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Rotary
Club of Pennant Hills



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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THIS WEEK

PROF FAZLUL HAQ

REPORTER

JIM FRASER

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Our Easter Egg project providing Easter Egg packs to 4 retirement villages in our area has been completed. I can report that at least one person at Mawarra Village was very appreciative of the packs provided to residents there. I'm sure there will be other such messages from each of the other villages we supplied. The handing out of Easter Egg packs to children at Pennant Hills Market place on Saturday has been reported elsewhere in this edition of Spokes.



Last week's Social Night at The Brook, Cherrybrook has also been reported on elsewhere this week. I'm sure those attending enjoyed the evening of fellowship over the meal.

April is another busy month commencing with the Easter break and school holidays which still seem to affect those of us with grown up children – grandparent duties seem to be the order of the day! And then we move to ANZAC Day and this year we should see a more normal observance in our city compared with the Covid restricted one last year. We have our Poppy project this year – selling knitted/crocheted poppies around the area in the week leading up to Sunday 25th April. The proceeds will go to the Hornsby Sub-branch of the RSL. Can I ask you to get involved if you can in this project as it is another opportunity to have the club seen to be active in our community.

I was alarmed to read the following report today –

Devastating floods hit Timor Leste, forcing thousands to take refuge and leaving at least 27 people dead. The death toll is expected to rise as information comes in from remote and isolated areas.

Dili was under an extended COVID lockdown when the floods hit. A UN development officer says the country is facing health and humanitarian crises.

The fledgling democracy was hammered by intense rain and storms on the weekend, sending surging torrents of water through towns and villages, and turning the streets of the capital Dili into canals. Thousands of citizens have also moved into almost a dozen temporary refugee centres, stoking fears the disaster will inevitably send the number of COVID-19 cases in the country soaring. Dili was under an extended lockdown to deal with a spike in COVID-19 numbers, but that strategy collapsed as people took shelter with friends and family members.



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We will ensure we remain in close contact with our friends there and offer whatever help we are able to give.

Cheers

Pres. David Firth

Last Wednesday we had an excellent turnout at 'The Brook' Restaurant at Cherrybrook. A total of 23 members and partners attended and, occupying 2 tables, were able to enjoy a fixed menu of 3 courses with most having brought their own drinks. The conversation at our table was wide ranging and interesting – just as one would expect at such an evening.

A big 'thank you' to Adrian Bell for arranging everything including no corkage for those who brought BYO drinks. I'm not sure just what went on at the other table, but I can report that towards the end of the evening one of our members ended up sitting on the floor! No names are necessary as I'm sure Sergeant Jim was seen writing notes in his little black book.

Given all of that, I for one can't wait for the next Social Night. So if you missed this one, don't miss the next.



EASTER SATURDAY AT PENNANT HILLS MARKET PLACE

Armed with around 100 Easter Egg packs and a bunch of Club Brochures, John Ellis, Jack Reid and I set up a stand at the Pennant Hills Market Place in the Community Area where we have the Tree of Joy at Christmas. Our intention was to give the packs to children and brochures to the parents and anyone showing interest in Rotary and/or our club. The picture shows the set up.

We managed to give almost every child who came within our precinct, but soon realized we would have difficulty in giving all the packs out, so we started giving them to older folk. We did get some positive feed-back from parents of the children, and a number of people were ready to buy raffle tickets or to pay for the packs we gave out! All in all, it was 3 hours well spent and we could have a new member as a result – a lady indicated interest in coming along to a club meeting and learning more about Rotary.

This should just encourage us to do more of this – perhaps at Thornleigh as well.



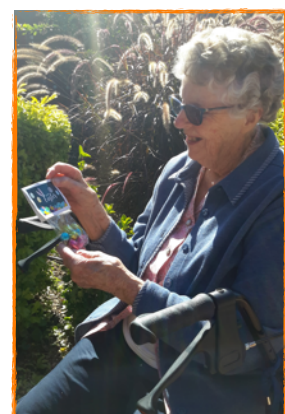
EASTER THANK YOU

from Melanie Farrow Diversional Therapy

Thank you so much for your donations this Easter from Cherrybrook Christian Care Residential Centre

Pictured Marj Ebb one of our Australia Day Awardees who is now a resident at CCC residential centre.

Marj recently attended the club's birthday celebrations. She was thankful for the invitation which gave her a new lease on life after being in lockdown.



FOUNDATION FUNDING CRISIS

by Euan Miller



For the second time in two years the World Fund is likely to run out of money to provide matching dollars to Global Grant applications. Last year the funds ran out in May but this year the outlook is more dire and a number of savings measures have already been put in place at Evanston. The trustees and the Board met in late January to look at stop gap solutions which may well now be known.

Why has this happened? Clubs have clearly focused on Global Grant projects and the number of Global Grants applications continues to grow at an astounding rate. At the end of December Global Grants approved were 85% ahead of what they were at the same time last year. Despite the elimination of support for cash contributions to Global Grants this year (in an endeavour to make World Funds spread further), it is clear the funding shortfall is such that they may never return. To compound the problem there will be a big waiting list of projects for the new area of focus Supporting the environment, ready to compete for grants on July 1 this year.

As Rotarians, clubs and districts we have a responsibility to help fix this problem. Giving to the Annual Programs Fund across our Zone, (the source of District Designated Funds we all use to implement our international projects) has declined since the Centenary of the Foundation in 2017. In our personal tax deductible giving, we are not growing either Centurions or Paul Harris Society members in sufficient numbers. Clubs and Districts also are failing to reach the target of USD100/ member every year. This is a modest benchmark every district should be able to achieve.

EXPANDING ACCESS TO SANITATION



More than 10 million households in the Philippines lack sanitation facilities, exposing communities to diseases like diarrhea and cholera.

The Rotary Club of Intramuros-Manila had been partnering with an Australian club for two decades to provide water and sanitation to barangay around Manila when they learned about two mountain villages in need of facilities. Overcoming many obstacles, the clubs delivered 28 toilets to the families of indigenous Aeta who live on ancestral lands, accomplishing something no other organization had.

THANK YOU FROM HUMAN & HOPE Inc

Pennant Hills Rotary have received the club's donation to support 10 children through the language program at our program partner, HHA Cambodia.

You can view a thank you video at <https://youtu.be/M28vws6pMBA>



2021	Program	Speaker	Chairperson	Reporter	Member 5 - minute interview
Apr 7	Ramadan	Prof Fazlul Haq	Ian Huckle	Jim Fraser	Adrian Bell Ramadan Apr 13
Apr 14	'a family history like no other' Or a video from the Rotary District Conference	Theo Glockemann	Pat Parker	Herbert Chan	Ida Shi
Apr 21	Video from the Rotary District Conference	nil	David Firth	Terry Pankhurst	Pam Hudson Anzac Day Apr 25
Apr 28	Hornsby RSL Sub branch	TBA	Kaye Carter	Theo Glockemann	Herbert Chan
May 5	'Extraordinary Experiences'	John Ellis	Terry Pankhurst	Phil Stanton	Ian Chapell
May 12	St Marks Anglican Church Pennant Hills	Pastor Craig Schafer	Jack Reid	Kaye Carter	Pat Parker
May 19	Pride of Workmanship Social Night	nil	Davd Firth	Ida Shi	
May 26	Hearing Australia	Christine Hunter	Ida Shi	Adrian Bell	Kaye Carter
Jun 2	Combined clubs NSW Public Prosecutor 'Stories from the DPP's office' Social Night	Lloyd Babb	Theo Glockemann	Pam Hudson	

GUESTS

Mamooda Ameen **Esther Fraser** **Jeanette Rigney**
Wendy Bell **Eddy Li** **Lyn Stanton**
Dr Leon Edema **Maureen Pankhurst**
Heather Firth **Sandra Parker**

BIRTHDAYS

5 April **Ian Huckel**
8 April **Peter Hudson**
21 April **Pamela Hudson**
24 April **Leon Edema**

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

ATTENDANCE

76.5%

APOLOGIES

Ian Chappel
Theo Glockemann
Pamela Hudson
Jack Reid

