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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

### A Fellowship Night - Our last regular meeting at HOTEL PENNANT HILLS

Let's meet around 6 to 6.30pm for a meal  
and enjoy each others company.  
We'll have a few things to discuss  
coming out of the Board Meeting this week.

**Reporter: Pam Hudson**

## BOARD MEETING REPORT

Although Treasurer Ida was away, the Financial report was that 10 members have so far paid their semi-annual dues. District, RI and RDU dues have been paid for the first 6 months. A budget for both Club and Project Accounts was presented.

Membership development is a major focus for us this year. The board decided to plan an Information Meeting with all members being involved in bringing potential new members along to learn about Rotary and our club.

Plans were discussed for moving in to the Community Health Centre as our new permanent home. More about this shortly.

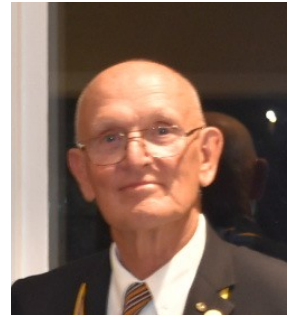
The subject of Projects was discussed - both new and our regular ones. Again, we'll discuss this as a club shortly.

The board also decided to make a donation of \$500 in memory of PP Jack Reid to the Rotary Foundation.

There is no Zoom link for this week

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As I indicated last week, we had the regrettable experience of 3 funerals of past presidents in a row last week. In each of these, as is so often the case, I learned so much about the person that I had not been aware of. Perhaps the one that stood out for me was the life story which Jack Reid had penned for his family a few years ago. A copy of the live-stream of the service which includes that in the eulogy is available for those unable to be there.



At times we can feel as though we are fighting a losing battle - that we seem to be the only one who wants to achieve something - whatever it is we are focused on. I am encouraged by an article I saved some time ago, by Rotarian Frank Dreaver from the Tuscaloosa Club in Alabama, USA, entitled '**The Power of One**'.

In part he wrote - "Change begins with **The Power of One** when one person steps forward with an idea, and puts that idea into action.

**The Power of One:** Paul Harris reached out to three friends for fellowship, and a century later Rotary includes more than 1.2 million who share in fellowship and service.

**The Power of One:** a New Zealand Rotarian envisioned an exchange for business and professional people, giving birth to Group Study Exchange."

And I would add - **The Power of One:** Rotarian Ian Scott from Victoria who proposed an Australian Rotary research foundation to fund health research which led to Australian Rotary Health.

We should all be inspired to keep those dreams alive - let's discuss them and see where they lead us.

President David Firth



*Give Every Child A Future - Our Australasian Centenary Project*

A talk given by Robert Fisher of the Melbourne Rotary Club

This project has been in the works now for some five years.

By way of summary, the \$US 3.9Million Centenary project aims to immunise around 100,000 children across 9 Pacific Island nations against three life-threatening diseases: diarrhea, pneumonia and cervical cancer. So far, I'm proud to say, we've raised over 90% of the required funding. Our Club alone has contributed around \$100,000, and has been instrumental in raising a further quarter of a million dollars.

Now the work is well underway on the ground, supervised by our project partner, UNICEF, who are producing video footage of the implementation phase.

The following is an excerpt from the project newsletter last March

*Vaccinations continue in Vanuatu, Samoa, Tonga, Tuvulu and Nauru with Tokelau and Cook Islands hoping to start their programs by Immunisation week 24-30 April. While the COVID pandemic has caused delays RGECAF is committed to delivering the vaccine programme for three years in each country from whenever they start. On the fund raising front it has been a slow quarter with Omicron and the holiday season but if your club is planning events please let us know. We are now raising our last \$700,000 so please continue to encourage your club and district to donate. With RIPE Jennifer Jones planning visits to the Pacific over the next year to highlight Rotary Give Every Child A Future it's going to be a great year!*

The vaccinations in the Cook Islands are well under way.

## MEETING REPORT 20/7/2022

This was our second last meeting at Penno Pub!

Pres David opened the meeting and had a few messages.

This week the funerals of three of our Past President's will take place.

PP Peter Waite's funeral was today

PP Jack Reid's funeral will be tomorrow

PP David Hopping's funeral will be on Friday

Not the best week in our Rotary Club's history!

Our new meeting place from 3<sup>rd</sup> August will be the Community Health

Centre in which our club provided a new kitchen and floor coverings

Timor Information BBQ lunch is next Sunday at Lutanda Manor.

A plea from the President to submit our Rotary Satisfaction Surveys.

Pres David then introduced our guest speaker DGN Niranjan Deodhar.

His subject – Zone 8 Regionalisation. The following is a copy of his

speech notes highlighting the reasons for the possible change/s

1. We currently lack 'one voice' and a clear point of contact to engage as peers with partners at scale. There is no head of Rotary in Australia or New Zealand or any of the other Pacific Island countries. If Government, large corporations or major Non-Government Organisations want to collaborate with us, we don't currently have a structure to engage with them effectively.

2. Sharing of expertise and talent is limited by club and district boundaries. Collaboration across these internal boundaries is left to individuals and their ability to network – the system does not do enough to enable and inform such collaboration

3. There's significant duplication of internal administrative duties and overheads across clubs and districts, consuming our members' scarce time and creating costs. District officers spend significant time on the 'workings of Rotary' and not enough supporting the clubs in 'the work of Rotary'.

4. If we can create more efficient structures beyond the club, we will better support the clubs in doing what they do best – do good in the world and have fun while doing it! We will attract more members, provide more flexible models of membership that suit a more diverse society - and save costs to boot.

The journey of exploring, designing and testing new ways of operating will be an inclusive and collaborative process. New models will be tested and reviewed for effectiveness over a period of 3 years in a staged manner, at each point proceeding further only if the suggested change is working.

Many questions followed which demonstrated the interest that this proposal brings.

DGN Naranjan's presentation was very well received and prompted many of us to consider the future of Rotary, particularly here in Zone 8 (Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Island nations.)

Our President then closed what turned out to be a quite stimulating meeting.

**Senior Reporter Theo G.** (*Theo claims to have submitted the fastest report ever - at 9.11pm Wednesday!*)



Guest Speaker Niranjan Deodhar and his wife Vinita who also attended

## 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 27	Fellowship Night	Everyone	David Firth	Pam Hudson		
Aug 3	Introduction to our New Home at The Community Health Centre	TBA	David Firth	John Ellis		
Sunday Aug 14	BUNNINGS BBQ	Thornleigh	8.00am	To	4.00pm	
Aug 17	Teachers on Wheels	Chris Anthony	Theo Glockemann	Phil Stanton		
Sat. Aug 20	Trivia Night	West Pennant Hills/	Cherrybrook Club	At	Cherrybrook Community	Centre

**Last Week's Meeting - 20.07.2022**

**Attendance:** 61.5%

**Apologies:** T Pankhurst, P Stanton, J Terry

**Guests:** DGN Niranjan Deodhar,  
Rotarian Vinita Deodhar

**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

# Trivia?

## NIGHT?

**Saturday**  
**20<sup>th</sup> 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.**

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West Pennant Hills

**Rotary**

& Cherrybrook



**It takes vision and  
courage to create -  
it takes faith and  
courage to prove.**

Owen D. Young

*So far I have received 6 of the Member Satisfaction Surveys back and I am collating the responses so that we can look at the over-all results. Please submit yours if you haven't done so already.*