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Pennant Hills
Rotary
Club



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Rotary
District 9685



The Program This Week

The Rotary Foundation Update

Guest Speaker: PP Mark Anderson

Rotary Foundation Senior Coordinator, Fund Development ,
South Pacific & Philippines Office, Parramatta

President's Corner

How fortunate we are in Rotary to be able to serve the community with like-minded people who care about the less fortunate in society, especially during the Covid restrictions. Zooming into other club meetings consolidates the hours and endless efforts of Rotarians who organise an amazing array of selfless projects. Thus, it is my goal that our club collaborates with other clubs in order to assist with the success of their projects and with ours as well. Let's hope that our Christmas trailer raffle at various shopping centres and the Christmas Tree of Joy at both the Pennant Hills and Thornleigh Shopping Centres go ahead so that we can give back to the community in the many ways that our club has successfully done in the past.



Last week we heard a most enlightening talk from Ray Rees, who is the Speakers Bureau Co-ordinator of the Sydney Heritage Fleet, about the Japanese infiltration into Sydney Harbour. This Wednesday, Mark Anderson will entertain us on zoom with an update on the Rotary Foundation. We aim to keep our zoom meetings stimulating with our guest speakers, the sergeant's brain teasing trivial pursuit quizzes and the 'guess who this time' is the winner of the virtual lucky door prize. Non-members are most welcome to zoom into our meetings on a Wednesday night from 7pm for one and a half hours of harmless banter, intellectual discussion and jovial entertainment.

Kaye

The gifts that one receives for giving are so immeasurable that it is almost an injustice to accept them.

Anonymous

Members are reminded that semi annual dues are now payable - \$225 each. If you prefer, you may direct debit this amount into the club account

BSB 032-087 and Account No. 334578.

Please put your name into the payment details.

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

Meeting Report – 28 July 2021 by John Ellis

President Kaye Carter opened this Zoom meeting and welcomed Stuart Armstrong, our ADG and Stephen de Plater, President of Newcastle Enterprise Club. Following her welcome to country, President Kaye called for reports. She told us the sad news of the passing of Mrs Doris Bright, Pam Hudson's mother, whose funeral will be held on Thursday 29th. Ian Huckel escaped from hospital yesterday, only to wrestle with his Zoom connection. It was Esther Fraser's birthday yesterday and Jim assured us all that he did remember. A plea for donations from Careflight was the only incoming mail. This will be discussed at the next Board meeting. Treasurer Pankhurst appealed to our slack Members to pay their semi annual dues. President Kaye promoted her supply of Rotary face masks at only \$20. She attended a Presidents' meeting on 24 July. Our District now has 67 Clubs with 1,700 members. DG Lindsay May queried the 275 honorary members. He welcomed the new Greater Hills Club emerging from former Clubs Galston and Glenhaven. *Windward Bound*, a sail training vessel based in Hobart was promoted, offering sailing adventure for disadvantaged youth. Beecroft's Big Red Bus has closed down and Russell Zimmerman's Chinwag Club will welcome members from 5 pm on Fridays. From Directors, Phil Stanton said our next Board meeting should clarify the charities we support and Pat Parker will confirm trailer raffle locations. Theo Glockemann urged members to consider becoming Centurions with a donation of \$100 pa. A Club with all members as Centurions gains a Club PHF. Theo outlined yesterday's Zoom presentation on our activities in East Timor that was well received and advised that he has an alternative to another District grant for East Timor work. He called on members to toast the RC of Fall River in Massachusetts that celebrated its centenary last year. Our Treasurer gave our financial report as at 30 June - \$1,119 cash reserve, \$10,689 PoW, \$1,449 Projects and \$4,559 Club account. Ida Shi advised that she has had ten responses to her social program survey.

Adrian Bell introduced our guest speaker, Ray Rees. Ray joined the Navy as an apprentice shipwright and paid off as a Commander. He has continued with ship and boat maintenance in Civvie Street and is now with the Sydney Heritage Fleet. Ray introduced his daughter and grandson who always pay attention to his wisdom. His theme tonight – the Japanese attack on Sydney Harbour in 1942.



The image shows a Zoom meeting interface. On the left is a blue slide with a white circular logo for the Sydney Heritage Fleet (founded 1982). The slide text reads: "Today we will be looking at the:" followed by a bulleted list: "• Vessels involved in the attack", "• Main target of the attack – USS Chicago", "• Ultimate victim – HMAS Kuttabul", "• End for the attackers", and "• Aftermath". On the right is a video feed of Ray Rees, a man with glasses and a mustache wearing a red sweater, speaking from a room with framed certificates on the wall. A name tag at the bottom of the video feed reads "Ray Rees".

At the outbreak of World War II Japan had the most advanced submarines in the world. Some, armed with torpedoes and a 5 inch gun, were capable of carrying a float plane or carrying a midget submarine. Some 500 midget subs were built and six had participated in attacking Pearl Harbor in December 1941. They were 25 m long, displaced 46 tons, were battery powered, armed with two torpedoes and had a crew of two. In service they proved difficult to control, particularly after launching a torpedo. On 18 May 1942 five I class subs sailed from Truk, two with aircraft and three with midget subs. They rendezvoused off Sydney on 23 May and one aircraft made a reconnaissance flight over Sydney to identify potential targets. Although seen, the aircraft was not identified. USS *Chicago*, a heavy cruiser at a buoy in Elizabeth Bay, was to be the main target. A later flight at night confirmed the Harbour situation, however, on return, flipped over on landing alongside her sub. The pilot lived to tell the tale. In early 1942, Sydney, seemingly remote from the War's front line, was unprepared for any attack. Following the fall of Singapore, the bombing of northern Australia and the sinking of HMAS *Sydney*, attention was given to defence planning. Two submarine nets were strung across the Harbour's entrance and magnetic sensors were placed to register unscheduled traffic. Even so, Sydney-siders were enjoying life. Sydney's admiral, living in Tresco in Elizabeth Bay, was entertaining Captain Bode, USN and some of *Chicago*'s officers to dinner when three midget subs were deployed on 31 May. The first entered the Harbour at 8 pm by wriggling around the end of the boom net. However she went astern and became entangled in the net and was sighted by Navy small craft. Their report of a possible submarine was relayed to Tresco at 10 pm. This was sneeringly dismissed by the senior officers by then on to their toasts of port. That sub detonated her demolition charges at 10:10 pm. The second sub entered the Harbour at

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Meeting Report continued

9:50 pm and launched her torpedoes at the *Chicago* from near Pinchgut. One hit the bank of Garden Island and failed to explode. The other ran under *Chicago* and hit Garden Island, exploding near an old ferry, HMAS *Kuttabul* and a Dutch submarine. The *Kuttabul*, built in 1922, was accommodating over 30 sailors. Ten were wounded and 21 were killed. The sub turned to leave the Harbour and was spotted by the *Chicago* at midnight. Captain Bode prepared the *Chicago* for sea and opened fire. The third sub entered the Harbour as the *Chicago* was departing. She was not able to launch torpedoes, was sighted in Athol Bight and was sunk by depth charges. A week later I 24 opened fire on Sydney. Only one round exploded near Royal Sydney Golf Club, nevertheless some nervous residents left town. On their way north I 21 fired on Newcastle. Fort Scratchley returned the fire. The four crew of the subs caught in the Harbour were buried with full military honours in the forlorn hope of reasonable treatment of Australian PoWs. The second sub was identified off Barrenjoey in 2006. The remains of the two subs in the Harbour were recovered and assembled to represent a complete submarine. This was towed around NSW and Victoria and is now displayed in AWM, in Canberra. A centre section is displayed in the Navy Heritage Centre, Garden Island. Later, at Guadalcanal, Captain Bode commanded a cruiser force. His failure to forewarn of a Japanese ambush led to an enquiry and Bode suicided before the outcome was released. Ray took questions from Members who thoroughly enjoyed his presentation.

President Kaye then closed the meeting reminding us that we will hear Mark Anderson next week covering the Rotary Foundation.



Colonel Harland Sanders became an active Rotarian in 1919 when he became a founding member of the Rotary club of Jacksonville, Indiana at the age of 29. After that he joined the Rotary club of Corbin, Kentucky and then the Rotary club of Shelbyville, Kentucky, and was an active member until his death in 1980.

He always wore his Rotary pin.
"There's no reason to be the richest man in the cemetery. You can't do any business from there."
Colonel Harland Sanders.

Now we all know why Rotarians are obsessed with serving chicken at meetings.

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Welfare Report

Good to see Ian Huckel back on deck at our zoom meeting last week. He is feeling much better and able to get out subject to current lockdown restrictions.

We have an invitation to join the zoom meeting of West Pennant Hills/Cherrybrook Club on Monday next, 9th August at 7.30pm. Their special Guest Speaker is Rotarian Rev. David Shrimpton, member of Broken Hill Club. David is known as the "Flying Padre", who provides ministry to remote communities from his base in Broken Hill. The speaker will start about 7.50pm.

The link is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88641347273?pwd=ZUphdTN3Rk1QQjBvTGh2bXhLN1dFQT09>
Meeting ID: 886 4134 7273 Passcode: 9685

EVER THOUGHT OF JOINING A ROTARY FELLOWSHIP?

Rotary Fellowships are international groups that share a common passion or profession. Membership in a fellowship is open to any person who's interested.

How can you get involved with Rotary Fellowships?

Visit the [Rotary Fellowships page](#) at [Rotary.org](#) to browse more than 90 topics.

Join a Rotary Fellowship to build international friendships.

Find resources to learn more about launching a Rotary Fellowship also on [Rotary.org](#).

Some of the topics covered are vocation based, like Lawyers, Police, Educators, Healthcare Professionals; but many are hobby or recreation based, like Hiking, Skiing, Yachting, Home Exchange, Gin, Wine.

WHAT'S ON

2021	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	5 - minute interview	Meal Status
Aug 2	Board Meeting By Zoom @ 7.30pm		Pres Kaye			
Aug 4	Update on the Rotary Foundation By Zoom	Mark Anderson	Phil Stanton	Pat Parker	Daisy Huang	
Aug 11	Training our Aged-Care Workforce By Zoom	Wendy Bell	Ida Shi	Terry Pankhurst	David Firth	
Aug 18	Club Assembly & Planning for Charity Golf Day By Zoom	Nil	Pat Parker	Phil Stanton	Jason Terry	
Aug 25	What are they doing now? By Zoom	Past youth reps	John Ellis	Adrian Bell	Theo Glockemann	
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, H Chan, P Hudson, J Reid, C Rigney

Guests:

AG Stuart Armstrong

Pres. Stephen de Plater, Newcastle Enterprise Club

Ray Rees - Guest Speaker

August Anniversaries & Birthdays

Birthdays:

PP David Hopping - August 23rd

Anniversaries:

Nil

Induction Anniversaries:

PP Jack Reid - August 8th, 1963 - 58 years

Ida Shi - August 31st, 2020 - 1 year

Advance Notice - Christmas Trailer Raffle Schedule

Selling will commence on
Saturday 16th October at
Pennant Hills Market Place.

Then at

Thornleigh Marketplace 23rd October;

Westleigh 30th October;

Coonara 6th November;

Beecroft 13th November;

West Pymble 20th November;

Cherrybrook 27th November;

West Pennant Hills 4th December;

Thornleigh 11th December;

Pennant Hills 18th December.

The draw will be on Sunday 19th
December at 1.00pm at the Golf Club.




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Each One...
Bring One...



Inspire others to
Join Rotary