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The Program This Week

District Governor's Official Visit DG Lindsay May OAM and his wife Tania Mace



by Zoom



President's Corner

Hi everyone

Last Wednesday, what a delight it was to hear from four younger people who the club has sponsored in the past at RYLA, RYPEN and on the Young Endeavour. They were so invigorating when sharing their stories and we really do hope they will come back and visit us again to either enjoy our spritely meetings or entertain us with a presentation on their passion in life, which they started to tell us about.

Yes, there is a silver lining for Covid, and this is the opportunity to zoom in on other clubs' meetings and social nights. On Friday night, I tried my hand at a fun games/trivia social night with North Ryde Rotary Club (free!) and on Sunday night, Ida and I had fun guessing at the Rotary-E club of Greater Sydney's trivia night (\$20 each) to raise funds for the KINI school in Kenya. Amazingly, the night achieved around \$4,000 dollars. More ideas for Ida and myself to follow up on.

A reminder to everyone that Radio Rotary Matters 100.1 FM is worth listening to on a Friday afternoon from 3pm – 4pm. Last Friday, our AG, Stuart Armstrong, was interviewed about his role as President of Hornsby Connect, and we gained a plug for our 'face to face' project from the presenter.

Our club is holding its first degustation dinner this Saturday night for members within a 5km radius. Funds raised will go to the Rotary Foundation. Yay, we are on a roll!

It's all steam ahead for the DG's visit this coming Wednesday night. The silverware has been polished, expensive wine brought up from the cellar, and the hired staff have been instructed to be on their best behaviour.

Take care everyone.

President Kaye

Meeting Report – Wednesday 25th August 2021

The reporter was a little slow out of the boxes, but was in time to hear Ida introduce President Kaye, who advised that Jason would not be doing the 5 minute interview and Herbert was organising the lucky door prize. Kaye mentioned that she had posted 2 masks at a cost of \$9.10 and it is suggested that wherever possible masks be collected from Kaye. David was complimented on the latest issue of Spokes and Adrian for his sense of humour in the meeting report.

Daisy showed her great love of music by having all 10 questions in the quiz related to singers and stage performers. Adrian was the winner with 9 out of 10 answers right and Theo won the Bradman prize with zero. Kaye showed a plastic bag of poppies which were done by Heather, in readiness for sale at \$5 a poppy in our future project with proceeds going to the RSL. John Ellis was a last minute stand in and for something old, a telescope from the Great War, something new from the 7 May, borrowed a mug from next door and a blue jumper.

Chairman John Ellis then advised that it was not an easy task to track down many of the previous students who attended the Rotary Youth programs. Many of them do not talk to their parents, do not answer texts and do not answer emails! However he was able to track down 4 of them and the first to speak was Luke Chapman.

Luke was a Pennant Hills High School student in year 10 in 2010 and attended RYPEN and found the experience very rewarding and help develop his ability to set goals and to work with other people. In 2012 he attended the National Youth Science Forum in Western Australia and spent time in Perth and visited a mining site. He is currently working in a NSW government office specialising in social housing development, where there are many challenges to be overcome due to the large number of people requiring housing and a limited number of available houses.



The second speaker was Sam Burton, also from Pennant Hills High School, and he was a 'Young Endeavour' recipient in 2018 and sailed on the ship from the 15 to the 25 January. He remembered that the first "order" was to give up his mobile phone. He was extremely grateful for the opportunity to attend the course as it lead him to appreciate the skills of leadership, teamwork and the ability to think on our feet. Sam provided a set of slides to support his presentation and he is keen to pursue his career as an AFL umpire, so we may see him at the MCG. He also has an interest in learning the Russian language as his mother is of Russian decent.



Jessica Hook was at RYPEN in 2015 and started high school at Pennant Hills and finished years 11 and 12 at Hornsby Girls High School. She is in her fourth year at university doing animal health and welfare as well as education and conservation. She is a volunteer at the zoo and has always loved animals. She has some very interesting "pets", including a python, and various types of lizards. Jessica is also a volunteer at 'Wires' and enjoys looking after injured animals and it gives her great satisfaction to see the injured animals released back into their natural home.



Geraldine Blake was a RYLA awardee in 1985 and she also attended Pennant Hills High School and her captain was Doctor Lucy Morgan, a lung specialist who appeared with the Premier of NSW at 11 am this morning to implore people to get vaccinated against Covid as she sees the terrible result of people not vaccinated. Geraldine advised that she was not a leader before she attended RYLA but her experience there helped her considerably. This included developing her skills in public speaking and planning and assisting her in her career as a teacher. Geraldine's experience in highlighting the changes that have occurred



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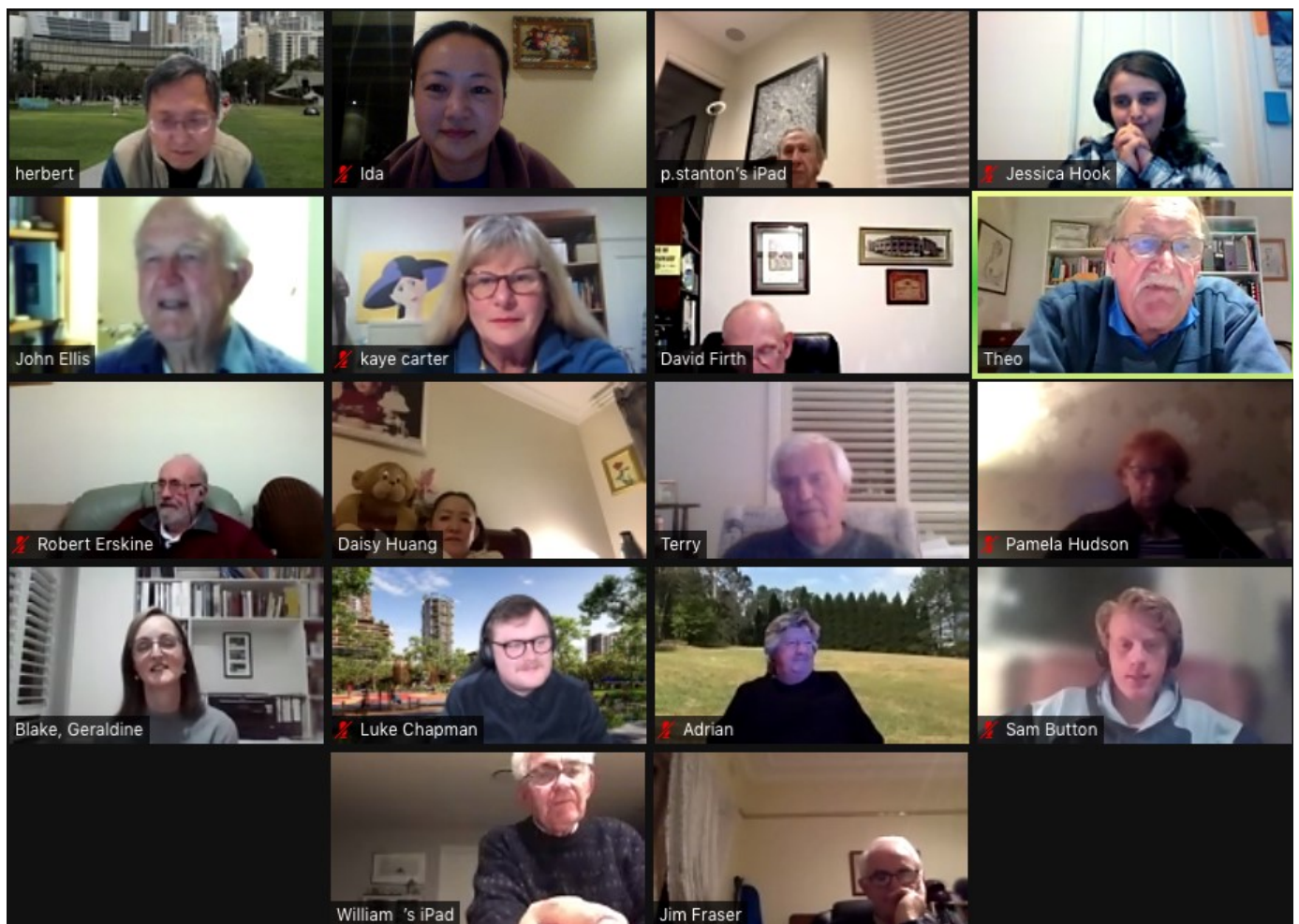
in her 30 years of teaching as well as the huge differences in teaching in small country towns and large towns and cities was a reminder to all of us as to the changes in our society. Geraldine made a valid point on the need for vocational education as there are many children who do not need a university education and their life would be better with a career in a job that suits their needs. Well done to all four of our speakers. As mentioned by Theo, we have supported many students over the years and our reward is to see how they have benefited by attending the Rotary programs.

There were a number of reports by directors and President Kaye advised that there would be no zoom meeting on the 8th September and requested all members to attend another club's Rotary meeting that week and be prepared to report on those meetings on the 15th September.

Finally Kaye advised that she was bored not going out to dinner on a Saturday night and she was going to have a dine and zoom meeting on Saturday night- 4th September. The cost would be \$10 per person for a 4 course meal. She will prepare the food and deliver it. After her expenses are taken out, the balance will be donated to the Rotary Foundation. So please advise Kaye if you are going to be part of the "MEAL DEAL". The lucky door prize was won by Theo - even though he had "given us the flick" and left the meeting early.

Reporter Pat Parker

A SCREEN SHOT OF OUR ZOOM MEETING



Learning, Leading, Action - Showcasing the Wonderful Impact of Rotary

Zoom sessions on Saturday & Sunday
 From 11.30am to 1.30pm followed by
 Break out session from 2.30 to 3.30pm on
 Saturday. Keynote speakers include
 RI President Shekhar Mehta
 RI Pres Nominee Jennifer Jones
 RI Secretary General John Hewko.
 You need to register to be able to join
 the zoom sessions at a cost of \$25 each



Register at - www.rotaryzone8.org/sitepage/2021-zone-8-national-conference/registration

WHAT'S ON

2021	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	5 - minute interview	
Sept 1	District Governor's Official Visit + Would I Lie to you	District Governor Lindsay May OAM Theo Glockemann	President Kaye	Jim Fraser	Jason Terry	Father's Day 5th Sept
Sept 8	Pollination Week Visit other clubs By Zoom No meeting for our club	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Sept 15	Members' Night Recap on last week's Zoom visits By Zoom	Everyone	President Kaye	TBA	Phil Stanton	Chinese Mooncake Festival 21 Sep
Sept 22	Indian Culture and Family Life By Zoom	Anoop Sud	Theo Glockemann	TBA	TBA	
Sept 29	The Australian Rhino Project By Zoom	Ray Dearlove	TBA	TBA	TBA	

Last Week's Meeting

Attendance - 77.8%

Apologies:

A Ameen, J Reid, C Rigney, J Terry

Guest Speakers:

Luke Chapman, Jessica Hook, Sam Button,
Geraldine Blake

Guests: Rotarian Robert Erskine

Anniversaries & Birthdays

Birthdays:

Kaye Carter - September 7th
Daisy Huang - September 7th
Wendy Bell - September 13th
Ruth Reid - September 21st

Anniversaries:

Adrian & Wendy Bell - September 5th

Induction Anniversaries:

Claude Rigney - September 8, 2014 - 7 years
Pat Parker - September 10, 1981 - 40 years

Pronunciation Poem

I take it you already know
Of tough and bough and cough and dough?
Others may stumble, but not you,
On hiccough, thorough, laugh and through.
Well done! And now you wish, perhaps,
To learn of less familiar traps?

Beware of heard, a dreadful word,
That looks like beard and sounds like bird.
And dead - it's said like bed not bead -
And for goodness' sake don't call it deed!
Watch out for meat and great and threat
(They rhyme with suite and straight and debt).

A moth is not the moth in mother,
Nor both in bother, broth in brother.
And here is not a match for there,
Nor dear and fear for bear and pear.
And then there's dose and rose and lose -
Just look them up - and goose and choose,
And cork and work and card and ward,
And font and front and word and sword,
And do and go and thwart and cart -
Come, come I've hardly made a start.
A dreadful language? Man alive.
I'd mastered it when I was only five.