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Rotary
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Rotary
District 9685



THE PROGRAM THIS WEEK

Poetry in Lutanda Manor

Chairman: President Kaye

Reporter: Adrian Bell

President's Corner

Hi everyone,

It's been another busy week. David and Pat have been collecting the donated gifts from the Trees of Joy at Pennant Hills and Thornleigh and some members have survived the unpredictable weather conditions selling raffle tickets for the Trailer Raffle. You can see our PR advert on the link below (thanks to Pam's ongoing PR plugs for us).



<https://rotarydistrict9685.org.au/documents/en-au/a19193b9-3fee-43f0-a0cd-4b8218c1ef38/1/>

Last week we were very fortunate to listen to a succinct presentation from Simran Talran on 'Working in the Environment'. She presented many useful concepts that our environmental rep Jason plans to follow up on. A big thank you to Simran.

Our next exciting event is our Poetry night on Wednesday 24 November from 6.30pm, which will be held at Lutanda Manor (14 Victoria Road, Pennant Hills). Members are encouraged to create a piece of poetry or bring a favourite poem to read at the meeting, following our hamburger dinner. The food cost will be around \$10 - \$15 dollars per person to be paid on the night. Parking is limited, so please find a park on Victoria Road. Partners are welcome.

In addition, this coming Friday night we will have our social night at the Chef's Clubhouse Chinese Restaurant at the Muirfield Golf Club, North Rocks (7pm start). The cost will be \$30 for the banquet. Please let Ida know of your attendance.

This is Rotary Foundation Month, so we will be adding to the coffers with some innovative and amazing ideas over the coming month.

Our thoughts are with members and their spouses/partners who have been under the weather recently from a sore leg, eye operation, wellbeing issues or hip operation (Esther is in the SAN).

Take care and stay safe.

President Kaye

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

LAST WEEK'S MEETING REPORT

Ida Shi opened this meeting, zoomed to our outstations, with acknowledgement to country. She reported apologies then handed over to President Kaye Carter. Kaye reviewed our visit to Picton last Sunday, attended by seven members, some with spouses and partners. We were met by Lyn Davis, a Picton Rotarian and a local tour guide. We started at St Mark's Church, one of Edmund Blacket's designs from the 1850s. It was badly affected by flooding in 2017, as was the adjacent burial ground. A floating caravan was swept across headstones and the repairs were pointed out. We moved to the main street that was once part of the main road from Sydney to Melbourne. We learnt about the former post office, a bank building and other civic buildings before gathering at the George IV Hotel for lunch. Kaye then outlined arrangements for our poetry evening next week at Lutanda Village. We should arrive from 6:30 pm, with a fully rehearsed poem. Kaye then prevailed on Jack Reid for his five minute yarn. He recalled finishing school in Hornsby and his apprenticeship as a fitter and turner at W.D & H.O Wills, then a major manufacturer of cigarettes. He moved to Nestlé before drifting around New Zealand as a bkie for a year. His father had some land in Wilson Road where Jack and his brother built shade houses and glass houses to protect seedling shrubs and plants. In those days Woolies and Coles had garden departments and they were the main customers. The business continued for 30 years and they had a staff of 14 at times. In 1978 they decided to subdivide the land and relax. Jack and Ruth continue on there, having shunted his brother out to Dural. Kaye thanked Jack, saying it was a good introduction to the environmental theme of our guest speaker, Simron Talran..

Jason Terry, Club Environment rep, introduced Simron who is the Senior Research Consultant for Sustainable Futures at UTS. Her doctorate in the circular economy pathways for manufacturing industries was completed at Macquarie Business School. She joined the RC of Wahroonga earlier this year and mentioned that her father was a PDG in Bombay. Simron opened with her interest in the environment and reflected on her personal experiences. This has led to her passion for sustainability and setting up an environmental group in her Rotary Club. An aspect of sustainability of concern is our theme of ditching a tech item in favour of a new one. She used mobile phones and washing machines as examples. When such devices fail, it is invariably easier and cheaper to replace them rather than repair. She emphasized that we must reconsider our ways of thinking and redesign so that disposal is not the easy way out. We must recycle. She talked of her project plans and priorities. Her immediate vision includes building awareness of sustainability issues, a local implementation, then support for ongoing initiatives. For the mid and long term, Simron's vision covers protecting her views, fundraising and grants and a wider implementation. Within her Club's Group of Eight she has found success in brain storming sessions to bring out ideas. Simron has become involved with our District Environment Committee – they meet every two months, publish a newsletter and maintain a website. Her Wahroonga Club supports Hornsby Shire Council nursery staff with planting shrubs and trees. Another activity is the collection of used coffee grounds. When mixed with soil the grounds become a useful fertilizer – a better use than going to landfill. They have a liaison with their local cafés for regular and frequent collections. She has seen the results of involving her Club's members and imparting her knowledge and ensuring awareness. Another of her themes that might not appeal to some moderns – buy nothing new for a month. Her themes lead to good practice and choices in one's everyday life. She has involved Rotaractors in her tree planting programs and has collaborated with other Clubs and community organizations. During question time Jason Terry reported on the enthusiasm of his Rotaractors in their planting of 1,000 trees for 100 years of Rotary. Jason also covered the environmental activities of some other Rotaract Clubs.

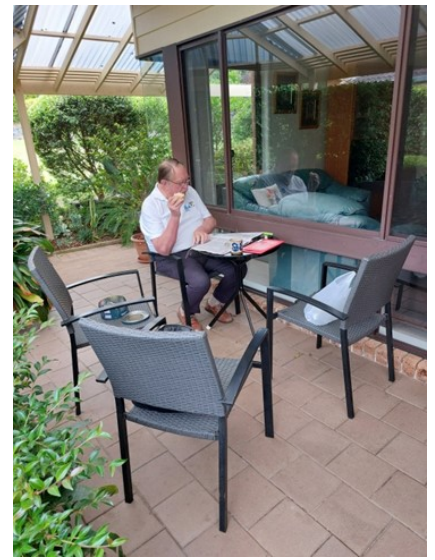
President Kaye called for Club reports – of importance was the finalising of the Rotaractors' Gingerbread House project. Sales of these houses will go to a children's charity. Their recent trivia night raised \$150. President Kaye closed with tidying up arrangements for our next meeting to be held at Lutanda Village. Remember – to keep in the President's good books, come prepared with a good poem – not one of Theo G's limericks. Friday 26 is the date for our social event – the Chinese banquet. Ida then set her wheel of death spinning to ensure that John Ellis took away the lucky door prize. Following the National Anthem, President Kaye closed the meeting.



Reporter: John Ellis



From Ashwin (Fully Promoted Thornleigh) to Theo (via Georgia) - the first of the club shirts to be delivered.



Theo preparing for his rostered day of selling raffle tickets at West Pymble.

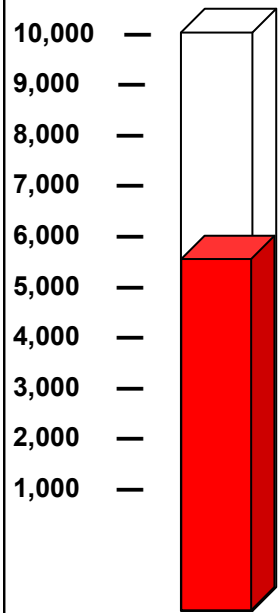
CHRISTMAS TRAILER RAFFLE 2021

This week the Trailer Raffle was back at one of our favourite places - West Pymble Shopping Village where we usually receive a very good response. However, this time, reflecting what we have experienced in other locations, the response was not as good. We sold \$620 worth of tickets so that our year to date total now stands at \$5,500. A big thank you to our morning shift of John Ellis, Jack Reid, Jim Fraser and Theo Glockemann—and our afternoon shift of Pat Parker, Phil Stanton and David Firth.

Next Saturday we are off to Cherrybrook Shopping Centre, another of our favourite places. The morning shift is Adrian Bell, John Ellis, Claude Rigney and Ida Shi. They will be replaced at 11.30 by Ahmadul Ameen, Pat Parker, Elliott and Paige Newton.

The following week we are selling at West Pennant Hills shops outside Coles Supermarket. Currently we only have 2 people on the first shift and 2 on the second shift. We need 1 more on each shift. Let David Firth know if you can help. Similarly, let him know if you can help at Bunnings Dural on the evening of December 9 between 6 and 8pm.

2021 CHRISTMAS TRAILER RAFFLE PROGRESS - Week 6



[Amanda Barnes](#)

Dear friends,

I am looking for assistance, I need people who speak African Languages, Asian Languages, Indigenous Australian Languages, Indian, Middle Eastern Languages to help translate some information for a rotary campaign I have started working with.

The document is about 4x4 pages long and it will go to help keep our families safe.

Hit me up if you are able and willing to assist. **Amanda Barnes** barnesamanda.2016@gmail.com

<https://rotarysafefamilies.org.au/>



Some Interesting Trivia ?

1. In the 1400s a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb.

Hence we have '**the rule of thumb**'.

2. Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled.....

Gentlemen Only..... Ladies Forbidden.....

And thus the word **GOLF** entered into the English language.

3. Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history:

Spades - King David

Hearts - Charlemagne

Clubs - Alexander the Great

Diamonds - Julius Caesar

4. In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes, the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on.

Hence the phrase..... '**goodnight, sleep tight.**'

5. It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this was called the honey month, which we know today as **the honeymoon**.

6. In English pubs, ale is ordered in pints and quarts... So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them 'Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down'. It's where we get the phrase '**mind your Ps and Qs**'.

7. Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim or handle of their ceramic mugs. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service.

'Wet your Whistle' is the phrase inspired by this practice.

So there you have the origin of several of our phrases and names Interesting?

WHAT'S ON

	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	5 - minute talk	Meal status + extra info
Nov 24	Poetry at Lutanda 6.30pm start	Each member to recite a poem	Kaye Carter	Adrian Bell	N/A	Hamburgers at Lutanda
Friday Nov 26	Social Activity	Dinner at Chef's Clubhouse Chinese Restaurant, Muirfield Golf Club, North Rocks @ 7pm				Chinese Banquet \$30 each
Dec 1	Cerebral Palsy Clinic Westmead Children's Hospital	Dr Kirsty Stewart	John Ellis	TBA	Ian Huckel	Plated meal Council elections Dec 4
Dec 6	Board Meeting By Zoom					
Dec 8	Club AGM & Elections Member's Night	N/A	John Ellis	David Firth	N/A	Pizza night
Dec 15	First Aid (social night) Visit from Monica Ball B Ward candidate	Wendy Bell			Daisy Huang	Plated meal
Dec 19	TRAILER RAFFLE DRAW	1.00pm at the	Golf Club			
Dec 22	Club Christmas Party at Terry Pankhurst's Home with partners					

Last Week's Meeting

Attendance - 63.2%

Apologies:

A Ameen, H Chan, D Firth, P Hudson, T Pankhurst,
P Parker

Guest Speaker: Simron Talran

Rotarian Guests: Robert Erskine

LOA: P Stanton

Anniversaries & Birthdays

Birthdays:

Lyn Stanton - November 4

Sandra Parker - November 7

Jason Terry - November 15

Claude Rigney - November 22

Herbert Chan - November 23

Anniversaries:

Nil

Inductions:

John Ellis - November 1, 1990

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"This is a changing world: we must be prepared to change with it.
The story of Rotary will have to be written again and again."

Paul Harris