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**Rotary**

Club of Pennant Hills



**Rotary Opens Opportunities**

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Join us on Zoom Meeting

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**THIS WEEK**

**ELEANA XU NYSF**

**REPORTER**

**TERRY PANKHURST**

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

This week we have the first of our youth program participants as guest speaker. This gives us all an opportunity to hear how these young people are being prepared for their careers and their futures. So it will be interesting to hear how Eleana enjoyed what was certainly a different National Youth Science Forum in January 2021.



I received some good news from Theo Glockemann when he advised that Lutanda are happy for us to use their community centre for our club birthday celebration and it is available on Wednesday March 17 in the evening, or Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> or Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> during the day. Let's discuss this at our meeting this week and decide when to hold the function complete with spit roast.

Please don't forget the District Conference on the preceding weekend. You can register online at <https://www.district9685conference2021.com/> and there is no charge. Remember that the video made by Ida will be shown at some stage during the presentations. Once registered, you will, closer to the date, receive the link to the session. I am told that it is 4 hours in length however there are breaks during that time for refreshments, etc. Indeed all you need to do is pause the session and then restart it when ready. The program looks to cover a wide range of rotary projects and activities.

In the December/January 'Rotary Down Under' magazine, you may have read the following comment by RI President Holger Knack. He was talking about the future, uncertainty, and our responsibilities as Rotarians.

*"In Rotary we stand for values of equality, tolerance and peace. Tolerance is a relevant concern in so many ways right now. Rotary is not political and it must stay that way. But when things obviously go wrong, we cannot look away. Rotarians must not be speechless. We stand by our values and our Four-Way Test. We are measured not only by our results, but also by our attitude."*

The Charter Celebration for the Rotaract Club of Pennant Hills/Cherrybrook was postponed last Saturday due to the inclement weather. We should have a revised date shortly for those interested in celebrating with them. Cheers,

**President David Firth**

**Rotary**  
District 9685



President David opened the meeting at 6.30pm, welcomed members and advised that the guest speaker was unable to attend due to commitments with Chinese New Year celebrations. He advised:

- The Rotaract Club of Pennant Hills – Cherrybrook will hold their event this Saturday at 12pm at Pennant Hills Park (not exactly sure where in the park). Our club paid a contribution of \$250 towards the start up of the club so members were encouraged to attend.
- Clean up Australia Day on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00am – members invited to join the Clean up at Pennant Hills Market Place.
- Our club anniversary will be held in the Pennant Hills Golf Club on March 17. Jim will not be attending, so a zoom link will need to be arranged with Jim and Nicole.

Kaye (Admin Chair) reminded members about producing knitted or crocheted poppies to be sold for Anzac Day for a donation. Ida was tasked with researching suitable sealed collection tins. Kaye currently has 24 poppies from her knitter in Melbourne.

Adrian (Social Member & loving his role) canvassed member's enthusiasm for a social night at the Brook Restaurant Cherrybrook on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Names will be taken next meeting and if members say they will be coming and do not turn up, they will still have to pay the full cost of the meal - around \$42.00 for 2 courses.

Then, it was time for the 5-minute member interview where Kaye interviewed Terry Pankhurst, much to the amusement of members. We learned much about his intimate life in relation to wearing odd socks and Valentine's Day.

Sergeant Jim had his humorous fines session and suitably antagonised and somewhat impressed members with his questions and source of chit chat.

Ida gave a fabulous presentation on Chinese New Year, with many interesting stories that even Herbert was unaware of.

Ameen won the lucky door prize which partly consisted of some red flowers donated by Jack and Ian Huckel.

Members cited the National Anthem and the meeting closed at 8.20pm.



Pancake Day, or Shrove Tuesday, is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent – the 40 days leading up to Easter – was traditionally a time of fasting and on Shrove Tuesday, Anglo-Saxon Christians went to confession and were “shriven” (absolved from their sins). A bell would be rung to call people to confession. This came to be called the “Pancake Bell” and is still rung today.

Shrove Tuesday always falls 47 days before Easter Sunday, so the date varies from year to year and falls between February 3 and March 9. In 2021 Shrove Tuesday will fall on February 16th.

Shrove Tuesday was the last opportunity to use up eggs and fats before embarking on the Lenten fast and pancakes are the perfect way of using up these ingredients.

The pancake has a very long history and featured in cookery books as far back as 1439. The tradition of tossing or flipping them is almost as old: “And every man and maide doe take their turne, And tosse their Pancakes up for feare they burne.” (Pasquil’s Palin, 1619).

# THANK YOU

5 February 2021



Rotary Pennant Hills  
Mr David Firth  
President  
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Dear David,

Thank you for the generous donation from Rotary Pennant Hills supporting our school fee bursary program. We are truly grateful for the unwavering support Rotary Pennant Hills has shown St Lucy's School over the years.

Due to the additional requirements on families supporting children with disabilities a large proportion of our families are on single income or on government support. We also have several families with two or three children with disabilities. In addition, while the government National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) has provided some assistance to families, the costs to provide therapy, equipment, respite services for families put a large financial strain on our families. Due to this St Lucy's offers School Fee bursaries to families unable to meet these payments.

St Lucy's offers a vibrant community where remarkable things happen every day and extraordinary experiences are possible. Without support from the community, we could not offer the innovative and augmentative programs which make learning accessible and motivating for our students. It is our aim to empower St Lucy's students with the values, knowledge, attitudes, and skills to flourish and participate meaningfully in society.

On behalf of the St Lucy's community and the St Lucy's Board, I thank you most sincerely for your continued support and wish you all the best for 2021.

Yours sincerely

Mr David Raphael  
Principal  
St Lucy's School

Thank you so much David for your support of St Lucy's and your most unexpected Award to me. Very unexpected and humbling. David

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The club will be involved with Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday 7 March 2021 at Pennant Hills. The area will be around Pennant Hills Post Office to Wollundry Park Yarra Rd.

Bring your friends and family together to make an impact that improves your environment.

Clean up kits will be supplied

*Details Kaye Carter*

2021	Program	Speaker	Chairperson	Reporter	Member 5 minute interview
Feb 17	NYSF	Eleana Xu	John Ellis	Terry Pankhurst	<b>Jack Reid</b> Pancake Day, 16 Feb
Feb 24	Hornsby/Kurungai Womens' Shelter  <b>Social night</b>	Louise McCann	Ida Xiandi Shi	Pat Parker	<b>John Ellis</b>
Mar 3	Baptist Care NSW & ACT	Robert Dunn	Pam Hudson (By Zoom)	Ian Chappel (by zoom)	Clean up Australia Day 7 March
Mar 10	RYPEN	Elke Saunders Daniel Vink	John Ellis	Adrian Bell	<b>Ahmadul Ameen</b>  International Womens Day, 8 Mar  Virtual District 9685 13/14 March Conference
Mar 17	R100 Celebration <b>Social Night</b>	TBA	David Firth	Ahmadul Ameen	Club's 61 <sup>st</sup> birthday
Mar 24	TBA				
Mar 31	<b>Social Night</b> The Brook Restaurant, Cherrybrook				Easter Apr 2-5

### GUESTS

RTN Herbert Chan

### BIRTHDAYS

NIL

### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

1 February Jim Fraser 2016

10 February Ian Huckel 2005

### ATTENDANCE

94%

### APOLOGIES

Pam Hudson