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Pennant Hills
Rotary
Club



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Rotary
District 9685



THE PROGRAM THIS WEEK

CLUB AGM and ELECTIONS

Chairman: John Ellis

Reporter: David Firth

POSITIONS TO BE FILLED AT THE ELECTION

President 2022-23

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

6 Directors - Administration, Projects, Membership, Public Relations, International/The Foundation, Pride of Workmanship

President's Corner



Hi fellow Rotarians

In line with the International Day of People with Disability last Friday, our guest speaker at our last meeting was Dr Kirsty Stewart, who gave an enlightening talk about children with Cerebral Palsy. There is still much research needed to find a cure for this crippling disability. This topic also fits in with the Rotary theme for December, "Disease Prevention and Treatment".

The Rotary theme for November was The Rotary Foundation, and I would like to thank all members for their enthusiastic participation in our recent activities and their generous contribution to the target of raising \$1,000 for this year. The last activity to raise funds this year is a repeat of "Regift a gift" is this Wednesday. Again, 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.

The AGM is this Wednesday, and we are looking for members to put their hand up to take on the special work the Directors accomplish each year.

Take care and stay safe.

President Kaye

MEETING REPORT - DECEMBER 1, 2021

Sergeant Ida opened the meeting with a new Spanish word “Horus” which has a number of meanings including good health and good bye. We were joined on zoom link by Pam and Anoop ,whose wife was celebrating her birthday.

There were 2 last minute cancellations, Theo and Terry. Herbert was still in hospital and is uncontactable and Pam advised that she was in line for the guinea pig award, having had so many jabs recently. Much delight was made of Ida’s special day on the 5th December and Daisy led an enthusiastic rendition of “Happy Birthday”. There was great sympathy towards Adrian, whose birthday unfortunately falls on Christmas Day.

President Kaye reminded everyone of the exchange of gifts project, pointing to a table full of items, which are available at a cost of anywhere between \$1 and \$5 , with all the proceeds going to the Rotary Foundation. Kaye also advised of new 5 minute talk segment, which the speaker will be required to talk about “something good”. The President also reminded members of the Zoom Board meeting on Monday night 6th December and of the Club AGM and Election of Officer Bearers and positions on Wednesday 8th December.

Secretary John reported that he had selected 2 children (a boy and a girl) from Pennant Hills High School to attend the Rypen programme to be held on the first weekend of February. He had also spoken to the parents of both children and reminded the children that would be expected to address the Club on their experience at Rypen. John also advised that it would be an on line Rypen programme.

Stand in Treasurer David, advised that the Club funds stood at \$4,102.55, the P O W at \$13,544.58 and Projects account at \$6,272.40, with most of this amount related to the trailer raffle sales.

Youth Chairman John, reported that it was highly unlikely that there would be any sailings of the Young Endeavour programme this year and due to covid difficulties, especially in Victoria, it would be some time before this programme is likely to re-start.

The project chairman advised that there were only 4 more selling opportunities left for this years Trailer Raffle, Saturday 4 December at West Pennant Hills, where there is a new manager Amy, Thursday night at Bunnings Dural on 9th December, Saturday 11 December at Thornleigh and Pennant Hills on 18th December, with the draw at the golf club at 1 pm on Sunday 19th December. He also advised that the Trees of Joy at Pennant Hills and Thornleigh were both attracting presents ,and he will be delivering the first lot of gifts to Stewart House early on Monday 13th December. He has also arranged for Jason Terry to accompany him to Stewart House and have a picture of Jason handing gifts to the manager, and for this photo to be displayed on both Trees.

A list was circulated for all members to indicate if they will be attending the Christmas Night at Terry and Maureen Pankhurst’s place on Wednesday night 22nd December.

David reported that it was a quiet month for P O W , but he did get a new request for a plaque for the Akuna Bay Cruising Club, and this may lead to more request in the future.

The Chairman for the night was Secretary John, and he had great delight introducing the Guest Speaker, his daughter Doctor Kirsty Stewart , from the Cerebral Palsy Clinic at Westmead Children’s Hospital. Kirsty had graduated as an Occupational Therapist at Cumberland College and then took on further studies to improve her position, but also had time to raise 3 daughters and look after a numbers of chickens, which kept John in a supply of fresh eggs.

Cerebral Palsy is a brain related disorder which affects children all over the world, and in almost 80% of cases the causes are unknown. In Australia there are 1.4 cases in 1000 children and in the world there are 2 to 2.5 cases in every 1000 children. There are 17 million cases in the world and the cost to treat the disorder is \$43,431 per person per year. At the Cerebral Palsy Clinic, Westmead, there are 57 dedicated people involved in the operation, including medical doctors, nurses, psychologists, speech therapists, administration and many more .

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Kirsty provided an excellent presentation of the way in which children are assessed and their condition determined, and outlined a whole host of treatment options available to all of the experts in the clinic. They care for up to 1200 children a year, and they have a number of programmes which work, some programmes based on evidence which may work and other programmes, which definitely do not work and avoid these. There were some interesting procedures for children with hip difficulties, including the insertion into the body with a pump, which allows a regulated supply of medicine into the body.



If there is one lesson coming from Kirsty's presentation, it was to be thankful that one's own children or grandchildren are not burdened with this disorder. However it is re-assuring that people like Kirsty and her team are out there doing their best to help families and their children in their hours, weeks and years of need.

The 5 minute section was allocated to Ian who gave an excellent presentation of the favourite Dorothy Mackellar poem, "My Country".

The lucky door prize was won by Claude and the evening was concluded by John leading the group with a stirring rendition of the National Anthem.

President Kaye then invited everyone to participate in selecting their exchange gift from the table, with the money received being donated to the Rotary Foundation.



Reporter: PP Pat Parker

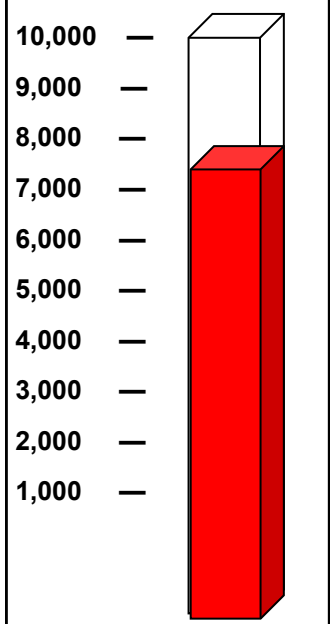
CHRISTMAS TRAILER RAFFLE 2021

Our return to Coles Supermarket at West Pennant Hills last Saturday was rather uneventful compared with 2020 at that place. With our starting team of Adrian Bell, Jim Fraser, Phil Stanton and Jason Terry - followed at 11.30 by Ahmadul Ameen, Anoop Sud, David Firth and Jason putting in a 'doubler', we sold just 134 tickets and took \$502.95. Perhaps the highlight of the morning was a donation of a bag of assorted coins by a gent who didn't even want a ticket! It yield a total of \$62.95! Total to date is \$7,400.

Next Thursday evening, December 9, we are selling at Bunnings Dural Christmas Sale Night. Those who have volunteered are Pat Parker, President Kaye, and Theo Glockemann, with David Firth towing the trailer there and back. Hopefully we will do quite well there to make up for the lower sales in recent weeks.

On Saturday we are back at a favourite spot at Thornleigh Marketplace at the entrance from the underground carpark. The starting group are Ahmadul Ameen, John Ellis, Theo Glockemann - **anyone like to be the 4th member?** The second shift is Pat Parker, Claude Rigney, Phil Stanton and David Firth.

2021 CHRISTMAS TRAILER RAFFLE PROGRESS - Week 6





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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ROMAC
Rotary Oceania
Medical Aid
for Children



ROMAC Chair, Harold Sharp OAM recently presented Tyrrell's Managing Director, Bruce Tyrrell AM, with a plaque in recognition of the generous support given by Tyrrell's Wines through regular wine offers to ROMAC over the past 12 months.

WHAT'S ON

	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	5 - minute talk	Meal status + extra info
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
Jan 19	Australia Day Celebration and Club Merit Award Social Night	Janelle Dodd	Jim Fraser	TBA	N/A	Plated 2 course meal \$40 each

Highlights from Monday Night's Board Meeting - Secretary John Ellis

Anoop Sud's has contacted the RC of Delhi Rich and they welcome the opportunity of becoming a sister Club
Attendance advice via the current telephone will be replaced with an email option to be monitored by the Sergeant
Letters of resignation have been received from Claude Rigney and Pat Parker. Ian Chappel has left us to join RC of Lower Blue Mountains

Our treasurer reported \$13,300 in PoW account, \$4,392 in the Club account and \$6,651 in the Project account

Proceeds from the Trailer to date – \$7,400

Discussion on the forthcoming AGM

David Firth is to discuss present catering arrangements with the Golf Club.

Last Week's Meeting

Attendance - 68.4%

Apologies:

H Chan, T Pankhurst, J Fraser, T Glockemann,
J Terry

Guest Speaker: Kirsty Stewart

Guests: Jeanette Rigney

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