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**Rotary**

Club of Pennant Hills



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**Rotary**

District 9685



**THIS WEEK**

**Human & Hope**  
**REPORTER**

**Sally Hetherington OAM**  
**Theo Glockemann**

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

As January is Vocational Service month in the Rotary calendar, and I am also the club Vocational Service Chairman, I think it is appropriate I write something on the topic this week. I came across the following report which I think is both timely and appropriate.



*A driver education teacher was interviewed who said something like this about his job: "I help young men and women move through a rite of passage. And my job is getting them to think about this time in their lives. Having a driver's license means you move out of the back seat into the driver's seat. You aren't a passenger anymore. You're in charge. You can go where you want and when you want. You have power now. So that's what we talk about. The power. Their new power. Opportunity. Responsibility. About dreams and hopes and fears. About someday and about what if."*

*Isn't that a wonderful way to look at his work, his job, his calling: -- not merely to teach about driving, but to enable young people to see their lives from their new emerging perspective, from the perspective of the freedom that they are just about to receive -- and which so easily they can blow. You step over the line so easily from freedom to license, from freedom "to be," to freedom which hurts: hurts yourself and hurts others along the way. And that's where he sees his work, this teacher. Right at that line, that intersection, in the lives of young people. How easy for new drivers, how easy for old drivers, how easy for anybody, to cross that line between freedom and license. Freedom and irresponsibility.*

I trust we all take heed of the message in the last sentence!

Can I finish with a reminder on behalf of the club treasurer? Your semi-annual dues are now needed to keep the club account in the black. We have just paid our Rotary International dues and our District dues, with the Rotary Down Under dues next on the list. So please use your credit card or you can direct debit to BSB 032-087 Account No. 334578. Let Treasurer Ian know if you use the direct debit option. I hope you all are. Cheers,

**President David Firth**

It was our first Rotary meeting in the new year of 2021. However, due to the recent COVID-19 conditions and health concerns, our attendance rate was a bit low - nine of our strong members attended the meeting in person. It was also the first time to see everyone wearing a mask at the same time except for dinner and discussions. With masks on, it seems a more accurate way to test the function of our sense of hearing and speaking, compared with those expensive medical examination instruments (in my awkward sense of humour).

Anyway, nothing could stop us enjoying our members' reunion time. After dinner, President David made the following announcements:

- Australia Day (Tue, 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021) - the council function at Pennant Hills Community Centre are happy to have our assistance. Kaye will email everyone with the details. It was decided that members reply individually to the email to cut out the middle person. Please feel free to let President David know if you are interested and available to join the council function on Australia Day.
- Australia Day Meeting (Wed, 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021) - the Guest Speaker will be David Raphael, Principal of St Lucy's School. We will also have the Rotary District Governor, the Mayor and his wife attend our meeting in person. Please RSVP to President David if you plan to attend (with a partner/guest).

Right after the above announcements, further arrangements for the Australia Day Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> Jan were discussed.

- Jim will introduce the Guest Speaker David Raphael and Kaye will give thanks.
- President David will introduce the District Governor David Clark.
- There will be a Lucky Door Prize for the night.
- Kaye will arrange Australia Day decorations for 7-8 tables with Australia Day flowers and serviettes. David and John offered their help with Australia Day flags.

Announcements from other directors included:

- John shared that the student our club is sponsoring in the *Young Endeavour Youth Scheme*, Eleana Xu from Pennant Hills High School, will go to Macquarie University. John will confirm if Eleana could make it to be our Guest Speaker on 17 February to talk about her experiences within this program.
- Kaye addressed that Sally Hetherington OAM, CEO of Human and Hope Association will be our Guest Speaker for the coming meeting on 20 January. There will be many worthwhile handmade products for sale to help with her charity. Partners are welcome, so, please let Jack know if you will bring your partner to the meeting.

Moving to the program discussions, Kaye suggested to have an International Night theme with a particular country. After a bit of brainstorming, Ameen agreed to reach out to some councilors of Bangladesh in Sydney and vet their future availability.

President David proposed a members' meeting at Hornsby Shire Historical Society to learn about the history of Hornsby Shire. David will make more enquiries.

John proposed to engage in young students' skills development programs at Pennant Hills High School, such as their debating program.

President David has arranged for Julian Leeser, the Federal Member for Berowra, to be the keynote speaker at our Pride of Workmanship Awards night scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> May. If our members can think about businesses and organisations who might be interested in nominating someone for an award on the night of 20<sup>th</sup> May, please let David know their contact details.

Following the program discussions in our NEW 5 minutes Interview session for the New Year, Kaye and Adrian gave us an excellent example of what it looks like. Kaye prepared six questions to interview Adrian. Adrian answered each question within the required time limit. From the interview, we got to know more about Adrian.... (guess our fellow members who were missed in the meeting also want to know:)

- 1) Adrian's secret to success in work, life and love is waking up everyday for a new start!
- 2) Adrian's wife Wendy, his daughter Caitlin and sometimes he himself buys clothes for himself.
- 3) Adrian will order mashed potatoes from a restaurant at Circular Quay and drink Shiraz for his last meal.

## ***MEETING REPORT CONT.***

- 4) When Kaye asked Adrian if he brought his daughters up as girls, boys or both, Adrian seriously said, "We brought them up as independent girls."
- 5) If Adrian went for a holiday anywhere in the world (don't need to worry about money or anything), he wanted to cruise around the world of Cuba and around the Caribbean region by sailing ship
- 6) Apart from special days like birthdays, "today - 13 January" is a special day for Adrian and Adrian's family because it is his Cancer Reversary Day. Back on the same day 13 January 2015, Adrian almost died. (At that moment, it became clear why Adrian believes waking up everyday is so important in his life in his answer to the first question)

After such a lovely interview session, President David invited our Master Life Adrian to draw the lucky door prize for the night. Guess who got the first prize in the New Year 2021??? .....Ian Huckel! Lucky Ian Huckel!!!

Then the President closed the meeting with the singing of the National Anthem – 'for we are one and free'. The "spirit of unity" lingered in the air... a beautiful night.

## ***AUSTRALIA DAY MEETING 2021***



## ***AUSTRALIA DAY HELP NEEDED***

Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony at Pennant Hills Community Centre

Ceremonies will be conducted at 9.30am and 11.15am. If the volunteers could arrive between 8.00 and 8.30 that would help us a lot.

We will require the extra help with the setting up, cleaning between ceremonies and the handing out of the refreshment gift boxes.

The ceremonies are being managed with current COVID-19 protocols.

Everyone must wear a mask and it will be necessary to sign in using the QR Code for the event.

Please let Louise De Stradis know who will be attending on the day. she can be contacted on 98476667 or [ldestradis@hornsby.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ldestradis@hornsby.nsw.gov.au).

2021	Program	Speaker	Chairperson	Reporter	Member 5 - minute interview
Jan 20	Human & Hope	Sally Hetherington OAM Products for sale	Kaye Carter	Theo Glockemann	Pat Parker
Jan 27	Australia Day <b>Social night</b>	David Raphael St Lucy's School	Jim Fraser	Phil Stanton	NIL
Feb 3	Self-Published book about history of Pennant Hills Rd	Patricia Dewey Books for sale \$30	Pat Parker	Terry Pankhurst	Ian Huckel
Feb 10	Market Place Newsagency	Adam Yao	Kaye Carter	Pam Hudson (by zoom)	Chinese New Year, 12 Feb Valentine's Day, 14 Feb
Feb 17	NYSF	Eleana Xu	John Ellis	Kaye Carter	Pancake Day, 16 Feb
Feb 24	Hornsby/Kurungai Womens' Shelter <b>TBC</b> <b>Social night</b>	Louise McCann	Ida Xiandi Shi	Pat Parker	Theo Glockemann

### GUESTS

Nil

### BIRTHDAYS

30 January John Ellis

30 January Jack Reid

### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

4 January Theo Glockemann 2000

### ATTENDANCE

56%

### APOLOGIES

Ian Chappel

Pamela Hudson

Jim Fraser

Pat Parker

Theo G;ockemann

Claude Rigney