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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

“A UNIQUE STORY”

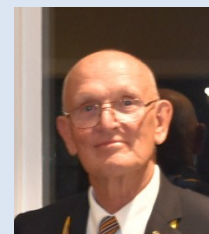
Guest Speaker: Theo Glockemann

Chairman: David Firth

Reporter: Phil Stanton

PRESIDENT’S CORNER

Our Mother’s Day Raffle got underway last weekend. We were hoping to be able to sell both at weekends and during the week at the Market Place, however the centre management asked that we restrict the number of days to five. As a result, the board decided to just sell on the weekends. We have locked in selling between 10am and 1pm on each of the five days. Last Saturday, Pam, Jim and Theo were the selling team and we raised \$375. On Sunday, Daisy and John exhibited their persuasive talents and raised \$350. Elsewhere in this issue is a picture of our poster displaying the 3 prizes to be won. I’ll bring books along on Wednesday for those who would like to sell to friends, family and neighbours. We have also received the following message from Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women’s Shelter -



What a lovely email to receive. Thank you for thinking of us. It's very special to be supported by our local community.

Please let me know if I can assist in any way.

With kind regards,

Catherine

Catherine Knox

Chair - HKWS

David Firth

MEETING REPORT - 19th APRIL, 2023

Our meeting commenced with a number of announcements, the first being that Theo and Georgia have COVID and members expressed their concern and wished them a speedy recovery. President David reported that he had received a card on behalf of the Mawarra Village residents thanking our club for the Easter chocolate gifts.

Five of our members who are board members next Rotary year attended the District Assembly plenary session the previous Saturday at Epping Boys High School. Several commented on the session and on the speaker about Domestic Violence from Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter which is the object of our Mother's Day Raffle. This was the next item for discussion and a draft roster was circulated calling for 2 volunteers for the Saturdays, Sundays, Thursdays and Fridays through to Mother's Day. It was agreed that we sell for 3 hours on each day at the Market Place with arrangements re position, etc. to be finalized by President David with the Banna Group. Pam Hudson and Jim Fraser had done a great job of acquiring items for the prizes such that there will be 3 prizes to be drawn.

President David reminded members of the fast approaching Pride of Workmanship Awards night at the golf club. Any member who has a nomination was encouraged to notify David as soon as possible. A total of 11 invitations to nominate have been sent out with several positive response indications.

John Ellis was then invited to present his talk in recognition of the approaching ANZAC Day commemorations. John, having served in the Royal Australian Navy - not during the First World War - commenced his talk by recounting the role of the navy in the conflict, starting with Gallipoli. He told of the build up to the Gallipoli landings; how this was chosen as a strategic attack on the Turks who were aligned with Germany. Of particular interest was the success of HMAS AE2, a submarine, which reached the Sea of Marmara through the Dardenelles and was able to sink a Turkish warship and harass others. After 5 days AE2 had to surface and was sunk, the crew having been captured.

Meanwhile, the landings at Gallipoli had taken place and very quickly it was realised that the plan was flawed, the Turks being very well prepared to repel the invasion. Thus the months of trench warfare continued with major casualties on both sides. November saw a decision made to pull out and this was achieved over the ensuing month or so, the last of the AIF leaving on the morning of December 20th, 1915. John told of the RAN Bridging Team, who were sappers or engineers who went ashore to build wharves, pontoons, etc. to aid the supply of materials to the troops. They were required to maintain these structures throughout the campaign and during the evacuation. Consequently a team of 50 were the last Australians to depart the peninsular on that December morning. They were 'first in and last out' so to speak.

John then went on to recount his family's involvement in the Great War. Ernest Ellis (1880-1964) lived in Bath, England, was married and in 1916 answered the call for recruits and joined the Royal Garrison Artillery. Following training, they were sent to Greece then to Palestine and Egypt. They subsequently went to Belgium a month before the armistice. Following the war he lived in Newport, South Wales.

Another relative, Lionel Bond (1879-1945) was a doctor in Adelong, NSW. He was married but, after the outbreak of war, joined the Australian Army Medical Corps and was commissioned as a captain. He went to Cairo to the 2nd Australian General Hospital and from there to the Western Front with the 8th Field Ambulance and the 59th Battalion. In May 1917 at Bullecourt he was awarded the Distinguished Service Order. After recovering from wounds there, he went to the 9th Field Ambulance and was mentioned in despatches in 1918. He was demobilized a lieutenant colonel and, after repatriation, was in command of the 21st Australian Army Hospital and of the 4th Australian General Hospital, later renamed the Prince of Wales Hospital. He married Elsie Rutledge in 1921 - a nurse he had met in Cairo. After the war he suffered the effects of having been gassed and died in 1945. Elsie lived for many years in Castle Hill Road and then in Mowll Village. She passed away 6 weeks after her 97th birthday in 1987.

John's talk was much appreciated by all in attendance and he was thanked by President David.

Reporter: The Editor



Some news from our sister club, the Rotary Club of Delhi Ridge.

Food basket distribution by RCD-Ridge members to TB beneficiaries for the month of April,2023 is held on 25/4/2023 at 10.30 am, venue:

NITRD-OPD ground floor.

Our thanks to Anoop Sud for maintaining a close association with their club and supplying the above information and the photos.



**MOTHER'S DAY
RAFFLE**



**ALL FUNDS RAISED TO
Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter**

WHAT'S ON

Date	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	
May 3	"A Unique Story"	Theo Glockemann OAM	David Firth	Phil Stanton	
Wed May 17	Pride of Workmanship Awards	TBC	Jim Fraser	John Ellis	
May 27 - 31	Rotary International Convention	In Melbourne			
Wed May 31	Social Night	Venue to be decided			

Last Meeting - 19.4.2023

Attendance: 57.1%

Apologies: T Glockemann, R Huh, T Pankhurst, J Terry

Guests: Nil

Leave of Absence: A Ameen, A Bell

May Birthdays:

Pat Parker - May 5

Eddie Li - May 18

Anniversaries:

Nil

Club Induction Anniversary:

Terry Pankhurst - May 29



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Real change, enduring change, happens one step at a time."

— Ruth Bader Ginsburg