

# **SPOKES**



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We have the following sister clubs: **Rotary Club of Newcastle Enterprise District 9670** Rotary Club of Delhi Ridge District 3011

## The Program this week

## This is our first Fellowship Night earlier if you want to eat beforehand

We're at Hotel **Pennant Hills** meeting starts at 7pm but come

We will be discussing some of the things we talked about last week - and ofcourse there is the 'homework' to be returned - the Member Satisfaction Survey. See you there!

### Preview of Next Week's Program

Zone 8 Rotary Regionalisation Pilot **Project** 

Rotary International is considering establishing a regional governance pilot to address membership, public image, communication, and fundraising challenges to ensure our organisation thrives long into the future.

Should this proceed, in Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands, we have an opportunity to be one of a small number of regions across the globe to pilot this new governance structure, created by RI's Shaping Rotary's Future Committee.

The overarching aim is to provide better and more direct support to clubs through a less layered, but more effective and contemporary structure. The ideals of Rotary are to be retained with the focus remaining on the Clubs and their engagement with each other and their communities.

#### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It is with great regret that I start this note with the news of the passing of PP Jack Reid at the age of 97. Jack was a member for the past 59 years, and remained active in the club right to the last few weeks. Elsewhere in this edition of Spokes is an expanded record of his service.

As most of you already know, PP Peter Waite died a week or so ago. He was in care at Anglicare's Brian King Gardens at Castle Hill. A thanksgiving service will be held on Wednesday, 20th July at the Thornleigh Hillcrest Uniting Church, I Paling Street, Thornleigh at 10.45am. All are welcome to attend.

As we continue our efforts to find a permanent meeting place, I am able to say that there is a very promising option that I have located and I am waiting for what I hope will be a positive response. More of this at this week's meeting.

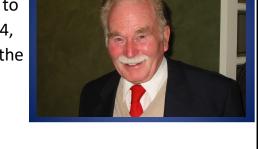
Please keep Ruth Reid and the family in your thoughts and prayers.

President David Firth

#### Vale PP Jack Reid

Jack was just 38 years old when he joined the recently formed Rotary Club of Pennant

Hills. He was introduced and sponsored by Bruce Ross, a long time friend. It will come as no surprise that his address was 2 Wilson Road, Pennant Hills - the home he had right to the end. Some trivia - his phone number then was 84 2424, the same as it is now except that 94 has been inserted at the beginning.



PRESIDENT JACK REID - 1974-75

Jack quickly became involved in the activities of the club. His first assignment was in Fellowship; welcoming

members on arrival at the meetings. The following year he was Sergeant - at - arms. And so he became involved in every avenue of service in the club.

In 1974/75 he was our president. Our club history book records that the year was filled with activities and projects across all avenues of service. In 1982/83 he was Community Service Director and in the following 3 or 4 years was a member of our Bi Centenary Committee.

But he was perhaps best known for his work on the 'Trees for Survival' project where we provided a shade house at Pennant Hills Public School and Jack and some other members taught the children how to raise native trees so that they could be planted in outer western areas now devoid of trees. Jack ran this project for some 18 years.

Jack never sought the limelight. He enjoyed 'hands on' projects and was anxious to help whenever he could. In this regard, he was our champion raffle ticket seller! We shall miss his smiling face and unfailing humour and encouragement.

#### **MEETING REPORT - 6th JULY**

We had quite a good attendance for our first meeting of the new Rotary Year. As advised before, we are meeting at Hotel Pennant Hills for all these meetings in July. A number of us arrived early so that we could have dinner before the meeting started at 7pm.

After opening the meeting and welcoming everyone, I advised that I had taken Ruth over to see Jack Reid on the previous Monday afternoon and that Jack was not looking well and the family is looking for nursing home care for him. It was also acknowledged that PP Peter Waite had passed away the previous week and that a service of thanksgiving for his life would be held on July 20th.

Members congratulated PP Theo on the club's receiving the Youth Service Award for a small club, due to the RYLA and RYPEN programs in Timor Leste. Theo responded by informing members of the Graham Turnidge Award, 'Rotarian Excellence Award' presented to me by DG Lindsay May at the District Changeover - so embarrassing!

Treasurer Ida was quickly into stride and was taking semi-annual dues by credit card. If you haven't paid yet, she'll be pleased to see you on Wednesday evening.

We then moved into the subject matter for the meeting, the Aims & Objectives for the year. Addressing the functioning of the club and its meetings firstly, we agreed to the plan of alternate business and fellowship meetings with the latter being more relaxed, social times with a minimum of Rotary and club business. It was also agreed that we would make zoom available for our business meetings (1st & 3rd Wednesdays each month). A number of potential meeting places were discussed and Jim and I undertook to check them out to determine availability and suitability and report back next week.

On the subject of Projects, we discussed a number of new and old ones -

Hosting computer training courses at Lutanda;

Also hosting an ANZAC Day function and BBQ at Lutanda;

Continuing with the Bunnings BBQs at Thornleigh;

A trivia night in October:

Continue the Christmas Trailer Raffle but perhaps with a reduced number of days:

Fathers Day & Mothers Day Raffles - just for a week or two before each day;

Trees of Joy at Pennant Hills & Thornleigh;

John Ellis advised that for Youth we have a previously selected student for RYLA, deferred from last January to next January - he just needs to check her availability. He will seek 2 nominations for RYPEN in February at Pennant Hills High. He is checking on the new arrangements for nominations for NYSF as they appear to have changed.

On the PR front, a few suggestions came up. Seeing if we could have a free sponsorship on Pennant Hills High website. And also whether we could submit regular articles in the school newsletter 'Jumbunna' which comes out monthly. We will also see if we can put promotions onto the screens in Pennant Hills Marketplace. It was noted that a BBQ trailer is available free to use from Hornsby Council. It was also noted that we need new signage to support our projects and public image.

Jim is handling Membership again. An interest meeting was proposed with members providing names of prospective attendees. Personal invitations to be sent to them and the meeting to provide Rotary information and an opportunity to join. We are also looking to hold information tables at Pennant Hills & Thornleigh Marketplaces.

The final item for the night was some homework in the form of a Member Satisfaction Survey for everyone to fill in and bring to our next meeting if possible.

**Reporter: The President** 

#### WHAT'S ON

Date	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	5 - minute talk	
PLEASE NOTE: ALL CLUB MEETINGS IN JULY WILL BE AT HOTEL PENNANT HILLS						
July 13	Fellowship Night	Everyone	David Firth	Jim Fraser		
July 20	Regionalisation of Rotary	ТВС	David Firth			
Sunday July 24	RET - Timor Leste Information Day	at Lutanda Manor	14 Victoria Rd.	Pennant Hills	More details	to come
Monday July 25	<b>Board Meeting</b>	On Zoom	7.30pm			
Sunday Aug 14	BUNNINGS BBQ	Thornleigh	8.00am	То	4.00pm	
Sat. Aug 20	Trivia Night	West Pennant Hills/	Cherrybrook Club	At	Cherrybrook Community	Centre

Last Week's Meeting - 30.06.2022

Attendance: 71.4%

Apologies: J Reid, P Stanton,

Guests: Nil

Leave of Absence: A Ameen, A Sud

## 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

#### A couple of the many photos of Jack and Ruth





#### Some interesting comments on life

The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

I intend to live forever....so far, so good.

If your car could travel at the speed of light, would your headlights work?