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SPOKES

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THE PROGRAM THIS WEEK

"My Favourite Convict"

GUEST SPEAKER: Bob Selinger Chairman: Theo Glockemann

President's Corner

Hi everyone,

Well, we certainly are a club of action. We have members rostered each Saturday selling raffle tickets for the trailer raffle, and they are doing a fabulous job. We have 150 Diwali posters well on their way to be



laminated and distributed to Indian businesses. The poppy collection will soon be pinned on to our Remembrance Day cards and sold around the shopping centres, and we are about to organise laying a wreath at a couple of cenotaphs. Our exciting social activities are currently being organised by our social committee and our newest member, Anoop, is treating us to a pre-Diwali lunch in his house this coming Sunday. There is so much happening!

Last Wednesday, PP David Firth began our education of trolling through the Rotary websites. For a new member, there is so much out there. It looks like David will have a special segment each week just to educate us on the different aspects of the Rotary websites.

A reminder that we anticipate meeting face to face in the golf club from Wednesday, 3rd November (a pizza night). Members will need to diligently inform Jack if a meal is not required. Meeting on zoom will also be available.

Our AGM will be on Wednesday, 8th December, so could you please consider which position you would like to takeover as at July 2022. Also, we need nominations to be considered for our Australia Day Merit award. This will be discussed at our next board meeting on Monday, 1st November.

Take care and stay safe,

President Kaye

LAST WEEK'S MEETING REPORT

The meeting was opened by Ida with kind words and her colourful welcome presentation. Bula and other welcome words were shared with the audience, followed by welcome to country. Apologies were given for those who could not attend. Unfortunately Terry had to go to hospital for an operation so we all wish him well. The meeting was handed over to Kaye with a welcome to all and an overview of what is going on in the meeting. She gave thanks to David given for preparation of Spokes. There are some publication constraints that need to be considered to ensure the access link is on the front page of Spokes for people to access the meetings.

Well Adrian was looking sharp with his new hair cut and proceeded to share his comments on a couple of recent TV programs he watched over the long weekend. He compared the 1966 movie, Their a Wierd Mob which was an overview of Sydney with 2.5 million people. There were shots of the harbour where North Sydney was bare, building basic houses in Guilford, low buildings all over and diesel busses spewing smoke out. There was no traffic, you could play cricket on a main street and they spoke a different language compared with that of today. There was good music though. That one was compared to the ABC series Newsreader which was set in the 80's which he binge watched. It was well done as they used equipment and clothing from the time. The language had again changed to a more American sounding tone. His conclusion, Sydney is a much different city today. He is now starting a new job with a gas pipeline company to work with friend. His second job in covid times. Anoop went on to his 5 minute chat. Something old was a solid copper picture from Zambia in 1980 of a rhino. Something new is his shiny new Samsung flip phone that can be opened as a tablet, he borrows things from his wife and he was wearing a blue shirt.

Kaye's session included, Jason voluntering for the Environment director. Kay spoke of her attendance at the Wahroonga club where they have sponsor for a Community Award. The idea would be to get sponsorship by a local business to be used as an award to another organisation in the community such as the Pride of Workmanship done in Cherrybrook. She asked members to think about who they could approach for a donation. She mentioned that Beecroft Rotary is doing a fund raiser through the sale of puzzles of the Rotary Hello which was already done by Mosman club. To get around the licensing fee it is believed all donations must go to Rotary Foundation.

RSL club raising funds through the sale of a chocolate bar for \$5 and they are selling heaps. The poppy creation process is going well and there are tons of them available. Directors reports, John outlined invoice for POW which has been paid. Daisy's meditation session raised \$90. Discussion around Centurion donations and people were recognised and Theo is going to look into getting some more centurion coin stands. Club Polo shirts are on order and due in a couple of weeks. The proceeds from Saturdays trailer raffle was \$815. Phil has an issue with towing the trailer to Thornleigh due to a car accident.

Pam reported on the Duvali poster which is looking very good and details are on the back if any generous people want to donate. Pam is also looking for Bluetooth Earphones to be used for Dementia patients and she is chasing newspapers to get some publication. The membership flyer she produced was well recognised and being distributed all over the place. David said there have been a couple of POW orders. Jason is encouraging his Roteract members to join in on the trailer raffle but not going well. Daisy is organising the numbers for the trip to Picton.

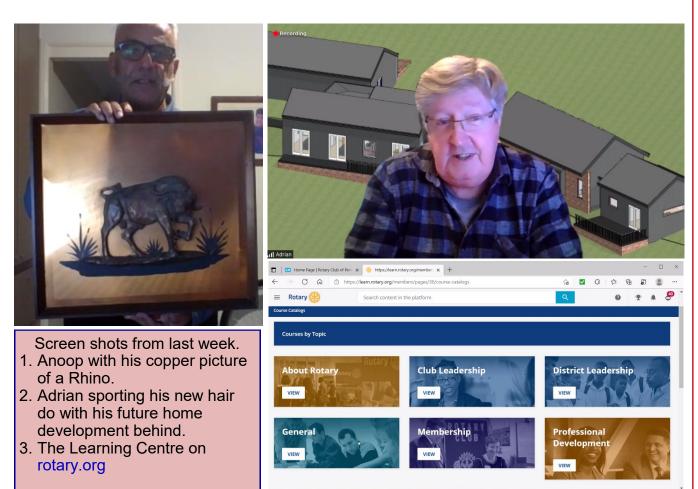
David went through the <u>Rotary.org</u> website which is available for all to use to find out what Rotary is all about. If you are a member, you should go into My Rotary and register with your email and password so you can access the site and take advantage of lots of information about Rotary and great training programs. Within My Learning there are a number of courses and you can easily see how long the course is and the key subjects. It tells you the courses you have taken and successfully completed with a Q&A at the end that recognises completion. Plenty of topics that include professional development, speech development and running a meeting. There are also sections that outline what is involved with the different roles of a Rotary Club. David encouraged all to have a look. David showed the new Pennant Hills Website which has been updated with all of the current programs, our new member and other stories. There is a list of foundation members and details of the club executive from day 1. David is going to get some details from Theo on the current Timor programs so they can be accessed on the site as well. David also gave an overview of Clubrunner which manages all member details. 7924 is Pennant Hills club number. Log in details do vary but member should give it a try as this is where you make any changes to your details such as change of address. Theo did ask about security but Clubrunner is the official RI supplier for managing information. Clubrunner is used by some clubs to host their websites but it its not mandatory.

John is meeting the RYLA candidates on Thursday night but is struggling to get a response back from the school asking for nominations. Pam is looking for small musical instruments to be used for Dementia patients at Cherrybrook Christian Care Centre. Kaye is up for a Tamborine.

Ian won the lucky door prize. It was decided that a \$10 donation to the foundation would be made by those who attend the lunch at Anoop's on the 31st. This is to be used towards the \$3000 pledged by the club to the Foundation at the beginning of this Rotary Year.

A new aboriginal version of Advance Australia Fair was played to close out the meeting. Reporter: Jim Fraser

Photos from Last Week



A Little Humour to Brighten your day.

In a convent in Ireland, the 98-year-old Mother Superior lay dying. The nuns gathered around her bed trying to make her last journey comfortable.

They tried giving her warm milk to drink but she refused it. One of the nuns took the glass back to the kitchen. Then, remembering a bottle of Irish Whiskey that had been received as a gift the previous Christmas, she opened it and poured a generous amount into the warm milk.

Back at Mother Superior's bed, they held the glass to her lips. The frail Nun drank a little, then a little more and before they knew it, she had finished the whole glass down to the last drop.

As her eyes brightened, the nuns thought it would be a good opportunity to have one last talk with their spiritual leader.

"Mother," the nuns asked earnestly, "Please give us some of your wisdom before you leave us".

She raised herself up in bed on one elbow, looked at them and said: "DON'T SELL THAT COW."

POLIC GLOBAL ERADICATION INITIATIVE



Diwali Lunch Invitation

Anoop and Neeru Sud warmly invite members and their

spouse/partner to a pre-Diwali lunch on Sunday, 31st October from 11.30am.



You will be treated to some delicious home-cooked Indian food/curries of chicken, lamb, fish and vegetables. You are requested to email Anoop directly to let him know if you (and your guest) are attending by Wednesday 27th October at the latest. Anoop's details are as follows:

anoopksud@yahoo.com

POSITION VACANT We continue to seek a person to assume the position of team leader of a prestigious service organization in the Pennant Hills

Qualifications sought are:

area

Able to leap tall buildings in a single bound;

Faster than a speeding bullet;

Prepared to wear heavy chain around neck at least once a week;

Happy leading a team of volunteers;

NOTE: Position is a contract for one year only commencing July 1st, 2022

You can be assured of a rewarding experience!

If you think you can handle this job, please apply as soon as possible to -

President Kaye Carter Ph: 0407 261 456

Secretary John Ellis Ph: 0413 531 010

Rotary Club of Pennant Hills Inc.

CHRISTMAS TRAILER RAFFLE 2021

Our second selling day last Saturday at Thornleigh Market Place was highlighted by the morning shift team including Paige Newton and her father, Elliott. Paige is our sponsored student to NYSF in January. They joined Jack Reid and David

Firth until the second shift of Ida Shi, Pat Parker, and Phil Stanton took over at 11.30am.

The result this week was a total of 318 tickets sold and takings of \$1,131.00. As good as this effort was, it was not as good as this day last year. Our year-to-date total is now \$1,946.00.

So it is on to Westleigh next week. On the morning shift is John Ellis, Theo Glockemann and Jack Reid. The afternoon crew is Pat Parker, Phil Stanton and David Firth. If you would like to help on either shift let David Firth know.

2021 CHRISTMAS **TRAILER RAFFLE PROGRESS - Week 1**

10,000 9,000 8,000 7,000 6,000 5,000 4,000 3,000 2.000 1,000

Social Activity Sunday, 14 November 2021

Here are the details:

- It will take around 45 minutes to drive to Picton down the M5.
- Meet in Picton at 11.30am at the Rotunda.
- Parking is available at Davidson Lane car park off Menangle St West.
- If coming from the Hume H'Way, you will arrive in town right at the main intersection (look for the clock tower on the Old Post Office). Go straight ahead into Menangle St West then turn left into Davidson Lane car park. This is very central to everything & we can use the toilets at the Hotel Picton.
- There is a Rotunda on the edge of the car park/ cemetery which has seating & as it's raised, we can see each other easily.
- You can start the day off with a coffee at one of the cafes ('Picton Social' is very central and has toilet facilities). <u>https://</u> www.pictonsocial.com/
- President Mark Hardacre (Picton Rotary and Lyn (Secretary) will aim to meet us at the Rotunda depending on their other commitments.
- 12.00pm Historical walk around Picton village & St Mark's Cemetery (audio tour is available at extra cost)
- 1.00pm We can have lunch at George IV Inn - Stonequarry Grill, recommended to book for the verandah. If it's wet, there is plenty of undercover areas & inside dining. Menu is traditional pub style with light or full meal options. Or -we can lunch at the Botanical Gardens (can get food in the main street – bring own chairs).
- 2.30pm make way back to Sydney (or wherever)
- On the way out, you might like to have a look at the Stonequarry Viaduct which you can drive to on Picton Avenue - plenty of parking area & The old Mushroom Tunnel.

Please Note:

<u>Daisy Huang</u> is the person to contact to advise your attendance at our Social activity. Please let her know at/by our Rotary meeting 10 November. Members from other Rotary clubs are warmly welcomed to join us.



Anoop Sud presented with his membership welcome pack by President Kaye and Secretary John.

WANTED

We have had a request from a residential centre for hand held musical instruments.

These will be used to assist dementia residents to take part in musical therapy.



- Declutter the toy box.
- Encourage children to do an act of kindness.



WHAT'S ON

Muir- fielde2 021	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	5 - minute interview	Meal status + extra info
Oct 27	My Favourite Convict By Zoom	Bob Selinger (District Indige- nous Matters)	Theo Glockemann	Pam Hudson	Pat Parker	
Oct 31	Social Activity	Diwali Lunch at Anoop & Neeru Sud's home at 11.30am				
Nov 1	BOARD MEETING By Zoom					
Nov 3	A Writer's Story 1st Night back at the Golf Club	Steve McGregor Author			Jim Fraser	<mark>Pizza Night</mark> Diwali Nov 4
Nov 10	Members' Night				David Firth	Plated meal
Nov 11	Remembrance Day Wreathe laying					Sale of Poppies
Sunday Nov 14	Social Activity	Historic Walk around Picton and lunch to follow				
Nov 17	Working in the Environment	Simran Talran Wqhroonga Rotary				Pizza night
Nov 24	Poetry in the Park					No meal in the club
Friday Nov 26	Social Activity	Dinner a	<mark>at Jimmy's, M</mark>	uirfield Golf	Club	Chinese Banquet

Last Week's Meeting Attendance - 73.7%

Apologies: H Chan, T Pankhurst, J Reid, C Rigney, Guest Speaker: Nil Rotarian Guests: Nil LOA: P Stanton

Anniversaries & Birthdays Birthdays: Terry Pankhurst - Octber 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

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door." Milton Berle