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**Pennant Hills Rotary Club**



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**Rotary District 9685**



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## The Program this week

### 2022-2023

## AIMS & OBJECTIVES

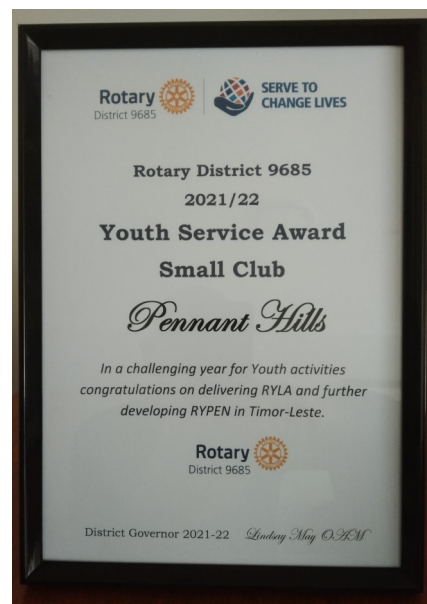
This meeting will allow all members to have input into what we do during this new Rotary year. We will be looking at all aspects of the club's activities, projects and programs. So please come along with your ideas and comments, ready to participate.

We're at Hotel Pennant Hills - meeting starts at 7pm but come earlier if you want to eat beforehand

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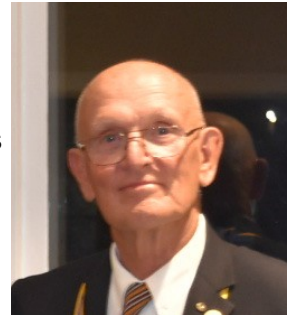
At Saturday Night's District Changeover, we were presented with the Youth Service Award for Small Club "In a challenging year for Youth activities congratulations on delivering RYLA and further developing RYPEN in Timor-Leste."

Well done Theo and the RET team!



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As my co-president is off riding camels, etc. in Broome, it falls to me to provide an introduction to the new Rotary year. As many of you will realise, I'm certainly not as well organised at this stage this time. It probably matches how our club is at present. As I said at our changeover, we have looked a bit like a nomadic tribe in recent times as we have tried a few possible meeting places, looking for a permanent meeting 'home'. We can certainly talk about this at this week's meeting.



Members who were at changeover will have received the annual report and copies of the new club directory. Please make sure you read the tasks that are assigned to you. Let me know if you have a problem with any task assigned to you.

In that regard, you will see that Daisy Huang has taken on the Welfare role. She is excited to be doing this important job so make sure you tell her of any welfare matter concerning you or any club member - or indeed anyone associated with the club. In that regard, I went to visit Jack Reid on Monday afternoon and Ruth came with me. He is still at Lady Davidson Hospital although he is likely to move out this week once the family can find a full-care place for him. Although he is physically weak, his mind and memory is still remarkably sharp. I suggest you check with Ruth before going to see him.

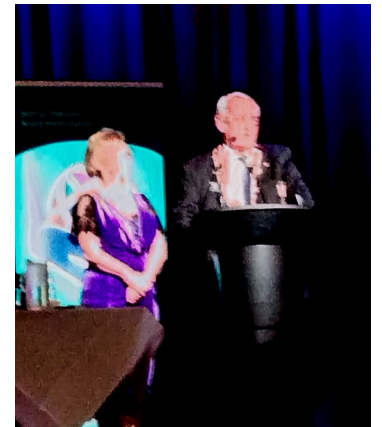
As you can see from the article on page 1, I went to the District Changeover last Saturday night. See the photos and article following. I also attended the West Pennant Hills & Cherrybrook club's Pride of Workmanship awards night on Monday where they presented 4 awards. It was an excellent meeting, the first regular meeting for President Janelle Craig.

So, can I conclude by emphasizing RI President Jennifer Jones' theme for this year, IMAGINE ROTARY. We can certainly take this on board as we imagine how our club can be rejuvenated and transformed.

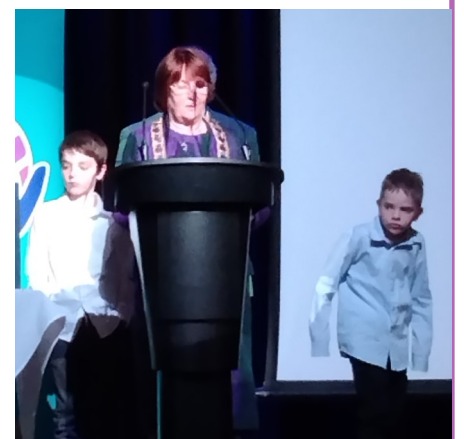
President David Firth

## DISTRICT 9685 CHANGEOVER

This year the function was held at Hornsby RSL Club in their main auditorium. They had reckoned on about 250 attending, but given the weather and the Covid/Flu situation, the numbers were about 200. It was great to be able to meet face to face with the resultant camaraderie and fellowship. DG Lindsay gave an excellent speech, highlighting many of the key events during the year, all illustrated with a slide show. He concluded with a series of presentations (including the one on page 1) and then 'handed the baton' to DG Mina Howard. Mina was supported by husband Larry (also a rotarian) and her 2 grandsons. She then outlined what she wants to achieve during the year with particular emphasis on the District Conference in Cowra in March, and the Rotary International Convention in Melbourne in May. Both of these are special opportunities for us all to learn more about what Rotary is doing



around the world.



## Report of Our Changeover Meeting 30.6.2022

Past President Jim Fraser and MC for the evening, opened our 62<sup>nd</sup> Changeover Dinner with a Welcome to Country. He welcomed our guests, making special notice of our outgoing President, Kaye Carter and Robyn Huh, mother of a recent PoW awardee, and her son, Thomas. Following Rotary Grace, Jim proposed the Loyal Toast then invited Theo Glockemann to propose a toast to Rotary International. Theo reminded us and our guests of the world wide involvement of Rotary and the service of 1.3 M Rotarians to others, aimed at achieving understanding and peace. He reminded us of Rotary's vision that had tackled polio, education and access to drinking water around the world. Locally, Rotary has many projects in East Timor. AG Stuart Armstrong was invited to respond and he opened with mention of the donation by RI of \$20 M to assist in the support of displaced people in Ukraine. This was added to by \$6 M raised by RAWCS. Stuart then covered the service of John Hewko who joined the RC of Kyev in 1991 and for the past ten years has been the General Secretary of RI with a staff of 800. Stuart offered the apologies of DG Lindsay May who was attending a Change Over at Central Blue Mountains. He offered congratulations to our outgoing board and welcomed our incoming board. He mentioned Empowering Girls, a theme of the incoming International President, Jennifer Jones and encouraged our attendance at the forthcoming International Convention in Melbourne in May next year. Stuart also promoted our District Conference scheduled to be held in Cowra in March next year. Within our District, Stuart will be arranging surveys within each Club to encourage Rotary education of members and the support of programs such as RAWCS and ROMAC and the raising of funds for Rotary Health.

Jim Fraser then handed the mike to President Kaye Carter who wished to express her thanks to several. She thanked Georgia Glockemann who had raided Jack Reid's garden for the camellias that decorated our tables. Kaye remembered the contribution of David Firth, Jim Fraser, Ida Shi and John Ellis in support of her year as President; she then circulated the tables to make contact with many. Jim then called on Adrian Bell to toast our partners. Adrian reminded us all that without the support of our wives and partners, the Club's results would be much diminished. It was then back to President Kaye who had prepared a slide show covering the Club's activities during the past year. She reminded us of the constraints arising from COVID rules during the year, overcome by many Zoom meetings – even a gustation dinner in members' homes. Appreciating her once lack of knowledge of Rotary, Kaye covered how she sought to make Pennant Hills and Thornleigh residents aware of our Club and what we were doing through advertising screens in the shopping centres and promotional notices in shops. We were introduced to some different cultures, notably a Diwali function hosted by Neeru and Anoop Sud. Through the RC of Picton, Club members ventured south to enjoy a walk around the historic sector of Picton before settling in to lunch at the King George Hotel. Kaye had prevailed upon her knitting friends to knit poppies in November and April for Remembrance Day and Anzac Day. These were sold and the proceeds, \$1,250, were donated to the Hornsby RSL sub-branch. Wreaths from our Club were laid on both Remembrance and Anzac Days. Kaye remembered our Pride of Workmanship evening, our Trees of Joy, the trailer raffle, Youth projects, Clean up Australia, Easter eggs for Retirement villages and the sausage sizzle at Bunnings. She covered the achievements of Theo Glockemann in East Timor with RYLA and RYPEN where a more certain future is assured. MC Jim then called on Theo Glockemann to recognise our new Centurions, those who had donated \$100 to the Rotary Foundation. For Claude Rigney, Jim Fraser, Pam Hudson and Ian Chappell, a Centurion certificate was presented. For Ida Shi recognition was by a lapel badge.

Then, the main purpose of the evening came next when President Kaye Carter handed over the President's collar to President David Firth. David Firth will share the presidency with Phillip Stanton who is currently enjoying the sun and scenery of the Kimberleys and Broome. David then presented Kaye with a Past President's shield and lapel badge. For her service to the Club in particular and Rotary in general, Kaye was made a Paul Harris Fellow.

David asked members to reflect on our past year but more importantly to look forward to this year, 2022-23. We must believe that the best is to come. More can be done and this will depend on members working together. David highlighted three key matters:

- ◆ We must attend to membership, noting that we are now down to just 13 active members
- ◆ We need to be flexible in our views and decisions to attract new members and also we need to secure a permanent meeting venue
- ◆ We need to review our projects

David introduced the theme for Jennifer Jones' year – Imagine Rotary. David introduced the new Board and thanked our visitors for their interest and support. He then closed the meeting with the National Anthem.

**Reporter: John Ellis**



## PHOTOS FROM LAST WEEK'S CHANGEOVER MEETING



1. President Kaye presenting her report
2. Theo proposing the toast
3. AG Stuart Armstrong responding to the toast
4. Handing over the Charter
5. Past President Award for Kaye
6. Paul Harris Fellow for Kaye
7. Co - President David giving his address



## OUR NEW RI PRESIDENT

Jennifer Jones, member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, is the first woman to take office as Rotary International President in the Evanston-based service organization's 117-year existence.

During her one-year term, Jones will focus on building new relationships and establishing collaborations with organizations that share Rotary's commitment to driving impact through humanitarian service and to developing leaders around the globe. She has also made Rotary's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion a key part of her presidential platform.

"Diversity has long been one of our core values and continues to serve as a foundation for how we interact with each other and our communities," said Jones. "I know that my experiences and perspective as a woman mean that I bring a different lens to how I see and approach opportunities and challenges for our organization. I hope to be a catalyst for similar opportunities for leaders from all backgrounds that comprise the global mosaic of our organization. We are stronger, more creative, and more effective when we ask for and leverage those diverse perspectives to tackle the world's most pressing challenges."

As a professional communicator with more than 30 years of experience, Jones will also use her vocational strength as a storyteller to shine a light on the positive and lasting impact Rotary clubs are making to improve lives and strengthen communities across the globe.

"This year, we are going to bring Rotary service projects center stage around the world. We will put a special focus on visible, high impact acts of service across our areas of focus, drawing attention to the incredible work that Rotary members are doing," said Jones.

Jones officially takes office as Rotary International President on 1 July 2022 in Ottawa, Canada, at the mid-point of her cross-country tour. Dubbed Imagine Rotary Canada, Jones is traveling coast-to-coast, stopping at twelve hubs along the way to meet with local officials and participate in projects that address pressing issues including food insecurity, plastic and litter in waterways, and the safety of seasonal guest workers.

Jones will also mark her year as president by touring model examples of Rotary's impact in action. Throughout the year she will connect with Rotary members and clubs spanning the globe to explore and share learnings from Rotary projects, with a focus that includes:

The vital role women health workers in the efforts to end polio in Pakistan; a day in the life of a community health worker helping to reduce malaria in Zambia; the efforts of 600 Rotary clubs to improve education for underserved students in Guatemala; a former refugee who is now a Rotary Peace Fellow at the Rotary Peace at Makerere University, in Uganda; health workers reaching children with life-saving vaccines in remote islands in the South Pacific; and Rotary's efforts to bring clean water, sanitation, and hygiene to all of Haiti.

As president, Jones will oversee Rotary's top goal of eradicating polio.

"When we harness our connections, deepen our relationships, and create new partnerships - our collective efforts can change lives for generations," said Jones. "There is no better proof point of our impact than our effort to eradicate polio."

Alongside its Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners, Rotary has achieved a 99.9 percent reduction in polio cases, and contributed U.S. \$2.4 billion to protect more than 3 billion children from this paralyzing disease. Nearly 19.4 million people are walking today who otherwise would have been paralyzed by this vaccine-preventable disease, and 1.5 million people are alive who otherwise would have died. With the infrastructure Rotary helped create to end polio, a lasting global health legacy is now being used to protect millions of people from other diseases - including Ebola, malaria, and COVID-19.



## WHAT'S ON

Date	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	5 - minute talk	
<b>PLEASE NOTE: ALL CLUB MEETINGS IN JULY WILL BE AT HOTEL PENNANT HILLS</b>						
July 6	<b>Aims &amp; Objectives 2022-23</b>	Directors	David Firth	David Firth		
July 13	<b>Fellowship Night</b>		David Firth			
July 20	<b>Regionalisation of Rotary</b>	TBC	David Firth			
<b>Monday July 25</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>On Zoom</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>			
<b>Sunday Aug 14</b>	<b>BUNNINGS BBQ</b>	<b>Thornleigh</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>4.00pm</b>	
<b>Sat. Aug 20</b>	<b>Trivia Night</b>	<b>West Pennant Hills/</b>	<b>Cherrybrook Club</b>	<b>At</b>	<b>Cherrybrook Community</b>	<b>Centre</b>

### Last Week's Meeting - 30.06.2022

**Attendance:** 78.6%

**Apologies:** P Hudson, J Reid, P Stanton, A Sud,  
**Guests:** AG Stuart Armstrong & Helen, Hon. Member Claude Rigney & Jeanette, Alan & Lee Lowe, Sue Robards, Merrill Mathie, Robyn Huh & Thomas  
**Partners:** Wendy Bell, Heather Firth, Esther Fraser, Georgia Glockemann, Maureen Pankhurst

### July Anniversaries & Birthdays

#### Birthdays:

Esther Fraser - July 23

#### Anniversaries:

Pam & Peter Hudson - July 3


Phil & Lyn Stanton - July 6

#### Club Induction Anniversary:

Daisy Huang - July 7

Theo Glockemann - July 10

Jason Terry - July 21



Coming together is a  
beginning; keeping  
together is progress;  
working together is  
SUCCESS.

Edward Everett Hale