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**Rotary Club of Newcastle
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Rotary Club of Delhi Ridge
District 3011**

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

Stewart House

Guest Speaker: Graeme Philpotts,

CEO of Stewart House

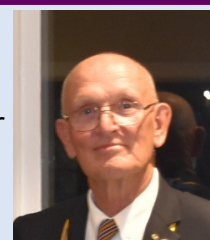
Chairman: David Firth

Reporter: Ida Shi

We welcome any partners who are able to join us for this meeting as we hear about the history of Stewart House and its work with children from around this state.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well our effort with 'Clean Up Australia' has come and gone. Please read the report later in this issue.



Next weekend is the District 9685 Conference being held at Cowra, west of Sydney. Heather and I are going and I shall be hosting the Pride of Workmanship display in the projects area there. The conference commences on Friday afternoon and evening, and goes through to lunchtime on Sunday. It promises to be a good opportunity for both fellowship and learning about Rotary and what our district is doing.

We are about to start our advertising for Pride of Workmanship awardees, the presentation night being May 17th. Please let me know of any potential awardees that you know about or have dealt with. Although we are still 8 weeks away, we know from experience that we need to start now to find awardees.

Rotary Meeting 1 March 2023


After a couple of small technical issues the meeting started at 7pm. President David opened up the meeting with some discussion around membership and read out an email he had received from former member Robert Rutishauser complimenting Spokes and it's author for reporting the board meeting notes so that all members are aware of what is going on. David reminded people of the Clean Up Australia Day this Sunday at 9am for all available with the incentive of a free hamburger around 11am. Calling on others to report, Pam suggested an outing to the Print Museum in Penrith for a social event. Pam also outlined the upcoming Mother's Day raffle and the need for prizes with much discussion about a "Pamper Pack" and how they might request a business to pay for it. David asked for those going to the District Conference to ensure they have booked as registrations close on the 10th.

Centurion award certificates were presented by Anoop to each of those who contributed to the program. There was some discussion about the display planned for Pennant Hills shopping centre to see where we are at with getting something set up.

The meeting was then handed over to Pam for her presentation on the Rotary program to assist the flood victims in Eugowra which happened on the 14th of November 2022. Pam was contacted about the ability to co-ordinate the donation of non-perishable goods for the area residents. It quickly became a big project with a number of people and clubs assisting. As examples, Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills/Cherrybrook had a member standing at the entrance to Woolworths at Cherrybrook and with the assistance of the manager received a significant amount of donations. Pennant Hills IGA had a cart for shoppers and Blue Mountains Rotary club supplied products and a number of plastic containers which were greatly needed. The items were sent to Pam's place where her and others separated them into categories and then loaded them up and delivered them to Eugowra. The Rotary Club of Forbes was contacted to support the program and co-ordinated a number of volunteers to set up the store and distribution centre in Eugowra. A broad range of supplies that were donated were put into product categories so the people in need could easily find them. The residents were very appreciative of the service but hesitant to take too much and only took what they felt was required. A number of residents who had lost their homes were living in camper trailers at the Eugowra Showground. A number of services provided to them on site such as ready to eat meals from the on site kitchen and BBQ, an RFS food truck or out of the fridge in the store supplied by caterers from other communities. A laundry service was provided on site and insurance companies set up a remote office there as did Resilience NSW to work through support services available.

For the first few days after the flood the site became a meeting point for people to get together and talk to each other over a meal or around the fire. In December an overview presentation was delivered to those involved on what had been done and outline some learnings. Pam gave an overview of other services that might provide assistance such as Group 360 where companies donate items and then when required a small handling fee will get the products to where they are needed. Pam also outlined how Rotary can be involved as people on the ground at the location to ensure a Disaster Recovery Set up is put in place to ensure the right products and amounts are sent to the area. For an area of 700 people there was an oversupply of some items and not enough of others so co-ordination is important. However, some of the items that were left over were sent to We Care Connect to assist families on the Central Coast. There are plans to move other items to where they are needed.

Pam then played the video Eugowra Stories available on Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w5IxNfXFqYE> done by the Parkes Rotary Club. The video is a number of interviews with people in the area that were impacted by the flood. Some

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of the people spoke of being chest deep in water; the way the water came in waves; of loading people onto a firetruck and then using a ladder to get people up to the balcony of the pub to safety; a lady who had to climb up into the roof space of her house with her baby to get out of the water; or being in a house that just floated away. It is well worth a look. David thanked Pam for her involvement in the program and the presentation.

The meeting closed at 8:30 with a reminder to invite partners to the next meeting for a presentation about Stewart House.

Reporter: Jim Fraser

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Sunday, March 5th we assembled at the meeting place outside the Australia Post shop in the Pennant Hills Market Place carpark at 9am. We had a total of 8 there, although officially we recorded 7. The eighth helper was the daughter of Kelly Tam from the Banna Group who came to help, and her daughter is just 4! So we spread out and in the end effectively we cleaned up the area from Fisher Avenue and the carpark there; Hillcrest Road at the shopping area; the Pennant Hills Market Place carpark; and Ramsay Road and the carpark at the Community Centre and Library; and Wollundry Park. That took us a little over an hour so that we were all packed up by 10.30am. We were assisted by Hornsby Council who had acknowledged that we had registered and provided a phone service to advise on the day where the rubbish collected had been placed for council to pick up the following day. Job done!



WHAT'S ON

Date	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	
MARCH 15	Stewart House	Graeme Philpotts CEO	David Firth	Ida Shi	Partners Night
March 17-19	District 9685 Conference	At Cowra with events and sessions from Friday till Sunday lunchtime			
March 22	Board Meeting via Zoom	at 7.30pm	Advise Secretary John of any items for the agenda		
March 29	Social Night	At a place to be confirmed			

Last Meeting - 1.3.2023

Attendance: 57.1%

Apologies: R Huh, T Pankhurst, I Shi, P Stanton

Guests: Nil

Leave of Absence: A Ameen, A Bell

March

Birthdays:

Georgia Glockemann - March 4

Jeanette Rigney - March 14

Heather Firth - March 24

Bronia Tam - March 30

Anniversaries:

Ida Shi & Eddy Li - March 5

Jeanette & Claude Rigney - March 9

Esther & Jim Fraser - March 11

Club Induction Anniversary:

Nil

What Canadians do in winter when they get bored



FLAT TIRE IN CANADA



MY FATHER SAID THERE
WERE TWO KINDS
OF PEOPLE IN THE WORLD:
GIVERS AND TAKERS.
THE TAKERS MAY EAT
BETTER,
BUT THE GIVERS SLEEP
BETTER.

