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Rotary
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Rotary
District 9685



THE PROGRAM THIS WEEK



DURAL MEN'S SHED

Guest Speaker: John Sims

Chairman: Anoop Sud Reporter: David Firth

President's Corner

Hi everyone

It's February already. Unfortunately, or fortunately – whichever way you want to look at it - we have more zoom sessions ahead, just to play it safe.



For everyone celebrating the Chinese New Year of the Tiger - we hope you find peace, health, prosperity, but also love, patience, and optimism. We can all take a page out of the Chinese New Year wishes and approach the year with strength, might, and determination in serving others in the community.

'Navigating Change' is the theme for the upcoming District 9685 Conference at Rooty Hill RSL 18/19 March. There is still time to register. It looks to be a promising eventful Saturday.

Wahroonga Rotary Club is running its Bobbin Head Classic in March if you would like to get involved either as a bike rider or as a volunteer.

See you on zoom this Wednesday with our guest speaker, Chis Smith, from the Dural Men's Shed.

Take care and stay safe.

President Kaye

The zoom link each week is <https://macquarie.zoom.us/j/81944023881?pwd=ZkpEQ0hlNmNVakM4SDcwb1NiUjBldz09>

Rotary Meeting Minutes

19th January, 2022

If you are looking for a meeting report for Jan 26 ... here it is:

Nothing happened. Everyone stayed home, ran the barby, had a beer or a chardy, or maybe two, watched telly and went to bed exhausted. Completely Australian, one and all. Except at Anoop's house – where they celebrated Indian National Day. Probably with better food!

But, how about Jan 19 ... Now you're talking ... plenty of activity there:

First up, General Ida (field promotion from Sergeant for the evening) opened the meeting with her usual inclusiveness and gave us a mini celebration of birthdays and anniversaries. And she spelled Theo Glockensheila's name slightly incorrectly on the PowerPoint slide ... need to give yourself a fine there Ida, else there be trouble a-coming.

In the absence of Pres Kaye, Vice Pres David ran the meeting. Welcoming one and all and called for Directors reports.

Theo gave us a wrap on the recent activities up in Timor on the RYLA front. Another cracking success. All executed by the local Timor Leste team. There were slightly less applicants this year – only 700! 2 of the RYLA peeps were interviewed live on local TV for 40 minutes – honestly, you couldn't buy that level of advertising in Oz. Woodside (our sponsor for quite a few years now) have offered to help with the funding of a permanent RYLA office, as the whole process is so professional and is becoming much more widely recognised in Timor Leste.

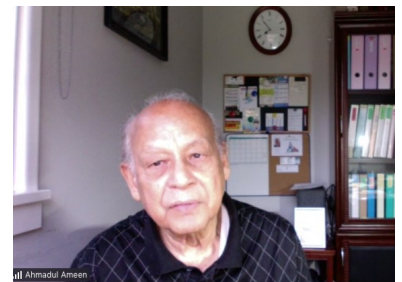
Terry (welcome back, young fella) advised that all the bills of late have been paid, and we even have some respectable \$\$ left in the bank. However, nobody has paid the current ½ yearly dues... including the Treasurer.

As we were in the shadows of the Approaching Australia Day celebrations, VP David then asked a selection of our members to reflect on their experiences of becoming an Australian:

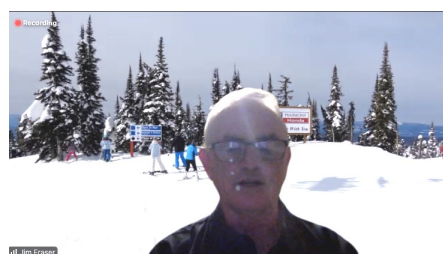
Terry: Upfront, is proud of being an Aussie. The Royal navy sent him here a bunch of times. Could've gone to Canada, but here is warmer! He was back in England with his crew to pick up a new Submarine (as you do), only to have the craft be sent to the Arctic!!! When asked for volunteers for a transfer to Australia, that was it, he was at the head of the queue.



Ameen: Born in British India, in 1947 ended up in East Pakistan as a result of the Partition of India into what is now known as India, Pakistan to the west side and East Pakistan (now known as Bangla Desh). Ameens path here was a little more complicated – he arrived by way of England & Scotland, then Singapore and finally to Australia.



Ida: Is presently here on a Working Visa, but is putting in a Permanent Resident visa application next month. As a product of the Chinese 1-child policy, her family is small, and permanently moving to Australia is a big deal. She came to Oz in July 2017, and worked in the Education world as a post-graduate at Club Mac (MacQuarie Uni). Most importantly, she met Eddy, and decided to stay. Hard to believe that she only came to Pennant Hills Rotary on 29/July/2020 to talk about her experiences – she seems to have been a member for much, much longer than that.



Jim: As you all know, Esther is an Aussie, born & bred. They met in a lift queue at a ski resort in Canada, with Jim trying his best chat-up lines. When he arrived on his very first visit here in 1980, from the air, he noticed how Sydney was all red rooves – so different to "home". He thought that Aussies were so much like the Canadians. Esther & Jim came back over every 3-4 years for a while – in 1988,

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Jim remembers the Sydney Morning Herald having 66 pages of Sales jobs being advertised. In 1990, that had dwindled to 2 pages – so of course, that's the time to try out living here! He jagged a sales role, and gave it 2 years. Needless to say, it panned out pretty well!

Vice President David noted that by all manner of convoluted pathways, all arrived at Pennant Hills Rotary. For which the Club is very grateful.

As an aside – I (reporter) did a quick count of the members in the Zoom call ... only 4 of the attendees were Aussie born! That's a fair representation of the part of Sydney in which we live.

Guest of the evening, Lindsay May, was impressed by the diversity of our membership, which is all to the good of Rotary. He wished us all Happy Australia Day, and looked forward to face-to-face catchup in the future.

No Meeting next week (Jan 26, see top of report), next one is on Feb 2. Program for the night to be confirmed.

We closed the meeting with a spoken version of the National Anthem. Total rabble.

Nighty night.

Reporter: Adrian Bell

AUSTRALIA DAY PROJECT

Through the efforts of President Kaye, PR Director Pam and District Governor's wife Tania May, we organized to distributed lamingtons to the residents of Cherrybrook Christian Care Centre and the residential care folk at Lutanda Manor Retirement Village. This was part of the funding we received in District 9685 from the Australia Day Council. Tania organized the purchase of the lamingtons; the printing of flyers that went to both places—flyer designed by Pam. Pam had organized that we would deliver to both Cherrybrook CCC and Lutanda on the day before Australia Day.

The lamingtons had to be individually bagged - all 144, with 100 going to Cheerybrook CCC and the balance to Georgia Glockemann at Lutanda for distribution the next day.





Australia Day
Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

We're all part of the story.



A TIME TO RECONNECT AND WALK TOGETHER

- ★ This Australia Day is a time to Reflect, Respect and Celebrate our nation.
- ★ A time to recognise the resilience of all Australians.
- ★ A time to focus on what we can achieve when we move forward as a community and a unified nation.
- ★ A time to celebrate our cultural diversity and rich migrant heritage.
- ★ We all belong, and we all contribute to this nation's story and achievements.

Enjoy Australia Day from the Rotary Club of Pennant Hills

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change-across the globe, in our community and in ourselves.



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The flyer designed by Pam Hudson

WHAT'S ON

Date	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	5 - minute talk	Meal status + extra info
Feb 2	Members' Night Dural Men's Shed? TBC Via Zoom	Chris Smith	Anoop Sud	David Firth	Theo Glockemann	
Feb 7	Board Meeting @ 7.30pm					
Feb 9	RYLA - TIMOR LESTE Via Zoom	Theo Glockemann	David Firth	Pam Hudson	Terry Pankhurst	
Feb 16	Valentine's Day Via Zoom	Ida Shi & Jim Fraser	Daisy Huang	Theo Glockemann	Ahmadul Ameen	
Feb 23	RYPEN 2022 TBC	TBA	John Ellis	Herbert Chan	Ida Shi	
Mar 2	TBA					
Mar 7	Board Meeting at 7.30pm					
Mar 9	TBA					
Mon Mar 12	CLUB ANNIVERSARY					
Mar 16	Multicultural Night					Mar 18/19 District Conference
Mar 23	Review of District Conference TBC					Harmony Day Mar 21

CLUB SEMI-ANNUAL DUES

Just a reminder to members that semi-annual dues are now due. The amount is \$225. Direct debit to the Club Account :

BSB: 032-087 ACCOUNT No. 334578

Last Meeting - 19.1.2022

Attendance - 64.7%

Apologies: K Carter, H Chan, I Huckel, J Reid, J Terry

Guests: Nil

Visiting Rotarian: DG Lindsay May & Tania May

LOA: P Stanton

Anniversaries & Birthdays

Birthdays:

Raymond Chan - February 11

Anniversaries:

David & Heather Firth - February 5

Herbert Chan & Bronia Tam - February 24

Inductions:

Jim Fraser - February 1

Ian Huckel - February 10

Herbert Chan - February 24

"You always pass failure on the way to success."

Mickey Rooney Actor