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Rotary
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THE PROGRAM THIS WEEK

“A WRITER”S STORY”

GUEST SPEAKER: Steve McGregor

Chairman: Ian Huckel

President's Corner

Hi everyone,

Well, finally we are meeting face to face at the Pennant Hills Golf Club. There are Club restrictions that we need to abide by (eg. being double vaccinated). The timing is for our meal (\$30) to start at 6.30pm and the formal meeting to start at 7.00pm. Our first night back will be a pizza night, and so all members need to inform Jack of whether they are not coming (or not eating) so they don't get charged for a meal.

Last Wednesday, Bob Selinger, who specialises in Australian History, educated members on his favourite convict, Esther Abrahams. This noteworthy person (unbeknown to us) came out on the first fleet, was defacto and then married George Johnston, and established Annadale House. It was a very interesting and inspiring talk.

On Sunday, many of us were treated to a pre-Diwali lunch at the home of Anoop and Neeru Sud. And what a marvellous 3 course delicious meal we were given. It was a lunch that we will be talking about for years to come! We have booked in for next year already. Our next social function is our historical walk in Picton on Sunday 14 November. It will take just over an hour to drive from Pennant Hills to Picton (not 45 minutes as I had previously mentioned).

Our current successful project is the trailer raffle at local shopping centres. Our upcoming project this week is the distribution of Diwali posters to Indian businesses and acquaintances as part of our goal of raising our profile in the local community.

Take care and stay safe. **President Kaye**



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

LAST WEEK'S MEETING REPORT

Meeting opened with Ida welcoming Pres. Kaye, members and guest speaker, Bob Selinger. The greeting tonight is Aloha, the Hawaiian greeting, which also has numerous other meanings. Pres. Kaye set the agenda for the night.

Pat Parker's night for a 5 minute enlightening talk. The subject - the Melbourne Cup. He has a book on the Melbourne Cup of 1972. He was invited by his first boss to attend. Then in 1977 he was there to see Might & Power win the cup. He spoke of the presentation by Jack Denham and how well he spoke of his staff. Pat and Sandra had a wonderful night at the dinner that evening following the Cup.

Pres. reported that she had sent a card to Terry. Club polo shirts are ordered and should be available in approx. 2 weeks. Price \$35.

Directors reports followed. David as acting treasurer reported that a number of payments had been paid including RI royalties for POW. Income from this weeks trailer raffle \$1134. Daisy has won the award for fastest ticket seller. Book dropped of at 2.00 sold out by 6.00. Well done Daisy.

Jim reported he had an inquiry from a lady buying raffle tickets for information about Rotaract. The information was passed on to Jason.

Pat Parker reported on all the projects. Stewart House has not had any country children there but have a project for boys and girls 8-14 years. Pat will be available for Thornleigh to sell poppies on Remembrance Day.

Theo has acquired more centurion towers for the Foundation. These need to be filled and returned to the treasurer. They will be available at the next meeting at the golf club. Our club has credit with the Foundation for 6 Paul Harris Fellows.

John noted that the NYSF candidate, Paige Newton and father Elliott, assisted at the trailer raffle on Saturday. He has contacted the Pennant Hills High year advisor concerning RYPEN next February. He has had no response from Mt. St. Benedict concerning youth projects.

Theo then introduced guest speaker Bob Selinger who has worked on a number of projects over the years. Bob's subject for his address was 'My Favourite Convict'.

Bob started with 3 questions

- 1) When did the first settlement take place in Australia?
- 2) Can you name at least three people from history that you consider significant?
- 3) When did Australia become a multi-cultural society?

Bob then spoke of a book Australian Genesis and how he was intrigued by a portrait of a member of the 1st Fleet, Esther Abrahams, who was Jewish. She is Bob's favourite convict born 1772 Died 1846 at George's Hall, Western Sydney. Esther, in 1786, was charged with theft shoplifting black silk lace valued at 50 shillings. Sentenced to transportation for 7 years, Esther gave birth to a daughter, Rosanne, on 18th March 1787 while in Newgate Prison while awaiting transportation. The 1st Fleet sailed from Portsmouth on 13th May, 1787.

Esther met George Johnston on board the 'Lady Penryhn'. Esther had eight children to George born between 1790 & 1806. In 1814 after 26 years together possibly at the behest of Gov. Macquarie, George and Esther married. Her daughter, Rosanne and her husband, Issac Nichols, were witnesses. In 1799, George Johnston was granted 290 acres on the north side of Parramatta Road between Whites and Johnston's Creeks. For eighty years the land was a part of the Johnston family's large landholdings in NSW and was known as Annandale North, Johnston's Bush and now Annandale. Their nine-room residence included offices, a cellar and a detached kitchen. Nearby were stables, a blacksmith forge, a dairy, gardens, an orchard and a stone quarry. In 1882 Annandale farm was described as "one of the most complete farms in Sydney". The Annandale House gates are now in the grounds of Annandale Public School. Moved from their original site just off Parramatta Road. Each gate has a cast iron shield featuring the Johnston's crest, the flying spur.

As the most senior officer available when the conflict with Governor Bligh became critical in 1808, he was thrust into the leadership of the mutiny. He represented himself as an agent of the popular will but was cashiered for his action.

George died January, 1823 leaving Annandale Estate as a "life interest". On Esther's death, son Robert was to inherit. In 1829 Esther intended to mortgage the property and return to England.

Robert took her to court where the jury finds Esther "insane but having lucid moments" and Robert found "not heir at law". Her sons David and Robert were appointed trustees to Esther's estate. Esther lived at George's Hall until her death on 26th August, 1846.

Reporter: Pam Hudson

Photos from Last Week

The 2 screen shots below were taken by Ida Shi during our Zoom meeting

Six Aboriginal women you could know about....

Barangaroo, a Kamaraygal woman, who was the second wife of Bennelong, an interlocutor between the Aboriginal people and the early British colonists in New South Wales. She did not, however agree with Bennelong working with the colonial government.



Cathy Freeman

Catherine Astrid Salome Freeman, OAM is an Australian former sprinter, who specialised in the 400 metres event. She would occasionally compete in other track events, but 400m was her main event.

Marcia Langton

Marcia Lynne Langton AM holds the Foundation Chair in Australian Indigenous Studies at the University of Melbourne in the Faculty of Medicine. In 2016 she became Distinguished Professor and in 2017, Associate Provost.

Lowitja O'Donoghue

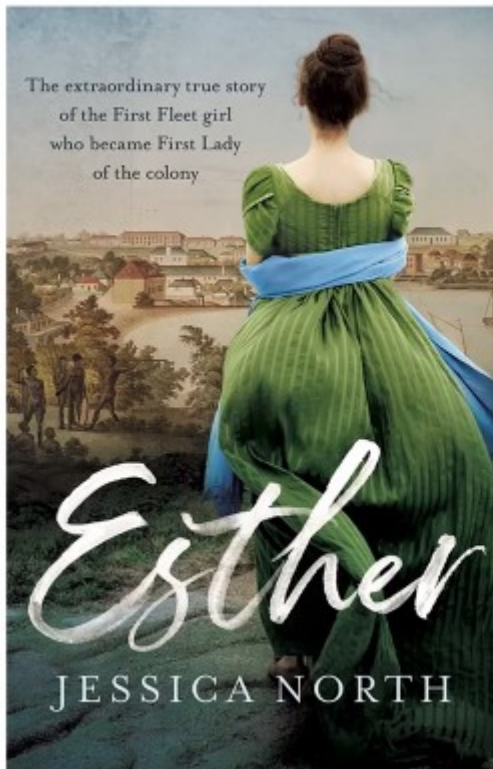
Lowitja Lois O'Donoghue Smart, AC, CBE, DSG is a retired public administrator. In 1990-1996 she was the inaugural chairperson of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission.

Oodgeroo Noonuccal

Oodgeroo Noonuccal was a political activist, artist and educator. She was also a campaigner for Aboriginal rights. Oodgeroo was best known for her poetry, and was the first Aboriginal Australian to publish a book of verse. (Formerly Kath Walker)

Nova Peris

Nova Maree Peris OAM is an athlete and former Labor Senator. As part of the Australian women's hockey team at the 1996 Olympic Games, she was the first Aboriginal Australian to win an Olympic gold medal.



*“Jessica North documents the known facts of Esther’s life relying on ‘personal journals, letters, family and historical records, transcribed conversations’ and the published work of other historians, but she has, as she says, ‘woven together the tapestry of Esther’s life’ from these sources and **has imagined, invented and supposed ‘possible sets of events’, situations and conversations in order to make this more than a dry history.** In case North’s mixture of fact and fiction is not obvious, she provides notes to each chapter at the end of the book, making clear what is historical fact and what is her own invention.”*

<https://newtownreviewofbooks.com.au/jessica-north-esther-reviewed-by-ann-skea/>

They shall not be forgotten



Our Remembrance Day
Poppy Project
signage at the selling
places

Rotary
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\$5

Pre-Diwali Lunch

Last Sunday, Anoop and Neeru Sud and their family warmly welcomed some 11 members and partners to their home for a Pre-Diwali Lunch - correction, it was a feast! It was prepared by Neeru with the assistance of her 2 daughters-in-law. We met their two sons and their 3 grandchildren. What a delightful, friendly and welcoming family they are. The array of food was great with our hosts explaining both the food and the purpose and origin of the Diwali Festival. Here are some pictures from the day.



1. Neeru and her girls preparing the food in the kitchen.
2. Our group mid-feast watched by our hosts.
3. Anoop and Neeru received their name badges from Pres. Kaye.
4. Pres. Kaye with our delightful hosts.
5. Last week's Lucky Door prize winner receives his

Courage is what it takes
to stand up and speak.
Courage is also what it takes
to sit down and listen.

Winston Churchill



Cathedral funeral for filmmaker “hero” Max Stahl

Filmmaker and journalist Max Stahl, who filmed Indonesian troops firing on protesters in Timor-Leste in 1991, has died in Brisbane after a long illness.

A Catholic, Mr Stahl, 66, is to be honoured by members of Australia’s Timorese community and friends, diplomats and family at a funeral in Brisbane’s St Stephen’s Cathedral on November 12 – exactly 30 years after he filmed the so-called Santa Cruz massacre.

He died in the Princess Alexandra Hospital last Wednesday after battling cancer for a decade.

He was best known for filming the massacre at Dili’s Santa Cruz cemetery in 1991 during which 270 people were killed.

His footage, taken as Indonesian soldiers advanced on a huge crowd of pro-democracy protestors, brought the plight of the Timor-Leste population to the world.

He was one of only a handful of journalists who remained in Timor-Leste after most foreigners fled the country, obtaining footage of the widespread violence and destruction.

“The history of Timor-Leste can never be written without the story of Max Stahl,” Mr Ramos-Horta said.

Mr Stahl is survived by his wife and four children.



PRID and former RI President Nominee, Sushil Gupta, passed away today, October 29. The Rotary world is grief stricken on this outstanding leader’s sad demise.

RI President Shekhar Mehta shared his grief:

PRID Sushil Gupta, doyen of Rotary in India left for his heavenly abode this morning after a prolonged illness.

It is a huge loss for Rotary, especially in India. An excellent human being, outstanding leader of Rotary, a successful industrialist, Padmashri, he leaves behind a rich legacy. We will miss him dearly.

Our heartfelt condolences to Vinitaji and family. May the departed soul meet its creator in peace.

Om Shanti.

Shekhar Mehta

President, Rotary International.

PRID Sushil Gupta was elected as President Nominee of Rotary International on 1 October 2018. He was to serve as President in 2020-21. On 26 April 2019, Sushil Gupta resigned due to health reasons.

Sushil was member of Rotary Club of Delhi Midwest. He was Chairman of Asian Hotels (West) Ltd, owners of Hyatt Regency Mumbai and JW Marriott Aerocity New Delhi. He served as President of Federation of Hotel and Restaurant Association of India and Director of Tourism Finance corporation of India. Under his leadership, Rotary in India took up many projects in areas of water, wash in schools, blindness control and heart surgeries.



WHAT'S ON

Muir- fielde2 021	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	5 - minute interview	Meal status + extra info
Nov 3	A Writer's Story 1st Night back at the Golf Club	Steve McGregor Author	Ian Huckel	Theo Glockemann	Jim Fraser	Pizza Night Diwali Nov 4
Nov 10	Members' Night			Anoop Sud	David Firth	Plated meal
Nov 11	Remembrance Day Wreath laying	We are selling knitted poppies at Pennant Hills & Thornleigh on Nov 10 & 11. Contact Pat Parker if you can help.				Sale of Poppies
Sunday Nov 14	Social Activity	Historic Walk around Picton and lunch to follow				
Nov 17	Working in the Environment	Simran Talran Wahroonga Rotary				Pizza night
Nov 24	Poetry in the Park					No meal in the club
Friday Nov 26	Social Activity	Dinner at Jimmy's, Muirfield Golf Club, North Rocks				Chinese Banquet
Dec 1	Cerebral Palsy Clinic Westmead Children's Hospital	Dr Kirsty Stewart	John Ellis			Plated meal Council elections Dec 4
Dec 6	Board Meeting By Zoom					

Last Week's Meeting

Attendance - 79%
Apologies:
T Pankhurst, J Reid, C Rigney,
Guest Speaker: Rtn. Bob Selinger
Guests: Nil
LOA: P Stanton

Anniversaries & Birthdays

Birthdays:
Lyn Stanton - November 4
Sandra Parker - November 7
Claude Rigney - November 22
Herbert Chan - November 23
Anniversaries:
Nil
Inductions:
John Ellis - November 1, 1990

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Ideas have unhinged the gates of empires."

Paul P. Harris