



# SPOKES



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

## This week's meeting -

We are meeting at  
**HOTEL PENNANT HILLS**

at 6.30pm

for a chat and a meal for those who can make it.

### THE CHRISTMAS TRAILER RAFFLE

We started off last Saturday selling at Pennant Hills Market Place. Although it seems early to be thinking about Christmas, we had a very encouraging result, selling just over 200 tickets with takings of \$785.00. That amount included several donations. But what was also encouraging was the interest shown by several people in the club and what we do. Rotary information with our contact details was handed out to each of these people. Of course, this year we have contact details on the reverse side of the tickets for all our customers to see.

Thanks to the sales teams - AM Team Maureen and Terry Pankhurst and Pam Hudson; PM Team - John Ellis and David Firth.



The teams for next Saturday at Thornleigh Marketplace are -  
AM Team - John Ellis, Anoop Sud and David Firth  
PM Team - Ida Shi and Terry Pankhurst  
Raffle books are ready for all members to sell at home, etc.

## MEETING REPORT - OCTOBER 19

President Phil Stanton opened this meeting then David Firth reported on the funeral of Arthur Jerome earlier that afternoon. Arthur, who had been an active member of this Club, had been in full time care for the past three years. David then wished Theo and Georgia Glockemann a safe sojourn in East Timor as they pack to leave this Friday. World Polio Day is this weekend and will see the Great Train Ride, a Polio fundraiser, passing through Pennant Hills on 24 October.

Ray White, the real estate agency, is planning a community program to collect clothing, food, toys and such to distribute locally. The Club has been contacted to suggest possible beneficiaries and this is seen as a way to have the Club's name before the local community. Fay Kitto, RC of North Rocks, has passed details of a theatre evening on 16 November where Picasso meets Einstein. David suggested we might consider this for our social evening next month.

DG Mina Howard is scheduled to visit this Club on 9 November and it was agreed we should investigate arrangements for a meal for the occasion. David then confirmed that he has had a favourable response from the Pennant Hills Civic Trust to speak to us on 23 November.

The next item was our Trailer Raffle ticket sales. Terry Pankhurst reported that the trailer was ready to venture out in public with a new raincoat. And with wet weather likely, a suitable umbrella will be desirable when we are in exposed locations.

David Firth then introduced the topic for this evening – Pride of Workmanship. He had the promotional stand that displayed the different forms of the award including the original yellow backing on tinfoil with blue lettering. This format is now printed on a plastic sheet. There has not been much demand for this format in recent years and the shield format is now the most in demand. The display included the rectangular plaque that is still popular



in many Clubs. David displayed a graph showing sales results over the 40 years the project has been running. Twenty years ago we were selling \$55,000 worth of trophies p.a. In 2012 RI dropped Avenues of Service and Vocational service from the Rotary theme and our PoW sales started to decline. Many Districts and Clubs in Australia have dropped Vocational service. Nevertheless we continue to retain regular customers and we do gain new customers from time to time. With contact details within Clubs changing yearly it is not straightforward to maintain continuing contact with a particular Club. We advertise in RDU and we have a website for PoW as well as our Club website. The PoW site includes trophy options and testimonials from customers. David then showed members how trophies are assembled from a wooden backing sourced from China and a metal badge sourced from Bankstown. Customers can order on line and David can arrange delivery of trophies without engraving within 48 hours. When engraving is desired, items will go out in five days. Because of postage charges these day deliveries in and around Sydney will go via courier. Australia Post handles all other deliveries. More recently COVID matters have added to this downward trend. David covered our operating costs – advertising in RDU, web site maintenance, printing and so on. David gave examples of difficult customers – mainly Clubs that require much chasing for payment. Discussion followed with comments on cheaper products, a Facebook page and reviews of the market. For our newer members, David's presentation gave a very good overview.

With discussion then winding up, President Phil then closed the meeting.

Reporter: John Ellis



At last week's meeting we discussed an invitation from Ray White Real Estate to join with them in their "Little Ray of Giving" project asking for gifts for the underprivileged in the community. We decided to join in with them as an adjunct to our Trees of Joy.

At right is a picture of a DL size card they will letterbox drop throughout the Pennant Hills, Thornleigh and Westleigh area. In addition, they are providing letters explaining their project for every student in Pennant Hills, Thornleigh West, and Normanhurst West Public Schools. Gifts can be left at each of the schools and Ray White's office in Pennant Hills.

Our direct involvement in the project will be the collection of gifts from each of the schools in the second week of December, and from Ray White's office and then delivering them to the charities we are supporting this year.



## Everybody deserves to smile this Christmas

Drop a present into our office from 22 November and we'll make sure it gets to a deserving member of our community.

We are supporting Rotary Club of Pennant Hills, because everyone should receive a gift this Christmas.



Ray White Pennant Hills  
02 9481 8600

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### *Decisions from this week's Board Meeting*

*At our meeting on Monday evening the board made the following decisions:*

- 1. The alternate weeks when we do not have a speaker/program, we will meet at Hotel Pennant Hills at 6.30pm for a chat over a meal for those able to come.*
- 2. The District Governor's Official visit will include a meal and will start at 6.30pm. We also decided to invite people who have shown interest in Rotary and our club as they will get a good overview of what Rotary is about and what our club is doing.*
- 3. Our Australia Day celebration will be preferably on January 25, but may be a week earlier depending on the availability of our suggested guest speaker.*
- 4. All members need to start thinking about what they would like to do next Rotary year as our AGM & Elections are on December 7.*



## WHAT'S ON

| Date   | Program  | Speaker                              | Chair                    | Reporter   |                                  |
|--------|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|
| Oct 26 | Social Night                                       | at Hotel Pennant Hills               | Meet at 6.30pm           |            |                                  |
| Oct 29 | Trailer Raffle Selling at Thornleigh               | AM<br>J Ellis, A Sud, D Firth        | PM<br>I Shi, T Pankhurst |            |                                  |
| Nov 2  | Social Night                                       | at Hotel Pennant Hills               | Meet at 6.30pm           |            |                                  |
| Nov 5  | Trailer Raffle Selling at Westleigh                | AM<br>J Ellis, J Fraser, T Pankhurst | PM<br>D Firth, H Firth   |            |                                  |
| Nov 9  | Official Visit of District Governor Meet at 6.30pm | DG Mina Howard                       | Phil Stanton             | Jim Fraser |                                  |
| Nov 16 | Theatre Party at Pavillion Theatre, Castle Hill    | with North Rocks Rotary Club         | At 7.30pm                |            | <b>Plus Partners and friends</b> |

### Last Week's Meeting - 19.10.2022

Attendance: 69.2%

Apologies: A Bell, P Hudson, J Terry,

Guest Speaker: D Firth

Leave of Absence: A Ameen

### October Anniversaries & Birthdays

#### Birthdays:

T Pankhurst - October 3

P Stanton - October 3

M Pankhurst - October 25

H Hopping - October 31

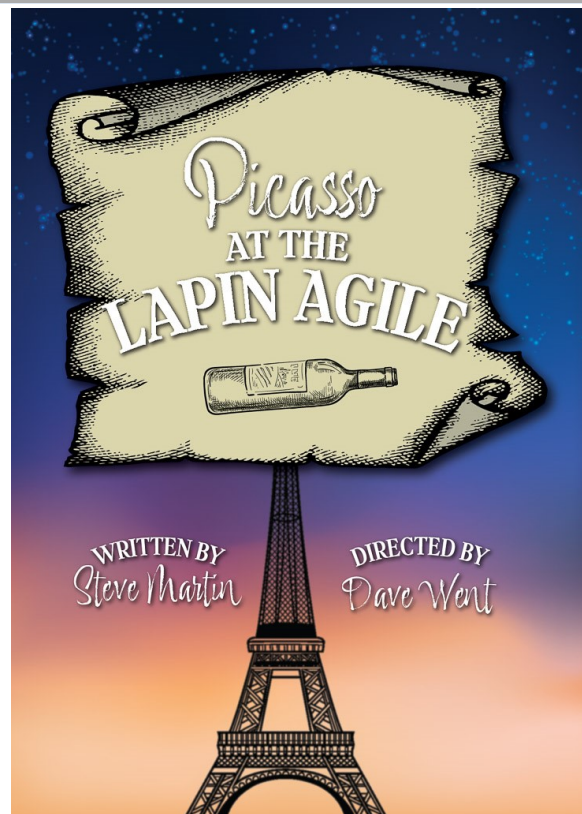
#### Anniversaries:

Nil

#### Club Induction Anniversary:

A Bell - October 9

A Sud - October 13



Theatre Party on November 16th at the Pavillion Theatre, Castle Hill Showground at 7.30 for cheese & wine. The show starts at 8.00pm. Cost is \$30 each - payment by CASH on the night. Numbers to Pam Hudson by Thursday November 10th.

### EVER WONDER...

Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?

Why is it that Doctors call what they do 'practice'?