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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 Zone 8 Rotary Regionalisation Pilot Project

Guest Speaker: PP Niranjan Deodhar,
District Governor Nominee 2024-25
Chairman: President David Firth
Reporter: Theo Glockemann

We're at Hotel Pennant Hills - the
meeting starts at 7pm, but come
earlier if you want to have dinner
before the meeting.

A Permanent Meeting Place

It looks like we have a very suitable permanent meeting place at the Pennant Hills Community Health Centre, 5 Fisher Avenue, Pennant Hills.

This is a place we have supported over the years - firstly by installing a kitchen in the large meeting room. Then a few years later we funded the laying of a new floor covering. And then more recently, with the help of a district grant, we paid to have the interior ground floor repainted.

There is much to commend it as a meeting place as it is close to the shopping centre with plenty of parking and close to the railway station. They have also made storage available to us which is a big plus. We commence there in August.

There is no Zoom link for this week

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This week, as far as I am concerned, will register as the week of Past President funerals. As indicated in last week's issue, PP Peter Waite's Thanksgiving Service will be on Wednesday at 10.45am at the Thornleigh Hillcrest Uniting Church.

On Thursday at 2.15pm is the funeral service for PP Jack Reid in the Palm Chappel at Macquarie Park. The service will be conducted by Rev Alan Lowe who most of you know as a past club member.

Then on Friday at 2pm is the funeral of PP David Hopping at Castlebrook crematorium. David passed away Monday of last week, the day before Jack Reid. Again, Rev Alan Lowe will conduct this service also. Indeed, he will be involved in all 3 services although he won't conduct Peter's service.

So this week will see a major change to the history of this club. We send our condolences to each of the families.

President David Firth



Vale PP Peter Waite

Peter had the distinction of being a member of the club on 2 different occasions. He was first inducted in September 1971 in the classification of Building Construction. He maintained almost perfect attendance for two and a half years, but then resigned in March 1974. He joined again in October 1989 in the classification of Property Investment. He was quickly involved in the leadership of the club, taking on the secretary role in 1990, a position he held for 4 years straight. This was followed by the president role in 1994-95.



Peter was always ready to try something new and ever willing to roll up his sleeves with hands on projects. His involvement in the Scouting organization resulted in our club being involved in several of his projects with scouting. Peter was also a great supporter of our Pride of Workmanship Awards project and worked long and hard to try to have the licencing of the project by RI and the attendant royalties abolished. His lack of success finally led to his resignation in 1997. But he still maintained an interest in our clubs activities and supported us from time to time.

Vale PP David Hopping

David joined our club in September 1972, sponsored by Jack Reid. His classification became the subject of many jokes as it was Metals Forging or Forging for short. He was another member who was quickly involved in projects in the club. Three years after joining, he was Vocational Service Director and was involved in the start of the Pride of Workmanship campaign by the district. It was he who started the Pride of Workmanship Awards program which became the project our club runs to this day.



Dave was involved in the design and construction of an award winning playground at the North Rocks Deaf & Blind School. This was an association with our club that continued for several years. In 1989-90 he was President of the club and during that year he invented a Dartboard for the Blind—an amazing invention finally installed at Nepean Blind Sports Club in 1991.

Many of us have very fond memories of our club Christmas parties at the Hopping Ranch at Leets Vale hosted so generously by David and Heather. Dave was an Honorary member from 1994 through to his passing. We last saw him at the club's 60th Birthday in March 2020.

MEETING REPORT - 13th JULY

Our meeting started at 7 pm by President David Firth. The first topic talked about was the passing of Past President Jack Reid which is very sad news. His presence is going to be missed greatly and we all wished Ruth and the family well. Jack has been involved in many projects with the club to support the local community over a great number of years. The funeral service details are to follow.

Other sad news was that Honorary member PP David Hopping has also passed away. Theo shared a number of stories of the antics that David, the infamous 'Rat Pack' and other members played on each other as a bit of fun. Some of the events must have taken a lot of planning. In one, they convinced Cec McGrigor that the tractor at his property had somehow ended up in a dam. They had made tractor tracks to the edge of the dam and then placed an exhaust pipe sticking out of the water so that it looked as if the tractor was beneath the water. Cec was very angry until he realised a prank had been played on him and his tractor was safe and sound.

The discussion then turned to club activities and Theo went on to discuss new options for fund raising. The 3 main ideas he has revolved around Music, Gardens or Pets. For music it was discussed Carols by Candlelight at Ruddock Park. Through council there is access to a stage that could be used. There is lots of parking available but we would have to come up with a drawcard to draw people to the event. The ideas were left for further discussion.

Looks like we may have had some luck in securing a new venue. A number of locations were looked at with no success, however David had spoken to the manager of the Community Health Centre on Fisher Avenue. Pennant Hills Rotary has done a number of projects there including a kitchen, lino and painting. The cost is \$17 per hour and there is availability on Wednesday night and they do have a storage room we could use. A great find by David.

Theo brought up the potential to run a software training session at Lutanda which may be a way to raise some money. Details to be followed up on. There was a discussion of an outing to Lakemba for dinner to try the local menu.

David reminded us of the Regionalisation presentation next week with the differences between the organization of Rotary in the UK and USA and elsewhere.

Our meeting closed at around 8:15. (Just in time to get home to witness Queensland winning the State of Origin! Editor)

Reporter: Jim Fraser



This is the front entrance to the Community Health Centre

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 20	Regionalisation of Rotary	PP Niranjan Deodhar	David Firth	Theo Glockemann		
Sunday July 24	RET - Timor Leste Information Day	at Lutanda Manor	14 Victoria Rd.	Pennant Hills	More details	to come
Monday July 25	Board Meeting	On Zoom	7.30pm			
July 27	Fellowship Night	Everyone	David Firth			
Sunday Aug 14	BUNNINGS BBQ	Thornleigh	8.00am	To	4.00pm	
Sat. Aug 20	Trivia Night	West Pennant Hills/	Cherrybrook Club	At	Cherrybrook Community	Centre

Last Week's Meeting - 13.07.2022

Attendance: 46.2%

Apologies: J Ellis, P Hudson, T Pankhurst, P Stanton, J Terry

Guests: Nil

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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

**Saturday
20th August 2022**

Cherrybrook Community Centre
Shepherds Drive Cherrybrook

6.30pm for 7.00pm start

Only **\$20 pp**

Bring along your friends and make a table of 8
Tea & Coffee provided
BYOG & nibbles

Funds raised from this event will go to
Grace's Place, a unique place of healing
and restoration for children affected by
homicide.



**WORLD
POLIO
DAY**
OCTOBER 24th

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West Pennant Hills
Rotary
& Cherrybrook



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The true meaning of life is to plant trees under
whose shade you do not expect to sit."
- Nelson Henderson.