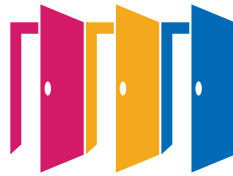




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**Rotary**  
Club of Pennant Hills



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**JOIN US ON ZOOM MEETING**  
<https://zoom.us/j/9886604775>

**THIS WEEK**     **DG ELECT LINDSAY MAY OAM**  
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**REPORTER**     **IDA SHI**  
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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

This week is our Pride of Workmanship Awards night, our 45<sup>th</sup> such presentation function. Last year you will recall was the first time since 1976 that we did not hold an awards night. So it is a great pleasure to once again welcome some 9 awardees and their sponsors and we trust that you all enjoy the evening and the recognition you all richly deserve.



We are privileged to have as our Keynote Speaker, Rotary District Governor Elect Lindsay May OAM. Lindsay is a longtime Rotarian who has had leadership roles in both his club and the Rotary District culminating in his fast approaching term as District Governor. But Lindsay has another great love and that is sailing and ocean racing. This year was his 40<sup>th</sup> time in the Sydney to Hobart race, a race which he has navigated a past winner! I suspect we will see him race again this Boxing Day.

This week I was privileged to represent our club at the official opening of the new Dominic Centre at St Lucy's School, Wahroonga. It was a great celebration and testament to the drive and tenacity of the Principal David Raphael who started there in 2017 at about the time the expansion of the school and its facilities began. The NSW Minister for Education & Early Childhood Learning, Hon. Sarah Mitchell took part, the government having contributed over \$6 million to the project. Of special note for us was the featured role of Philip Stanton and his company Stanton Dahl as the architects of the development.



We are heading for the changeover to a new board and President Elect Kaye at the end of June. Don't forget the other major night coming up when we will have the NSW DPP Lloyd Babb as or keynote speaker on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Greetings to you all,

**Pres. David Firth**

**Rotary**  
District 9685



# WELCOME PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARDS

## SPONSORS, AWARDEES and GUESTS



### DEFINITION OF ROTARY

How do you describe the organization called "Rotary"? There are so many characteristics of a Rotary club as well as the activities of a million Rotarians. There are the features of service, internationality, fellowship, classifications of each vocation, development of goodwill and world understanding, the emphasis of high ethical standards, concern for other people and many more descriptive qualities.

"Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world."

Those 31 words are worth remembering when someone asks, "What is a Rotary club?"

### ROTARY VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Vocational Service is the "Second Avenue of Service." No aspect of Rotary is more closely related to each member than a personal commitment to represent one's vocation or occupation to fellow Rotarians and to exemplify the characteristics of high ethical standards and the dignity of work. Programs of vocational service are those which seek to improve business relations while improving the quality of trades, industry, commerce and the professions. Rotarians understand that each person makes a valuable contribution to a better society through daily activities in a business or profession.

Vocational Service is frequently demonstrated by offering young people career guidance, occupational information and assistance in making vocational choices. Some clubs sponsor high school career conferences. Many recognize the dignity of employment by honoring exemplary service of individuals working in their communities. The 4-Way Test and other ethical and laudable business philosophies are often promoted among young people entering the world of work. Vocational talks and discussion of business issues are also typical vocational service programs at most clubs.

Regardless of the ways that Vocational Service is expressed, it is the banner by which Rotarians "recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations" and demonstrate a commitment to "high ethical standards in all businesses and professions." That's why the Second Avenue of Service is fundamental to every Rotary club

### ROTARY COMMUNITY SERVICE

Rotary Community Service is another one of the **FOUR AREAS OF SERVICE**

A community, defined in its simplest terms, is a group of people who have something in common. But in real life, it is something far more complex than that. Each member — every individual, group, organization, and business — draws benefits from the community in many different ways. For a community to thrive, each of its members must honor a commitment to contribute to the well-being of the whole by returning those benefits in kind.

Rotarians recognize the importance of giving back to the community. After all, Community Service is one of the Four Avenues of Service. Every Rotary club and every Rotarian assumes a responsibility to find ways to improve the quality of life for those in their communities and to serve the public interest. When those efforts are effective, they not only contribute to the greater good, they also promote Rotary's positive image.

Sergeant (in training) Ida opened the meeting at 6.30pm. President David welcomed members and guest - Pastor Craig Schafer. Grace was said by Pat Parker and a pizza dinner was consumed.

At 7pm, President David commenced the business element of the meeting:

- Apology to members for some of the errors in Spokes.
- An attendance sheet for Wednesday night's POW was sent around. Room to be set up at 4.30pm. Kaye & Ida suggested to do flowers on the tables. Ida will be reception with John Ellis assisting. No raffle or lucky door prize.
- District changeover – David is attending – he will send Kaye the link.
- A mention of Terry Pankhurst back in hospital.
- Reminder about the Volunteers Expo on Tuesday 8 June in the Hornsby Mall. Timings are 11am – 1pm.

Admin Chair (Kaye):

- Members were reminded of a presentation by Ken Broadhead on the Four Way Test. Wahroonga Rotary zoom session on Wednesday morning included a 'Four Way Test' with three students from Knox College presenting for 6 minutes. Kaye to talk to John Ellis about a future Four Way Test.
- Meeting on 16 June was available for guest speakers – John Ellis volunteered to do a talk on his experiences in Antarctica.

Pat Parker gave the 5-minute interview and Phil Stanton was questioned about his involvement in the design/building of St Marks Anglican Church.

No Sergeant Jim to entertain members with his fines segment.

Jack introduced the guest speaker – Pastor Craig Schafer from St Marks Anglican Church.

### **Topics covered were:**

#### **The changing faith:**

- What going to church was like years ago
- Now – informal dress/music/hymns
- Multifaith society
- Post-modern culture – suspicion of authority
- A weird thing to go to church
- Most people have little understanding of what Christians believe
- 2 types of people come to his church – 1. the believers and 2. those who don't trust Jesus yet but who are interested

#### **What had to change:**

- The church had to repent/confess to sexual abuse
- Act to make sure it does not happen again in the future

#### **Changes that had to be made:**

- Sermons given in different languages
- St Marks encompassed a multicultural approach

#### **What could be changed:**

- Informality - culture became more informal
- Still has prayer book service early morning
- English was modernised
- Don't dress in the old ways
- Yes – still has the organ and yes – still sing old hymns
- Different lay people input into the service – now has assistant ministers as well
- Screen overhead to relay words of songs/bible readings/announcements
- Band
- Chance to ask questions after the service
- Kid's church at the same time
- Bible studies during the week

#### **What must not change:**

- The mission – live and share the truth
- Spiritual Message

Jack thanked Craig for his presentation and some lively questions followed.

Adrian won the Lucky Door prize.

The meeting was recorded on Zoom and will be sent to members not attending.

President David closed the meeting at 8.30pm./



## Who We Are ?

Australian Rotary Health is one of the largest independent funders of mental health research within Australia.

We also provide funding into a broad range of general health areas, provide scholarships for rural medical and nursing students, as well as Indigenous health students. Australian Rotary Health provides funding into areas of health that do not readily attract funding, and promotes findings to the community.

Australian Rotary Health is a project of the Rotary Districts of Australia and is supported by Rotary Clubs. We have a broad vision to improve the health and wellbeing of all Australians.

## Latest News

### Introducing 'Ask the Experts'

We asked one of our experts, Dr Maria Di Biase: Where do 'voices in the head' come from? Turns out the answer is quite an interesting one!



*This is a good question, the answer to which is not straightforward. In fact, after more than 200 years of research, the picture is still far from complete. One longstanding theory is that auditory hallucinations –voices in the head – come from inner thoughts and speech that someone incorrectly attributes to a source outside of their own body. Why does this happen? The basis of auditory hallucinations is neurobiological, that is, there is an event or multiple events that take place in the brain and this manifests as the experience of hearing voices. For example, altered electrical activity in the brain can disrupt the way that brain regions communicate with each other. This ‘disconnection’ may result in spontaneous inner speech that is misperceived as coming from the outside world.*

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**DR MARIA DI BIASE**  
ARH Researcher 2014-2017

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Considering there are over 940 million adults in India, to reach more individuals, the average number of doses should increase to at least 6.8 million per day, said Deepak Kapur, chair of Rotary's India National Polio Plus Committee, and vice-chair of Rotary's Covid-19 Task Force.

At Haryana, Kerala, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal, free Covid-19 vaccination centres had been set up, he said. For example, Rotary Club of Madras is working with the Tamil Nadu government to help support procurement, cold chain storage and delivery of vaccines.

Kapur also spoke about vaccine hesitancy and recalled Rotary's experience with the oral polio vaccine.

"Rotary in India engaged with trusted religious and community leaders to form a committee that combated misinformation, encouraged vaccine acceptance and advocated for polio immunisation. The same committee is now working to advocate for coronavirus immunisation and also encouraging people to continue safe distancing practices, even after they've been immunised," he added.

By: Express News Service



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## DID YOU KNOW?

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### Rotarians Against Malaria - RAM

In the last 20 years, we've prevented 1.5 billion malaria cases. We've made great progress but we've still got far to go.

Help us make a difference this  
#MalariaAwarenessDay.

<https://ram.rawcs.com.au/malaria-awareness-day/>

2021	Program	Speaker	Chairperson	Reporter	Member 5 - minute interview
May 19	Pride of Workmanship <b>Social Night</b>	DG Elect Lindsay May OAM	Phil Stanton	Ida Shi	Nil
May 26	Hearing Matters Australia	Christine Hunter	Ida Shi	Adrian Bell	Kaye Carter
Jun 2	<b>Combined clubs</b> NSW Public Prosecutor 'Stories from the DPP's office' <b>Social Night</b>	Lloyd Babb	Theo Glockemann	Pam Hudson	Nil
Jun 9	Life in the hot seat as a Parliamentarian	Julian Leaser MP Federal Member for Berowra	David Firth	John Ellis	Theo Glockermann
Jun 16	Antartica revisited	John Ellis	Ian Chappel	Pat Parker	Pam Hudson By Zoom
Jun 23	Planning night	Nil		Herbert Chan	Introduction to the next 5 minute activity - Kaye
Jun 30	<b>Club Changeover Social Night</b>				

### GUESTS

Geoff Ashton

Tracy Baker

Raj Barot

Heather Firth

Esther Fraser

Georgia Glockeman

Nadie Hashmi

Ken Lynch

Robert Watts

### BIRTHDAYS

5 May

Pat Parker

18 May

Eddy LI

### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

29 May 1986

Terry Pankhurst

### ATTENDANCE

73%

### APOLOGIES

Ian Chappel

Ian Huckel

Pamela Hudson