



# 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**  
at 6.30pm for a meal and a chat.  
Join us if you can.

### President's Corner

As we rapidly approach Christmas Day, we have plenty of things going on. The Flood Appeal that Pam is leading is continuing, although most of the activity is centred around Paul Rogers and the Lower Blue Mountains/Nepean region now.



As you will see elsewhere in this issue, we have started distribution of Tree of Joy gifts, delivering a carload to Stewart House last Friday. We received a very warm welcome and they were most grateful for the gifts.

This Tuesday we are collecting the gifts from the Ray White 'A little Ray of Giving' promotion at Thornleigh West Public School and at their office in Pennant Hills.

This Friday will see our initial delivery to Parramatta Mission, with the likelihood of a follow-up delivery the following week of late arrival gifts at both trees. We are also supplying gifts to Cherrybrook Christian Care Centre to a few folk in the nursing home section. We continue to be amazed at the generosity of the local community.

Our Christmas Trailer Raffle is coming to a conclusion this weekend with selling at Pennant Hills on Saturday and then the drawing on Sunday at noon.

Finally, my thanks to Peter and Pam Hudson for offering their home for our Christmas Party on Wednesday 21st December. It will be a BBQ, but bring a sweet, etc. and drinks of your choice. A good night is assured, so see you there. David Firth

## ROTARY CLUB OF PENNANT HILLS

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER 2022

Present : J. Ellis, D. Firth, J. Fraser, T. Glockemann, D. Huang, P. Hudson, I. Shi, P. Stanton, A. Sud, J. Terry.

Apology – T. Pankhurst

Guest – A. Muston

President David Firth opened our Annual General Meeting and welcomed our RYLA candidate, Aaron Muston. Georgia Glockemann, recently home from hospital, was mentioned in the welfare report. John Ellis, having represented the Club at Speech Night at Pennant Hills High School, reported on the evening where this Club presents leadership awards to the head girl and boy. Jason Terry introduced Aaron Muston from Hills Rotaract, our candidate for RYLA. Aaron has been green keeper at Muirfield Golf Club for some time and is now captain of his local cricket team. President David then called for assistance to deliver gifts from our Trees of Joy to Stewart House on Friday 9 December and to Parramatta Mission on Tuesday 13 December. John Ellis and Jim Fraser responded to this call. Gift wrapping at Hornsby Westfield on Friday 16 December, organised by Ida Shi, required support and John Ellis and Jim Fraser came forward. President David relayed a Christmas greeting from former member, Robert Rutishauser, now a member of RC of Port Macquarie. The President then called on Jim Fraser to report on the recent delivery of flood relief support to Eugowra. After a drive of 4 ½ hours, Jim took a utility load of food and other supplies to this flood stricken township to be met with scenes of devastation he had not previously witnessed. He reported on support coming from other sources, locals living in caravans and the need for containers for storage and the website listing desired items. Despite their privations, Jim relayed the cheerfulness of the locals. He shared a tent with most of the local mosquitoes. Pam Hudson covered our awareness of the need for support and the assembly of items here before arranging transport. She covered other Rotary Clubs and support groups who responded to the cause, stressing the demand for cleaning equipment.

President David explained a problem with presenting minutes of the AGM for 2021 and offered the report of the meeting covered in Spokes. This record was accepted. He also presented the financial report that would have come from Terry Pankhurst who was presently stranded in some cruise ship. The accounts were accepted and will be confirmed once audited by Mrs Mathie. The meeting approved that John Ellis prepare and sign the Dept of Fair Trading report that follows an AGM.

The election of officers for 2023-24 followed:

President – initially there being no nominations, the position remained vacant, however later in the meeting Jason Terry accepted nomination and was accepted on the basis of sharing with another member.

Vice President – T. Pankhurst's name was put forward in his absence.

Secretary – J. Ellis accepted nomination and was elected.

Treasurer – I. Shi accepted nomination and was elected.

The six Directors elected are :--

P. Hudson; D. Huang; J. Terry; J. Fraser; D. Firth; A. Sud

President David closed the meeting at 2020.

**John Ellis, Secretary & Reporter**

## A LITTLE RAY OF GIVING 2022

This project run by the Ray White organization in our area came to its conclusion this week. They were successful in having Thornleigh West Public School become involved and as a result, I called in to the school today (Tuesday) to collect the presents brought in by the students and staff. They had a Christmas Tree set in the entrance foyer of the school office with a great collection of gifts wrapped with tags supplied by Ray White. The office staff were keen to help in packing the gifts up into bags and helped to take them to my car.



From there I went back to the Ray White office in Pennant Hills, where Sarah Bell, the co-ordinator of the project, showed me a range of gifts which had been dropped in to their office and Christmas Tree. Again, I was able to pack these up into boxes and bags.

We will need to acknowledge both the Ray White organization and Thornleigh West Public School to thank them and their supporters for their generosity.

## This Week with the Trailer Raffle

We had a return bout at Thornleigh Marketplace last Saturday. It was a very good result with us selling 269 tickets and taking \$938. This was almost exactly the same result as we achieved there on October 29. Year-to-date overall we are at just over \$9,000. Our sales teams were - 1st Shift Pam Hudson, Theo Glockemann, and Alan & Lee Lowe; 2nd Shift Jim Fraser and David Firth. It should also be recorder that Theo had a fall whilst selling and thanks to Lee and Pam for their assistance and Jim for driving him home. The report is that he is OK although a bit sore and sorry, and wary of John Ellis' folding chair!



Some members have returned their ticket books, whether sold or not. Please note that all books and money need to be returned by Saturday without fail so the draw can proceed on Sunday.

# CENTURION WEEK



The **Centurion Program** was initiated many years ago by the districts in Australia and New Zealand. It's an easy way for all Rotarians to support their charity: *The Rotary Foundation*. The program asks members to make a yearly contribution of A\$100 or more to the Foundation's Annual Fund. That's about \$2 per week.

Through the efforts of our Foundation Director Anoop, we now have 5 paid up Centurions, namely -

Daisy Huang, Ida Shi, Jim Fraser, Pam Hudson and Anoop Sud.

## WHAT'S ON

Date	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	
Dec 14	Social Night	At Hotel Pennant Hills	6.30pm		
Dec 17	Trailer Raffle Selling at Pennant Hills Marketplace	AM A Sud, P Hudson, D Firth	PM I Shi, P Stanton, J Terry		
Dec 18	Trailer Raffle Draw	At Pennant Hills Marketplace	At 12 Noon		
Dec 21	Club Christmas Party	BBQ at Pam Hudson's home. 6.30 for 7.00pm. BYO Desserts and Drinks Cost \$25 per head			

**NOTE: WE WILL BE IN RECESS FROM Dec 21 until Jan 11.**

### Last Week's Meeting - 7.12.2022

**Attendance:** 76.9%

**Apologies:** A Bell, T Pankhurst

**Guests:** Aaron Muston, our RYLA candidate, and member of The Hills Rotaract Club

**Leave of Absence:** A Ameen

### December Anniversaries & Birthdays

#### Birthdays:

Neeru Sud - December 1  
 Ida Shi - December 5  
 George Green - December 17  
 David Firth - December 19  
 Adrian Bell - December 25  
 Jim Fraser - December 30  
 Theo Glockemann - December 30

#### Anniversaries:

Herbert Chan & Bronia Tam - December 17

#### Club Induction Anniversary:

David Firth - December 16

### STEWART HOUSE

John Ellis and I made the trek over to Curl Curl last Friday morning. We had a carload of presents for children aged 7 to 15. On arrival, we received a warm welcome from Murray O'Donnell and his assistant, Olga.

After bringing the gifts inside, we managed to take a couple of photos - see below - and then Murray gave John a walk around the main building and explained the operation. Their current intake is about 70 children from far western NSW - Broken Hill and Bourke area mainly. They spend 2 weeks at Stewart House, giving them a break away from their home and family. Murray emphasised that they are a wellness establishment, not just an education establishment. They do provide schooling on site, but also a lot of health services as well as other activities.



### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

A government that robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.

[George Bernard Shaw](#)