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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



Multicultural Aged
Care & Disability
Services

Guest Speaker: Jacqueline Lobo
Chairperson: David Firth
Reporter: Phil Stanton

This meeting is on Zoom – see link below

President's Corner



Hi everyone

Last week was a week off where you had the opportunity of visiting other clubs and experiencing a different club environment. Hopefully, some members have an experience to share this Wednesday night. Otherwise, it was a week off!

This week is a zoom night with David as acting President and there is a guest speaker, so please zoom in and give David your support.

Also, this Sunday 5 June at 8.15am is our postponed Clean up Australia Day activity. Please contact Phil for your availability.

We send our warm wishes to Jack, who is still in Hornsby Hospital. I tried to speak to him by phone but there were hearing issues to contend with.

I received notification from Picton Rotary that their changeover night will be on Tuesday 5 July. Members who enjoyed our visit to Picton may be interested in attending this event.

The Rotary International theme for June is Rotary Fellowships.

Yours in Rotary

President Kaye

The Zoom link tonight is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88616863837?pwd=UGg3akNyVHpyUUxzSWYzV1BMcm0wQT09>

This is an International Project our club supported some years ago.

THE SCHOOL OF ST. JUDE, TANZANIA

When Gemma Sisai first had the idea of starting a free private school for the poorest children in Africa with just a \$10 donation from her friend, she knew she would need a major support system. It was at this time Gemma's father, Basil, introduced her to Rotary. She was given the opportunity to speak to her local Rotary club in her hometown of Armidale, New South Wales. The extremely generous Armidale, Tamworth and Inverell Rotary and Inner Wheel clubs raised an estimated \$20,000 by the end of that weekend. Along with donations from schools, family and friends, Gemma's dream became a reality, and they had raised enough money for the first classroom.

The Armidale Central Rotary Club were so inspired they came forward and organised a team of a dozen volunteers to travel to Arusha, Tanzania and help build the first three classrooms. A team of seven couples from the Gosford North Rotary Club shortly followed to help build another three classrooms. Following the visits from these two teams St Jude's opened in January 2002. By Easter of 2002 another Rotary team from The Erina Rotary Club came to build the playground, followed by the Brisbane Planetarium Club who built the foundations of the primary school block.

Today, The School of St Jude is a pioneering leader in charitable education within Africa. We provide free, quality education to 1,800 bright primary and secondary students who come from considerably poor backgrounds. We provide them with everything they need for a successful education, ensuring our students' well-being and future success.

Located across three campuses, we provide boarding for all secondary students and employ around 300 Tanzanian staff.

97% of St Jude's secondary graduates go on to access higher education, supported by [Beyond St Jude's](#) or by other means. Through Beyond St Jude's, our program for secondary graduates, we support 100s of graduates with access to higher education and provide more than 20,000 government school students with volunteer teachers each year. 100% of St Jude's students and scholars are on scholarships.



The 3 Campuses of St Judes School - Sisia, Smith, & Moivaro Boarding Campus

The School of St Jude has developed a **five-year strategic plan** (2019-2023), with seven focus areas, to help implement its vision and mission as well as ensure its long-term sustainability as a charitable organisation.

Our schools will expand secondary school enrolment with the opening of a new O Level school for girls and addition of more O Level places for boys which will increase A Level enrolment.

Our students will be receiving a nation-leading and values-driven primary and secondary education.

Our graduates will be actively demonstrating moral and intellectual leadership in community service, higher education, employment and entrepreneurship.

Our supporters will be internationally diverse and have a strong commitment to giving and advocating for our vision, mission and approach.

Our organisation will have leadership and management that is locally driven, effective, transformative, adaptable and sustainable.

Our staff will be highly skilled, proactive and demonstrating our values with the majority of leadership positions held by Tanzanians

Our impact will be proven to empower our school community in fighting poverty through education.



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 Jim know.

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

MEMBERS! HAVE YOU VOLUNTEERED YET?



Our delayed Clean Up Australia Day effort (due to weather), is now on **Sunday 5th June** at Pennant Hills Marketplace starting at 8.15am. Come along ready to spend an hour or two in and around the carpark there and around the community centre across the road. **Don't forget to wear your club shirt.**

PAKISTAN – POLIO FREE FOR 12 MONTHS ISSA SHALHOUB — JAN 28, 2022

27 January 2022 marks the first time in Pakistan's history that a year has passed with no new cases.

Article by PDG Bob Aitken, Rotary End Polio Now Coordinator

January 27 was a red-letter day for Pakistan – Polio free for 12 months!

The welcome good news continues in the wake of ongoing successful vaccination campaigns in that country and neighbouring Afghanistan.

Rotary International's PolioPlus Chairman, RI Past Vice President Mike McGovern, said the Global Polio Eradication campaign reached 2.4 million children. These children have been in previously inaccessible areas of Afghanistan for the last two years.

At January 11, the number of wild polio virus cases in the world were unchanged from last year - five - one in Pakistan and for in Afghanistan.

'In Pakistan, the government and Global Polio Eradication Initiative workers are focusing on the whole country but especially in high risk union councils,' he continued.

'Of the four cases in Afghanistan in 2021, three emanated from a single area in Pakistan. There were 410 positive environmental samples in Pakistan in 2020 but, in the last six months of 2021, there were only six!

'This is truly a sign of the progress being made in that the virus is now found in water samples in very few areas,' he concluded.

Further good news from this vital campaign area is that organisers now have access to sufficient volunteers/paid workers to maintain the impetus.

The focus on controlling the vaccine derived virus across the continent of Africa remains strong. Chairman Mike said we need to increase immunity by encouraging the use of other vaccines such as those for measles and rubella.

'Some 85% of the vaccine derived Polio cases in the world in the last six months were in Nigeria. 'However, COVID remains a concern and strong cooperation continues with the World Health Organisation COVID teams,' he said.



School children receive their vaccination

WHAT'S ON

Date	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	5 - minute talk	Extra info
June 1	CAPAH Multicultural Aged Care & Disability Services Meeting on Zoom	Jacqueline Lobo	David Firth	Phil Stanton	Adrian Bell	
June 5	Clean Up Australia Program		at Pennant Hills	Marketplace	Carpark	8.15am
June 6	Joint Board Meeting Zoom	At 7.30pm				
June 8	TBA at 7pm	at Thornleigh	Baptist Community	Centre		
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	Baptist Community	Centre		
Thurs. June 30	Club Changeover at Pennant Hills Golf Club - 6.30 for 7pm	President Kaye	Jim Fraser		NA	Buffet Dinner \$50/head

Last Week's Meeting - 25.05.2022

As this was a week when members were encouraged to visit other clubs, there is no attendance report

Anniversaries & Birthdays

Birthdays:

Nil

Anniversaries:

Nil

Inductions:

Nil



President Kaye presenting our cheque for \$738.10 to the president of the Hornsby RSL Sub-branch

5 Interesting facts about Antarctica

1. The Dry Valleys in Antarctica are **the driest places on earth**. With such low humidity and moisture on this portion of the continent, snow and ice cannot even accumulate, which leaves the valleys as just a dusty expanse of dirt.
2. Antarctica is, on average, **the windiest place on earth**. Scientists exploring this southerly landmass have reported wind speeds that have reached up to 200 miles per hour.
3. The Antarctic Ice Sheet is the single **biggest mass of ice in the world** and can sometimes be up to four miles thick. The continent as a whole contains about 90 percent of the planet's freshwater ice and around 70 percent of the total fresh water on earth!
4. Scientists claim that if the West Antarctic Ice Sheet were to melt, it would **raise global sea levels** by about 16 feet.
5. The Ross Ice Shelf - a floating tongue of ice that extends off the continent's main land-mass - encompasses more than 510,000 square kilometres and is the **largest ice shelf** that has ever been discovered.