



# 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

### Social Night at HOTEL PENNANT HILLS

Reporter: David Firth

Meeting from 6.30

Come if you can, with your partner too for a chat over a meal.

### The President's Corner - David Firth

What a week we have had! The Flood Relief Appeal which Pam so enthusiastically started, shows what can be achieved if you put your minds to it plus, of course, a bit of energy. Essentially, food and toiletries were gathered around the Rotary District, with part collected at Pam's home, and part collected in the Kurrajong/Blue Mountains region with AG Paul Rogers running it.

Nearer to us, Jim worked with IGA Supermart at Pennant Hills to gather donations of food there, while others in our Hills area received donations - West Pennant Hills & Cherrybrook Club gained support from Woolworths at Coonara and Cherrybrook and received a lot of donations and a Woolworths voucher for \$100.

Sunday saw a team at Pam's home sorting and packing the donated items. Those involved were Pam & Peter, Daisy, Georgia, Ida and her mother, and me - see the photos. Finally we packed it all into 2 utilities and Peter's 4WD, ready for a 6am Monday drive out to Eugowra, about 4½ hours



west. Pam reports that they arrived and delivered the loads and then spent time handing out items to local residents who are in need. Pam and Peter are staying there for a couple of days to help, and Jim is going there on Wednesday also for a couple of days. All in all, a great effort!

## MEETING REPORT - November 23rd



This was the night when we were to meet the representative of the Pennant Hills Civic Trust and find out what they actually do. However, the best laid plans do fail on occasions and this was such an occasion. Fortunately, it gave us the opportunity to have Ida Shi tell us about one of the key projects of her employer, namely The Hearing Aid Bank, and how it works.

But first, we had some announcements. Pam Hudson gave us an update on the progress of the Flood Relief Appeal for Western NSW. The appeal is developing rapidly with many clubs involved. Items are being collected at Pam's home and also at Kurrajong which is supervised by AG Paul Rogers. Delivery will be next week in all probability. There is also a call out for volunteers too to help in Eugowra and Cowra.

The Westfield Gift Wrapping project is on—the date is Friday 16th December from 4.30 to 7.00pm. Ida has made the booking and is ready to accept volunteers for part of that time. All materials are provided by Westfield and we get the income - \$2 for small items; \$4 for larger ones; and \$1 for ribbons/bows/etc.

Theo Glockemann gave us some news of the RET program in Timor Leste. Woodside, the major sponsor of the program, is featuring it on their website, indicating how important RYLA is in that country and how it is recognized by Woodside and other employers there. Theo also advised that PP Ed Sobiesiak has offered to assist Theo in his oversight of RET and RYPEN in particular.

I was then pleased to introduce Ida who came with a powerpoint presentation. Ida started by telling us that 1 in 6 Australians suffer with some degree of hearing loss and that number will grow to 1 in 4 by 2050 with our ageing population. It is heavily weighted on those in their senior years. The Hearing Aid Bank (HAB) dates back to 1986 when one of the volunteers at HMA decided to investigate gathering unused and broken hearing aids and getting them back into working order. Philip Newell, the Senior Lecturer in Audiology at Macquarie University offered help by the way of proposing up to 20 clients a year to be fitted for aids by Diploma of Audiology Graduates, working under the supervision of qualified and experienced audiologists, if HMA provided the hearing aids. Macquarie University was delighted to be involved in such a community service and the first hearing aid under the scheme was fitted in November 1988.



So HMA took on the task of gathering hearing aids and ensuring they were working properly. They also were the first point of contact for the clients and had to determine if they were eligible for the program. The hearing aids and the eligible clients were then referred to Macquarie University Speech and Hearing Clinic (SHC). SHC were given the task of testing the donated hearing aids and processing the clients through to a satisfactory result.

This is not a cost free program. In all, a successful client will need to spend just over \$400 for a hearing aid fitted and checked after a period. In extreme cases of hardship, the fees can be waived. But the client may well walk away with hearing aids worth thousands of dollars. This is because many people are fitted with expensive aids that are not suited to the individual and end up in a drawer. Similarly, the bank is often presented with hearing aids from a deceased estate.

Ida was thanked for a very informative talk - on a subject many of us had no knowledge of.

**Reporter: David Firth**

## REMINDER

**If you are thinking of going to the convention next May, the discount on registration ends on December 15.**



**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION  
27-31 MAY 2023  
MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA**





## THE CHRISTMAS TRAILER RAFFLE

Cherrybrook Shopping Centre was the venue for our Christmas Trailer Raffle selling last Saturday. We were again blessed to have Alan and Lee Lowe there for the morning shift aided by Theo Glockemann, and Anoop Sud also spent a few hours there. The afternoon crew were Phil Stanton and Jim Fraser. Unfortunately Jason Terry got the timing wrong and was not able to help. They sold just over \$700 worth of tickets which was a big improvement on sales there last year. The total year to date is over \$6,500, and this includes the fantastic efforts of Daisy Huang who has now sold in excess of 11 books!

This coming weekend we are not selling on Saturday. On Sunday we are booked at the North Rocks Markets. We need to have the trailer there by 6.30am to get a prominent position. We will need to have 2 people onsite at that time. The first shift will be from 8am to 10.30am with Jim Fraser and Theo Glockemann. The second shift will be from 10.30am through to 1.00pm with Ida Shi, Phil Stanton and Jason Terry. It will be interesting to see how we go.

## WESTERN NSW FLOOD RELIEF - PHOTOS AT THE DELIVERIES



At Eugowra, Pam with local kids, and the General Store for sup-



AG Paul Rogers (centre) delivering at Cowra



Give Every Child A Future - Our Australasian Centenary Project



### The Aim of the project:

To protect 100,000 children from rotavirus, pneumococcal disease and cervical cancer across nine South Pacific Island countries over three years.

### The Latest News

Rotary Give Every Child A Future reached some major milestones over the last few months. The initial project is now fully funded in eight of the nine countries and over 92% of the total budget of USD 3.9 million has been raised. While it's not quite time to bring out the champagne, we are into the home straight. What we do and where we go after that is starting to be considered. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE 4 Overall, the program in the Pacific continues to be going well, despite the delays and challenges caused by the pandemic. Governments in the Pacific are understandably prioritising the introduction of COVID-19 vaccines for their populations. Nevertheless, the vaccines associated with this project are progressively being rolled out and imbedded into the national immunisation programs in each country. The size and complexity of delivering RGECAF vaccines in Kiribati has meant that the project has been planned in two stages, first rotavirus and then HPV. The rotavirus program is fully funded and well underway. The HPV program has now started with support from the Australian Government (approx. 50%) and this is the one part of RGECAF that still requires Rotary funding to complete it. Thank you again to everyone who has donated to this important project which was set up to celebrate the Centenary of Rotary in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific. The impact that this is having, and will have, on communities in the Pacific is amazing. Let's now finish the job.

## WHAT'S ON

Date	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	
Nov 30	Social Night with partners at Hotel Pennant Hills	Meet at 6.30pm			
Sunday Dec 4	Trailer Raffle Selling at North Rocks Markets	8.00 - 10.30am D Firth, J Fraser, T Glockemann	10.30am - 1.00pm I Shi, P Stanton, J Terry		
Dec 6	Board Meeting On Zoom		D Firth		
Dec 7	Club AGM & Elections for 2023-24		D Firth	J Ellis	
Dec 11	Trailer Raffle Selling at Thornleigh Marketplace	AM T Glockemann, P Hudson, A & L Lowe	PM J Fraser, E Newton, D Firth		

### Last Week's Meeting - 23.11.2022

**Attendance:** 46.2%

**Attendees:** J Ellis, D Firth, P Hudson,  
T Glockemann, I Shi, D Huang

**Guest Speaker:** Ida Shi

**Leave of Absence:** A Ameen

### November Anniversaries & Birthdays

#### Birthdays:

L Stanton - November 4  
S Parker - November 7  
J Terry - November 15  
C Rigney - November 22  
H Chan - November 23

#### Anniversaries:

Nil

#### Club Induction Anniversary:

J Ellis - November 1

**TREE OF  
Joy**

Share the joy of Christmas  
by donating a gift for the less  
fortunate members within  
the community.

**Pennant Hills Market Place Facebook page supporting  
the Tree of Joy**

**Fellows, on December 7th is our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and ELECTION of Officers for the next Rotary Year 2023-24. In preparation for that meeting and, in particular, the elections, we need nominations for President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 6 directors. Please contact Secretary John with your nominations.**

**GIVE THE GIFT  
OF ROTARY**