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Pennant Hills
Rotary
Club



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Rotary
District 9685



This Week

**Pollination Week
during which we visit other clubs**

By Zoom

There will not be a meeting for our club this week

President's Corner



Hi everyone

Last Wednesday night, we were delighted to entertain some special visitors, DG Lindsay May OAM and his wife Tania, AG Stuart Armstrong and DG's Aide Jade Catherall.

Here are a few words from the DG:

'Dear President Kaye

Thanks to you and the members of Pennant Hills for hosting Tania and I on Wednesday evening. I'm pleased to see the club has a strategic plan with some clear goals and is also engaging many parts of the community in small acts of kindness. I can see the enthusiasm of the members for these programs. I urge you to engage in additional zoom meetings with no Rotary activity, focused on fun and welfare.'

Taking the DG's lead, this week members from our club are visiting other clubs on zoom and next week we will get together for a pow wow on our experiences. Can another club do it better than us!!

Our club held its first degustation dinner last Saturday night. It was exciting to see boxes of food being collected or delivered in the light rain. Funds raised will go to the Rotary Foundation. Yay, we are on a roll - can't wait for the next one!

Take care everyone.

Life without friendship is like the sky without the sun.

President Kaye

Meeting Report

President Kaye opened the meeting at 7 o'clock

Kaye then handed over to Ida who had gone out of the way to prepare a slide presentation for this big event. Ida welcomed two members of Newcastle enterprise Stephen de Plater and Keith Finnie. Ida then welcomed the district governor Lindsay May and his wife Tanya, the assistant government Stewart Armstrong and the dictionary district governor's aide Jade Catherall. Theo was full of adlibs throughout the evening. Ida read the recognition of traditional owners of the land. Rotary Grace followed. Jack and Claude could not attend but are well and Jack is busy looking after Ruth. Birthday announcements, Kaye and Daisy on the 7th, Wendy on the 13th and Ruth on the 21st which is an important day in Chinese history. Adrian and Wendy have their 40th anniversary. Pat has been a Rotary member for 40 years. Kaye advised that today is Wattle day.

Kaye introduced the District Governor and there was a bit of haggling that went on about the length of his talk. Either a short or long version was offered. He went with the shorter one and went on to discuss the board meeting he just had with the club prior to tonight's meeting. He was delighted to hear what was going on what we were doing in the community. Glad to see new faces. He said he would prefer to be doing this face to face rather than sitting in a chair but that was the way it was these days and it certainly made morning meetings easier. He outlined that he had set goals for the year and first he said he was happy we are working with other clubs and spoke of Theo's great work in Timor and other projects such as POW being used by other clubs.

He was pleased that Theo had committed our club to all becoming Centurions and donating \$100 to the foundation. He realises the challenges in raising funds due to current restraints. He spoke of the Op Shop run by Lower Blue Mountains club raising \$50 k last year which is not likely to be possible this year. He is encouraging members to use the money they would normally hand out in fines and contribute towards being a Centurion or joining the Paul Harris fellowship in donating \$1000 per year. There are 753 centurions in our district and 15 people have contributed 1000 each year.

Rotaract is going well in our area through Jason's involvement in the program. Feels they will be much stronger when they can get out and involved when restrictions lift. He is pushing our membership growth to be greater than 10% and has given us a stretch target from 1.8 to 2 new members this year as he feels we need 5-6 new members per club to grow Rotary in the area.



The Rotary conference will be held in March and the venue can hold up to 1500 people and it'll be on Saturday, 19 March at the Rooty Hill RSL. He spoke of the Rotary World President Shekhar Mehta who has gone through Covid with his family in India and his key focus is Rotary serve to change lives. He feels every Rotary member lives that thought of changing lives locally in their community and themselves in learning new skills, meeting people and getting involved and he hopes that continues and we have fun doing it.

Kaye then thanked the district governor for his discussion. She mentioned an example of helping others where a visit with Jack and he is busy preparing cuttings to be planted in Ian's garden.

Herbert was enlisted to present On this Day. The talk included items such as the London Fire, Thomas Edison and his patent for the movie camera, the invasion of Poland in World War II, the first science fiction movie, Trip to the moon in 1902, The first solar car in 1955 by General motors.

It was Jason who had to say something old, Shakespeare book 100 years old, something new was headphones as the others broke, something borrowed a board game named Twilight Struggle which is his favourite and is about the cold war, and something blue was a glass he uses regularly. The glass is used for a range of drinks. Keith from Newcastle is currently using the board game to hold up his computer his son and him enjoy the game but it can last for some time.

Director reports followed and Kaye talked about her visits to other clubs and it was a dinner night at Newcastle where people just brought their own. Normally it would be at a local restaurant where macadamia prawns were the favourite. Ida and Kaye went to a trivia game on Sunday night, 5 games were they raise \$1740 by charging \$20 our admission but that went up to over \$4000 by donations coming in. She also attended Ryde on Friday night which a game was involved. She spoke of the upcoming degustation night on Saturday with 14 people planning on attending.

Theo talked about a secretary being appointed in Timor to assist with organisation there.

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Pat reported about Stewart house and Tree of Joy as he is not sure if the children will be here from country sites . Pam asked if while handing out the Chinese lanterns to enquire if people would be alone at Christmas that we may be able to use the Tree of Joy as a source of gifts for them. Herbert is going to ask while handing out. David reported Pride of Workmanship sales going well are in the month of August and are well ahead of last year's. Sales are going to Western Australia and Queensland and a new club in Victoria. John talked about upcoming programs and is going back to the high school after the Sept. holidays to enquire about people for the February programs. Jason asked John about Ryla and the nominations will happen in October and John asked Jason about potential participants. Jim and Pam had no new reports. Terry spoke of finances and there are 2 people with dues outstanding.

Time for Theo to play a game of "Would I lie to you" Rules were that Theo makes a statement and we have to ask questions to see if he was lying or telling the truth. Theo's statement was "Whilst at a fancy dress party, I became of great interest to the police" Pam started laughing so she must heard the story before. Theo was asked questions: if he went to prison, how many month pregnant he was, where this happened, Turramurra. He commented he was acting out for cars passing by, one of which was a police car who then stopped and started to walk towards him. When they did Theo ran away and hid. It happened 53 years ago and as usual Theo was likely overacting and felt at that time did not need assistance. Theo's friends declined to assist the police so he was able to continue to hide and came out after they left. The story was true although he did give birth to pillows. He then went on to retell his story of his visit to a jail in Byron Bay where people passed him drinks while in his cell so he became more inebriated while in custody.

Lucky Door prize was won by Lindsay May. Theo was concerned that the game was rigged to suck up to the visiting District Governor.

Tanya May was interested in a red Lantern program as she had a Chinese lady who is stuck on the floor in their building and so she was looking to see if she could get one to give to her and make a donation to the club. Kaye organised to get her one. Kaye went on to talk about next week's activities to log into other club meetings to see what they do in their meetings to see if we can come up with ideas for our club. The following week we are to report on what we learned. There are some interesting programs coming up throughout September. There was some back and forth banter on Kaye's term that this is pollination week and whether or not that was an appropriate term. Kaye went on to encourage others who had not spoken to get involved and make some comments.

Kaye then played the National Anthem video she found with the new words and the meeting was closed just prior to 8pm.

Reporter: Jim Fraser

Whilst looking at club websites in our district, I opened up the Terrigal Rotary Club website and found this project that they are involved in.

I thought it looked both interesting and rather timely for the current situation we are in. What do you think?



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Degustation Dinner Fundraiser - Saturday 4th September

Oh, what a night - sang Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons!

Thank you to everyone who participated in a most enjoyable social evening or who donated to the evening. It was really nice to see spouses/partners after such a long time.

The night raised \$260.00 for the Rotary Foundation. Let's do it again! A big 'Thank You' to President Kaye for all her work in preparing and delivering the food to various recipients.

These are a few photos from this great innovation!



Our Chinese Lantern Project

The Chinese mid-Autumn festival is coming up on September 21. Our hand-made Chinese lanterns are ready for delivery. It's a very exciting time for us as we diversify and reach out to our local Chinese community.



The aim of the project is to connect and engage with the local Chinese community in celebrating this festival in 2021. As free gifts, 150 handmade paper lanterns are being given to Chinese residents of the Heritage Aged Care facility in Penant Hills and other Chinese businesses in the area.



Tania Mace (DG's better half) with a lantern for her dear Chinese friend.

WHAT'S ON

2021	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	5 - minute interview	
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	
Oct 4	Board Meeting By Zoom		President Kaye			
Oct 6	Members' Night	Everyone	President Kaye	TBA	TBA	

Last Week's Meeting

Attendance - 88.9%

Apologies:

J Reid, C Rigney,

Guest Speaker: DG Lindsay May OAM

Guests: Rtn Tania May - Lane Cove

AG Stuart Armstrong - Wahroonga

Jade Catherall - Ryde

Pres. Stephen de Plater - Newcastle Enterprise

Rtn Keith Finane - Newcastle Enterprise

Last week's lucky door prize winner was District Governor Lindsay believe it or not! And we were assured by our Lucky Door Prize controller that the draw was not fixed and would pass the 4 Way Test!



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

Rotary

The biggest gift we are given
Is the power to touch a life,

To change, to make a difference
In the circle of life.

If we can reach out
With our hand, heart, and soul,

The magic will start to happen
As the wheel begins to roll.

Let's turn the wheel together
So all humanity thrives,

We have the power and the magic
to *Serve to Change Lives*

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