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**Rotary**  
Club of Pennant Hills



**Rotary Opens Opportunities**

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Join us on Zoom Meeting

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

**THIS WEEK** *Elke Saunders & Daniel Vink*  
**RYPEN 2021**  
**REPORTER** *ADRIAN BELL*

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Our 'Clean Up Australia Day' project was very well supported on Sunday down at Pennant Hills Market Place. We had 10 members and partners volunteered and we cleaned up the Market Place open carpark and underground carpark, Wollundry Park around the library and community centre, and the Fisher Avenue carpark. My thanks to Kaye who registered us and was the designated co-ordinator, Harris Farm Markets who allowed us to dispose of the rubbish in their dumpbin and to all who volunteered, particularly the partners. I trust you were able to enjoy a coffee together when you finished.



The postponed Chartering Function for the new Pennant Hills/Cherrybrook Rotaract Club has been rescheduled to Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 12noon at Glenhaven Community Centre, 76 Glenhaven Road, Glenhaven. There will be a light lunch served so you need to RSVP to [President@phcrotaract.org.au](mailto:President@phcrotaract.org.au) This change in venue ensures that poor weather will not disrupt their arrangements. I would like to have several members representing us as we are joint sponsors of this new club, and I know they would appreciate all the encouragement we can give them.

Don't forget the District Conference on this coming weekend. You can register online at <https://www.district9685conference2021.com/> if you haven't already, 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 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.

Our Club Birthday Reunion function at Lutanda Manor is coming up on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March. We do need to know numbers for catering purposes. Can you let Jack know by next Monday evening how many you are bringing. We are hoping to be able to welcome some of our past members and partners. Cheers

**President David Firth**

**Rotary**  
District 9685



The meeting opened at 6.30pm with a warm welcome to members and the guest speaker, Robert Dunn.

President David announced the following:

Clean Up Australia Day this Sunday. Meet at 8.00am at the Pennant Hills Post Office. President David will collect the 'kit' on Friday and bring to the meeting place on Sunday morning. (According to the website, the kit should include gloves, rubbish bags and sanitiser.) Members were requested to wear their Rotary caps, t shirts etc. as this activity is seen as being publicity for our club.

The Club's birthday will be held at Lutanda on Sunday March 21<sup>st</sup> at 12pm. The cost is \$30 BYO (with the club subsidizing some of the cost). It will be a spit roast which will probably be ready for consumption at around 1pm. Please inform Jack of your attendance by 15 March. The President is waiting for RSVPs from past members.

President David passed around a sample of an Easter card that will be included in the Easter egg gift to the nominated retirement villages.

John Ellis mentioned that Pennant Hills High School was not interested in MUNA this year.

Kaye advised that another bag of knitted poppies had arrived from her knitter friend in Melbourne. Ida has found a suitable money collection tin on the web that needs to be approved for the collection of funds for the public to pay for the poppies for Anzac Day. The suggestion to donate the money to Hornsby RSL Sub-Branch was met with approval.

No 5 minute interview tonight.

Jim Fraser the Sergeant was short on story-telling ideas but still managed to ease money out of member's wallets with a ever expanding collection of reasons to fine. John Ellis for not being inventive enough to garner interest in MUNA a Pennant Hills High School. Kaye for going to the RSL. The President for woes with a sporting team. The President asked which current member of the club lived on Pennant Hills Road (you would get good at quickly moving the kitchen table out of the way of traffic!!). It was Terry Pankhurst, however members of the club brought forth more history of where members of the club once lived. The result was, the President received another fine.

Pam Hudson via Zoom introduced the guest speaker Robert Dunn to talk about Baptist Care.

Exactly one year ago today at 9:29 am a text was received by Robert, "Are you across the Corona virus patient at the Dorothy Henderson facility at Macquarie Park".

Communication with residents and staff was important, special telephones were used for this purpose. By 9<sup>th</sup> May 2020 the care home was free (stable) of the conona virus.

How Covid impacted them last year in that they had the 2nd death in Australia which really changed their way of doing business in that they had to kit everyone in PPE. His comment was that there was 10 visits per day per nurse and that meant they had to change every time so they were filling the halls with PPE.



There other issue was staff they had to send almost 50 out of 70 home to isolation as one of the staff tested positive. As a result they had to beg borrow and steal to get replacements. Dorothy Henderson House had 8 deaths at the Macquarie Park site.

At one point the health spokeswoman Kerry Chant delivered PPE gear personally to Dorothy Henderson House.

Robert spoke about the Aged Care Royal Commission. The following is a summary from the Royal Commission Report:-

### **Purpose of the aged care system**

The purpose of the aged care system must be to ensure that older people have an entitlement to high quality aged care and support and that they must receive it. Such care and support must be safe and timely and must assist older people to live an active, self-determined and meaningful life in a safe and caring environment that allows for dignified living in old age.

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### Supporting people to age well

The experience of ageing is different for everyone. Some people are fit and healthy well into their 80s, while others may experience cognitive decline or frailty well before then. Their experience is influenced as much by social expectations as by the biological process of ageing. There is much that can be done to help people live a more active, healthy and engaged lifestyle as they age.

### Governing for older Australians

Better system governance is crucial to the reform of aged care. Effective governance of the aged care system requires ongoing guidance and direction, steering the system towards long-term policy outcomes, monitoring performance, addressing emerging issues and holding players in the system accountable for performance. The overall objective of system governance must be to ensure that people receive safe and high quality aged care according to their needs.

With the new aged care plan the report they will need 15,000 plus new staff before the end of the year to give them the coverage they are proposed from a staff to patient ration. Robert made a comment that last year 30,000 people died while waiting for an aged care plan and that they are so behind that a



significant amount of the new money \$480 Million is going to get spent on auditing the system to try and ensure the people get their plans correctly and sooner.

Robert also spoke HopeStreet project and how they assist with women who are suffering from domestic violence. The lady that was featured in a movie presentation had 4 children and her husband was beating her. HopeStreet provided her with safe accommodation and then set up a loan so she could purchase a fridge to feed her ever hungry children.

## CHANGE TO MEAL ARRANGEMENTS

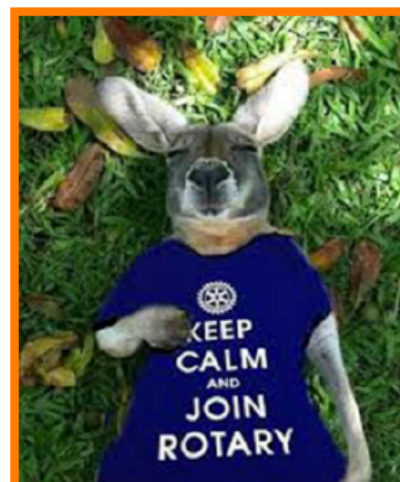
The Golf Club have contacted Phil Stanton to advise that they have been looking at their approach to the provision of meals on a Wednesday evening as numbers start to fade with the change of seasons. The model that the Club have proposed will provide plated meals on one Wednesday a month and on the other evenings will provide pizzas that they will prepare in their new pizza oven. The Club advises that this will run as follows:

- \* There will be a staff member serving a variety of pizzas for the meeting from a buffet outside of the room from 6.30pm.
- \* Vegetarian pizza options will be available
- \* Garden salads will be on the tables

On special nights, or nights where we expect a larger number attending we will be provided with a plated meal.

The Club advise that this arrangement will begin on Wednesday the 24th March. There will be no change in the pricing.

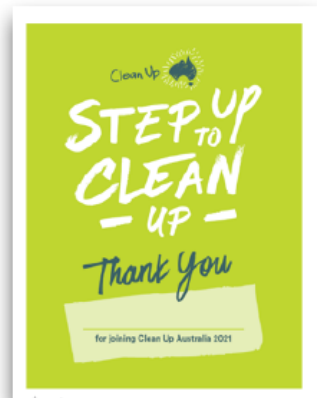
There has also been a request from the golf club that we have just one Rotary member contacting them regarding the meetings, functions and catering. As Phil was the person they have contacted regarding these changes, I have asked him to be our contact person in future. So contact him with any requests, etc.



## CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Sunday 7 the March (by Kaye Carter)

A band of our merry club members and partners met at 8.00am at the Pennant Hills Market Place to pick up litter in the adjoining car parks and the park across the road. Enthused litter collectors included: Adrian and Wendy, Jeanette, Jim and Esther, Ida and Eddy, David, John and Phil with Kaye as the site supervisor. The morning concluded with a small gathering at the local coffee outlet. Overall, a successful morning, but I'm not so sure about the publicity aspect - but step by step!



## DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2023-2024 APPLICATION

Notice about the current selection process for the DG 2023-2024 has been sent to all. Just a reminder that the date for applications closing is coming up very soon.

Applications to PDG Susan close on 26th March by COB. Contact PDG Susan Wakefield OAM (0412 146 055; kirrigbm@bigpond.net.au) for application package.

Interviews will be held on Sunday, 11th April 2021.

## DISTRICT ASSEMBLY 2021

DA (District Assembly) is planned as an online event again this year after the great success of the event in 2020. It will roll out over several weeks during April and May, for each group in the Club management team, commencing with the General Session on Sunday April 18th.

Even though this is the training program for all incoming Boards of you Clubs, everyone is welcome to attend, *however registration is essential*. So, watch this space for details and be ready to join the fun!! More details will be published soon but here are the dates for your diaries. The District Assembly will occur over 6 non-consecutive Saturdays and Sundays with some variations to the dates listed in the last eNewsletter. The dates are commencing Sunday April 18, then Sunday May 16, Saturday May 22, Sunday May 23, Sunday May 30, Sunday Jun 6.

## WORLD ROTARACT WEEK

World Rotaract Week is an annual celebration of the success and the importance of Rotaract in communities around the world. Join the experience 8-14 March to connect with others and share your celebrations. Learn four ways that you can take action and observe World Rotaract Week this year on the Rotaract Facebook page.

2021	Program	Speaker	Chairperson	Reporter	Member 5 - minute interview
Mar 10	RYPEN	Elke Saunders Daniel Vink	John Ellis	Adrian Bell	<b>Theo or Jack Reid</b> Virtual District 9685 13/14 March Conference
Mar 17	No Meeting on Wednesday				Club's 61 <sup>st</sup> birthday-lunch at Lutanda at 12pm
Mar 21	Pennant Hills Rotary Club Clan Reunion	Club's 61 <sup>st</sup> birthday	Lunch at Lutanda 12pm Cost \$30 pp BYO		
Mar 24	New Member Introduction	Herbert Chan	Kaye Carter	Phil Stanton	<b>Ahmadul Ameen</b>
Mar 31	<b>Social Night</b>	The Brook Restaurant, Cherrybrook			Easter Apr 2-5
Apr 7					<b>Adrian Bell</b> Ramadan Apr 13
Apr 14					
Apr 21	<b>Combined clubs</b> NSW Public Prosecutor	Lloyd Babb			Anzac Day Apr 25

### GUESTS

Robert Dunn  
Leon Edena

Jason Terry

### BIRTHDAYS

3 March Ian Chappel  
4 March Georgia Glockemann  
14 March Jeanette Rigney  
24 March Heather Firth  
30 March Bronia Tam

### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

10 March Ian Chappel 2014

### ATTENDANCE

71%

### APOLOGIES

Herbert Chan Terry Pankhurst  
Theo Glockemann Ida Shi  
Ian Huckel