signed the papers relevant to the chartering of the proposed Rotaract Club of Pennant Hills/Cherrybrook early next February.

He related the plight of the Club's Youth Exchange student who went to Vienna last January. All went well until the second wave of the virus in Austria saw the country close down, however she was able to return home at the last moment. Several exchange students remain stranded abroad.

The arrangements for our forthcoming Christmas social evening came next. Theo Glockemann had passed a quote from a spit roast team to our President and members agreed to accept their quote and muster at Chez Fraser on 23 December.

Arrangements for our Australia Day Function on 27 January will see David Raphael, Principal of St Lucy's School, joining us.

President David then advised that our District Zone have offered a grant of \$20,000 should we hold a community event. Recently David became aware the RC of Beecroft is planning a function at Beecroft Bowling Club and suggested we join them. This was agreed.

Another suggestion, related to the Centenary of Rotary in Australia, is the planting of trees in the Blue Mountains in areas affected by last summer's bushfires.

President David attended a meeting at Galston recently with a representative of the Kurin-Gai Dementia Centre. He will discuss this project further with the Uniting Church of Thornleigh, also interested in joining us in this venture. Those attending the Dementia Café will require a referral from their GP explaining they are experiencing dementia. Attendance at the café will be limited to eight, plus their carers. It is anticipated the café will be opened early next year.

Pat Parker reported on the Trees of Joy and has already collected gifts. He plans to take the first delivery to Stewart House on Thursday, 10 December and invited any interested members to join him. Gifts are also coming in that will go to the Parramatta Mission, the Smith Family and Meals on Wheels.

President David reported his contact with our former Rotarian, Robert Rutishauser, now a member of the RC of Port Macquarie. Robert complimented us on our activities and seeks a link with our Christmas function. The general meeting was then closed and we moved on to the annual general meeting.



**TWT**  
THE WEEKLY TIMES

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**Carols 2020**  
ONLINE

**Believe in the magic of Christmas!**

Due to Covid-19, The Rotary Carols on the Common Committee have cancelled their outdoor Carols Event on the North Ryde Common. We still want to celebrate the Joy of Christmas with our community and help those in need.

Featuring our live video link on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.**  
Go to Facebook - Carols on the Common - Live online

Gather your group of family and friends and watch it on Social media or on your TV screen. We will be sending this link to various TV screens in our Community Clubs, Retail outdoor dining areas, nursing homes, hospitals and other community housing, where we can all raise our LED candles and wear our Santa hats and join in the carols.

## WHAT IS ROTARY COMMUNITY CORPS

A Rotary Community Corps is a group of non-Rotarians who share our commitment to changing the world through service projects.

RCC members plan and carry out projects in their communities and support local Rotary club projects.

There are more than 10,000 corps in 100 countries. RCCs are active everywhere Rotary is present: in urban and rural areas, and in both developed and developing countries

The RCC of Handa Education Circle works with local schools to hold disaster-preparedness classes for young people. Activities include first aid, building portable toilets, and emergency food preparation.



## CURRENT CLUB PROJECTS 2020

### TREE of JOY

Pennant Hills Shopping Centre  
Thornleigh Shopping Centre

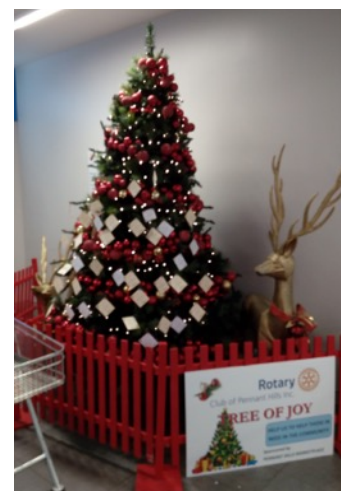
### TRAILER RAFFLE

Numerous Local Shopping Centre

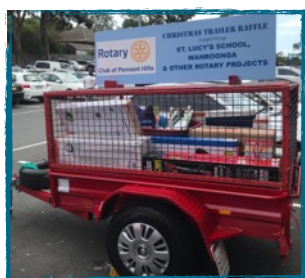
### FACE to FACE

Supplied second hand iPads and Laptops to  
Elderly in Residential Care

**NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE** Encourage young people in their passion for science



## TRAILER RAFFLE REPORT – DAY 8



Today at West Pennant Hills (Thompson's Corner) we were just outside Coles as usual. A Coles customer caused a big fuss about social distancing, etc., and threatened to call the police. He complained to the manager who had given us permission to be there. The manager unfortunately was not prepared to stand his ground and asked us to pack up. This was at 10.45am.

However, the good news is that we managed to sell 103 tickets and take \$346. This compares with last year when we sold \$528 for the whole day. Year to date figure is now \$7,620 – this includes almost \$200 from selling a book at the West Pennant Hills/Cherrybrook Youth Night last Monday. Year to date last year was \$5,420

Disappointing today, but we are set for the last 2 days at Thornleigh and Pennant Hills.

**David Firth Pres.**

### ROSTER SATURDAY 12 THORNLEIGH

**AM John Ellis**

**PM Ida Shi**

**PM Ameen Ahmadul**

**AM David Firth**

**PM Jason Terry**

Date	Program	Speaker	Chairman	Reporter	Member 5 min talk
Dec 9	Travel Bites	Esther Fraser	Jim Fraser	Ian Chappel <b>(by zoom)</b>	David Firth
Dec 16	Hornsby Hospital	Lee Gregory General Manager	Adrian Bell	Pam Hudson <b>(by zoom)</b>	Phil Stanton
Dec 23	Xmas function The Fraser's home 32 Hillcrest Road, Pennant Hills Catered about \$35 per head				
Xmas break					
<b>2021</b>					
Jan 13	Planning Night Welcome back		David Firth	Ida Xiandi Shi	
Jan 20	Human & Hope	Sally Hetherington OAM Products for sale	Kaye Carter		
Jan 27	Australia Day <b>Social night</b>	TBA	David Firth	Phil Stanton	

### GUESTS

**RTN Herbert Chan**

### BIRTHDAYS

**19 December David Firth**

**25 December Adrain Bell**

**30 December Jim Fraser**

**30 December Theo Glockemann**

### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

**16 December Dvid Firth 1982**

### ATTENDANCE

**75%**

### APOLOGIES

**Kaye Carter**

**Theo Glockemann**

**Claude Rigney**

**Ida Shi**