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APOLOGIES & GUESTS:  
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Join us on Zoom Meeting

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



**THIS WEEK**

**DAVID RAPHAEL  
REPORTER**

**WELCOME**

**ST LUCY'S SCHOOL  
PHIL STANTON**

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

What a privilege we enjoy in this country to be celebrating our national day with relative freedom from the restrictions of the Covid pandemic. We may not be able to do all the things we have done in past years but we are way better off than so many people around the world.

As I write this on our National Day, I have just come home from helping at the Hornsby Shire Citizenship functions at Pennant Hills Community Centre. Jim Fraser and I volunteered to help with the set up for the 2 functions this morning at 9.30 and at 11.15am. We assisted with the preparations, helping the 4 council staff. We were able to also observe the citizenship ceremonies presided over so well by the mayor, Philip Ruddock. I'm not sure exactly how many new citizens were sworn in at the ceremonies, but I guess about 80 in all. They were joined by a small number of family members and/or friends. Of course, all Covid requirements were followed – social distancing, mask wearing and no singing or hand shaking. At the second ceremony, the mayor was joined by a number of politicians who had connections with the shire. There was also a music trio playing throughout the 2 ceremonies including the national anthem at the conclusion of each. Ian Huckel joined us for the 2<sup>nd</sup> ceremony too.



I have to confess that this is the first time I have witnessed a citizenship ceremony in person, and I was very impressed and would suggest that if any of you have not witnessed one as yet, please take the opportunity in the future. Can I also relate a discussion I had with one of the new citizens following the 2<sup>nd</sup> ceremony. He was seated alone and was obviously of senior years. He readily confessed that it had taken him almost 60 years to take the oath. He was a Londoner, arriving here in 1964. His wife then appeared and said she was the reason he came to Australia. But he said he realised that he was a strong supporter of Australia and our way of life but did not enjoy all the privileges that citizenship would provide.

All in all an excellent morning and I was pleased that the mayor, at the conclusion of each ceremony, thanked the Rotary Club of Pennant Hills for their assistance with the ceremonies.

I trust you have all enjoyed this Australia Day and are looking forward to our celebration of it tomorrow (Wednesday) evening. Cheers,

**President David Firth**

President David opened the meeting with a request for volunteers to assist with the Hornsby Councils Australia Day celebrations at the Pennant Hills Community Centre from 8 am on Tuesday 26 January and it appeared that Jim Fraser and David, would be the only ones able to assist.

David also advised the details and arrangements for our Australia Day evening on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> with a later starting time of 6.30 for 7pm, including the name of the guest speaker, special guests, hosts and advice that a running sheet would be prepared and forward to the Chairman, Jim Fraser.

Rotaract President Jason Terry advised of their meeting scheduled for around mid-day on Saturday 13 February, and that further information would be provided later. Theo Glockemann reported that a number of people residing at Lutanda were extremely thrilled with the gifts they received from the recent Tree of Joy projects, conducted at Pennant Hills and Thornleigh Shopping Centres.

John Ellis advised that the Young Endeavour schedule had been scrubbed, but would resume at the end of February but our club would not be able to participate and we would prefer to help the children whose voyages were cancelled and he would talk to the school and make the most suitable arrangements.

President David also advised that the new honorary auditor had completed her review from previous years, not 2020, but was working on getting the finances up to date, which will be a great relief to Terry Pankhurst.

Following dinner, the Public Relations Director was given the task of doing the 5 minute interview and he selected the club's longest serving member "Jacaranda" Jack Reid. In response to the question of when he joined the Rotary Club, Jack stated 1963-64 and the President was Geoffrey Burgess. The question of what were the most rewarding projects was very easy for Jack to pick as he was the major supporter of building shade houses at the local primary school and encouraging children to take an interest in the local environment and to learn to grow plants, tree and flowers, all native varieties, and to later ship them to other parts of the state.

Kaye Carter was the Chairperson for the night and she introduced the Guest Speaker Sally Hetherington OAM from the organisation- "Human and Hope". In 2009 at the age of 23 Sally made her first visit to Cambodia on a holiday to look at the famous temples and at that time she was unaware of the horrific genocide carried out by the Khmer Rouge and its leader Pol Pot, who was responsible for killing about 2 million Cambodians, or about one quarter of the population. Many of those killed included teachers, university lecturers and future leaders of the country.

Sally was deeply touched by the visit to Cambodia and later applied to be a volunteer and she thought that she would make a huge impact and improve the position and living standards of the local people.

Unfortunately she did not and soon realised that the local people were needed to be the real driving force in getting the country back on the right course. It was not hard to accept that where almost a third of the people are illiterate, the main focus had to be on educating the young people and the task was enormous, but the Cambodian people had put up with horrific conditions for many years and they were up to the challenge.

In addition to the education challenges, there were similar problems with vocational training, learning how to successfully run a small business like making clothing, and how to make full use of the land for growing vegetables and selling the excess produce to improve their cash position. Sally's talk made most of us realise how lucky we are in this country and how wonderful it is that there are people like Sally who are prepared to "roll up their sleeves" and help others.



## AUSTRALIA DAY HORNSBY SHIRE CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY



## THE ROTARACT CLUB OF PENNANT HILLS – CHERRYBROOK

The Rotaract Club of Pennant Hills – Cherrybrook has now been approved as an Incorporated association by the NSW Department of Fair Trading.

This is a very exciting time for the club as we can now be available to run our own events (COVID-19 Permitting).

We look forward to doing our part for Rotary International the greater community.

Jason Terry  
President  
D9685

Pennant Hills - Cherrybrook  
**Rotaract**  
Club Incorporated



## UPPER BLUE TRIVIA NIGHT FOR HOMELESSNESS

Hello Fellows of District 9685,

We, in the Blue Mountains, are supporting the development of services and housing for homeless people in the Blue Mountains area. We are working with Wentworth Community Housing (soon to be Link Wentworth Community Housing) to establish a village in the Katoomba area with services provided by Link Wentworth.

We are raising funds to secure an appropriately located property to get the village established. We have set a goal of \$30,000 per year for 3 years.

So, please put a place holder on Saturday the **20th February** as per the flyer attached. I'll be sending more details of how to connect (via Zoom) and play (using Kahoot!) you can share with your members. Thanks and regards,

Paul Campbell

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President 2019-2021

**Trivia Night**

Saturday, 20th February  
7:00-9:30pm

Rotary is helping the Homeless  
in the Blue Mountains

Team up with friends and family, in your home, on ZOOM  
and played on Kahoot! Great fun and great prizes. \$20 per person.

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Wentworth Community Housing | Rotary Upper Blue Mountains Sunrise

2021	Program	Speaker	Chairperson	Reporter	Member 5 - minute interview
Feb 3	Self-Published book 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/ Kurangai Womens' Shelter <b>TBC Social night</b>	Louise McCann	Ida Xiandi Shi	Pat Parker	Theo Glockemann
Mar 3	Baptist Care NSW & ACT	Robert Dunn	Pam Hudson (By Zoom)	TBA	Clean up Australia Day 7 March
Mar 10	RYPEN	Elke Saunders Daniel Vink	John Ellis	TBA	TBA International Womens Day, 8 Mar
Mar 17	R100 Celebration	TBA	David Firth	TBA	Club's 61 <sup>st</sup> birthday

### GUESTS

Herbert Chan                      Lyn Stanton  
Georgia Glockemann              Terry Jason  
Saly Heatherington

### BIRTHDAYS

30 January    John Ellis  
30 January    Jack Reid

### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

4 January    Theo Glockemann    2000

### ATTENDANCE

82%

### APOLOGIES

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Pamela Hudson  
Terry Pankhurst