



# SPOKES



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Pennant Hills  
**Rotary**  
Club



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**Rotary**  
District 9685



We have the following sister clubs:

Rotary Club of Newcastle  
Enterprise District 9670  
Rotary Club of Delhi Ridge  
District 3011

### THE PROGRAM THIS WEEK

**Anglicare Dementia Care**

**Speaker: Karen Briggs**

**Chairman: Adrian Bell**

**Reporter: Phil Stanton**

**This meeting is at Café Mecca Infusion, West Pennant Hills starting at 6.30pm**

### President's Corner

Hi everyone

It was with great pride that I represented our Pennant Hills Rotary Club by laying a wreath with John Ellis at the Anzac Day service at the Hornsby Cenotaph. It was said that the crowd and marchers, who assembled at the Cenotaph, was the largest for many years, even before Covid.



I would like to thank all club members who assisted with the selling of poppies prior to Anzac Day. A special mention to Paige Newton and her dad, Elliott, who you may remember were guests at our recent NYSF presentation. Funds raised will be presented to the Hornsby RSL sub-branch at a later date. Last week, Spokes had a picture of Dulcie Zeller with a bag of 50 of our poppies. She sold 48, with 2 poppies being too red and too large for buyers!

Last Wednesday, David announced that Phil Stanton and himself would take on the joint presidency of the club from July. Meetings will be fortnightly (no meal) with a social meeting every 2<sup>nd</sup> week. David is currently looking for a new venue for us. Phil put up his hand to project manage the postponed Clean Up Australia Day and Jim offered to project manage the first of many Bunnings barbecues so that we can raise some funds. As Jessie Harman (RI Director 2021-2023) explained, "find the projects that float your boat" and "have fun".

Along these lines, a big thank you to Pam and her Easter egg project that has brought so much joy and appreciation from the recipients of the bags of easter eggs. It's nice to be able to give as well as take.

**President Kaye**

**The week's meeting will not be on Zoom**

## Last Week's Meeting Report

This week we returned to the Hotel Pennant Hills for our Special Club Meeting to discuss our club's future direction. At approximately 7pm following the arrival of most meals, Sergeant Ida commenced the meeting in the usual way with our acknowledgement of country and a note of the apologies and report from Welfare Officer Jack who made particular mention of both Herbert Chan and Ahmadul Ameen, both of whom have experienced ill health recently. Ida then invited Chairman David Firth to conduct the special part of the meeting.



David introduced the segment with background information about the recent board meeting which, following discussion, had led to calling this meeting to discuss our future direction as a Rotary club. Essentially, there were two main questions for discussion and resolution -

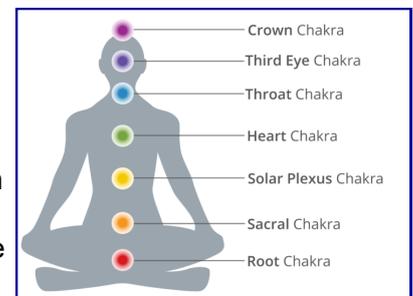
1. Do we want the club to continue?
2. How do we restructure the club to make it more attractive to potential younger members who are still working - bearing in mind that we need a new venue?

A general discussion followed during which a vote to continue the club was affirmed. The discussion then canvassed the idea of meeting every second week rather than weekly. The type of meeting was also addressed with an agreement that we change to a meeting only (no meal), initially at 7pm to 8pm on Wednesdays. Finally, it was agreed that we continue to meet each week, however the meeting format to alternate between business (with speaker) and social.

The next question was that of the presidency for the coming year. With no other offers coming to light, David announced that Phil Stanton would join him as co-presidents for 2022-23. How they will share the role will be revealed in due course. The meeting were pleased to accept their offer, and secretary John was asked to advise District, particularly Governor Elect Mina Howard.

The final part of the special meeting was a discussion of possible meeting sites. Jim Fraser had contacted both the Pennant Hills Baptist Church and St Marks Anglican Church and had an indication of cost and availability. President Kaye advised that the Thornleigh Community Garden premises would be available every second week for a small charge. David advised that the Scout Camp in Pomona Street (where our club originally met) would be available at a cost to be negotiated. He also said the Thornleigh Hillcrest Uniting Church was available at a cost of \$17 per hour. And then there was the Pennant Hills Community Centre meeting rooms downstairs, and the Thornleigh Community Centre meeting room at a charge of \$16 per hour. Some support was expressed for the last option. It was decided that we should try some of these out during the next 2 months. All of these changes are to take effect from July 1. David then handed the meeting back to the president.

Daisy Huang was then invited to give her 5 minute talk. She introduced us (most of us certainly) to 'Chakra'. She had a fancy box which contained 7 different coloured spectacles! Chakras refer to various energy centers in your body that correspond to specific nerve bundles and internal organs. The seven major chakras run from the base of your spine to the top of your head. If these energy centers get blocked, you may experience physical or emotional symptoms related to a particular chakra.



President Kaye then ran through the arrangements for Poppy sales at the weekend. Jim Fraser and Elliott Newton will be at Pennant Hills Marketplace on Saturday morning, and Theo Glockemann and David Firth will be at Thornleigh Marketplace on Saturday from 11am till 1pm. Meanwhile, Daisy has been selling well all week and will continue over the weekend.

Kaye called for a volunteer to take over the 'Clean Up Australia Day' project as Jason Terry cannot afford the time at present. Phil Stanton offered and will advise what the new date will be.

A proposal to have a BBQ at Bunnings Thornleigh had been taken up at the board meeting and Jim will negotiate a suitable date in June. There being no further business the president closed the meeting.

**Reporter: The editor**

# WORLD IMMUNIZATION WEEK

24-30 April 2022

[endpolio.org](https://endpolio.org) | [#endpolio](https://twitter.com/endpolio)

Rotary 

**END  
POLIO  
NOW**



At the end of the 1980s, more than 350,000 children were paralyzed by polio every year. Today, Rotary and its partners have reduced the incidence of polio by 99.9 percent. However, until we see the last of the poliovirus, eradication efforts need additional funding to:

**IMMUNIZE** more than 400 million children against polio every year

**IMPROVE** disease surveillance systems to detect any poliovirus in a person or the environment

**HIRE** more than 150,000 health workers to go door to door to find every child



Wheel 'n' Weft

# Mother's Day Art & Craft Exhibition



Thornleigh Community Centre

Cnr Phyllis & Central Avenues THORNLEIGH

Friday 29th April to Sunday 1st May

Friday 1pm - 6pm

Saturday 9am - 5pm

Sunday 10am - 4pm

Entry \$5.00

Includes delicious homemade Devonshire tea

Each year Wheel 'n' Weft proudly supports a charity, we have chosen

STUDIO ARTES, Hornsby

## May is Youth Service Month

Youth service recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through programs such as -

[Interact](#),

[Rotary Youth Leadership Awards](#),

[Rotary Youth Exchange](#), and

[New Generations Service Exchange](#).

May is Youth Service Month in Rotary. This month, learn more about how you can support young leaders.



*Introducing Robyn Huh who has just come on board for the Pride of Workmanship awards.*

*Robyn owns the coffee shop 'Penno iDi Café' right next door to Daisy's beauty shop, Joannie's in Hillcrest Road.*

*President Kaye*

## KU-RING-GAI MALE CHOIR

Thornleigh Hillcrest Uniting Church  
Paling Street, Thornleigh



Sunday, 15 May, 2022 - 2pm



Music Director  
Dr Paul Whiting OAM



Guest Artist  
Anita Kyle



Accompanist  
Hank Xiang

Entry Donation: \$10 Children: Free

Further information: [kuringgaimalechoir.org.au](http://kuringgaimalechoir.org.au)

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### Something to ponder?

**"Eat more food that grows on trees and plants, and eat less food that's manufactured in plants."**



# Alec Campbell

## The kid who became the last man standing

Alec Campbell was born on 26 February 1899, in Launceston.

Alec was a student at Scotch College when World War One started in 1914. The following year, when Alec was working as a clerk, he falsified his age up to 18 years and five months in order to be an eligible age to enlist on 2 July 1915.

Private Campbell arrived at Gallipoli in October 1915 with the 15th Battalion and remained there through to the evacuation. During his time at Gallipoli, Private Campbell dodged bullets and saw mates shot as he carried water, ran messages and stood sentry.

While Private Campbell was lucky not to be hit by the shelling, shrapnel and snipers, he did sustain a lifelong injury, which he recounted to Jonathan King, author of *Gallipoli: Our Last Man Standing: The Extraordinary Life of Alec Campbell*.

“The fellow in front of me got shot and fell backwards into the trench, knocking me over, which could have saved my life. He did not hit me, but he fell back and the rifle clouted me in the head.” (Alec Campbell to Jonathan King, page 82)

The injury destroyed a facial nerve in Alec Campbell’s cheek in front of his ear.

“In time, this would paralyse the muscles in the right side of his face and lead to ...Bell’s Palsy, which eventually prevented him from closing his right eye, smiling properly or showing his teeth. The attacks of paralysis came and went during his younger years, but as he got older the condition produced an increasingly unsightly facial disfigurement. As an old man he lost his right eye.” (King, page 82)

After the evacuation from Gallipoli, Private Campbell became very ill and was discharged in August 1916. “Flu would knock him out of the war and plague his health for the rest of his life.”

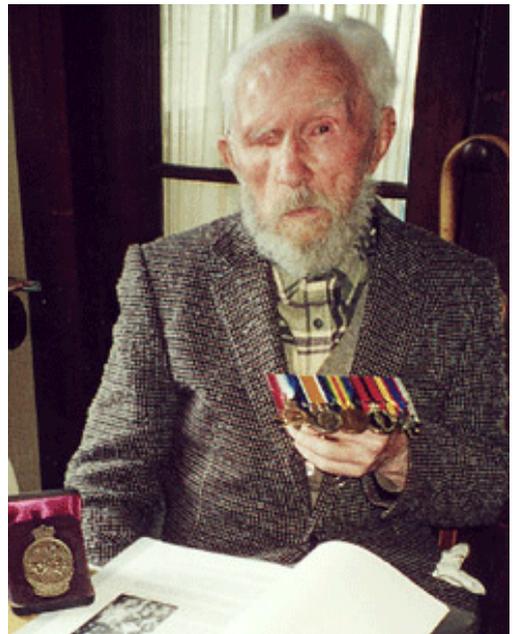
(King, page 88)

### A long life after the war

The disability Alec brought back from the war did not hold him back, but spurred him on to a life of success and achievement.

Alec’s life after the war was full. He:

- learned carpentry and car and wagon building;
- won a Tasmanian flyweight championship;
- became the president of the Australian Workers Union Tasmania branch in 1942;
- learned to sail and competed in at least six Sydney to Hobart Yacht Races;
- completed an economics degree;
- worked in the public service as a disabled persons’ employment officer and assisted incapacitated World War 2 veterans;
- married twice and had nine children and 32 grandchildren;
- worked for the Heart Foundation until retiring at the age of 80;
- and continued to drive until he was 95.



## WHAT'S ON

Date	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	5 - minute talk	Extra info
April 27	Anglicare Dementia Care <b>Venue Mecca Infusion</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	Karen Briggs	Adrian Bell	Phil Stanton	David Firth	<b>ANZAC Day</b> <b>April 25</b>
May 2	<b>Board Meeting</b> <b>Zoom</b>					
May 4	Zoom Meeting using David's Zoom Account					
May 11	Members' Night					
May 18	POW Awards Night Pennant Hills Golf Club	Richard Adams		Jim Fraser	NA	<b>2 course meal</b> <b>\$50/head</b>
May 25	We visit other clubs -	no meeting of	our club			
June 1	Meeting on Zoom					
June 6	<b>Joint Board Meeting</b> <b>Zoom</b>					
June 29	<b>Club Changeover</b> <b>at Pennant Hills Golf Club - 6.30 for 7pm</b>	President Kaye			NA	<b>2 course meal</b> <b>\$50/head</b>

Last Week's Meeting - 20.04. 2022

Attendance - 81.25%

Apologies: T Glockemann, P Hudson,

Guest Speaker: nil

Guests: nil

LOA: T Pankhurst

### Anniversaries & Birthdays

#### Birthdays:

Pam Hudson - April 21

Peter Hudson - April 8

Dorothy Green - April 19

Leon Edema - April 24

#### Anniversaries:

Terry & Maureen Pankhurst - April 9

Pat & Sandra Parker - April 9

#### Inductions:

George Green - April 3

## PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARDS



Our awards night is set for May 18th. We are looking for nominations for awards. Please suggest either organisations we can invite to nominate, or people you think are worthy of an award that you would like to nominate. Let David Firth know in the first instance so we can get an invitation sent out.

Our Keynote Speaker will be Richard Adams, Managing Director of ByDezign Pty Ltd, one of our long term supporters of Pride of Workmanship Awards at Pennant Hills.