

# **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

# This week's meeting -

A Change of Plan!
With the start of our Christmas Trailer
Raffle less than 2 weeks away,
we need to have a discussion about
the roster for selling on Saturdays.
So we will meet over coffee or tea at
the Health Centre at 7.00pm.
If you know of anyone who would like
to help on Saturdays, please contact
them and find out when they can help.

Now is a good time to think about the International Convention in Melbourne at the end of May next year. If you are interested in going, talk to David Firth so we can organise accommodation.



#### **MEETING REPORT - OCTOBER 5**

It was a dark and rainy night, but Ida was there early to ensure that the doors were open, the lights were on, and the table and chairs were in place. We were then set for the evening.

It was noted that PDG Pam Pritchard, (recent guest speaker at the Club) had invited the Pennant Hills Club to a fund raiser trivia night scheduled for mid October. A few members have expressed interest in attending, along with their partners. (Pam Hudson may like to co-ordinate this involvement incl Jim Fraser and Theo Glockemann).

It was noted that Pat Parker and Phil Stanton, had visited Bunnings Dural, who had kindly donated some gifts for the trailer raffle. These are now securely stowed and will be transferred to the RED trailer when Terry Pankhurst returns.

It was also noted that the selling season is about to start and the attendance diary for the sellers needs to be completed as asap.

Gavin Ralston was welcomed as our guest speaker for the meeting, and his topic was the 'Science and Engineering Challenge.'

This project has now been around for a number of years and came out of a desire of the universities to improve the up-take of school students in the science and engineering universities subjects. On an international scale, Australia sits almost at the very bottom of the ladder, with student involvement in these subjects continuing to go backwards. So this program was established for children to a one day, fun filled competition that could awaken an interest in science and engineering.



The idea is that there is a national competition from school students in years 9 and 10, the first round of which now attracts 30,000 students per year, from 88 schools and involves about 80 Rotary Clubs nation wide. Students are given limited resources (card board, sticky tape, string etc for the development of things such as a bridge, and basic electronic components that results in communication and transport outcomes) and are asked to design, make and demonstrate the results, all on the one day.

One of the big 'take aways' however was the significant improvements achieved in outcomes as a consequence of teamwork.

Continued support for the program is however required and from a range of areas including volunteer mentor roles, financial support etc.

So thanks Gavin, very interesting project, we trust that it continues to provide important information to our children and grandchildren as they make life choices.



Phil Stanton

In the lead up to World Polio Day on October 24, the following are a couple of items about the current vaccination efforts.



A polio vaccination team visits a home in Karachi, Pakistan, in August. More than 60 percent of vaccine workers in the country are women, helping to build trust and convince mothers to vaccinate their children.

### A new weapon in the fight against polio

A modified polio vaccine, nOPV2, is offering new hope in the fight to eradicate polio. The reengineered formula has a lower risk of causing vaccine-derived poliovirus. This means it is less likely that the weakened strain of poliovirus used in the vaccine will mutate and spur outbreaks in communities where immunization levels are low. The vaccine first rolled out in March 2021. In the first half of 2022, more than 370 million doses have been administered in more than 20 countries.

## Rotary pledges \$150 million toward polio eradication

Rotary International President Jennifer Jones appeared on the main stage at the star-studded Global Citizen Festival on 24 September to highlight Rotary's commitment to eradicating polio and announce an additional \$150 million pledge toward that end. Jones spoke in front of 60,000 people in New York City and tens of thousands more online and on TV.



#### WHAT'S ON

Date	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	
PLEASE NOTE: ALL CLUB MEETINGS NOW AT 5 FISHER AVE, PENNANT HILLS					
Oct 12	Trailer Raffle Planning	David Firth	David Firth		
Oct 19	ТВС				
Oct 22	Trailer Raffle Selling at Pennant Hills				
Oct 26	Social Night				Partners Night
Nov 2					
Nov 9	Official Visit of District Governor	DG Mina Howard	Phil Stanton	John Ellis	

#### Last Week's Meeting - 05.10.2022

Attendance: 46.2%

**Apologies:** J Ellis, D Firth, P Hudson,

T Pankhurst, A Sud, J Terry

Guest Speaker: Rtn Gavin Ralston, E-Club of

Greater Sydney

LOA: A Ameen

#### October Anniversaries & Birthdays Birthdays:

T Pankhurst - October 3
P Stanton - October 3
M Pankhurst - October 25
H Hopping - October 31
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#### **Club Induction Anniversary:**

A Bell - October 9 A Sud - October 13





#### **Vale Arthur George Jerome**

Past President Arthur passed away on October

1. He had been suffering from dementia for the
past few years. As many will recall, he was a
neighbour and close friend of John and
Beverley Young.

Arthur joined the club on 19th February, 1987 and resigned some 13 years later in 2000, havin served the club in various ways—as director on 4 occasions and was president in 1993/94.

But Arthur was perhaps best known for the great fundraising he did for Australian Rotary Health, particularly selling surplus saucepan sets given to us by his employer, Nutrimetics. Indeed, Arthur almost single handedly raised many thousands of dollars.

Our condolences to his partner Gillian, and children - Sharon, Michelle, Wayne and Belinda - their partners and his grandchildren and great grandchildren.