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**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

The Meeting this week

Review and Planning Night

Chairman: Pres. David

Reporter: Jim Fraser

Meet at the Community Health Centre at
6.30 for 7.00pm



**JANUARY IS
VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH**



INTEGRITY & HIGH ETHICAL STANDARDS



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Don't forget to reply to the invitation to our
AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATION DINNER, JANUARY 25

The Christmas Party on December 21st.

We were fortunate to have our Christmas Party hosted by Pam & Peter Hudson at their home in West Pennant Hills. The evening was fine but became cool - not enough to put a damper on a great time of fellowship with a great meal to boot. Pam and Peter had prepared the main course of a range of meats and a vast array of salads. Everyone brought their own drinks, and the main meal was followed by another vast array of sweets to which Daisy, although unable to join us, had supplied almonds and a box of lychees which were very well received!

All but three members were present - Adrian was unable to attend like Daisy, and Anoop was off cruising and also unable to attend. Eight partners joined in, as did Ida's parents, Weidong and Lifang. Ruth Reid was able to come, and our honorary auditor, Merrill also joined us.

Here are some pictures taken on the night.



Thanks Pam & Peter for hosting such a great night!



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SOME THOUGHTS TO START THE NEW YEAR

As we commence the second half of our Rotary year, I wanted to share my thoughts on what has been achieved so far, and where we are headed. I have referred to this year as one of transition. We have found a new meeting place which suits our new meeting arrangements in that we no longer include a meal in our meetings. We now have two 'formal' meetings a month while continuing with informal get togethers on the other weeks.

Our projects have not been forgotten while these changes have been happening. Indeed, we have added some activities this year. For example, the Food Drive for flood victims in central west NSW; our gift wrapping project at Westfield Hornsby; another Bunnings BBQ at Thornleigh. And then our regular ones - the Christmas Trailer Raffle and the Trees of Joy.

So what of the coming six months? I was impressed with RI President Jennifer Jones editorial for January in which she said this -

"Rotary recently surveyed our members and found something that should be unsurprising but still caused many of us in Rotary leadership to sit up and pay attention: The single most important factor in member satisfaction is the club experience. How at home you feel in your club, how rewarding club meetings are, and how engaged you feel in service projects.

I have seen this firsthand across the Rotary world this year. When members feel an emotional connection to their club, they cannot imagine leaving. And that connection is often forged in "Rotary moments," when people feel that special connection to the people around them and the impact of their service. Our Imagine Impact Tour is all about shining a light on those Rotary moments and encouraging our members to tell their stories.

But there's something else that makes an enormous difference in building and sustaining that connection. It's the comfort and care of our members – both Rotarians and Rotaractors. As my Rotary friend Todd Jenkins says, "People can't see how you think, but they sure can see your actions."

We are in the relationship business, and if we take care of each other – genuinely show concern for each other – then we will make friends for life, and we will do anything to widen that circle of friendship."

So, I simply ask what is our club experience? Are we happy with the way we are operating? What should we be doing differently? And the perennial question, how can we encourage others to come and share the Rotary experience?

David Firth



Gordon R. McNally, a member of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry, Lothian, Scotland, is the incoming President of Rotary International for 2023-24. He has just revealed his theme for his year as president.



**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**

WHAT'S ON

Date	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	
Jan 11	Review & Planning Night	At 6.30pm at the	Community Health Centre	Jim Fraser	
Jan 25	Morning Tea at	Cherrybrook Christian Aged Care	Kitchener Road Cherrybrook	10.30am	
Jan 25	AUSTRALIA DAY DINNER	At Pennant Hills Golf Club	6.30 for 7.00pm start		Partners & Guests
Jan 30	Board Meeting on Zoom	7.30pm			
Feb 1	TBA				

Last Meeting - 21.12.2022

Attendance: 76.9%

Apologies: A Bell, D Huang, A Sud

Guests: Mahmooda Ameen, Heather Firth, Esther Fraser, Georgia Glockemann, Peter Hudson, Eddie Li, Merril Mathie, Maureen Pankhurst, Ruth Reid, Weidong Shi, Lyn Stanton, Lifang Zhang

A GREAT CHRISTMAS STORY

River Cares has been collaborating with Mark Trevakis from Coast Shelter to help a Spencer family of six who have been doing it very tough since the July floods and who were in dire need of a fridge and a washing machine. Coast Shelter approached the Gosford North Rotary Club who have been fundraising since the July floods and they came to the rescue and delivered today a brand new fridge, washing machine and a dryer to this beautiful family. What a Christmas present!

Peter Pearce OAM

January Anniversaries & Birthdays

Birthdays:

John Ellis - January 30

Anniversaries:

Theo & Georgia Glockemann - January 4

Anoop & Neeru Sud - January 5

George & Dorothy Green - January 17

Ahmadul & Mahmooda Ameen - January 29

Club Induction Anniversary:


Pam Hudson - January 20

Ahmadul Ameen - January 22

Semi annual dues are now payable.

Treasurer Ida will be happy to receive your payment either in cash, via EFTPOS, or you can Direct Debit to the Club Account

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Let our New Year's
resolution be this: we will
be there for one another
as fellow members of
humanity, in the finest
sense of the word.

Goran Persson