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Rotary
Club of Pennant Hills



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61ST HAPPY BIRTHDAY

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Did you get the chance to view our District Conference on-line last weekend? What a great presentation it was, providing a wide range of speakers and showing the scope of Rotary's activities both here and around the world. There are several presentations which will make excellent programs for our meetings in the future. I know you will not be surprised that our video made it into the final 10 but alas, we did not win.



Our Club Birthday Reunion function at Lutanda Manor is on Sunday next. We look to have a good number attending – as parking is limited inside, it would assist if you can park in the street, not forgetting to BYO.

Celebrating our 61st birthday set me to thinking about our history and what we have done over those years. Fresh in my memory is the Thanksgiving Service for our Charter President Dick Geeves. What an impression he made on all he came in contact with and involved himself in so many community activities.

It's easy to enumerate many of the projects in the community which our club has provided – sadly some are no longer in existence! But there were some which were truly ground breaking and some which continue in one form or another today. I'm thinking about - the playground for deaf and blind children at the School for Deaf and Blind Children at North Rocks; the innovative Dart Board for the Blind; and of course, the Pride of Workmanship Awards project.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT CONT.

Other community projects were the formation of several Probus Clubs, our long-time support for Hornsby Hospital, the tremendous support we have given for the Red Shield Appeal over many years, and our support for Camp Quality and Camp Breakaway, the latter where we built and equipped a 2 bedroom cabin.

Perhaps as a separate item is our support for PKU Research at Westmead Hospital which began in 2007 and continues to this day. We have managed to obtain funding support from the Australian Rotary Health fund which has increased greatly the total provided over the period.

Our overseas involvement is dominated by the RET project in Timor Leste for which we have Theo and Georgia to thank for their untiring efforts – and what a success it is and continues to be. Over the years we have contributed to a range of projects particularly in the Pacific Region but also including an International Rotary Foundation Matching Grant for 10 medical centres in Sri Lanka in 2004. We were one of the first clubs to support Mercy Ships which RI is now in partnership with, and we have also supported surgical teams going to Nepal particularly dealing with cleft palates.

We have had a long history in supporting youth programs – RYLA, RYPEN, MUNA, NYSE, Summer Science Experience, RYDA, Rotary Youth Exchange, and the 'Young Endeavour' program. There are many, many people who have been recipients of sponsorship to these programs over the years. And then of course there is our support of St Lucy's School at Wahroonga.

So, I think we can say with confidence that we have made a considerable contribution to our community and to communities across the globe. Happy Birthday to us!



Welcome to tonight's enthralling chapter on the mysterious lives of the Penno Rotarians.

You know that the home team is under-represented when the visitors nearly outnumber them! Pam, Chapelli, Ameen, Terry, Mr. Jimi, Herbert, Kaye – all having a wag. Excuses? I hear none.

Fortunately, this year's RYPEN attendees Elke Saunders & Daniel Vink both looked ahead and, fearing an audience of chirruping crickets, brought reinforcements by way of each of their Mums & Dads.

Showing no fear of eating a cold dinner, President David chatted on about the Presidential news items

1. Big call-out to the first rate efforts of the Clean-Up Australia team from the club for their work at Pennant Hills shopping centre and the streets and parks surrounding. Thanks also to Harris Farm Markets @ the shops, for allowing us to put all the gathered refuse in their skip – saving us all the effort of having to chuck it all out again ... wasn't going to have that rubbish in MY car.
2. Upcoming District Assembly is virtually here! April 18 and beyond. Roll-up all ye interested parties.
3. Wednesday March 17th – No Meeting. You'll be on your own if'n you go to the golf club expecting dinner and a chat.
4. Club 61st Birthday luncheon – to be held at Lutanda on Sunday March 21 @ 12 Midday. BYOG, Spit roast lunch @ \$30/head. Expecting to see everyone there. Bring your own better half too (BYOB½ ?).

Vice Admiral John, ever the eagle eyed entrepreneur, had knocked off the leftover supply of gloves from the volunteer tasks of the previous weekend. However, he came clean (like that?) and Handed them out like prizes for the non-cleaner uppers. Just like Cinderella and her glass slipper, they only fitted a chosen few.

Taking the opportunity to harass the president of the Pennant Hills P&C, President Dave pushed the opportunity for a team (or more) from the school to attend the upcoming MUNA.

In President Daves 5 Minutes of Fame segment, proving to be lithe and light on his feet, Theo conducted the interview with at least 30 seconds preparation. Victim du Jour was Phil Stanton, explaining how the Rotary International Study Tour to Switzerland literally changed his life



Our Sergeant was off on a wag, so we all saved a few bucks there.



Vice Admiral John gave us the intro, then it was over to Elke & Daniel. Their RYPEN adventure was completely non-traditional. Not only not on-site over a weekend, but all done on Zoom on 2 different weekends in Feb. Plainly, they learned heaps of interesting team and bonding and leadership stuff. More importantly, it sounded like they had a great time doing it! They gave a terrific joint presentation and answered dozens of questions like seasoned professionals. Great Stuff.

I also have to report that, in yet another world first, JOHN ELLIS DID NOT WIN THE LUCKY DOOR PRIZE. Again. Twice in a row. Tonight, Daniel Vink, a guest of honour, given the task of drawing the winning ticket, fiddled around in the bucket of tickets just long enough to ensure that he selected his own!!! Rigged! Much applause and merriment. Unfortunately for him, the bottle of wine went to his Mum – thereby proving that cheats never prosper.



All over and done. Time for a spoken Advance Australia (with the new wording). Good night everyone. No meeting next week – See you at the Birthday Event @ Lutanda on Sunday.

ROTARY RECYCLE PLAYGROUNDS

A relatively new Rotary program is rescuing old playgrounds from landfill to bring joy to children in developing nations.

The City of Greater Dandenong, Vic, typically replaces around four playgrounds per year. In the past, the old playgrounds have often gone straight to landfill. However, Melinda Bell from the Rotary Greater Dandenong and Endeavour Hills, Rotary District 98200, and Gavin Roberts from the Greater Dandenong Liquor Accord Council, have teamed up to provide an elegant solution. Through Rotary's Removal of Recycled Playgrounds (RORP) project, playgrounds are 'harvested', rejuvenated and sent to poorer countries, such as Sri Lanka, where they continue to bring joy to thousands of children.

A team of hardworking Rotarians recently removed a playground from Memorial Drive, Noble Park. It has already been reconditioned and shipped off to its new home in Sri Lanka.



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Sunday 7 the March (by Kaye Carter)



The band of our merry club members and partners at the Pennant Hills Market Place Enthused litter collectors included: Adrian and Wendy, Jeanette, Jim and Esther, Ida and Eddy, David, John, Phil & Kaye.



ROTARY FOUNDATION @ WORK

The Eye Clinic at Westmead Children's Hospital treats a range of complex conditions including cancers, glaucoma, retinal disease, vision loss and more. But they lacked a vital piece of equipment, a diagnostic eye imaging device enabling the detection of changes in children's vision including the progression and regression of tumours.

Rotary came to the rescue! We meet Head Orthoptist Katie Geering and Haran Ramachandran local Grants Chair for the Rotary Foundation. Through his creativity, enterprise and enthusiasm Haran raised \$168,000 to provide Katie with a Spectralis OCT machine, putting the Eye Clinic at the forefront of eye health.



"The simplest acts of kindness are by far more powerful than a thousand heads bowing in prayer."

Mahatma Gandhi



2021	Program	Speaker	Chairperson	Reporter	Member 5 - minute interview
Mar 17	No Meeting on Wednesday				Club's 61 st birthday-lunch at Lutanda at 12pm
Mar 21	Pennant Hills Rotary Club Clan Reunion	Club's 61 st birthday	Lunch at Lutanda 12pm Cost \$30 pp BYO		
Mar 24	New Member Introduction	Herbert Chan	Kaye Carter	Phil Stanton	Ahmadul Ameen
Mar 31	Social Night	The Brook Restaurant, Cherrybrook			Easter Apr 2-5
Apr 7					Adrian Bell Ramadan Apr 13
Apr 14					
Apr 21	Combined clubs NSW Public Prosecutor	Lloyd Babb			Anzac Day Apr 25

GUESTS

Daniel Saunders
Elke Saunders
Melanie Saunders

Daniel Vink
Renita Vink
Tony Vink

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

53%

APOLOGIES

Ahmadul Ameen Jim Fraser
Kaye Carter Pamela Hudson
Herbert Chan Terry Pankhurst
Ian Chappel Claude Rigney