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Rotary
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The Program This Week

The Year in Review

Speaker: PP David Firth

Welcome to ADG Stuart Armstrong, Rotary Club of Wahroonga

President's Corner

Last Wednesday, we were fortunate to have Ted Henebery, the Fundraising Chairman for the Lions Club of Hornsby, zoom in to tell us all about their latest projects where they have raised thousands of dollars through 'My Cause'. This online fundraising seems to be the way of the future. Indeed, Ken and I have planned to get together to do some future collaborative fundraising.



We also had the President of the Rotary Club of Newcastle Enterprise (Stephen de Plater) zoom in with us, and his club has accepted our offer of being our sister club - so more news on this later. I also paid a visit to Dulcie Zeller from the Hornsby RSL Sub-Branch to discuss our collaboration regarding the poppy project for Remembrance Day. And finally, our PP David Firth will zoom in with the Rotary Club of Erina on Tuesday night to be a part of their Pride of Workmanship awards. These are great examples of our club moving forward and collaborating with other clubs. Zooming makes it so much easier to visit other clubs and gain extra experience and make some new Rotary buddies.

Also, our past ADG, Robert Erskine, joined us from his comfy couch for a bit of jovial entertainment and he was lucky enough to be blown a virtual kiss for achieving the highest score in Daisy's trivia quiz. Come and join us any time Robert!

I am very keen to have some interesting social events happening when the restrictions are over. Ida and Daisy are on the ball and you will soon receive an online poll to gauge your interest in a number of activities. Please read your emails!!

So, once again take care everyone and I'll see most of you on our link to the universe, Mr Zoom.

Kaye

Kindness, like a Boomerang, always returns. (Anonymous)

The zoom link each week is <https://macquarie.zoom.us/j/88970434188>

The meeting was opened by Ida welcoming the president, Kaye Carter. Kaye welcomed everyone to the meeting, but we did have some Zoom issues.

Ida reported how the club members were, having received the information from Jack Reid. Clyde was unwell for a while but is feeling better now, as is Ian Huckel. John Ellis is having some computer issues so was unable to attend. Esther Fraser was wished a Happy Birthday this month.

Jason Terry was inducted to the Pennant Hills Rotary club via Zoom. Kaye welcomed him with an overview of his involvement in District Rotaract and how he is going to be involved in other Rotary activities with us. He will be John's assistant in the Youth program. His welcome pack including badge nametag is going to be delivered by Kaye as his address fits within the 10 km zone. Pam is keen to ensure that Jason is involved in the Facebook sharing of ideas and schedules so that we can get better involved with other clubs.

Kaye then handed over to our guest speaker Ted Henebery from the Hornsby Lions Club who was welcomed by Herbert as chairman for the evening. Ted went on to explain the various projects that his club has been working on - these include Christmas Cakes; working with other clubs to generate funds for local people including the Women's Shelter for which they raised \$6200. A key win was a project helping to provide a custom motorised wheelchair for a student with Duchene disease. Due to the size of the chair and inability to transport it, it had to be left at the school. Susan Mann, a teacher of life skills, along with a local cycle club raised \$40,000 online and activities to assist with purchase of the chair. The family expanded with new twins being born, needed a new van to make things easier for transporting the student and his chair back and forth to school. A group of concerned families from school contacted Susan and then the Lions Club. In 4 months, the families raised the \$55k required, which they had to be put in a Lions Club trust fund so they could apply for a Lions District Grant to come up with the additional \$20,000 required. With the assistance of a Lions club member's son from Mobility Engineering, they had the van fitted out. It was done just before the end of the school term at Christmas, so his fellow students were able to see him get picked up from school driving his wheelchair in the van that their families had assisted with. Another project, Sally McLlelland from the Hornsby Women's shelter, contacted the Lions Club as they were going to send practical items to provide some assistance to the community of Mogo who had been impacted by the fire last year. Lions helped with this project and had also been given a Bunnings voucher, so they gave it to a teacher who used it to buy items so he could teach students general everyday life schools.



Ted thought it was going to be a bad year due to Covid, but so many things just came out of the blue to end up having a very successful year in raising close to \$160,000 for the year. He believes we are living in a community that is very supportive of Lions and Rotary Clubs. Ted is a big advocate of clubs working together which Kaye acknowledged and is the key to what she wants to do this year. David and Theo then went on to give an overview of some of the programs of Pennant Hills Rotary club such as local care programs, Trailer Raffle, Tree of Joy, East Timor and our Golf Day. Lions supply Christmas Cakes to Meals on Wheels which are shared around to households after being decorated up for the festive season. They raise \$10 to 12,000 each year from cakes. Ted said that they had some good success with the Bank of Bendigo in taking in donations by just putting donation bins in the bank which raise good money.

Theo mentioned Ryde Council have annual dinners for service clubs which helps clubs to work together on projects. Councils apparently have a list of names of service clubs and Robert Erskine said he had been involved in a service club dinner and at one time there was up to 250 people involved. Ida asked which online forum was used for fund raising; it was mycause.com.au. Herbert then thanked Ted for his presentation. Pam wants more online exposure

for activities to ensure the community knows about us. Daisy ran the sergeant's session with 10 questions about political leaders. Naturally there was a wide range of answers and disagreements about who came up with the correct answer. But she covered many countries including USA, China, Australia, Canada and France with who was leader at a time in history. John Howard, Justin Trudeau and George Washington got a mention. Adrian was challenged to talk about something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue. Adrian talked about a 1 inch square piece of wood he has from the 'Mary Rose' from 176 years ago, but unfortunately is hidden within one of the boxes packed for his move. He showed us his dad's watch instead, that he felt was made in the 1930s. He wound it up and it worked perfectly. Something new was the title search of his new block of land to prove he has ownership. Something borrowed - a book which was a catalogue of motorcycles from an exhibition. For something blue, he had a book of blue guitars, also in a box, so he showed his blue iPhone instead.

Directors' reports; Secretary – checking to make sure Daisy has received Rotary Welcome Pack & badge, email sent to arrange intro of Jason to Pennant Hill High and Year 12's; tidying up the Rotary Welcome Pack to ensure correct logos, etc. Membership - Jim reported he found some of the interesting ideas on My Rotary that is there; some ideas about how we may generate new members. Phil – Starting to put together the golf committee for the October event. Kaye asked that Jason be included. Pat - Having issues sending emails to the proposed sites for the trailer raffle. Theo talked about the District Grant to be used along with Woodside who support RYLA and Rotary supports RYPEN through the District Grant. District believe there could be less funds available for grants this year so it was suggested that we should work with another Rotary club that hasn't had a district grant and assist them in maybe raising the funds for RYPEN. Theo has contacted the North Rocks club and he is trying to get \$12,000 for 2 RYPENS using a combination of club funding. Adding to international, unfortunately, Pam reported that Igor and Natasha from Siberia who had been Rotary Exchange students here years ago and was involved in vocational training. Natasha passed away from Covid the other day - she was pregnant, but they saved the baby. PR - Pam has ordered stickers for lanterns and is trying to use Rotary Radio to get more iPads for use by seniors in agedcare homes to allow them to better connect with relatives. A number were donated to the Cherrybrook centre, these are getting used and support staff will assist with setting up calls via Skype. Ida is looking after the lanterns to be shared with Chinese residents in Pennant Hills either at work or residing in agedcare homes. It is a time-consuming project and Herbert is going to deliver. POW – David tried to get Stephen from Newcastle involved. Notice was given that the \$225 semi-annual dues are payable via Direct Deposit. Please try and do this by the end of July. The next Social committee activities have been handed to Daisy and Ida for a new project.

Kaye announced we do need more knitters for the poppy program later in the year. Claude was the winner of the lucky door prize. One of our guests, Stephen, talked about the program of us setting up a sister club in Newcastle. They still meet face to face. Their club was formed by the amalgamation of a couple of clubs and Newcastle Enterprise Club now meets at Mayfield Wests club. They were interested in the idea to work together in the support of local programs. He did mention that the Newcastle Music Festival has been cancelled by the local council because of Covid. There was discussion of a new and innovative sergeant session next week. David is going to speak about the year in review, and the assistant DG will be in attendance.

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WHAT'S ON

2021	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	5 - minute interview	Meal Status
July 21	The Year in Review By Zoom	David Firth	Jim Fraser	Pam Hudson	Pat Parker	
July 28	Insights on the Japanese invasion of Australia By Zoom	Ray Rees Sydney Heritage Fleet	Adrian Bell	John Ellis	Terry Pankhurst	
Aug 2	Board Meeting By Zoom					
Aug 4	Update on the Rotary Foundation By Zoom?	Mark Anderson	Phil Stanton	Pat Parker	Daisy Huang	
Aug 11	First Aid Survival	Wendy Bell	Ida Shi	Terry Pankhurst	David Firth	
Aug 18	Planning for Charity Golf Day		Pat Parker	Phil Stanton	Jack Reid	
Aug 25	What are they doing now?	Past youth reps	John Ellis	Adrian Bell	Jason Terry	
Sept 1	District Governor's Official Visit Social Night	District Governor Lindsay May OAM	TBA	TBA		

Last Week's Meeting

Attendance - 72.2%

Apologies:

A Ameen, J Ellis, I Huckel, J Reid, C Rigney

Guests:

Ted Henebery Hornsby Lions Club
Robert Erskine Eastwood Gladesville Rotary
Stephen de Plater Newcastle Enterprise Club

July Anniversaries & Birthdays

Birthdays:

Esther Fraser - July 23rd

Anniversaries:

Lyn & Phil Stanton - July 6th

Induction Anniversaries:

Theo Glockemann - July 10th

As the RLI Convenor, I invite you to attend an RLI course to boost that potential and supercharge your Rotary knowledge.

Why now? Because July is Leadership Month.

The RLI Faculty of trained facilitators is here to assist in making your journey easier and likely, more fulfilling.

During the 2021-22 Rotary year there are 6 RLI courses scheduled. Some online via Zoom and some Face to Face: The following are the ones before Christmas.

- RLI #64 13/14/15 August 2021 Online/ Zoom \$30pp
- RLI #65 8/9/10 October 2021 Face to face Norwest \$75pp
- RLI 366 5/6/7 November 2021 Online/ Zoom \$30pp

Online courses: Fri night 6-7pm, Sat and Sunday 3x2hr sessions: 8-10am, 11am-1pm and 2-4pm

F2F Courses: Fri night 6-7pm, Sat and Sunday 8.15am for prompt 8.30am start and finish 4pm both days.

Venue: the new Rotary Australia office at Norwest. They have not yet completed their move to the new premises yet, so exact address will be provided closer to the Oct