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**Rotary**  
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**Rotary**  
District 9685



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Rotary Club of Newcastle  
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District 3011

THIS WEEK

*Our Annual*

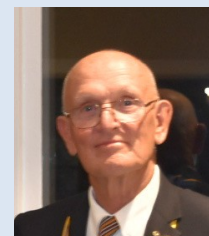
*Pride of Workmanship Awards*

*Chairman: PP Jim Fraser*

*Reporter: PP John Ellis*

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

This week's meeting is one of the highlights of our club's year. The Pride of Workmanship Awards originated with our club back in 1976. It has been so successful that, over the years, it has been adopted by clubs throughout Australia and New Zealand. It has even found acceptance in a number of countries around the world. It is a very simple but also very important principle - giving public recognition to those who excel in what they are doing. Indeed, do it once and do it well.



We are delighted to welcome such a large number to our special dinner, especially the seven awardees. We trust they enjoy the evening.

Last Saturday we completed our Mother's Day Raffle down at Pennant Hills Market Place. After a sales campaign over the 3 weekends, we raised just over \$1,500 for the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter, a very worthy recipient. We will organize to make the presentation to them in the coming weeks.

I shall be absent for 2 weeks from Thursday next week as Heather and I are attending the Rotary Convention in Melbourne and then spending a few days driving back home.

David Firth

## MEETING REPORT - 3rd May, 2023

The meeting started right on time.

There were various announcements including the outcome of the mother's day raffle ticket sales for the past weekend, which went very well. Another "sales event" will also take place next weekend, along with the draw of the raffle itself

David Firth advised that currently there were 4 confirmed nominations for the POW (Pride of Workmanship) awards. Jim Fraser advised that arrangements were coming together for another BBQ day at Bunnings on the 18<sup>th</sup> June (to be confirmed).

The following was also noted:

- A social night is being organised for the 31<sup>st</sup> May.
- Change over for the club's directors is scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in July.

Theo Glockemann was pleased to advise that there is an increased level of confidence taking place in East Timor. This was apparent recently when those directly managing the RYLA & RYPEN programmes, were prepared to be directly involved in the discussions and negotiations with WOODSIDE in regard to ongoing financing of these programmes.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Theo G, not about East Timor, but in the context of how his family found themselves in Australia.

Theo grabbed immediate attention with his opening statement, which was:

"My family has the dubious distinction of being interned as "enemy aliens" in both world wars".

This circumstance came about as a result of the introduction in 1914 of wide ranging powers for the Government over anyone who had German connections. "Enemy aliens" were not permitted to have any means of communicating with others, beyond the walls of a camp, no phones, no cars, etc. Theo's family were well settled, undertaking a good business, but these Government powers resulted in incarceration and this extended beyond just those with German papers. Theo's grandfather (a German) married an Australian lady, who then got caught up with these rules. Theo's grandfather was designated as an enemy alien so communication, cars, phones etc, were not allowed. This approach, of course influenced other local behaviour to the extent that Theo's grandmother and her 4 children decided to move from Mosman to Bundanoon, this also aligned with a requirement that "Germans" had to be beyond a 100 mile limit of cities.

With WW1 at an end Theo's father moved from Bremen Germany to Australia in 1925 and worked in the family business. But with the coming of WW2, the Government moved quickly, rounding up "enemy aliens" on the first day of WW2 with 257 people in jail.

The story continues, and as you can see, fascinated your scribe. Theo's recollection is that despite the barbed wire, the prisoners and guards got on well together. School lessons etc. were all organised by the internees and Theo is of the view that the education provided was very good.

There is much more to the story and I'm sure Theo would be pleased to share the "history report" to those interested.

The meeting was then closed.

**Reporter: Phil Stanton**



Theo's parents & 2 elder brothers on the right of the pictured while in the internment camp.

## OUR MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

As we had planned, we sold tickets at Pennant Hills Market Place on the 3 weekends leading up to Mother's Day last Sunday. We sold for 3 hours each Saturday and Sunday (not last Sunday), so 5 days in all. We were very pleased to have the support of the Banna Group who manage the shopping centre, and they arranged for us to store our set up including the prizes in a vacant shop in the centre. This proved to be very convenient.

We had a good reception from the community who were very appreciative that the proceeds were going to the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter. In all we sold just over 500 tickets and we made just over \$1,500.

Our thanks go to the sponsors including Supamart IGA Pennant Hills, Harris Farm Meats, Charlotte's Café, BWS Pennant Hills, Joanie's Beauty and Body Works, and the Banna Group. We also thank the members of the community who supported us by buying tickets.

At 1.00pm last Saturday the winning tickets were drawn by Caroline at BWS Pennant Hills. The winner was Anthony from Thornleigh with ticket No.143; second prize winner was Georgia G from Pennant Hills with ticket No.107; and third prize went to Eddie with ticket No.369..



Pictures of the draw by Caroline at BWS. And no, we did not sample any of the products while we were there!



## WHAT'S ON

| Date           | Program                            | Speaker                | Chair                  | Reporter   |  |
|----------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------|--|
| Wed<br>May 17  | Pride of Workmanship Awards        | TBC                    | Jim Fraser             | John Ellis |  |
| Wed<br>May 24  | Board Meeting<br>Via Zoom          | Board members          |                        |            |  |
| May<br>27 - 31 | Rotary International<br>Convention | In Melbourne           |                        |            |  |
| Wed<br>May 31  | Social Night                       | Venue to be<br>decided | Contact Daisy<br>Huang |            |  |
| Wed<br>June 7  | Why I Came to<br>Australia         | Anoop Sud              | Phil Stanton           | Pam Hudson |  |

**Last Meeting - 3.5.2023**

**Attendance:** 64.3%

**Apologies:** R Huh, T Pankhurst, I Shi

**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



*A resolution of  
Benjamin Franklin, 1726*

*“To apply myself industriously to  
whatever business I take in hand,  
and not divert my mind from my  
business by any foolish project of  
growing suddenly rich;  
for industry and patience are the  
surest means of plenty.”*

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence.”

[Martin Luther King, Jr.](#)