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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

#### Members' Night

Chairman: President Kaye

Reporter: David Firth

**This week's meeting is at Thornleigh Community Garden  
The Esplanade, Thornleigh commencing at 7.00pm  
NOTE: Bring your cup/mug & a cake/slice to share.**

### President's Corner



Hi everyone,

The rain is back, I'm back on the Rotary circuit, and Theo is back from East Timor. There will be a special social night on 15 June where Theo will treat us with a presentation of his visit. Please put this date into your diary/calendar.

This coming Wednesday, we will be meeting at the Thornleigh Community Garden at 7pm. No meal has been organised, but we will have cake and tea/coffee. Could you please bring a mug/cup if you wish to partake and perhaps a cake/sweet of your choice to share.

Other important dates for you to keep in mind are:

Sunday 5 June – our postponed Clean Up Australia Day (contact Phil)

Sunday 12 June – our fundraising barbecue at Bunnings (Contact Jim)

It is with sadness that we say "so long" to Herbert Chan who resigned last week due to health issues. We do hope that Herbert and his wife, Bronia, will join us for some of our future social events.

We held our monthly board meeting last night; the details are inside Spokes. A point to note is Directors are requested to send David their reports by 5 June for the combined Annual Report.

Thanks everyone. Take care.

President Kaye

**THERE WILL NOT BE A ZOOM LINK FOR THIS WEEK'S MEETING**

## Last Week's Meeting Report

PP Adrian Bell hosted this zoom meeting on Wednesday, May the 4<sup>th</sup> 2022, which just happened to be the Star Wars Galaxy's fan holiday.

With the blessing of "May the Force (4<sup>th</sup>) Be With You", Adrian opened the meeting and Ida ran a few routines by Acknowledgement of Country, the Rotary Thanks, member apologies, birthdays and anniversaries in May.

Adrian then gently forwarded a reminder of two upcoming events reminders as follows:

The Pennant Hills – Cherrybrook *Rotaract Club Changeover Celebration* will be held on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 6.30pm at Hotel Pennant Hills (352 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills). President Jason and Presidents Elect Elaine and Stephanie welcome your participation and support this brand new Rotaract Club if you can. Bistro meals are available at the venue ranging from \$18 to \$40. RSVP: [phc@rotaract.org.au](mailto:phc@rotaract.org.au) before 14<sup>th</sup> May.

Our club *Annual Pride of Workmanship Awards* will be held on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May at Pennant Hills Golf Club, at 6.30 for 7pm start, with a 2-course dinner at a cost of \$50 each. Our Keynote Speaker is Mr Richard Adams, Managing Director of By-Dezign Pty Ltd. Please let David know of your intention to attend by 13<sup>th</sup> May either by email or by phone or earlier at our Wednesday meeting in person, 11<sup>th</sup> May.

Adrian then handed over to our club member Mr John Ellis, who was our guest speaker to give a presentation telling us a family related story about Hanbury Clements (1793-1847).

John Ellis grew up in Kelso, near Bathurst, where his father was rector of the Kelso parish. The burial ground was at the rear of the church and as children they would run around the headstones. One commemorated the life of Hanbury Clements, a naval officer.

After joining the Navy and later marrying, John wondered how it was that a naval officer came to be living in or near Bathurst in the 1830s and 40s. On viewing the burial register John saw that Hanbury's occupation was "settler". That didn't explain very much so John wrote to the Admiralty in London, seeking any information about this chap Clements. John received a page of information about a midshipman who had seen active service during the Napoleonic wars, had been a prisoner of war in France then settled in New South Wales. John's dear mother-in-law said, "Do you know that you have married one of his descendants?" This led John to research Hanbury Clements' story.

Hanbury Clements was born in Dublin. He was aged 13 when his father died in 1806 and he joined the Royal Navy as a captain's clerk in a small sloop, HMS *Morne Fortunée*, with 12 guns. He was soon a midshipman and *Morne Fortunée* was on active service in the West Indies. She was involved in capturing two small Spanish ships and a French frigate. One action was the taking of Curacao on 1 January 1807 – the date selected in the belief the garrison could be rather sleepy after their New Year's Eve partying. He joined a larger ship that assisted in taking a port in Hispaniola from the French. He returned to a depot ship in Dublin then joined HMS *Laurel* in 1811. She was a frigate with 38 guns and a crew of 300 men. As part of the Home Fleet she was involved in blockading France to restrict Napoleon's opportunity to trade. In January 1812, the *Laurel* and two frigates chased three French ships into Quiberon Bay on the Atlantic coast. They came under fire from shore batteries and in making their way from the bay the other frigates sailed free however the *Laurel* ran aground. *Laurel's* captain landed his deputy and a third of his men, including Midshipman Clements, to negotiate a cease-fire. The perfidious French kept up their fire and the officers and men from *Laurel* were then made prisoners of war. The officers were marched 700 km to Verdun where there were also civilian prisoners termed détenus.

In January 1814, as the Allies were closing in on France, Napoleon ordered the prisoners at Verdun to be marched to Blois, 490 km to the south. They were given 24 hours notice to leave. En route the prisoners would call at a town hall to collect billeting money then seek accommodation in that town. On reach Blois, they were ordered to march another 270 km further south to Guéret. They averaged 15 to 20 km each day. In April 1814, they received news that Napoleon had been exiled to Elba and they were, thus, free to go home.

Clements made his way to Portsmouth where he was promoted to lieutenant but put on to half pay. On leaving Verdun he kept a diary that is now in the Mitchell Library. He commented on the wintry weather, troublesome officials, kind billeting hosts, the well-turned ankle of a daughter, witnessing a guillotining, the food and the scenery. He returned to Dublin and in 1817 married Margaret Ingham. In 1824 he brought a ship from Dublin to Hobart with free passengers. He sought to check the practicalities of settling in New South Wales as he had approval for a grant of land because of his war service. He brought his family to Sydney in 1829 and took up his grant of 1,500 acres near Bathurst. Always interested in the world around him, he began collecting those things unfamiliar to new colonists – samples of mineral, timbers, shells and artefacts. He had two display cabinets made to house his collection. The collection was added to by later generations and the cabinets passed down to Pat Ellis's aunt. In 1990 she claimed the two cabinets would fetch \$10,000 at auction. In 2002 her daughter, then needing funds for her mother's full time care, did put the cabinets up for auction and the Power House Museum's offer of \$250,000 was quickly snapped up. The relevance of the cabinets to the

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Power House is that the cabinets and contents had been in five generations and were made in Sydney of Australian timbers and before 1850.

It was a most informative and interesting family related story. A great thank you to John for providing his notes in this report for those who were not able to attend this meeting but interested in reading the story shared by John last week.

The meeting closed around 8.10 pm.

**Reporter: John Ellis & Ida Shi**



### **Notes from the Board Meeting held Monday 9 June 2022**

The list of club Centurions has been compiled by David – see elsewhere in Spokes;

A suitable club meeting venue from July is still to be located – one issue is the storage of our club property still in the cupboard at the golf club;

Jim has been visiting local businesses and distributing info about our club;

Suggestion for future club training on IT issues (downloading photos/compiling PPT slides);

David requested Directors' reports by 5 June for the preparation of our annual report;

The Poppy Project raised \$738.10 which will be presented to the Hornsby RSL Sub-Branch on 22 June at their scheduled meeting;

Theo suggested the club promotes the Rotary Mission Statement – David/Pam to organise a pull-up banner;

The extra cost charged for the club shirts will be absorbed by the club account – members will not pay extra;

Members agreed to allocate \$1,200 to the Rotary Foundation;

The Bunnings Barbecue fundraiser will be organised by Jim, assisted by Pam;

Auditor's report received – some funds needed to be redistributed to correct accounts;

### **Directors will be away as follows:**

David – 7 to 22 June

Jim – 18 May to 7 June

Phil – 16 to 20 May; 20 June to 15 July

### **Current Club Rotary Foundation Centurions**



John Ellis;  
Pam Hudson;  
Kaye Carter;  
Ida Shi;  
Jim Fraser;  
Claude Rigney;  
Ian Chappel;



# CONQUER KOKODA FROM NSW



*Recharge Reconnect Rediscover*  
*Support mental health services in your local community*

Recharge your mental health, reconnect with loved ones and rediscover the great outdoors with Conquer Kokoda from NSW.

Conquer Kokoda is our community fundraising initiative supporting mental health services within the Northern Sydney Local Health District (NSLHD).

Last year, we had 60 participants who raised \$18,744 to help support mental health initiatives across the NSLHD such as:

- Safe leisure activities for mental health inpatients
- A fund to support staff volunteering
- COVID-19 care packages for frontline staff

Sign up, then pick your challenge length and spread the word with your family, friends and colleagues to raise as much as you can for mental health services.



## SIGN UP TODAY

Scan the QR code or visit:

[conquer-kokoda-2022.raisely.com/](https://conquer-kokoda-2022.raisely.com/)

## HOW TO UNDERTAKE THE CHALLENGE IN 4 EASY STEPS!



### Step 1: Sign up to Conquer Kokoda from NSW

Scan the QR code or [conquer-kokoda-2022.raisely.com/](https://conquer-kokoda-2022.raisely.com/) to sign up and rope in loved ones to participate in the challenge with you.



### Step 2: Choose your challenge length and plan your trek route

Choose your challenge length and identify a few different national parks, beach walks or bushlands you want to discover across NSW.



### Step 3: Track your distance

Start walking and track your kms on your fundraising page.



### Step 4: Spread the word!

Share your fundraising page on social media, and get your family and friends to support you while you raise funds for local mental health services.



**Volunteers needed to help us raise funds!**

**When: June 12, 2022**

**Where: Bunnings Thornleigh**

**When: 2 or 3 shifts split between 8am to 4pm**

**We need people to take money, prepare the snags and present to customers and someone to cook. Plenty of room to sit down.**

**We also need esky's for the drinks so if people have a spare one please let me know.**

**Please let Jim Fraser know your availability - Ph: 0412 679 710**



## WHAT'S ON

Date	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	5 - minute talk	Extra info
May 11	Members' Night	at Thornleigh	Community	Garden		
May 17	Rotaract Changeover at 6.30pm at Hotel Pennant Hills RSVP to <a href="mailto:phc@rotaract.org.au">phc@rotaract.org.au</a> by May 13					
May 18	POW Awards Night Pennant Hills Golf Club	Richard Adams	Jim Fraser	Adrian Bell	NA	2 course meal \$50/head
May 25	We visit other clubs -	no meeting of	our club			
June 1	Meeting on Zoom					
June 5	Clean Up Australia	Program	at Pennant Hills	Marketplace	Carpark	
June 6	Joint Board Meeting <span style="color: red;">Zoom</span>					
June 8	TBA	at Thornleigh	Community	Garden		
June 12	Bunnings BBQ	at Thornleigh	From 8am	To 3.30pm		
June 15	Theo's East Timor Report at 7pm start	at the Baden Powell Scout Camp	Pomona St., Thornleigh			Social Night
June 22	Planning Night	at Thornleigh	Community	Garden		
June 29	Club Changeover at Pennant Hills Golf Club - 6.30 for 7pm	President Kaye			NA	2 course meal \$50/head

**Last Week's Meeting - 4.05.2022**

**Attendance - 43.75%**

**Apologies: A Ameen, K Carter, D Firth, J Fraser, T Glockemann, J Reid, P Stanton, J Terry**

**Guest Speaker: John Ellis**

**Guests: Nil**

**LOA: T Pankhurst**

**Anniversaries & Birthdays**

**Birthdays:**

**Pat Parker - May 5**

**Eddy Li - May 18**

**Anniversaries:**

**Nil**

**Inductions:**

**Terry Pankhurst - May 29 (36 years)**

### PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARDS



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.

**Today is your  
opportunity to  
build the tomorrow  
you want.**

—KEN POIROT