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THIS WEEK

RYLA 2023 at KNOX COLLEGE, WAHROONGA

Speaker: Aaron Muston

Chairman: Pres Phil Stanton

Reporter: Anoop Sud

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Another Australia Day has come and gone, and as a club, I think we have made an impression in the local community - a good impression. We have had assistance from our Rotary cluster's successful application for assistance from the National Australia Day Council by way of materials and financial assistance.

We provided morning tea at the Cherrybrook Christian Care Centre last Wednesday morning which was very well received - see a report and photos later in this edition. We also provided lamingtons, packaged with a card Pam had organised to be printed, for the residents of Lutanda Manor. As you know and will see elsewhere in this edition, we had another very successful Australia Day Celebration Dinner at the golf club last Wednesday night including the presentation of our annual Australia Day Merit Award.

At our meeting this week we will have a report from our nominee to RYLA this year, Aaron Muston, which I'm sure we will find very interesting. A further special event at that meeting is the induction of a new member, our first for this year, Robyn Huh, who is the proprietor of the Penno Oio Café in Hillcrest Road.

We have received an invitation to join with West Pennant Hills & Cherrybrook Rotary Club for their meeting on Monday 20th February as they have a very special guest speaker in Greg Page - the Yellow Wiggle who had a heart attack. He is going to talk about his experience and the things which we all should be aware of to ensure that everything possible is done to see that cases like his have a positive ending. More details to follow.

David Firth

Australia Day Meeting Report – Wednesday 25th January, 2023

It was nice to return to the Pennant Hills Golf Club for this meeting. We had a good number in attendance including the District Governor, the mayor and his wife, members of parliament, some members of West Pennant Hills & Cherrybrook Club, and other friends of our club. And the Guest Speaker, Peter Kirkwood OAM, arrived with an array of didgeridoos, ready for his talk.

The conduct of the meeting was in good hands with Phil Stanton as chairman, so we started on time with Phil's welcome to everyone and then the Acknowledgement of Country was delivered by Julian Leeser MP, who is Shadow Attorney General and Shadow Minister for Indigenous Australians.

The chairman then invited club member Daisy Huang to propose a Toast to Australia. Daisy did so by reflecting on the wonderful country she had come to and in particular the people she comes in contact with every day.

PP Pam Hudson who has been so busy in various projects for Rotary and our club, then proposed a Toast to Rotary International which was responded to by District Governor Mina Howard. To commence her response, Mina paid tribute to Pam's great work supporting the flood victims in Eugowra. She then went on to enumerate many of the activities and projects of Rotary here and overseas.

Dinner was then served and between the courses, John Ellis produced the Australia Day quiz which was to be attempted by each table as a team effort. Much head scratching followed as the 20 questions were attempted. Before the comfort break, John provided the answers with each table marking their own sheet. With some humility I have to say that table 5 were clear winners.

It was then my privilege to introduce our Guest Speaker, Peter, and to promise that we would find his talk entertaining. Peter commenced with a brief introduction in which he recalled virtually no mention or recognition of indigenous people when he was at school. This has certainly changed to a major extent in recent years. He then started his explanation of the didgeridoo, commenting that it dates back perhaps 1500 years or more. It is thought to have originated in Northern Australia where the eucalypt trees that had been attacked by termites produced straight limbs hollowed out by the termites. These were cut and cleaned out and produced a long tube. They could then produce a sound by blowing through vibrating lips. The sound produced is sometimes called a drone, but the pitch or note achieved can be varied by changing the length of the instrument. Peter then demonstrated how it is used to tell stories about the Australian fauna. The sound can also be varied by the



tongue and varying pressure. But the key to the maintenance of the sound is circular breathing. This is a technique where the player breathes in through the nose whilst expelling air stored in the cheeks to maintain the sound.

Peter displayed several instruments including his first one purchased while in Alice Springs, because of its indigenous art on the outside. He acknowledged that he took it home and displayed it there for some years before deciding to learn to play it. Meanwhile he had purchased other examples, some in the Northern Territory and some in Sydney. He played several, demonstrating the different note of each. He also had one made of bamboo, a type also found in Northern Australia, however his was one he made when he saw large bamboo being cleared near his home. He demonstrated a Bunnings didgeridoo – a piece of PVC piping bought at the hardware store. He even played a piece of rigid vacuum cleaner pipe! His demonstration included how he was able to play and identify Australian fauna in his playing which was how indigenous folk used the instrument to tell stories and to accompany dance and singing. All in all, an amazing talk and performance and so appropriate for the occasion.



PP Theo Glockemann OAM provided a vote of thanks to Peter which was warmly supported by applause. I then had the task of providing an introduction and background to our club's Australia Day Merit Award which has been a feature of our program each January since 1986.



Following this President Phil and District Governor Mina came forward and the awardee for 2023 was announced – Peter Kirkwood OAM! He was very surprised and the special plaque was presented bearing the citation – “For his commitment to Rotary, his work with Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai PCYC, and his work in the community in various ways.” Peter responded by saying how he had enjoyed his many years in Rotary and how important he believes the PCYC is still today. He thanked the club for the honour bestowed on him.

Chairman Phil then thanked all for coming and we concluded the evening by singing both verses of the National Anthem.



Members from WPH & C Club



One of the tables at the dinner



4 familiar faces?

Reporter: David Firth



WHAT'S ON

Date	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	
Feb 1	RYLA 2023	Aaron Muston	Phil Stanton	Anoop Sud	
Monday Feb 20	Visit to West Pennant Hills/Cherrybrook Club	Greg Page	More details to come		

Last Meeting - 11.1.2023

Attendance: 69.2%

Apologies: J Fraser, T Pankhurst,

Guest Speaker: Peter Kirkwood OAM

Guests: B Graham, K Carter, H Firth, G Glockemann,
P Hudson, R Reid, L Stanton, N Sud, B Young,
P & H Ruddock, M & S Thornton, N Hacinas, K Tam, M
Mathie, DG Mina Howard, J Leaser MP, A Henskens
MP, J Craig, N Hansen, L Folkard, S & M Moore

Leave of Absence: A Ameen, A Bell

February Birthdays:

Raymond Chan - February 11

Anniversaries:

David & Heather Firth - February 5

Club Induction Anniversary:

Jim Fraser - February 1

Herbert Chan - February 24

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can Direct Debit to the Club Account**

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Morning Tea at

Cherrybrook Christian Care Centre in
Kitchener Road, Cherrybrook.

Pam Hudson had made the arrangements, and, with Jim Fraser's assistance, had obtained the lamingtons from the IGA Supamart at Pennant Hills. She had contacted Andrea at the CCC Centre and arranged for us to arrive early to set up the room with bunting, etc.

We were entertained whilst they ran an exercise class for residents - they had to work before they could enjoy the morning tea. So Pam, John Ellis and David donned aprons and helped serve those who were able to come. The 'tea lady' then travelled round to the rooms of those unable to join us. One of those present was Marg Ebb, past Australia Day Awardee of ours. This was a very much appreciated event!

