



SPOKES



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Pennant Hills
Rotary
Club



CLUB CONTACT INFORMATION

PHONE:
0407 261 456

EMAIL:
rotaryclubpennanthills@gmail.com

TO NOTIFY MEETING APOLOGIES & GUESTS:
Text to 0451 265 122 or
Email ida1701@gmail.com
before noon on Monday



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

Planning Night

Chairperson: David Firth

Reporter: Jim Fraser

Meeting to commence at 7.00pm but
come at 6.00pm and have a meal if you
would like to.

President's Corner

Hi everyone,

Last Wednesday, a dedicated group listened to Theo's presentation on his recent trip to Timor. Thank you, Theo, and I'm sure everyone gained an interesting update from your experience.



This week, we are meeting at Hotel Pennant Hills for a meal for those of you who wish to partake. We haven't had a casual meal together for ages. So, please order around 6pm so the meeting can start on time. I hope to be there for an entrée at 6pm and then rush off for my placement supervision zoom session at 6.30pm. The formal planning meeting run by David will commence around 7.00pm.

We send our warm wishes to Jack and Ruth. Also, to any member who is not feeling the best at the moment. We send our travel safe wishes to Anoop and Neeru for their trip back to India.

Please let me know if you are coming to the Changeover dinner on Thursday 30 June (for those of you who have not yet replied) as I need to give numbers to the Pennant Hills Golf Club. This will be my last dinner with the club, so it would be fabulous to say 'so long' to my dear friends who have supported me throughout my presidency.

Yours in Rotary,

President Kaye

There is no Zoom link for this week

Rotary Meeting - 15.6.2022

This was the meeting where we returned to the place where our club started back in 1960 - the Baden Powell Scout Camp at Pomona Street, Pennant Hills. The meeting room we were given was the Pix Hill room adjacent to the offstreet carpark. Although the room is showing its age, it is warm thanks to airconditioning and has the necessary facilities for our meeting.

We were to be updated on the RAWCS project in East Timor by Theo Glockemann but first we had some news and reminders. Jack Reid was reported still at Lady Davidson Hospital with no indication of when he might be leaving.

We had a short review of the Bunnings BBQ held on the previous Sunday. It was felt that the funds raised on the day - \$500, and the fellowship and club exposure gained, make it a very worthwhile way to raise money and perhaps attract members and support for our club. Jim reported that he had asked if there were any dates available in the future and we decided to try to book for Sunday 17th July. So, with the experience we gained, we'll be in good shape to start the new Rotary Year with a good fund raiser. Please mark that date in your diaries.

There were reminders of this week's meeting now at the Hotel Pennant Hills, and our Changeover at Pennant Hills Golf Club on Thursday 30th June at 6.30 for 7.00pm start. Please let President Kaye know who is coming - by email or by phone.

Chairman Adrian Bell then took centre stage (so to speak) and invited any other comments. Anoop Sud advised that he will be away on leave of absence from June 21 until the end of October. However, he will be visiting our sister club in India, Delhi Ridge, and others, and will look forward to joining us on zoom whenever we can provide the link. He also spoke about the possibility of joining our sister club in promoting and financing some new prostheses designed in India. He also suggested a post Diwali luncheon on his return. (We look forward to his return and wish he and Neeru safe travels. Editor)

Adrian then introduced Theo. He began with a history of the RET (Rotary Education & Training) Project which operates under the RAWCS banner. He told of the continuing sponsorship of Woodside who have contributed almost \$1 million to run the RYLA program over many years. He also reflected on the history of East Timor since the end of the Portuguese control; the great tribulation over the Indonesian enforced rule and the devastation upon their final withdrawal. At that time, coinciding with our interest in starting RYLA there, the average age of their population was 18. Theo reminded us that RYLA in Timor is recognized as the premier youth leadership training program and its graduates are in great demand.



He then talked about the RYPEN Camps program. There have been 15 camps since starting in 2015, training 60 young people about to complete their schooling. Each camp costing between \$4500 and \$6000, and these have been funded by Rotary clubs in Australia plus some District grants. He enumerated a range of tangible benefits which have been acknowledged. However the need is to find ongoing sponsorship for this valuable program.



Theo then explained the operation of the Internship for Graduates program. Each year 20 RYLA graduates are placed with NGOs for several months - paid by RET with funding provided by Woodside. On average 50% are then employed immediately by the NGOs.

Theo concluded with a discussion of the developments through the project; the formation of a second Rotary club, Lafaete, mainly made up of RYLA alumni; the formation of 5 Rotaract clubs there with a sixth one in formation, and all involved in community service programs including blood donations; English tutoring of young people; a chicken farm now making a profit. He spoke of his latest 4 day trip with Angelo Raveanne in which they checked on the facilitator teams there, checked on administration and operations, provided training for the paid project co-ordinator, and sourced a new office for the project which Woodside will help finance. Theo concluded with recounting a conversation with an American in Darwin airport on their way home. He said he would contact Rotary clubs in Maine on his return and tell them of the RET Project. Theo has had contact with 2 rotarians who want to contribute funds, and DG Lindsay May has contacted districts in the US seeing if they would like to support RET with unspent District Designated Funds. Theo was thanked for a great roundup of the project and thanked for his dedication to it.

Reporter: David Firth

Allow me to introduce Quinton Tian who is the manager of Mobile Factory Direct at the Thornleigh Shopping Centre. Quinton was nominated for a Pride of Workmanship award but was unable to attend the dinner. Quinton was presented with his award last week and he proudly is displaying his plaque and certificate. Please pop in to congratulate Quinton when you are next shopping in Thornleigh.

President Kaye



Hi Kaye,

I am forwarding pictures from our sister Rotary club of Delhi Ridge wherein the Secretary and President Elect Wing Cdr. Anil Marya is visible with an individual who as lost his fore-arm and is going to be provided with a new artificial arm.

We can think of offering such a service through our club here in Sydney.

Regards

Anoop Sud



WHAT'S ON

Date	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	5 - minute talk	Extra info
June 22	Planning Night at Hotel Pennant Hills		David Firth	Jim Fraser		
Thurs. June 30	Club Changeover at Pennant Hills Golf Club - 6.30 for 7pm	President Kaye	Jim Fraser	John Ellis	NA	2 course Dinner \$50/head
July 2	District Changeover	at Hornsby RSL	6.30 for 7.00pm	\$55 per head		
July 6	Aims & Objectives 2022-23	Directors	David Firth			
July 13	Fellowship Night		David Firth			
Sunday July 17	BUNNINGS BBQ	THORNLEIGH	8.00am to	4.00pm		
July 20	Regionalisation of Rotary	TBC	David Firth			

Last Week's Meeting - 15.06.2022

Attendance: 53.3%

Apologies: A Ameen, K Carter, P Hudson,
T Pankhurst, J Reid, I Shi, J Terry

Speaker: Theo Glockemann

Visitors : Heather Firth

Anniversaries & Birthdays

Birthdays:

Nil

Anniversaries:

Nil

Inductions:

Nil



**Perfection is not attainable,
but if we chase perfection
we can catch excellence.**

Vince Lombardi

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.

C. S. Lewis