



# SPOKES

## Rotary

Club of Pennant Hills



## Rotary Opens Opportunities

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Join us on Zoom Meeting

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

### THIS WEEK

**LOUISE MCCANN**

### REPORTER

**PAT PARKER**

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER



This week is the 116<sup>th</sup> birthday of Rotary – February 23<sup>rd</sup> is the date on which Paul Harris and his 3 associates first met officially. Hence the picture.



Have you registered for the District Conference yet? If you register, you will be sent the link to the full program which you can either watch in real time or you can watch it at a later time to suit yourself. 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. 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.

We have a number of club activities coming up starting with 'Clean Up Australia' on Sunday week, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 8am in the Pennant Hills Market Place carpark. This is an excellent way to show our club working in the community. Then on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March we are having our club birthday celebration at Lutanda Manor Community Centre. This will be instead of the meeting on Wed. 17<sup>th</sup> March.

Projects Director Pam is working hard on our Easter Egg gift project as we did last year at Lutanda. This year we are expanding it to cover Lutanda, Mawarra Village and Cherrybrook Christian Care Centre. This will reach close to 300 aged residents in our area. We are then hoping to be able to have a presence at Pennant Hills Market Place on Easter Saturday where we will hand out flyers about our club and provide Easter eggs for the children there.

In relation to being visible in the community, we have been talking about new Rotary outfits for club members and partners who would like to have them. I have a couple of suggestions for those who are game! Cheers,

**President David Firth**

## Rotary

District 9685



President David welcomed us to the meeting giving a brief outline of the memorial service to our Charter President, Dick Geeves. It was held at the Pomona Street Scout Complex as Dick served the scouting movement for most of his life. He also gave excellent service to Geriatric Care in Australia. Dick's sons each spoke of their father.

The Rotaract Club of Pennant Hills were unable to hold their Inauguration due to inclement weather. New date to be advised.

Club's Birthday will be held at Theo and Georgia's Estate (aka Lutanda) on Sunday 21 March. It will be a lunchtime affair with a fully catered spit roast.

Our Easter Project this year will be an expanded version of the Easter Egg distribution, which now includes Mulwarrah, Eloura Gardens as well as Lutanda.

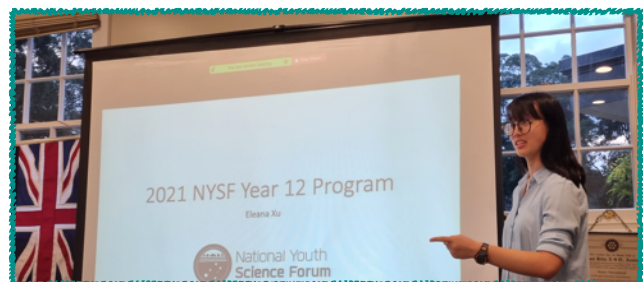
The irrepressible PP John Ellis is again trying to stir up some enthusiasm at Pennant Hills High School for the school to enter two teams for this year's MUNA. Sometimes, maybe John deserves to win the lucky door prize for the effort he puts in to our Youth Projects (but only sometimes).

PP Adrian gave details of our social night at The Brook Cherrybrook on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March. All are welcome, the venue has already been checked out by the Rotaryannes.

Adrian was the subject of a five-minute interview by a very inquisitive and capable PP Jack Reid encouraging Adrian to give us a brief outline of his past eg; being kidnapped by his parents at the age of 9 and being brought to Australia. He worked for some one hundred and fifty companies and is on his forty sixth development building – a new home near Bowral.

PP John Ellis then introduced our guest speaker, Eleana Xu, a year 12 student from Hornsby Girls High School, our nominee for the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)

From the start of her presentation, it was very clear Eleana was a very intelligent and determined candidate for NYSF. She applied to 20 Rotary Clubs within the District seeking nomination. Eleana told us she loves to study science and maths. She is studying biology, chemistry, maths extension 1 and 2. This year due to Covid restrictions the course predominantly is Zoom and digital lectures with some vocational visits.



Digital and Zoom sessions included links with over 20 scientists including Nobel Laureates Professor Barry Marshall and Professor Brian Schmidt. She very proudly told us she had the privilege of asking Professor Marshall a question on Zoom.

Her enthusiasm for everything she experienced on the course was boundless and presentation was faultless.

Sadly, this scribe never learnt to speed write or to use shorthand. I apologise I couldn't get the myriad of facts that she delivered committed to paper.

It was a brilliant presentation by Eleana and it was obvious she will have a very successful career in whatever field she chooses

## **OPPORTUNITY KNOCKING**

There are some openings from April to June for you to think about presenting a topic of your choice/interest/passion to members.

Could you please let Kaye know if you are interested or if you know of someone you could suggest to come and talk to us?



**March 13th 2021 9.00am**  
**District 9685 Conference program**

**Guest Speakers for Conference 2021**

**Welcome** from DG Dave Clark

RI President Holger Knaack Conference message

**MC** Geoff Brennan

**Welcome to Country** (Peter Kirkwood)

\* **Juliet Risley** (Her Rotary Life as the wife of the RI President and the 5 new things that I learnt about Rotary) coming to you from Melbourne

**Club video**

\* **Samual Tokpora** (My life as a Refugee and giving back to Rotary)

**Club video**

\* **Ruby Seeto** (The T-Towel Girl) coming to you from New Zealand

**Club video**

\* **Dr. Ray Hodgson** The lighthouse Doc (his work with the women in Tibet)

**BREAK for MORNING TEA (15-20 minutes)**

**Club video**

**IN MEMORIUM** (To remember those who we have lost in the past two years)

\* **Jason Terry** (Rotaract) my story

**Club video**

\* **Greg Ross (Australian Rotary Health)** Why I am so passionate about Australian Rotary Health from Melb.

**Club video**

\* **Stephanie Woollard** (Seven Women) her work with disabled women in Nepal

**Club video**

**BREAK for LUNCH (30 to 45 minutes)**

\* **Rotary International Past President: Ian Risley** (The Rotary Environment strategy) from Melb.

**DG Elect Lindsay May and Tanya** to promote his Conference 2022

**Club video**

\* **Cathy Booth Rotary Australia Word Community Service Project** (Umoja Orphanage Kenya) coming to from Queensland

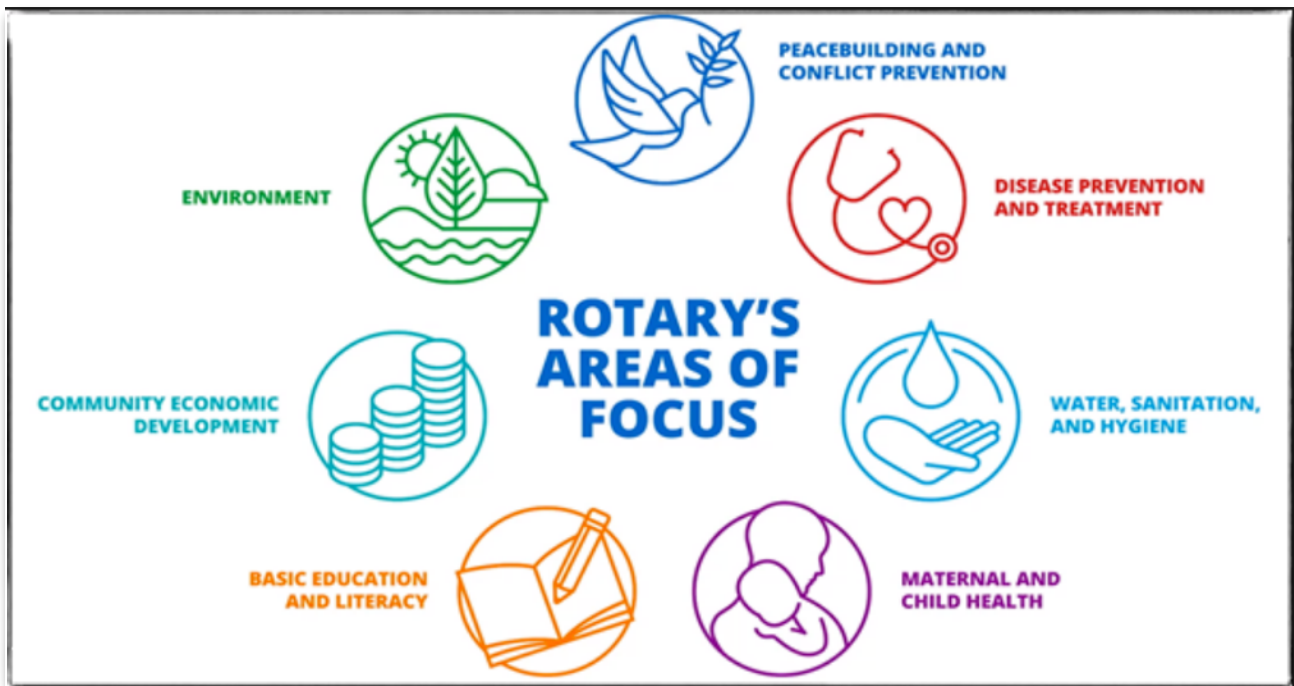
The winning small club video and the winning large club video

\* **Cam Calkoen** (Dream Big Achieve more) coming to from New Zealand

Final words and thank you from DG Dave Clark

## ROTARY'S SEVEN AREAS OF FOCUS

Rotary International new areas of focus. New focus being the ENVIROMENT



## MEMBER INTERVIEWS FOR 5 MINUTES

We have a new activity in our meetings. This involves one member interviewing another member for 5 minutes.

This is not meant to be a serious activity, so let's have a bit of fun.

- Before the meeting starts, you need to choose a member to interview.
- Check with them whether they agree to be interviewed (do not ask for volunteers)
- Have a list of questions ready to ask your interviewee.

Here's a sample of some questions:

- What is your favourite activity in your spare time?
- Do you play computer games?
- Where in the world would you like to travel to?
- Do you have a collection of odd socks?
- What is your favourite eating out place?
- What would you cook me for dinner if I came to your place?
- Did you have a favourite teacher at school?
- What was your worst subject at school?

## RADIO ROTARY MATTERS

Radio is a powerful way to spread Club stories. Would you like to hear of other Club's projects, local or overseas.

Join presenter Ian Stuart on Rotary Matters as he spreads the word.

On air Friday 3.00 pm - 4.00 pm

[www.rotarymatters.org](http://www.rotarymatters.org)

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2021	Program	Speaker	Chairperson	Reporter	Member 5 - minute interview
Feb 24	Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai Womens' Shelter <b>Social night</b>	Louise McCann	Ida Xiandi Shi	Pat Parker	John Ellis
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	Ahmadul Ameen International Womens Day, 8 Mar Virtual District 9685 13/14 March Conference
Mar 17	No Meeting on Wednesday				Club's 61 <sup>st</sup> birthday - lunch at Lutanda
Mar 24	TBA				
Mar 31	<b>Social Night</b> The Brook Restaurant, Cherrybrook				Easter Apr 2-5
Apr 7	TBA				Ramadan Apr 13
Apr 14	TBA				
Apr 21	TBA				
Apr 28	<b>Social Night</b> restaurant				

### GUESTS

Eleana Xu

Helen Xu

### BIRTHDAYS

NIL

### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

1 February Jim Fraser 2016

10 February Ian Huckel 2005

### ATTENDANCE

81%

### APOLOGIES

Kaye Carter

Theo Glockemann

Pat Parker