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Pennant Hills  
**Rotary**  
Club



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**Rotary**  
District 9685



### OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK



**GUEST SPEAKER:**  
Meredith Kirton  
by Zoom

### President's Corner



Hi everyone

Ray Dearlove expertly presented the plight of the white rhinos and other threatened wildlife in Africa last Wednesday night. Thank you so much, Ray. There is a light at the end of the tunnel, but it is a long way off.

Aren't we lucky? We belong to an active and stimulating social group which has the aim of contributing to the betterment of the community. Well, as part of Mental Health Month, I attended a zoom session run by Macquarie University that emphasised the importance of being part of a social group, which has the potential of reducing the risks of dementia and increasing our cognitive ability. But, the message is to engage in a variety of social groups.

Another delight of Mental Health month is to create/wear a hat to our zoom meeting on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October. This should be a load of fun.

A reminder about Daisy's meditation session this coming Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm.

There has been a change of dates for ordering the fundraising Xmas puddings and cakes to 24 October. It has been brought forward one week.

Take care and stay safe.

**President Kaye**

## MEETING REPORT - SEPTEMBER 29

Noson dda i chi a chroeso I Rotary ar gyfer dydd Mercher 29 Medi.<sup>1</sup>

You'd think that, with a lingo like that, Wales was another country. Wait. What? It IS another country? 36.4 miles from where I grew up. 39 minutes by car down the M56. And we never went there. Not even once.

Anyway, back here in the Land of Oz, at 7 in the PM, the latest meeting of the Rotary Club of Pennant Hills blasted off into space.

Happy anniversary to Jack & Ruth for October 1<sup>st</sup>, Happy Birthday to the twins – Terry & Phil for October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Welcome to our guests for the evening – Alison O'Neill, Anoop (plainly we didn't scare him off last week!), Mark Hardaker from the Picton club and Ray Dearlove, our speaker for the evening (and a previous Pennant Hills Rotary Australian of the year, 2015).

Kaye raised a toast to the Picton Rotary Club, who are going to give us some local, insider knowledge for our proposed walking tour there at the end of October (see calendar).

Kaye also advised that the North Ryde club are doing Christmas Cakes & Puds – order needs to be in by Oct 24<sup>th</sup>.

Herbert was roped in for the weekly Old, New, Borrowed & Blue segment – Old was a clock made by his (at the time) young son, New a bamboo back scratcher, Borrowed the shoes from his son when he was a 6 month old and Blue were the giant (relative) shoes from his now grown up 24 year old fella. I sense a theme there Herbert!

Chairman Phil introduced our presenter Ray. Originally from South Africa, came to Australia in the 80's, a published author (poetry) and a Rugby fanatic. He is also the founder of the Australian Rhino Project.

The aim of the project is to make Australia, a safe haven for the Rhino without any poaching, into something of an Ark, and bring endangered Rhino here for breeding and eventual re-release into their natural homeland.

Although pressured by habitat loss and animal vs human conflict, the drive towards extinction is primarily driven by a brutal poaching industry where Rhino Horn, which if harvested humanely will grow back, sells for \$65,000/kilo into a supposed medicinal industry throughout Asia.

At the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, there were 500,000 rhinos in the wild. Now there are just 20,000. Already, 3 rhino species have become extinct in our lifetimes.

Is there a calling for an Environmental Committee in the Club to bring such matters to our attention?

In the meantime, our Lantern project has drawn to its conclusion. Snaps to Ida & Pam for making the lanterns (around 150 of them!) and to Herbert for arranging their distribution to the local area. Everybody that received them was happy to become a part of the project. Many more could have been handed out, had Covid not caused the majority of the shops and facilities to be closed or have reduced access.

Kaye advised that cotton Rotary Shirts, Male & Female types, in blue with a yellow Rotary logo embroidered on are available for \$35ea. Don't all rush in at once.

Lamington drive project will need a Project Manager. Volunteers, anyone?

Meditating with Daisy to Heal Your Body And Mind is on Zoom next Thursday - \$5 donation to the Rotary Foundation.

Feeling like we haven't been collecting enough by way of Sergeant Fines for the last 4 months or so? Then line up for OctSober (??) – pony up cash for each day you sample a bevvy or two this month. I'm sure Terry would happily take the money from you.

Jason advised that the Rotoract Club (Pennant Hills & Cherrybrook) will be holding a trivia night on 6/ November. Planned as a Virtual Event – the link is coming soon. "Cost" is a donation of \$10, which will be donated to The Sanctuary in Castle Hill – a facility for women and children escaping domestic violence.

Our lucky door prize winner is ... .. Daisy.

08:37 - Pawb wedi gorffen. All Finished. See ya.

**Reporter: Adrian Bell** (and you all thought he was English! Editor)

<sup>1</sup> Good evening and welcome to Rotary for Wednesday 29 September. In Welsh.

## ROTARY TOAST

To the **Rotary Club of Port of Townsville, District 9560** was founded on the 30th June 1966. Their president this year is Ken Mackney and they have around 20 members from the business community in Townsville. They meet on Monday evenings at 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm at Tom's Tavern, 186 Nathan Street Aitkenvale 4814.

The welcome on their website reads in part -

'Welcome to the Rotary Club of Port of Townsville, where the fun never stops! This is your link to the city of sunshine and warm weather, where the sun shines for more than 300 days a year.

We continue to share the ideals of Rotary, bringing to the local and wider community our time and talents in serving our area and international communities.

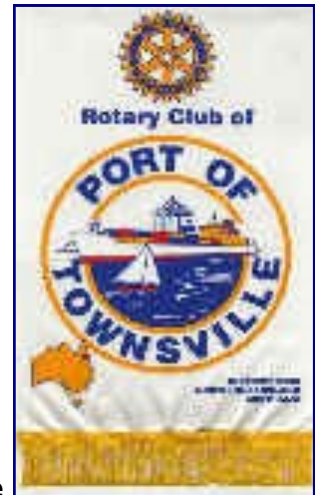
If you are looking for Rotary fellowship, fun and friendship, why not explore our Web site to see what we have to offer. Better still, call in, have a chat and a drink at one of the Club Meetings.

When visiting Townsville, we look forward to meeting with you on a warm Monday night, and sharing the joys of a North Queensland lifestyle.'

Townsville has a diverse economy with strengths in education, healthcare, retail, construction and manufacturing. It is a defence hub and is home to thousands of military personnel. It is also a major manufacturing and processing hub. Townsville is the only city globally to refine three different base metals, zinc, copper, and nickel, and it is planned in the near future to be home to a \$2billion lithium-ion battery manufacturing facility developed by the consortium in partnership with Siemens. Nickel ore is imported from Indonesia, the Philippines and New Caledonia and processed at the Yabulu Nickel refinery, 30 kilometres north of the port. Zinc ore is transported by rail from the Cannington Mine, south of Cloncurry, for smelting at the Sun Metals refinery south of Townsville. Copper concentrate from the smelter at Mount Isa is also railed to Townsville for further refining at the copper refinery at Stuart. The zinc refinery is one of the world's largest with an expansion from 2019.<sup>[62]</sup>

Townsville has several large public assets as a result of its relative position and population. These include the largest campus of the oldest university in northern Queensland, James Cook University, the Australian Institute of Marine Science headquarters, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, the large Army base at Lavarack Barracks, and RAAF Base Townsville.

**Tonight we drink a toast to President Ken and the members of the Rotary Club of Port of Townsville.**



Dear David

I was great to hear from you. Many thanks and what a great article in "Spokes". I read your note to our club at yesterday's lunch and have sent our members both your note and the excellent newsletter.

Our past President, Peter White, reminded our club that he had visited yours some years ago and told us of the much appreciated warm reception you gave him.

Please give our very best wishes to your club and President Kaye. I do hope that when travel returns to more like normality other members may wish to visit each other.

With every good wish

Brian

Brian Cooke F Inst TT  
President 2021/2022  
Rotary Club of Beckenham

**Fellows, following our toast to the Rotary Club of Beckenham and my email to them telling them of that, I received this reply from President Brian this week and another email on the next page.**

Dear David

How nice to be in contact again. How Rotary. How nostalgic. Yes, it was I who visited RC Pennant Hills in October 2015 - it was a great and memorable Rotary evening. Below is a photograph of me presenting our banner! We bring out the Pennant Hill banner now and again. Please pass on my regards to all at RC Pennant Hills, especially Ian Chappell, who emailed me in 2018. Congratulations on achieving 60 years!

I was very fortunate to be at your Club on the night of the Visioning results presentation - of which you sent me the PowerPoint, "Vision to Strategic Planning". I have just looked again at it - it is the best Visioning presentation I have seen. I showed it to Beckenham, as an introduction to the less ambitious version I ran. I recall the major changes in direction which were agreed that night! Visioning did not take off well in the UK, because it was thought to be American, and not Australian. Just goes to show!

Congratulations on still heading "Pride of Workmanship" - which I recall gives very worthwhile encouragement to key employees, and, doubtless, young people.

I see that you are still Zooming. We went back to face to face a month or so ago. Due to Covid, we have not been back to Beecroft since 2015, though some of our Australians have visited us since....but the strains of the long flight showed. If any of RCPH visits London, we would of course be happy to meet them.

Well, that's about it for now.

All the best to you and Pennant Hills

Yours

Peter



**Reminder: Daisy's Meditation Session**

**Let's all support our member and her generous offer of running a meditation session for us.**

**Thursday, 7 October 2021 at 7.00pm**

Cost: \$5.00 per person (funds will be donated to the Rotary Foundation) Direct debit to: BSB: 032087 Account: 334551

Zoom link: <https://macquarie.zoom.us/j/88145221188?pwd=QitJT0pHZzI0SDZFM3hOeURmZidDQT09>

Password: **622497**

October 1 - The National Day of the Republic of China saw John's flag flying high.

Here is John with his neighbour, Wei, whose family enjoyed taking photos on the day to send to their family back in China. Good on you, John!



# Let's do Ocober

Claudia Karvan  
Australian Actor



“Hey to all you Ocober folk! Good luck this month with the challenge. Be kind to yourself. Doesn't matter if you slip up with the odd beer. It's just good to give it a go. Checking in on your alcohol intake is a seriously beneficial thing to do and great for kids to witness. Go for it!”

I mentioned the challenge of Ocober at our last meeting, where we can raise some funds for the Rotary Foundation. You can do this any way you wish. I'm charging myself a small amount of money for each day I have an alcoholic beverage (\$2 to \$5, depending!). If you don't drink alcohol, you could fine yourself for drinking your favourite drink. At the end of the month, just send your donation to the treasurer and he will redirect the funds to the Rotary Foundation. *(President Kaye)*

## Get ready for our long awaited social activity in Picton – Sunday October 31st

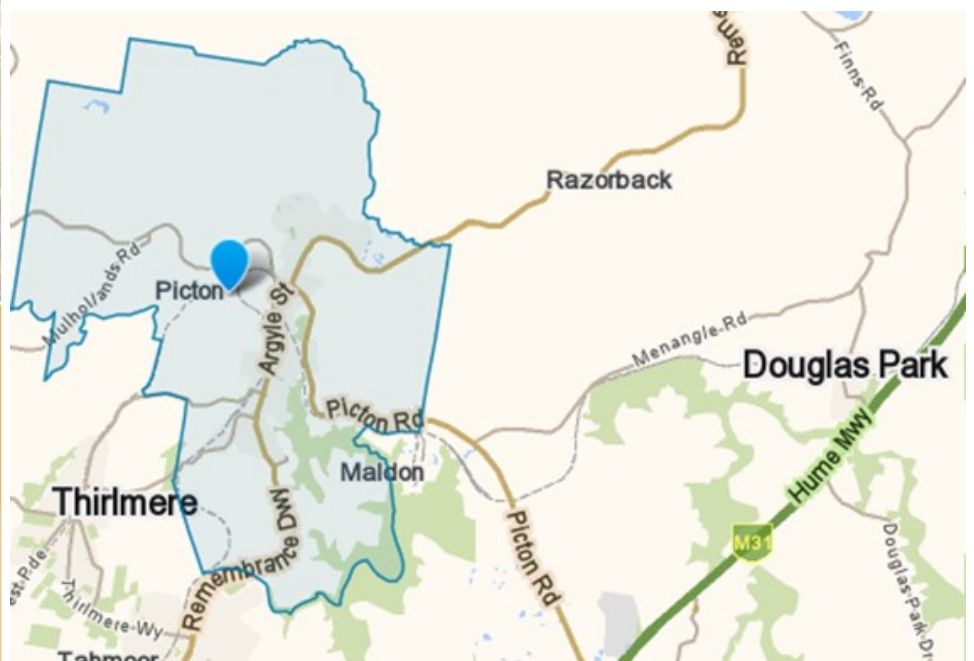
Depending on the loosening of Covid restrictions, the plan is to meet at Picton for a historical walk and have lunch somewhere – possibly in the Botanical gardens.



We were fortunate to have Mark Hardacre join our zoom meeting last Wednesday night. He is the President of Picton Rotary Club and President of the Wollondilly Tourist Association. Members of Picton Rotary Club are keen to join us for lunch, and maybe for part of our historical walk.



<https://www.visitwollondilly.com.au/experience/self-guided-tours/historic-picton-walking-tour/>



## WHAT'S ON

2021	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	5 - minute interview	
Oct 6	<b>Easy Care Gardening</b> <b>By Zoom</b>	<b>Meredith Kirton</b> (Phil and David re Training & the RI website)	David Firth	Pat Parker	Ian Huckel	October 10 World mental Health Day Celebrate "Hat Day"
Thurs Oct 7	<b>Heal Your Body and Mind</b> <b>By Zoom</b>	Daisy Huang	<b>Special extra session with a \$5 donation per person to the Rotary Foundation.</b>			
Oct 13	<b>Rotary Australia World Community Service</b>	Andrew Woodward	Theo Glockemann	John Ellis	TBA	City to Surf 17 October (virtual)
Oct 20	<b>Members Night</b>					Oct 24th World Polio Day
Oct 27	<b>My Favourite Convict</b>	Bob Selinger (District Indigenous Matters)	Theo Glockemann			
Sun Oct 31	<b>Social Activity at Picton</b> TBC	<b>Historical walking tour</b>				<b>Lunch in local park/pub/cafe</b>

**Have you advised of your availability to sell raffle tickets from 16th October through to 18th December yet? We need to get the roster sorted out so that we know we have enough ticket sellers on both shifts each Saturday. So please send your preferences to David Firth as soon as you can this week.**

### Last Week's Meeting

Attendance - 83.3%

Apologies:

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Guest Speaker: Ray Dearlove

Rotarian Guest: Pres. Mark Hardacre - Picton Club

Guests: Anoop Sud

Alison O'Neill

**I went for a job interview and the manager said, "we're looking for someone who is responsible."**

**"Well I'm your man," I replied. "In my last job, whenever anything went wrong they said I was responsible."**

### Anniversaries & Birthdays

Birthdays:

Terry Pankhurst - October 3

Phil Stanton - October 3

Maureen Pankhurst - October 25

Heather Hopping - October 31

Anniversaries:

Jack & Ruth Reid - October 1

Induction Anniversaries:

Adrian Bell - October 9

Kaye Carter - October 15