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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  
**WELCOME TO OUR NEW HOME!**  
**PENNANT HILLS COMMUNITY**  
**HEALTH CENTRE**  
5 FISHER AVENUE, PENNANT HILLS  
**Discussion about Membership**  
**Development and New Fund-raising**  
**Ideas.**

Chairman: President Phil Stanton  
Reporter: John Ellis

**Poem for Grandpa**

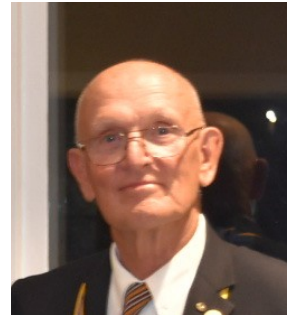
by Jake Reid

Faded hat, flannel shirt, forever playing in the garden dirt.  
Raking the leaves, stacking the sticks,  
no gardening chores left without ticks.  
A silver fox with a twinkle in your eye,  
grandpa you really were a wonderful guy.  
Smiling at grandma, kissing her cheek,  
telling her to be quiet so you could speak.  
Cleaning the pool and the outdoor spa,  
cutting people off when driving your car.  
You were always willing, always able,  
your plate was forever full at the table.  
Known by many, loved by all,  
you always picked up the phone to give me a call.  
All your clothing grandma would mend,  
she was right by your side, until the very end.  
67 years of marriage, filled with love,  
an everlasting bond, continued from above.  
You gave so much and asked nothing in return,  
a man from which we all could learn.  
What a life you lived, as the stories are told,  
you had so much passion, even as you grew old.  
Its goodbye for now, but only awhile,  
when I close my eyes, I can still see your smile.  
Rest easy my grandpa, we'll take it from here,  
we love you and know, you'll always be near.



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This is quite an exciting week for our club as we commence meeting at our new home at the Pennant Hills Community Health Centre. We will no doubt have a settling in period as we learn what we need to do to enable our meetings to proceed as we would like. I have to say that the reception I have had from the lady who manages the centre has been absolutely great - and you will all get an opportunity to meet her this week as she will be there to welcome us. As you can see, I thought it was appropriate to reprint a report from March 2014 when we had the centre painted inside. Given the hospitality shown to us, I'm sure we will have the centre firmly on our support list this year.



As we talk about membership this week I came across the following under the heading "What is Rotary?" and thought it was appropriate to repeat here. PP Doug Stewart of the Sydney Rotary Club wrote in 1966 -

*"Rotary is a movement in which the appeal is to the human heart and mind, a movement which enriches the spirit of its members because it unites them with those who have similar ideals and, being carefully chosen, is assured that these ideals are understood; a movement that appeals to those outside because it brings enrichment of life in a remarkable way; an enrichment that is not associated with particular aims, but with an outlook that can change with the necessities of the community and this world."*

I am also reading a book at present, "Creatures of Habit" by Mark Huddleston, a rotarian from South Australia who focusses on membership - the retention of existing members and the recruitment of new members. It's certainly a confronting read! David Firth

### From Spokes back in 2014

#### THE PAINTING OF PENNANT HILLS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

The poor condition of the Pennant Hills Community Health Centre came to the attention of the Rotary Club of Pennant Hills nearly 2 years ago. The centre was opened in November 1987 and has never been repainted in the intervening 26 years! As a community centre which is used every week from Monday to Friday, it was felt that the public areas and the consultation and treatment rooms needed to be brightened up.

The club decided to get quotes to paint the ground floor area inside and see if funds could be obtained to have the work carried out. Facing a cost of over \$9,000, the club decided to apply for a Rotary District grant to help. This was finally obtained late last year so that a painting contractor, David Feeney, could be engaged to do the work. Due to the need to comply with Hornsby Ku-Ring-Gai Hospital O H & S policies, work was delayed until mid March when the centre closed for a week to allow the work to be done without interruption.

The result has been a transformation of the centre throughout. Manager Vera Bucci was ecstatic about the result as were the various staff members who operate clinics and provide treatment to patients. The community hall at the rear of the centre, used by over 300 people on a weekly basis according to Vera, is so much brighter and users are also delighted with the upgrade.

The General Manager of Hornsby Ku-Ring-Gai Hospital, Frank Bazik, in his Monday Memo to all staff, acknowledged the work as follows- "The Pennant Hills Community Health Centre is getting a makeover thanks to the generosity and the outstanding community spirit of the Pennant Hills Rotary Club. The Centre was painted last week and is looking immaculate."

This is the third project the Rotary Club has completed at the Community Health Centre, having previously provided a kitchen in the community hall and later funded new floor covering for the hall.



**This photo was following the completion of the painting project - Frank Bazik, Linda Glanfield and Jack Reid**

## MEETING REPORT 27/7/2022

This was our last meeting booked at the Hotel Pennant Hills. A number of us met early and had a meal and some refreshment. As the meeting was listed as a fellowship night, there was very little formal business. President David did welcome back President Phil from not only his holiday in the Kimberleys but also from his enforced sojourn with what David called COVID 22. Phil reported that he is now fine as is wife Lyn, and that several others who flew back from Broome with them have suffered a similar isolation.

The assembled gathering then discussed and shared ideas about projects and fund-raising opportunities, some of which are being followed up to see what the viability is for us to take them on. There may well be reports back at next week's meeting on some of these. We are still planning to have the trailer raffle again - we already have the trailer thanks to last year's winner giving it back!

After a good broad-ranging discussion, David reminded all that we are off to our new home next week. We packed up and bade farewell to HPH.



**ShelterBox**

AUSTRALIA

### **Bangladesh - Floods**

**Millions of people have been affected by intense monsoon rains in Bangladesh.**

It has caused some of the worst flooding to ever hit the region, leaving millions of people displaced and many communities without electricity. ShelterBox has sent an assessment team to the low-lying country.

Dave Ray is one of the response team members heading out to Bangladesh. He said: "Widespread flash flooding, caused by monsoon rains, has left millions of people displaced and many communities without electricity.

"With a quarter of the country now under water, a ShelterBox team is heading out to Bangladesh to see if we are well placed to support people who have lost their homes and, if we are, determine what our response might look like.

"ShelterBox has experience of working in Bangladesh. We've responded there several times, including in 2017 and 2019 after flooding left parts of the country devastated and many without adequate shelter."



**On any given night, 116,000  
Australians are without a home**

**Support Homelessness Week 2022**

**1-7 August**

**[homelessnessaustralia.org.au](http://homelessnessaustralia.org.au)**

## WHAT'S ON

Date	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	5 - minute talk	
<b>PLEASE NOTE: ALL CLUB MEETINGS NOW AT 5 FISHER AVE, PENNANT HILLS</b>						
Aug 3	Introduction to our New Home at The Community Health Centre	Everyone	Phil Stanton	John Ellis		
Aug 10	Fellowship Night	NA	Phil Stanton	David Firth		
<b>Sunday Aug 14</b>	<b>BUNNINGS BBQ</b>	<b>Thornleigh</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>4.00pm</b>	
Aug 17	Teachers on Wheels	Chris Anthony	Theo Glockemann	Phil Stanton		
<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 - 27.07.2022

Attendance: 61.5%

Apologies: J Fraser, I Shi, J Terry

Guests: Nil

Leave of Absence: A Ameen, A Sud

August Anniversaries & Birthdays

Birthdays:

Nil

Anniversaries:

Nil

Club Induction Anniversary:

Ida Shi - August 31

Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless.

Sherry Anderson

# 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.

Bookings essential: ph 0468 330 667  
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More details:  
[www.wphcrotary.org/2022-trivia-night](http://www.wphcrotary.org/2022-trivia-night)  
[www.facebook.com/WPHCRotaryclub](https://www.facebook.com/WPHCRotaryclub)

West Pennant Hills

**Rotary**

& Cherrybrook



**Fellows, we have the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle coming up on Sunday 14th August at Thornleigh. We need volunteers for the morning and the afternoon shifts. Please get in touch with Jim Fraser so that he can put the roster together and ensure a good result.**