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Pennant Hills
Rotary
Club



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THE PROGRAM THIS WEEK

MEMBERS NIGHT

Chairman: President Kaye

International Toast tonight

President's Corner



Hi everyone

There's no doubt we are a club of action, and we are extra busy this time of the year. We've just finished distributing Diwali posters and have started selling hand-made poppies for Remembrance Day this Thursday. As well, John Ellis and myself (both being ex-military) will lay a wreath on behalf of our club on Thursday at the Hornsby Cenotaph.

The trailer raffle is running smoothly, we are building up our project funds, and we are about to start setting up the 'Tree of Joy' in the Pennant Hills Market Place and Thornleigh Market Place.

At our first meeting back at the Pennant Hills Golf Club, Steve McGregor ably entertained us with a presentation on the amazing amount of books he has written or helped to write. Where does he get all that intellectual energy from? His latest book is "Golf – The True Story" – "peppered with illustrations and humorous observations". It's available through Amazon.



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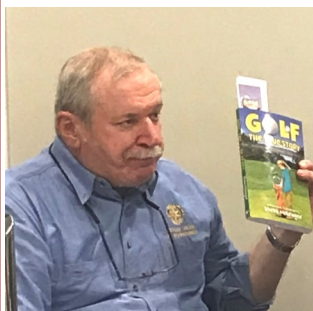
This Sunday, we are off to Picton for our first official club social event. We will partake in a historical walk of the town, have lunch somewhere and then head back to Sydney. It sounds really great!

Take care and stay safe.

President Kaye

LAST WEEK'S MEETING REPORT

President Kaye Carter opened this meeting, our first in the Golf Club since mid June, with a welcome to Jack Reid and also our speaker, Steve McGregor, from the RC of Wahroonga. Sergeant Ida Shi then gave us acknowledgement to Country. Following our meal, Jack Reid reported on our absent members – Terry Pankhurst remains in hospital but cheery and Claude Rigney and Herbert Chan haven't been well. President Kaye welcomed Robert Erskine who had zoomed in and thanked David Firth for another good *Spokes*. Jim Fraser was given five minutes to tell us something new. He mentioned that most are familiar with smart phones and other tech gadgets, then raised something in his hand that he likened to a clever tape recorder. He waved this gadget, that he called an Orcam, over a paragraph of text in *Spokes* and a few seconds later it announced the words for all to hear. Jim has been working with the vision impaired and this Orcam, developed in Israel, will be a valuable aid when the printed word is a struggle. At only \$2,500 it is a bargain. President Kaye mentioned that she had joined the Wahroonga Club's meeting this morning and heard that they had developed a database of local businesses to assist with fund raising. She suggested we consider something similar. She thanked Anoop Sud for his family's wonderful Diwali function and promoted the Diwali posters. The Diwali Festival will begin tomorrow. She asked Jason Terry to discuss some possible environmental projects with Hornsby Council and suggested we develop a Community Carer's award. Our plan for a sister club will see Anoop Sud making contact with Delhi Rich Club. It will be interesting to hear of their projects. President Kaye and John Ellis will lay a wreath at Hornsby on Remembrance Day and Kaye announced that our Christmas function will be at the Pankhursts on 22 December. From David Firth we had the latest results for the trailer raffle - \$2,770 to date and that the date intended to sell at Beecroft will not proceed. An alternate venue is to be considered for 13 November. Because of the success of the Pride of Workmanship award at Cherrybrook Nursing Home last year, they will be asked to consider another award soon.



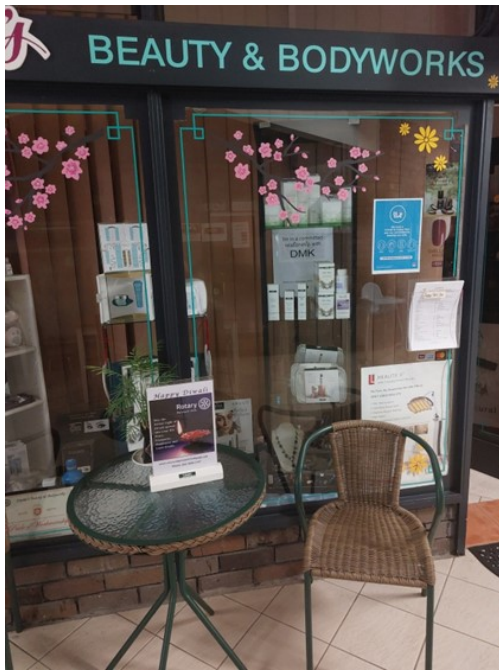
Ian Huckel introduced Steve McGregor, an author and illustrator. Steve told us that, as a financial advisor until 2003, he had been quite busy. However, retirement left him thinking about how to maintain that business. Through his life he had admired illustrated books by May Gibbs, A.A. Milne, Enid Blyton and Walter Mitty. Even the menu at Cahill's restaurants had caught his eye. He had attended a commercial art course at Sydney Tech in his youth and during a Mediterranean cruise after retirement he kept a travel diary. Later he decided to illustrate it. This led to a series of books that he has written and illustrated. One, *Golf*, will be available via

Amazon in a few days. As a golfer he has covered the various types of golfer, their characteristics, behaviour, their terminology, and all in an amusing vein and appropriately illustrated. This book took him two years to research and complete. He claims to have covered the history of golf from ancient Egypt through 18th century England to the present. Were there golf clubs in King Tut's tomb? His parents had saddled him with Arthur Mee's *1000 Famous Things* that bored him to tears and this led him to consider that there must be a better, more amusing way to bring snippets to his readers. Steve then covered many of his collections of short stories. An early one was *Mixed Blessing*. *Adventures of a Jackeroo* includes a glossary of terms for city slickers. *Adventures of Bruce from Bondi*, *Adventures of Eddie Milligan*, *Wally's Boomerang*, *Wally the Warrior*, *Wally Goes Fishing* and *Wally and the Poachers* are all short stories that Steve has illustrated with cartoon like characters. Then he remembered how his daughter, now Kylie Newman, was scared of ghosts when small, so he went to the keyboard and under Kyle's supposed authorship came *The Friendly Ghosts*. For Rotary Clubs Steve has written histories of the Clubs of Eastwood, St Leonards and Wahroonga that have included their relevant projects and presidents, with the presidents all as cartoon characters. *Lodge Knox History 1957-2010* includes Steve's illustration of all their grand masters. Steve has a wide range of interests including ancient Rome and the American Civil War and his books, *Emperors of Ancient Rome* and *Weapons of the American Civil War* are the result. Another military issue was *Spitfire Memorial Defence Fellowship*. Steve ended this most interesting talk by showing that his artistic talent is not just in cartoon characters but landscapes of parts of Australia. He had several examples of his works for members to peruse and purchase.

There was still time for Jim Fraser to accuse members of trivial faults and cane them accordingly. Ida then asked Steve to ensure that Adrian Bell took the lucky door prize and following the National Anthem, President Kaye closed the meeting.

Reporter: John Ellis

THANKS TO THE LOCAL BUSINESSES SUPPORTING OUR PROJECTS



Joanie's Beauty & Bodyworks, Pennant Hills



Thornleigh Marketplace Centre Management



Marketplace Newsagency Pennant Hills



AMS Hair Studio

Thornleigh Marketplace



The Rotary Club of North Ryde has been asked by the Mercedes Benz Car Club of Sydney to provide breakfast for them for an event they are having on Sunday 28th November at the Lane Cove National Park.

The event is the 50th Anniversary of the Mercedes R107 model, this the roadster sports car model of Mercedes Benz from the early 1970s'. They are hoping to have 107 of these cars on show. They are also hoping to have a few rare Mercedes cars on display also. One is valued at \$2.5 million. It will only be there if the weather is good.

The cars are expecting to arrive at the Tunks Hill Picnic Area, at the Lane Cove National Park around 9:30am on the 28th. The best entrance to this picnic area is via Lane Cove Road and use the entrance sign posted 'Lane Cove National Park', just after, heading towards Hornsby, or before, heading towards Macquarie Park, (around 50 metres), past, or before, the lights and entrance to Eden Gardens depending on which way you are coming.

This is a fund raising event for our Rotary club and there will be bacon and egg rolls, and our famous Bunnings sausage and onion rolls to purchase on the day. We will also be selling drinks. There will also be a coffee van on site.

If you are interested in getting up close with a lot of classic cars, please come along for the day and also enjoy something to eat and drink.

Whilst selling raffle tickets last Saturday at Coonara shops, a lady came up and bought some tickets. She disclosed that she knew a bit about Rotary as her father is a Rotarian. He is a member of the Southsea Castle Rotary Club in Portsmouth, UK. She suggested that her father's club is interested in a sister club relationship with a club in Australia. Hence the following International Toast.

INTERNATIONAL TOAST



The Rotary Club of Southsea Castle was chartered in 1988. As part of District 1110, they meet on Wednesday evenings at 6.30 at the Inn Lodge, Portsmouth.

President Iulia Earva-Vlad leads a membership of around 20. In the words of their website, "Our work is nearly all local, usually small projects, helping local organisations, people and the environment. We do what we can! And it's great to receive feedback and support from the residents of Portsmouth, affirming our belief in the goodness of humanity." They have a number of projects either underway or recently completed.

Portsmouth is a port city in the ceremonial county of Hampshire on the south coast of England. Located mainly on Portsea Island, 70 miles (110 km) south-west of London and 19 miles (31 km) south-east of Southampton, it is the United Kingdom's only island city. It has a population of 238,800, and is the only city in the British Isles with a greater population density than London. The city forms part of the South Hampshire built-up area, which also covers Southampton and the towns of Havant, Waterlooville, Eastleigh, Fareham, and Gosport. A significant naval port for centuries, Portsmouth has the world's oldest dry dock and was England's first line of defence during the French invasion in 1545. Special Palmerston Forts were built in 1859 in anticipation of another invasion from continental Europe. By the early-19th century, Portsmouth was the most heavily fortified city in the world, and was considered "the world's greatest naval port" at the height of the British Empire throughout *Pax Britannica*. The world's first mass production line was set up in the city, making it the most industrialised site in the world. During the Second World War, the city was a pivotal embarkation point for the D-Day landings and was bombed extensively in the Portsmouth Blitz, which resulted in the deaths of 930 people. In 1982, the city housed the entirety of the attacking forces in the Falklands War. Portsmouth is one of the world's best known ports. HMNB Portsmouth is the largest dockyard for the Royal Navy and is home to two-thirds of the UK's surface fleet. The city is home to some famous ships, including HMS *Warrior*, the Tudor carrack *Mary Rose* and Horatio Nelson's flagship, HMS *Victory* (the world's oldest naval ship still in commission).

We wish President Iulia and the members continued success throughout the Rotary year.

BURKINA FASO - CONFLICT

Violent extremism has been ongoing in this region of West Africa for several years. However, until recently, Burkina Faso was the exception, known for religious tolerance and social harmony. But in recent years, this has changed, with increasing violence by Islamist militants and other militia groups that are destroying the social fabric and turning communities against each other.

Working with German charity, **Help**, ShelterBox is currently on its third project, looking to supply shelter material, essential household items and COVID-kits to 1,800 families.



Social Activity Sunday, 14 November 2021

The district is rich in Aboriginal and European history. A colourful tapestry interweaves the Dreamtime legends of the Gundungurra, Darug and Dharawal people on a backdrop of gorges, ranges and plains with a rural patchwork created by the white settlers who followed the first fleet's famous straying cattle to the Cowpastures.

Picton is one of the earliest European settlements. It was 'discovered' when a number of cattle went missing in the early days of the colony and were found in 1795 by a convict near the Nepean River.

The valuable herd, which had increased in number, were allowed to remain and breed in a sealed-off area stretching from the Nepean to the Bargo River.

This became known as Cowpastures and then Stonequarry until 1841. The name Picton is believed to have been chosen to honour Sir Thomas Picton, an old soldier friend of Governor Brisbane.

In the 1860s the railway system came to Picton and created a building explosion. The area was proclaimed a municipality in 1895, and in 1939 Wollondilly Shire Council (then centred in The Oaks) and Picton Municipality amalgamated to create the Shire that we have today.



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For a copy of our free Wollondilly Map visit the locations below.

Wollondilly Shire Council
 Menangle Street, Picton
 Open: Mon - Fri 8.30am - 5.00pm

Wollondilly Library
 Menangle Street, Picton
 Open: Mon-Fri 9.30am - 5.00pm
 Sat 9.00am - 12.00pm

NSW Rail Museum
 Barbour Road, Thirlmere
 Open: Mon-Fri 10.00am - 4.00pm



Here are the details:

It will take just over one hour 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. 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 - lunch

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: Daisy is the person to contact to advise your attendance at our social activity. Please let her know at/by our Rotary meeting 10 November.

CHRISTMAS TRAILER RAFFLE 2021

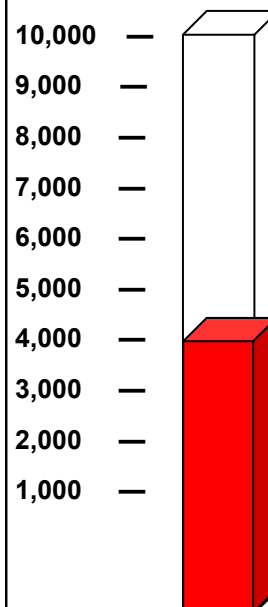
Coonara Shopping Centre was the selling venue last Saturday. The morning shift comprised Ida Shi, Jack Reid, Jim Fraser and John Ellis.

They were relieved by Pat Parker and Heather and David Firth.

I think it is fair to say that we found it a bit 'patchy' with periods of little activity. We sold 205 tickets with takings of \$692. We are at \$3,982 year-to-date.

Next Saturday we are back at Pennant Hills Marketplace in our usual spot. The morning shift is Theo Glockemann, David Firth and Elliott and Paige Newton. They will be followed by Kaye Carter, Claude & Jeanette Rigney, and Phil Stanton.

2021 CHRISTMAS TRAILER RAFFLE PROGRESS - Week 1



WHAT'S ON

Muir- fielde2 021	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	5 - minute interview	Meal status + extra info
Nov 10	Members' Night	Nil		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 - meet at 11.30am				
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 Chef's Clubhouse Chinese Restaurant, Muirfield Golf Club, North Rocks				Chinese Banquet \$30 each
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					
Dec 8	Club AGM & Elections					Pizza night

Last Week's Meeting

Attendance - 68.4%

Apologies:

H Chan, T Glockemann, T Pankhurst, P Parker,
C Rigney,

Guest Speaker: Rtn. Steve McGregor

Guests: Rtn. Robert Erskine

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

"Either write something worth reading or do something worth writing."

[Benjamin Franklin](#)