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Rotary
Club



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Rotary
District 9685



THE PROGRAM THIS WEEK

CEREBRAL PALSY CLINIC

Westmead Children's Hospital

Speaker: Dr Kirsty Stewart

Chairman: John Ellis

Reporter: Adrian Bell

President's Corner

Hi fellow Rotarians

"Regift a gift" - this Wednesday and the following Wednesday, we will have an activity to raise funds for the Foundation (as this is Rotary Foundation month). So, there will not be a Sergeant's fine session; instead, members will bring a gift they wish to regift and donate \$2 - \$5 to take a gift to regift. It will be a lot of fun and it's for a worthy cause.

Last Wednesday, we experienced the poetic talents of members and their spouses at Lutanda Manor. And, what a fun night it was. After a delicious hamburger dinner, members recited a poem and I must say, it was a really entertaining occasion. Everyone had brought a poem. Some members had the same poem and some members could recite their poem by heart. The climax of the evening was Daisy and her song about "Daisy, Daisy, give me your answer do", given to her previously by John Ellis, which entailed a very loud chorus rendition from us fellow poets.

I recently attended the DG's Presidents' meeting at the Hornsby RSL where I learned hot off the press that Theo's application for DG Designate 24-25 Selection Committee for Cluster 1 was a winner. A big congratulations is in store for Theo.

And as the PDG reminded us, "when it stops being fun, stop". So, let's have some more fun activities as it's not all about fundraising!

Take care and stay safe.

President Kaye



Rotary Meeting Report - 24th November, 2021

Poetry in the park became lyrics and lullabies,
couplets and carols, rhythms and rhymes,
pentameters iambic and themes threnody¹
at Theo and Georgia's Lutanda.

In a Manor of speaking, on the evening of meeting.
Burgers in bun, portend an evening of fun
And the first in the door was given the job
of getting them cookin'.

OK, you're getting the idea. But boy is it hard to continue in elegant rhymes a meeting where themes are all over. Pres Kaye introduced a descendent of the 5 minutes segment – from next meeting on, it's a short chat on 5 minutes of Something Good.

Her other idea was a Tradie-Tradie one. You get to bring some junk that you don't want anymore, and charge someone \$2 to \$5 to take it away. In exchange, you get to pay \$2 to \$5 to take away their junk. That sounds like a jolly jape for one and all.

The Christmas posters put together by Pam & Ida are now available for distribution.

The Poppy project raised \$1,885.15 by way of sales. These funds will go to the RSL Sub-Branch at Hornsby on Sunday.

On the Directors front:

The Secretary had nothing of note save an invoice for POW.

Youth has (after much cajoling) 2 nominations for Rypen. Need to meet with the parents next. Have a RYLA candidate and have conducted the interview.

Treasure(er) has \$850 from various nefarious activities for The Foundation. The Trailer Raffle sales at West Pymble were a bit ordinary. As a reflection on the days effort, the back gate on the trailer opened on the way home, and the 2 x A frames slid out and suffered a bit of gravel rash on the road. Lucky the swinging gate didn't hit another car on the Commenara Parkway. Assistance is requested for the effort at Bunnings on the evening of Thursday, 9 December.

Foundation director Theo has a meeting with Woodside next week to finagle \$70k out of them for the RYLA efforts in Dili – which has received 400 applications so far. So, looking like another raging success.

Jason advised the Rotoract club is doing Gingerbread House kits in the run-up to Christmas. They have also gleaned another 2 members.

On the Welfare front: Ian Huckle had his eye operation today. Terry is on the bludge and hopes to be back soon. Lady Esther has recently survived a run-in with surgeons at the San and had a hip replacement. She is now starting the rehab for that.

Tree of joy has so far yielded 4 bags of gifts from Penno and more gifts coming from Thornleigh.

And so it was time, for the raison d'être, for the reading of the poems et cetera.

Anoop came out strong, with a poem, not long, with an ode to his shoe which was missing.

Jason, showing his young, plastic brain, cited Bloody Shakespeare from memory.

Ameen went insectological with Wordworths To Be a Butterfly ... stay near me, do not take thy flight! A little longer stay in sight! Much converse do I find I thee.

Theo, as is usual, took us straight to the gutter and showed he is full of S*** and other Four Letter Words.

Adrian presented an original song, written in honour of a joint meeting long ago.

Jacaranda Jack gave us a blast of Banjo Pattersons Geebung Polo Club.

Ida a poem in Mandarin. She assured us the translation to English was accurate.

Mr. Jimmi – If a picture paints a thousand words ... by Bread. What? Not that? How about If, by Rudyard Kipling. He of the famous pie company and those Jungle Book cartoons.



Continued



David finished off the Geebung Polo Club (good catch there) and one-upped everyone with a second poem. A Bush Christening. Another blast from Banjo.

Sandra sent out Pat to read her choice of The Man From Snowy River. Banjo Patterson. Again.

Georgia brought us Mulga Bills Bicycle. You guessed correctly, Banjo Bloody Patterson. Does no-one own a book of poems by someone else? The bloke wrote hundreds ... do we have to hear them all on one night?

John delivered The Roaring Days by Henry Lawson.

Kaye brought us Poems for Teachers.

And finally, Daisy read her eponymous Traditional song Daisy, Daisy.

Very good. 8:26 - Time to wrap up, and tidy up the mess we had made.

Night night.

Reporter: 'Poet Laureate' Adrian Bell

¹ Go on, look it up yourself. Or trust me – a poem, speech or song of lament



Photo of the assembled gathering for 'Poems at Lutanda'



President Kaye presenting the cheque for \$1,888.15 raised from the Remembrance Day poppy sale to Dulcie Zeller, Treasurer, Hornsby RSL Sub-Branch on Sunday 28 November.



Our Christmas poster on display on the Thornleigh Marketplace notice board and at the \$2 shop.



ROTARACT CLUB OF PENNANT HILLS-CHERRYBROOK

GINGERBREAD DECORATING

Sunday December 12 2021, 3.30 - 6.00 PM
Pennant Hills Leisure and Learning Centre,
8 Warne St, Pennant Hills NSW 2120

Kit: \$25 Pre-order & \$30 on the day. Cash and EFTPOS payments accepted

Kits include: **Gingerbread house, icing, cakeboard, cellophane and some decorations.** BYO additional decorations welcome. Some lollies will be available for purchase on the day.

To pre-order, please visit our Facebook page or call Jason [0468 302 202] or Kelly [0435 507 120]

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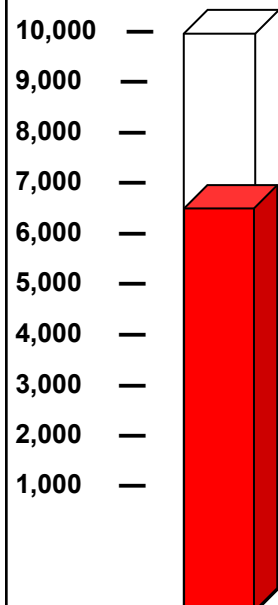
CHRISTMAS TRAILER RAFFLE 2021

Last Saturday, despite the weather, a hardy band of folk sold raffle tickets at Cherrybrook Shopping centre. Due to the weather the trailer was not on show which may explain in part the low figure achieved - 136 tickets and \$550. The hardy band comprised Adrian Bell, John Ellis, Jeanette Rigney and Ida Shi first up, followed by Pat Parker, Elliott and Paige Newton (their 3rd selling session).

Next Saturday we are back at West Pennant Hills/Thompsons Corner outside Coles Supermarket, scene of our troubles last year. Hopefully we won't suffer in a similar way this time, particularly as it is Council Election day and the school next door to Coles is the local Polling Booth so foot traffic should be good. The shifts are - 9am Adrian Bell, Jim Fraser, Phil Stanton & Jason Terry. They will be followed by Ahmadul Ameen, Anoop Sud, David Firth & Jason Terry who is doing a double shift!

Then on Thursday evening, December 9 we are selling at Bunnings Dural Christmas Sale Night. Those who have volunteered are Pat Parker, President Kaye, Theo Glockemann, with David Firth towing the trailer there and back.

2021 CHRISTMAS TRAILER RAFFLE PROGRESS - Week 6



The Rotary Club of Beckenham, the subject of a recent International Toast, posted the following story on their Facebook page this week. I thought it was a great story and included some of the history of their Poppy Project. The Editor

Rotary Beckenham

November 26, 2021 ·

2021 Poppy Appeal - a record amount collected

Rotary Beckenham has been involved in collecting for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal since 2004 when the Beckenham branch of the Legion closed. Since 2014 the Beckenham Club has taken over the full administration of the appeal as well as providing many of the individual collectors.

The amount raised grew steadily from £3,700 in 2004 to £37,000 in 2019, as the range of British Legion products increased and more collection sites were added. In 2019, working with Hayes Royal British Legion, the collection area was increased to include Bromley Town. Technology has been embraced, as we provide card readers and QR codes for those who rarely carry cash these days.

2020 was, of course, greatly affected by the national lockdown and many of the collection points we have traditionally used were not available to us. Consequently, the Club raised just £21,000 that year.

In October of this year that it became clear that most collection sites would be available and, in addition, Rotary Beckenham took on collection duties in the Glades, Bromley. Rotarian John Philip and his wife Roseanne, working with local volunteers, staffed the table in the Glades for each of the 15 days of the appeal – an exceptional service.

2021 has been a record year. Thanks to the generosity of local residents and visitors, the total amount collected reached £55,000.

The help of other local Rotary clubs has become more and more essential as the work for the appeal has increased. For several years Langley Park Rotary Club has provided collectors and this year Bromley Rotary joined in too. We hope this kind of inter-club cooperation will increase in the future.



WHAT'S ON

	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	5 - minute talk	Meal status + extra info
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	Jim Fraser	Anoop Sud	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					
	NO MEETINGS UNTIL	JANUARY 12th				
Jan 12	Members' Night					Pizza night

Last Week's Meeting

Attendance - 68.4%

Apologies:

H Chan, I Huckel, P Hudson, T Pankhurst, C Rigney

Guest Speaker: Nil

Guests: Heather Firth, Georgia Glockemann,
Sandra Parker

LOA: P Stanton

Anniversaries & Birthdays

Birthdays:

Neeru Sud - December 1

Ida Shi - December 5

George Green - December 17

David Firth - December 19

Adrian Bell - December 25

Jim Fraser - December 30

Theo Glockemann - December 30

Anniversaries:

Nil

Inductions:

David Firth - December 16, 1982

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I am one of the few men honest enough to say they do not understand women."

Sir Robert Menzies