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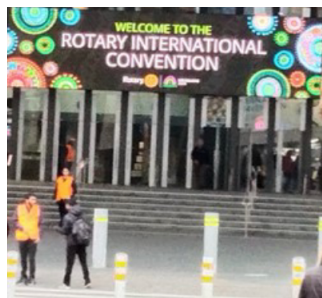
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**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
MELBOURNE 2023**

Having arrived in Melbourne on Friday afternoon, we were able to walk along to the Exhibition Centre where registration, the House of Friendship and the afternoon breakout sessions are held.



The Exhibition Centre

Unlike other RI Conventions I have attended, there was no printed program – that information is available online through the convention app. The House of Friendship is quite large with a mix of Rotary based displays and a number of commercial enterprises. Here are a couple of photos –

On Sunday morning, the opening ceremony was held at the Rod Laver Arena where each plenary session is held. The weather was a bit indifferent i.e. a usual Melbourne drizzle. The actual ceremony was very good, the President, Jennifer Jones giving an excellent speech; an Australian, Hugh Evans, who founded the Global Citizen organization was very good; and the session concluded with an excellent performance by The Tenors, a Canadian male quartet.

President David Firth



SISTER CLUBS:

Rotary Club of Newcastle Enterprise
District 9670
Rotary Club of Delhi Ridge
District 3011



President Jennifer at the Flag Ceremony
The Canadian flag carried by Marco Mosman
club exchange student from Canada



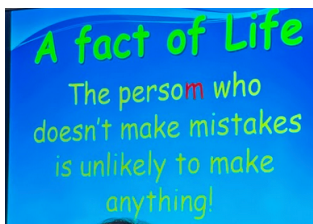
The Days for Girls Stand

PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP REPORT 19th MAY

Rotarian Jim Fraser, MC for the Pride of Workmanship evening, opened the evening with a welcome to guests and a welcome to Country. President David Firth then introduced this, our 47th Pride of Workmanship event, announcing that we had six awardees and their supporters. Our seventh awardee could not join us this evening and will receive the award next week. David then made a special welcome to our guests, George and Cathy Papallo and Ken and Margaret Broadhead. David related the case of Bob Kaye-Smith, a recipient of a Pride of Workmanship award some 27 years ago, an event that led to his becoming a Rotarian soon afterwards. David urged our visitors to search Rotary and District 9685 on the internet to gain some idea of the scope of Rotary activities here and world wide. David then proposed a toast to Rotary. He covered activities for this Club including RYLA and RYPEN in East Timor, our local Trees of Joy, Mother's Day raffle and our Christmas trailer raffle. Proceeds from our trailer raffle go towards supporting St Lucy's School, Wahroonga, and he asked Caroline Fowler come forward to receive our donation of \$8,000. In thanking David, Caroline said the funds would be directed towards their families now struggling with cost of living pressures.



Theo Glockemann introduced George Papallo, our guest speaker. George started his working life as a science teacher at North Sydney High School. He has written three books on inspiring students to strive further and is now with the Community College at Macquarie University. His contribution to education has been recognized with the OAM. George then took the floor, opening with praises



for our Pride of Workmanship program and its relationship to Vocation, a major aspect of Rotary. He made the point that one's vocation was not the point – whether the research scientist or office cleaner, one should do one's best to do the job once and to do it well. Other objects of Rotary that George mentioned were making acquaintances, setting standards, our level of ethics, service in business and promoting peace. The Pride of Workmanship award enables an employer to recognize an employee who has achieved goals.

Pride in one's work can come at school or later and combines vision, goals, commitment and persistence. It also relates to doing one's best, a desire to excel, meeting expectations, loyalty to one's self and one's organization and a thirst for knowledge. Humility, luck and balance in one's life are also relevant. George gave the case of the late Cliff Young, a potato farmer, who, when aged 61, won the first Sydney to Melbourne ultra marathon with his vision, goal and persistence.



President David thanked George for joining us, pointing out that he accepted our invitation at very short notice.

Pam Hudson introduced the awards for this evening with a short review of our Pride of Workmanship award that emerged in 1976 from in house discussions and has been this Club's major event annually since. It acknowledges customers and employees and even during COVID we were able to make a single award to a staff member of a local nursing home. At that presentation we were reminded how much the residents appreciate the staff.

President David then called on supporters of awardees to introduce their special staff member.

First was Sandeep Chikhale, marketing director of Akla Solar who had 10,000 clients last year. He was followed by Radica Ivanovic, social support co-ordinator at SydWest Multicultural Services. Then came Dalton Jones, assistant superintendent at Pennant Hills Golf Club. He was followed by Maria Arias, known as "Twinky" the school accountant at St Lucy's School, who has kept the myriad of accounts in order at the School. By DeSign, a long term supporter of the program, nominated Komal Sayal, top of their sales team and he was followed by Natalie Taylor, reception/administrator at Lutanda Manor. Christian Chiha, assistant at Pennant Hills Pharmacy, who was unable to join us, will receive his award next week.



Brie Lauer, the manager at Lutanda Manor, responded on behalf of the nominating organisations. She mentioned that it not always straight forward to find the right person for the job to be filled. All recipients then came forward for group photographs. Their appreciation of events was evident as photographers tried to quieten them down and form in to line. President David brought the evening to a close with thanks to the representatives of the organizations taking part and closed events with the National Anthem.

PENNANT HILLS MARKETS PLACE ENVIRO HEROES



- ▶ It's as easy as wrap, rinse and repeat!
- ▶ All Natural Ingredients - pure 100% cotton is coated in all natural Australian beeswax.
- ▶ Food Safe - Wraps are completely food safe and are also naturally anti-microbial, keeping your food fresher for longer.
- ▶ 1 Large beeswax food wrap (36x36cm) - Ideal for dinner plates, cheese up to 1kg, or trim to smaller sizes for many other uses.

Pennant Hills Markets Place Enviro Hero
The club has been invited to join Pennant Hills Market Place Enviro Heroes.

We will receive a will be selling Ida's famous beeswax wrap.

If you are available on Thursday 22 June, from 10am to 3pm please let Ida or Pam ASAP so a roster can be organised

The club will receive additional funds from Pennant Hills Market Place.



REPURPOSING, REUSE and RECYCLING HEALTH & EDUCATIONAL EQUIPMENT

ROTARY AUSTRALIA REPURPOSING EQUIPMENT (RARE) *is an activity that establishes an efficient and effective program for distributing obsolete medical and educational equipment to disadvantaged communities in Australia and overseas under a regulative framework.*

REPURPOSING EQUIPMENT – *Turning landfill into lifesaving aid dramatically and measurably improves social and environmental outcomes.*

HEALTH & EDUCATION EQUIPMENT REPURPOSING ACTIVITY – *Achieving sustainability by placing obsolete equipment where it is needed.*

MEDISHARE – *Sharing Sustainable Healthcare Solutions with Developing Nations.*

These projects are mechanisms for the repurposing and the reuse of equipment, which is no longer required, making a positive impact on the environment by reducing landfill and achieving sustainability.

Projects accept suitable items and organise suitable recipients. They manage delivery logistics and undertake to ensure that donated equipment is fully operational and that all essential accessories, supply documentation and services manuals critical to the usability of the equipment are available.

Rotary Clubs seek out obsolete equipment particularly from the health sector and from schools and other educational organisations. The equipment is then consolidated in distribution centres – there is one in Castle Hill – where it is checked out and then sent to a suitable place in need.

The Pennant Hills Rotary Club was able to collect a truck load of obsolete school furniture a few years ago and it was subsequently sent to schools in the near Pacific region. We currently are seeking some stackable chairs which are surplus to the needs of a local church which would be suitable for education or health purposes.

TWO EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS BY AUSTRALIAN ROTARY CLUBS

Project 100 Bee Happy

Installation of 100 Beehive boxes in the Moonee Valley, Vic. region over the next 3-4 years to improve pollination in the area and celebrate Rotary Australia and New Zealand centennial 100 years event.

Rotary Recycled Rope

The Rotary Club of Nundah is committed to re-use and recycling, and this is another of our projects.

Rotary Rope is the term used for discarded blue and yellow rope used by Telstra to pull cables through underground pipes. Unfortunately, they are only allowed to use the rope once, and then throw it away. So... more than 10 years ago... someone in Rotary thought it was time to find a way to re-use it... and so the Rotary Rope Project began.

We collect the very long rope from Telstra sub-contractors, cut the rope into differing long lengths, then bag the rope into bags. In a one day working bee we usually make around 75 bags of rope. It is then delivered to the DIK Store in Brisbane, where it is made available for overseas projects.

Where does it go?

DIK is a major recycling operation, run by volunteers, that gives suitable goods to people in need, for free. The Rotary Rope bags are sent overseas in the shipping containers with other goods to Papua New Guinea and/or the Solomon Islands.

What do they do with the Rotary Rope?

We make sure the Rotary Clubs at the receiving end are aware of what's coming, and that there is a need for the goods. Recipients use the rope for all sorts of differing and innovate purposes such as:

- to make bridges across creeks and rivers
- making baskets
- building small shelters
- tethering animals
- ... and much more!!

RYLA and RYPEN Timor 2023

If you are interested in what we are about in Timor, we would like to invite you to an Information Day Bar-B-Q to catch up on the latest news.

When: Sunday 2nd July Time: 11.30 am Where: Lutanda Manor, 14 Victoria Rd, Pennant Hills

Bring your own drinks.

We will get the food and share the cost between attendees on the day.

Much has changed over the last year. The success we have had – now over 1000 RYLA and 1000 RYPEN alumni - has meant we needed to do things more professionally and hence the changes.

We would be delighted if any of you would like to join us on our visit. Timor is safe, our accommodation and travel is all air conditioned, and really good restaurants. Travel details etc on the day. Please seriously consider joining us – it is worthwhile and fun!

We expect that RYLA and RYPEN will happen concurrently, which will mean no downtime. If you have not visited before there is heaps to do in Dili and surrounds. You may even contemplate a 2 or 3 day visit to Autoura Island for some of the best snorkelling!

FOR OUR CATERING PURPOSES PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE BY EMAIL ASAP theogeo@bigpond.net.au



Date	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter
June 7	WHY I CAME TO ASUTRALIA	ANOOP SUD	Phil Stanton	PAM HUDSON
June 21			David Firth	Jason Terry
July 5	Changeover		David Firth	

BIRTHDAYS

NIL

ANNIVERSARIES:

NIL

CLUB INDUCTION ANNIVERSARY:

NIL

APOLOGIES

Jason Terry
Terry Pankhurst

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: A Ameen,