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Pennant Hills Rotary Club

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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

Fellowship Night

Come along and have some fun together

Chairman: President Phil Reporter: David Firth

Fellows, the Rotary International Convention next year is in Melbourne from 27th to 31st May next year. This is a great opportunity to meet with Rotarians from around the world and to hear, first hand, about the amazing work being done by clubs in every part of the Rotary world. If you are interested in attending, please talk to David Firth so we can co-ordinate hotel bookings, etc. It will be a great experience.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Following last week's meeting, I had a get together with Pat Parker to discuss the trailer raffle arrangements so that he could proceed with booking the sites. He has gone ahead with making those arrangements so that we have the following timetable which has yet to be confirmed in its entirety -



October 22 - Pennant Hills Market Place;

October 29 - Thornleigh Marketplace; November 5 - Westleigh Village;

November 12 - Coonara Shopping Centre; November 19 - West Pymble Village;

November 26 - Cherrybrook Centre; December 3 - Spare at present;

December 10 - Thornleigh Marketplace;

December 17 - Pennant Hills Market Place;

Raffle drawn at Pennant Hills Market Place on Sunday December 18 - TBC.

You can see that we have a spare Saturday on December 3, however we are looking for another venue for that day. Similarly, we have yet to arrange the drawing of the raffle at the shopping centre.

We had a Board Meeting on Monday evening at which we discussed a couple of changes to our 'normal' operations. These are a continuation of our transition to our new venue and meeting format.

Firstly, we talked about our newsletter, Spokes, and decided that, from September we would produce it twice a month on the 1st and 3rd weeks. On the other weeks there will be an emailed reminder of forthcoming activities.

Secondly, we decided that the meeting time will be 7pm with the venue access being from 6.45pm.

Let's see how this works out. We may decide to make further changes in light of our experience.

Cheers,

David Firth

PS: Please give serious thought to going to the convention in Melbourne next May.

OUR FIRST PARTNERS' SOCIAL NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, 31st AUGUST at TUNG TONG THAI RESTAURANT

1A HILLCREST ROAD, PENNANT HILLS - 6.00 FOR 6.30PM THE COST IS \$25 EACH - Entrée + 3 main courses (Please pay cash) Let Daisy Huang know that you are coming by texting her on 0413 719 596



Also let her know if you have any special dietary requirements.

MEETING REPORT - 17th August, 2022

And so, we meet for the second time in our new (for us) Rotary abode. And the front door worked a treat!

Welcomes all around, and in particular to Corinne Hayes and our Guest Speaker Chris Anthony.

To those interested in following progress, it will be recalled that at our previous meeting there had been discussion re how to more closely connect with our local community re what Rotary did. This with a view that other members of the local community may be interested in joining the Club. This had led to agreement that the emphasis should move from buying/ selling the sausage sandwich, to providing information as to why we were there at all.

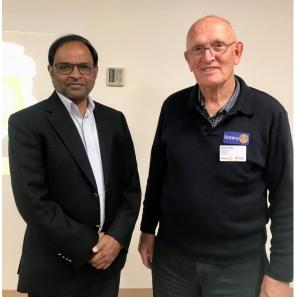
So with this approach in mind sausages on bread were again on the menu at Bunnings on Sunday along with a conversation with Corinne.

However, back to the meeting. There was some discussion in regards to the trailer raffle and to the potential venues. Pres David had undertaken a review of past locations and after some discussion adjustments were agreed. Pres David will provide this information in due course. It was also noted that PP Pat Parker had willingly agreed to assist in lining up and organising approvals for raffle ticket sales at the selected venues. It was also noted that there will be more Rotary information in, on, and around ticket sales materials.

Our guest speaker Chris Anthony was introduced. Chris was representing 'Pathly', (formerly known as "Teachers on Wheels") an organisation he helped to develop. His passion is to "change the world, one

person at a time." Pathly is broadly based and seeks to meld aspects of local education and training 'internationally' with local (Aust developed) training which would be undertaken overseas. There are some similar threads to the programmes RYPEN/RYLA currently being run in Timor. Chris is aware of these programmes and is of the view that there is potential for a strong affinity between both.

We look forward to hearing how the programmes develop along with the necessary funding and wish him all the very best.



Phil Stanton



		WHAT'S ON					
Date	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter		5 - minute talk	
PLEASE NOTE: ALL CLUB MEETINGS NOW AT 5 FISHER AVE, PENNANT HILLS							
Aug 24	Fellowship Night	Everyone	Phil Stanton	Davi	d Firth		
Aug 31	Partners' Social Night	Dinner at Tung To	ong Thai Restaura	int at 6.	00 for 6.	30pm - \$25 each	n Set Menu
Sept 7	Australian Rotary Health	Geoff Brennan	Pam Hudson	Adria	an Bell		
Sept 14	Fellowship Night	Everyone	Phil Stanton	Pam	Hudson		
Sept 21	Literacy talk	твс	lda Shi	Joh	n Ellis		

Last Week's Meeting - 17.08.2022

Attendance: 69.2%

Apologies: J Fraser, J Terry

Guest Speaker: Chris Anthony

Guests: Corinne Hayes

Leave of Absence: A Ameen, A Sud

August Anniversaries & Birthdays **Birthdays:** Nil Anniversaries: Nil **Club Induction Anniversary:** Ida Shi - August 31

RECONNECTING WITH TIMOR-LESTE

With borders reopening earlier this year, a District 9560 Training Team was finally able to visit Timor-Leste in March to reconnect with the Rotarians and Rotaractors who have been 'cut off' from the rest of the District for 2 years.

The Team included current District Governor Martti Kankkunen and wife Karen for a belated 'in person' official visit.

In person training is very important for our Timorese Rotarians as English is not their first language, and the internet connection for online learning and meetings is sometimes patchy. During our training sessions, interpreters are available to assist anyone having difficulty understanding.

There are two Rotary Clubs in Timor-Leste; the Rotary Club of Dili and the Rotary Club of Dili Lafaek, both based in the capital Dili. There are also six Rotaract Clubs with the seventh club about to be officially chartered. These clubs are based in Dili and some other more remote centres, enabling Rotary to have an impact in many parts of the country. The Training Team included a visit to Maliana to meet with the members of the Rotaract Club of Bobonaro in the western district.



