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THIS WEEK

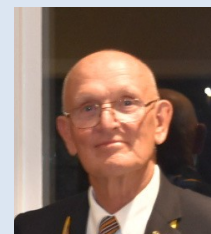
The Rotary International Convention review

Chairman: David Firth

Reporter: Jason Terry

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well, we are back from the convention in Melbourne and at this week's meeting you will hear about some of the highlights there and the format of proceedings.



Heather and I took the opportunity to do some touring after the convention out into western Victoria and up into western New South Wales, exploring parts of this country that we had not visited before. Our experiences may well be worthy of retelling at a future meeting.

Back here locally, much has been happening. We as a club are assisting with an environment program which the Banna Group initiated at Pennant Hills Market Place. Elsewhere in this issue you will find some pictures of the contributions we have made, thanks to the efforts of Pam Hudson.

Then, on Thursday, Ida is displaying and selling her waxed paper food wraps which take the place of plastic cling wrap. She starts at 10am and will appreciate any assistance you can provide.

A couple of District advices - PDG Bob Burnett passed away; PDG John Dodd and wife Janelle received OAMs in the Kings Birthday Honours; North Rocks Club has closed.

David Firth

MEETING REPORT - 7th June, 2023

On arrival there is something very welcoming when an eager and lovely Rotarian (female that is), offers a most welcome cup of tea!

There was something of a lull at the beginning until our alternative President realised that his alternative was not going to be present as he was in Hay, returning from the conference in Melbourne. I was not aware that Hay was on the direct route driving from Melbourne to Sydney. He probably has one of those global doo-dahs in his car which is taking him on the scenic route!

Once 50% Pres Phil realised he was it, things progressed in a hurry.

Pam reported on the environmental program we have with IGA in the shopping centre. Theo reported on Timor going on and emphasised that anyone wanting to join our trip in August better take action. And he mentioned all are welcome at the Timor information day to be at Lutanda on Sunday 2nd July, provided they first advise their attendance for catering purposes.

Ida advised she will be at Pennant Hills Marketplace doing “beeswax” wrapping demonstrations and stuff on Thursday 22nd 10am to 3pm and would like some company for at least part of the time.

Our MC then introduced Anoop Sud for his talk on India and why he came to Australia. He started with some facts.

India was colonised in recent times not once but SEVEN times (Afghanistan in 1876, Nepal in 1904, Bhutan in 1906, Tibet in 1907, Sri Lanka in 1935, Myanmar in 1937, and Pakistan in 1947.

India has 1.4 Billion people speaking many different languages in a very diverse country In the 1951 Census – 84% Hindus, Muslims 9.8%, Sikhs 1.9%, and 8.3 million Christians Between 1951 and 2011 Hindus increased 30 times 966 million, Muslims by 3.5 times to 172 million, and Christians 8 million to 28 million.

Now second largest Muslim population in the world – almost 200 million

Three quarters of Indians belong to historically disadvantaged classes

Caste System in India

- **A brief overview of India's caste system**
- In India, castes are hereditary social classes. Historically, the caste someone was born into permanently determined their status in the social hierarchy, along with their available social circle and what careers they could pursue.
- In an effort to reduce disadvantages caused by caste, the government has affirmative action programs known as “reservations.” India's constitution reserves 15% of government jobs and seats in institutions of higher education for people identified as belonging to Scheduled Castes, 7.5% for those who belong to Scheduled Tribes and 27% for those of “Other Backward Classes” (OBCs).
- Scheduled Castes, also known as Dalits (or by the pejorative term “untouchables”), are made up of groups who were traditionally ostracized and relegated to “polluting” occupations like fishing, scavenging and sewer cleaning. Scheduled Tribes are Indigenous peoples. People belonging to OBCs inherited other social class identities that have been socially and educationally disadvantaged.

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WHAT'S ON

Date	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	
21st June	RI Convention Review	Jason Terry & David Firth	David Firth	Jason Terry	
28th June	BOARD MEETING on Zoom	Members of both this year's board	and next year's board	7.30pm start Watch for the link by email	
1st July	District 9685 Changeover	at Rydges Norwest	12noon to 4.00pm	\$60 per head	
5th July	Club Changeover	at the Community Health Centre	at 6.30pm	Cost is \$30 which includes a 2 course meal	BYO drinks
2nd August	Thornleigh Zig Zag Railway	Tim Sowden	David Firth	John Ellis	

Last Meeting - 7.6.2023

Attendance: 64.3%

Apologies: D Firth, D Huang, R Huh, T Pankhurst, J Terry

Make-ups: D Firth & J Terry at RI Convention

Guests: Nil

Leave of Absence: A Ameen, A Bell

The Enviro Pledge Tree at Pennant Hills where you can make a pledge and/or a donation to be shared by the supporters of the promotion including us!



June Birthdays:

Nil

Anniversaries:

Nil

Club Induction Anniversary:

Phil Stanton - June 14

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**“Rotary changes us and changes those we serve.
I believe we can change the world one life at a time.”**

Paul Harris

