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Rotary
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Rotary
District 9685



THE PROGRAM THIS WEEK

'FIRST AID' with Wendy Bell

Chairman: Jim Fraser

Reporter: Anoop Sud

Tonight we welcome Monika Ball, a candidate in the recent Hornsby Council election in B Ward. We also welcome guests on our Social Night.

President's Corner

Hi fellow Rotarians

Time has passed very quickly in my role as President of this club. And we, have achieved so much within these past months even with the Covid lockdown. Funds from our trailer raffle are increasing and we have collected loads and loads of gifts from our Trees of Joy in Pennant Hills and Thornleigh. But, I must say that the weather hasn't been that good to us this past month. Even at the annual Bunnings Dural Family night it rained (we were selling raffle tickets), which no doubt kept some families away.

Our "Regift a Gift" has been a huge success with members raising \$45 and \$51 in our last two meetings bringing the total funds raised for the Rotary Foundation for the past 6 months to just over a thousand dollars. Well done, everyone!

Congratulations to those members who volunteered to hold a Director's position from July next year; however, we are still missing a President!

'Navigating Change' is the theme for the upcoming District 9685 Conference at Rooty Hill RSL 18/19 March. Early bird rates end 31 December 2021. It looks to be a promising eventful Saturday.

I recently met up with our guest speaker for our Australia Day Dinner Janelle Dodds - Days for Girls - who provided me with a comprehensive briefing of what goes on behind the scenes to produce safe packages for females in developing countries.

We were treated to a huge birthday cake from Anoop's wife, Neeru, last Wednesday night to celebrate her past birthday. Our latest member, Anoop, is certainly spoiling us in the food department as well as providing some quality items for the 'regift a gift' last Wednesday.

A reminder that Ian is in Hornsby Hospital and may be there for quite a while.

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



MEETING REPORT - DECEMBER 8, 2021

Our meeting got off to a different start with President Kaye unable to appear till almost 7pm. However this gave some of us a chance to have dinner - Pizza tonight, so that we were ready for the meeting to start when Kaye arrived. The main part of the meeting was the Annual General Meeting and the Election of the Board of Directors for 2022-23.

Kaye reminded us of the 'Regift a Gift' again following the success last week. On the subject of Welfare, we were saddened to learn that Ian Huckel had fallen and is in Hornsby Hospital with a suspected broken hip. Pam Hudson and Herbert Chan were welcomed back to face to face meeting. Adrian Bell was appointed official photographer for the night in Ida's absence.

Kaye advised the meeting of the Board's receipt of resignations of PP Pat Parker and Claude Rigney. They were accepted by the Board with regret. The Board has also changed the Apologies process for meetings. Members no longer phone the club answering line, but now either text or email Ida Shi on Mondays by noon if possible, and she will advise numbers to the Golf Club. (The new number & email are on the front page of Spokes.) Jack Reid is continuing to pot cuttings and raise them for sale as a fundraiser next year.

Our Christmas Party on December 22nd at the Pankhurst's home will commence at 6.30pm and the cost is \$20/head. It's BYO drinks and the address is 19 Bimbadgen Place, Bella Vista 2153. We have several 'Friends of Rotary' coming as well.

On Tuesday, Kaye will present a Pride of Workmanship Award to Jagdeep Singh Virk who was working at the Brook at Cherrybrook but is now at the café at Flower Power, Glenhaven.

Anoop Sud then reported on his investigation into new ways of receiving donations, payments, etc. using PayPal and QR codes and the idea of using the website and Facebook as avenues to use this technology. He will continue his investigation so the Board can make a decision.

Prior to the formal part of the meeting, with some trepidation, the official photographer for the night drew the euphemistically named 'Lucky Door Prize'. And wonder of wonders, the winner was not John Ellis. Rather it went to a very deserving Pam Hudson!

The AGM followed with Secretary John Ellis in the chair.

The President opened the meeting as per the Agenda and John noted the attendance and apologies.

The minutes of the previous AGM on 2nd December, 2020 were approved.

The Financial Report for 2020-21 was distributed by David Firth as the Treasurer for that year, Ian Chappel, has resigned and joined the Lower Blue Mountains Club as he lives there now. David noted that the actual books or records would be dropped off by Ian in the next week or so, and that at the present time the accounts have not been audited.

The current auditor, Mrs Merril Mathie, was re-elected subject to her acceptance.

John Ellis, as Secretary and Public Officer, was authorized to sign the annual return to the Department of Fair Trading as required under our incorporation.

The election then took place. No nominations were received for President 2022-23 or for President Elect. Vice President elected was Kaye Carter.

Secretary elected was John Ellis.

Treasurer elected was Ida Shi.

Directors elected were Membership - Jim Fraser; Administration - David Firth; Projects - Kaye Carter;
Rotary Foundation & International - Anoop Sud; Public Relations - Pam Hudson;
Pride of Workmanship - David Firth

It was left for the current Board to work to solve the problem of the presidency. A discussion about having 2 presidents to share the load led to Adrian suggesting he would be interested until his new house is completed.

And so the meeting came to a conclusion.....

Reporter: The Editor

The Tree of Joy Project 2021

This year we had the 2 sites – Pennant Hills and Thornleigh Marketplaces. We placed just on 500 cards on the 2 trees and the gifts have been flooding in. Pat Parker collected them from Pennant Hills and David Firth from Thornleigh. We are thankful for the Banna Group Security people for collecting & storing at Pennant Hills. At Thornleigh, AWS Hair Salon collected and stored the gifts.

Monday Pat and Jason delivered about 60 gifts to Stewart House. On Thursday morning we are delivering the rest of the gifts to Parramatta Mission. Can you help David by bringing a car - preferably a big one to handle the large number of parcels.



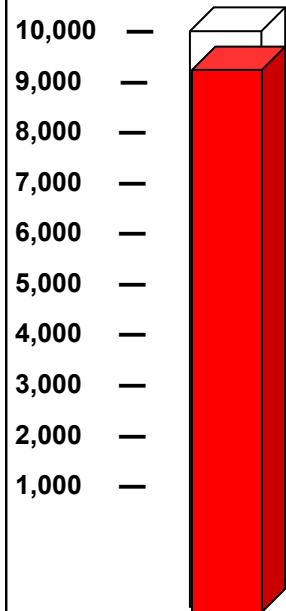
CHRISTMAS TRAILER RAFFLE 2021

Last Saturday we were back at Thornleigh Marketplace, one of our favourite venues. And we came away not disappointed having sold 298 tickets and takings of \$1015.50. Thanks to the morning team of Ahmadul Ameen, John Ellis, and Theo Glockemann; and the afternoon team of Claude & Jeanette Rigney, Pat Parker, Phil Stanton and David Firth.

On Thursday evening, December 9, we are at Bunnings Dural Christmas Sale Night. Those who braved the wet weather were Pat Parker, President Kaye, and Theo Glockemann, with David Firth towing the trailer there and back. We were there at Bunnings invitation alongside other community groups and fortunately it was held inside their large Trade Centre out of the rain. It was a good way of promoting our club in co-operation with the hosts and the other groups. We raised just \$230 on the night but it was well worth it.

On Saturday we are finishing at Pennant Hills Marketplace. The starting group are Adrian Bell, John Ellis, Ida Shi - **anyone able to be the 4th member?** The second shift is Ahmadul Ameen, Phil Stanton and David Firth.

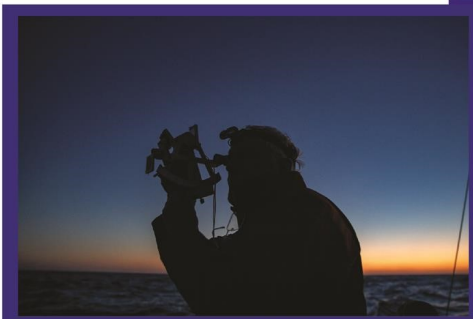
2021 CHRISTMAS TRAILER RAFFLE PROGRESS - Week 6



A couple of photos of the evening at Bunnings last Thursday



Navigating Change



**Rotary District 9685
Conference**

18-19 March 2022

West HQ, Rooty Hill

Guest Speakers



Prof. Dominic Dwyer



Prof. Veena Sahajisalla



Sophie Ford



Jessie Harman



Prof. Andrew Skidmore



Dr. Daniel Nour

*Dinner Friday Night
Project Showcase
Stay onsite at Novotel*

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EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION – BEFORE 31 DECEMBER 2021

Early Bird Full Conference Friday Gala Dinner and Saturday Plenary – \$210

Early Bird Friday Gala Dinner only – \$89

Early Bird Saturday Plenary only – \$140

Early Bird New Rotarians (joined from 1 January 2021) -

Gala Dinner & Saturday Plenary – \$186

The District Conference provides a wonderful opportunity to see and learn what is happening not just in our Rotary District but around the world. This year it is relatively cheap as we can all access the sessions from our homes without the accommodation and travel costs associated with distant venues.

WHAT'S ON

	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	5 - minute talk	Meal status + extra info
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	Commencing at	6.30pm	The cost is	\$20 per head	
	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
Jan 26	Australia Day Public Holiday	NO MEETING				

Photo from Last Week's Meeting



Welcome back Pam Hudson and Herbert Chan.
And Pam went on to win the Lucky Door prize for the night!

Photo by Adrian Bell

Last Week's Meeting

Attendance - 52.6%

Apologies:

A Ameen, Theo Glockemann, D Huang, I Huckel,
T Pankhurst, P Parker, C Rigney

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