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**Rotary**  
Club of Pennant Hills



**Rotary Opens Opportunities**

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

**THIS WEEK REPORTER**

**PLANNING NIGHT  
HERBERT CHAN**

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Greetings to you all,

It has been another busy week. I am delighted to report that Julian Leeser's office has been in touch again. Following his visit earlier this month, I sent some photos that Jim had taken on the night to his secretary. They have now appeared on his Facebook page with acknowledgement that he was with us on that evening. However, the request this week was for information, including names and sponsors, of our Pride of Workmanship Awards as he wished to highlight POW in parliament today – Tuesday – prior to question time. Unfortunately I was unable to watch parliament in the 1.30 to 2.00pm time slot when he was to speak. No doubt it will be posted on his Facebook page in due course. I provided some background information on the awards also.



Last evening I had the pleasure of being the guest speaker at West Pennant Hills/Cherrybrook Club's Pride of Workmanship Awards. It was an excellent event and very well organised and run. Not sure about the guest speaker, but everything else was fine. They had two awardees, one of which was for a company rather than an individual. It was a family business and they felt they couldn't single out just one member.

My other major task this week has been preparing the club annual report for printing. Apart from writing my report, I have also completed the centre spread which details the program each week throughout the year. It's a great exercise in recalling each of those meetings and, in my case, remembering some of the programs that I had forgotten about. I hope you have a look at this calendar when you receive your copy of the report.

Last week I referred to the Ernest Shackleton advertisement but Editor Pam had no room for it, so here it is.

Cheers

**Pres. David Firth**

**Rotary**  
District 9685



President David opened the meeting and welcomed the terrific thirteen and made a special reference to Treasurer Ian Chappel who had on many previous occasions appeared on Zoom. The dinner was immediately on the table and it was a nice beef and mushroom pie with greens.

David mentioned that Pam Hudson's mother had a fall and broke her hip, she was in intensive care and they were hoping for the best. He also advised that Ian Huckle was in hospital over the weekend, but he was not aware of the problem. The president reflected on last week's meeting involving our Federal Member Julian Leeser and his project to improve the service by Telstra and referred to a family in Thornleigh with no mobile phone service. David also advised that he was hopeful of inducting a new member on our changeover night of Wednesday 30 June and also advised of the new Rotary Club of Galston/Greater Hills chartering on Saturday 24 July.

Treasurer Ian Chappel advised that the last 12 months had been very difficult for him, he had separated from his wife and moved to the Blue Mountains area and as a result he would have to resign from the Club, but would ensure that all the books were up to date by the end of June. He also advised that changeover night would be his last at the Rotary Club of Pennant Hills.

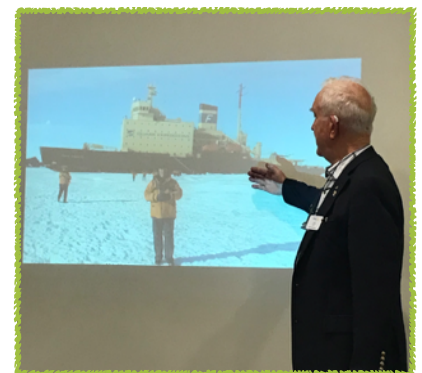


Theo gave a full update of the difficulties faced with a number of projects involving East Timor. He mentioned that the RYLA project was doing very well with the tremendous support from Woodside, but there have been a lot of difficulties in obtaining funding for the RYPEN project. In previous years the Galston club had been a big supporter of the RYPEN project, but they were no longer able to assist and he was urgently trying to get up to \$3,000 and if so he could obtain a further \$3,000 from Rotary as a District Grant. A number of members indicated that they may be able to assist with some funding and it was left to the members to contact Theo and advise if they could help.

With the nominated 5 minute interview member (Pam Hudson) being absent, President David selected Ida Shi as the victim. Her home in China was about 90 minutes flying from Beijing, her parents are retired and both living and in good health. They are both dance performers and her father plays ping pong every day. Her father was an administration manager at a steel company and her mother was an accountant. Ida hopes to have her parents visit her here in Australia and if they do, she will ensure that they both perform at one of our Rotary meetings.

Sergeant Jim made his usual forays into everyone's cash reserves, including Adrian who after many attempts to buy his Estate in Bowral, finally succeeded in getting title to his land, the golfers who have been playing badly were fined as well as the members who give away their credits to shonky members.

As one of his final acts as a member of the Club, Chairman Ian Chappel introduced our Guest Speaker, Past President John Ellis. The Commander has made two visits to Antarctica, the first in February 2005 on a Russian ice breaker and the second in 2012. John was able to provide lots of graphic pictures which was able to give most of us some sort of perspective of what it would be like to travel to and live in such a cold and desolate place. John's first visit started from Hobart and it takes a week to get to the Antarctic, giving you plenty of time to adjust to sea sickness. To-day all of the "cruise ships" leave from South America, which is much closer to the destination and there is a limited time frame for these Antarctic trips. John was able to show the places along the way, including Campbell Island,



south of New Zealand with lots of trees. The Norwegians were the first to arrive in Antarctica in 1897 and built the first huts. There have been many tragic and heroic stories to come out of Antarctica including the likes of Scott, Shackleton, Mawson, Edgeworth David, McMurdo and many more. The large number of photos shown by John clearly indicated the impact that the wind, snow and freezing temperature has on anything made by man, including the huts, food, and if I ever had any desire to travel to Antarctica, John has convinced me that it would not be a good idea.

## G7 SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE

The Heads of State of the @G7 countries highlighted the need for increased global efforts to detect global public health threats, by building international surveillance on existing networks such as polio surveillance for #endpolio. Learn why: <https://endpolio.io/3q3e61S>

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We support the establishment... of a global pandemic radar... that builds on existing detection systems such as the influenza and **polio** programmes.

G7 Summit Communiqué

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| 2021    | Program   | Speaker  | Chairperson     | Reporter     | Member 5 - minute interview                       |
|---------|---|--|-----------------|--------------|---|
| Jun 23  | Planning night  | Nil  | David Firth     | Herbert Chan | Introduction to the next 5 minute activity - Kaye |
| Jun 30  | Club Changeover<br><b>Social Night</b>  | Nil  | Jim Fraser      | Phil Stanton | Nil   |
| July 5  | <b>Board Meeting By Zoom</b>  |  |                 |              |   |
| July 7  | A Writer's Story  | Steve McGregor<br>(Author)   | TBA             | TBA          | Ida Shi   |
| July 14 | Easy Care Gardening   | Merideth Kirton<br>MAIH RH   | Jack Reid       | TBA          | David Firth<br>Phil is away 12/7-5/8              |
| July 21 | Indian Culture and Family Life<br><b>Bring a guest</b>                          | Anoop Sud  | Theo Glockemann | TBA          | Adrian Bell                                       |
| July 28 | Hornsby Council Elections<br>Update on Rotary Foundation<br><b>Social Night</b> | Monika Ball<br>B Ward Candidate for local council elections<br>Mark Anderson | Kaye Carter     | TBA          | Pat Parker  |
| Aug 2   | <b>Board Meeting By Zoom</b>  |  |                 |              |   |

GUESTS

NIL

BIRTHDAYS

NIL

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

14 June 1984 Phil Stanton

ATTENDANCE

76%

APOLOGIES

Kaye Carter  
Ian Huckel  
Pamela Hudson  
Terry Pankhurst