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THIS WEEK
Planning and Allocation of

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We have the following sister clubs: Rotary Club of Newcastle Enterprise District 9670 Rotary Club of Delhi Ridge District 3011 Tasks for 2023-24

# **Chairman: David Firth**

## **Reporter: Jim Fraser**

This is the opportunity for you to volunteer to do any of the club tasks.

## Gordon R. McInally, RI President 2023-2024

Rotary International President R. Gordon R. McInally called for members to capture the world's attention and lead the way toward possibilities far beyond our current expectations.

McInally, a member of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry, West Lothian, Scotland, urged members to promote peace in troubled nations, help those affected by conflict, and maintain the momentum of initiatives begun by past leaders.

"The goal is to restore hope — to help the world heal from destructive conflicts and, in turn, to help us achieve lasting change for ourselves."

McInally spoke about a woman he met in Ban Taling Chan, Thailand, where Rotary members helped build houses, a meeting hall, and childcare and health care facilities following the tsunami that devastated South Asia in late 2004. The woman had lost her husband, her daughter, and her son in the tsunami, as well as her livelihood. But she still had a gift to offer McInally: a beautiful seashell.

"She went on to tell me that Rotary... had restored her optimism. We gave her hope," McInally said.

"This is how Rotary brings lasting change to the world," he added, "one restored or newly created hope at a time."

#### **Changeover Meeting Report**

What a different Changeover meeting we had on July 5th. New venue from the recent past changeovers; certainly a different catering from previously; and a great time of fellowship with less formality than before.

Under the capable chairmanship of Phil Stanton, we started with a meal provided by our newest member, Robyn Huh, with assistance from her son James. It was different, but catered for all tastes and received many compliments during the evening.

We were privileged to welcome newly inducted DG Christine Owen, PDG Mina Howard, AG Stuart Armstrong and wife Helen, the Chair of the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter Catherine Knox, and our contact with the Banna Property Group, Kelly Tam.

Following dinner, Theo Glockemann proposed the toast to Rotary International and DG Christine responded to that. This was followed by David Firth delivering the Joint Presidents' Report on behalf of Phil and himself. The theme of the report was a year of 'firsts' and our club in transition. A number of events and projects were highlighted, and, during the 'thank yous' he made a presentation of flowers to honorary auditor, Merril Mathie. The report concluded with a farewell to Ahmadul and Mahmooda Ameen, Ahmadul having decided he would not renew his membership this year.

A series of presentations followed -

First one was to the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter and Catherine Knox, \$1,500, the proceeds of our Mother's Day Raffle. DG Christine assisted with the presentation. In her response, Catherine highlighted her connection with Rotary through her father, but also remarked that one of her school teachers had been Georgia Glockemann!

Next award was to Kelly Tam - a Community Service Award - for all her assistance to our club at Pennant Hills Market Place.

Daisy Huang was a surprise recipient of the 'Champion Raffle Ticket Seller' Award for her efforts with the Christmas Trailer Raffle.

And then a Paul Harris Fellow award to PP Adrian Bell in recognition of his contributions, particularly through his leadership, over the past eleven years. This was his second PHF.

A further Paul Harris Fellow was awarded to Ida Shi for all her enthusiasm and ready involvement in whatever the club is doing and supporting. PDG Mina was pleased to assist with that presentation.

The final award of the evening was our club's very special John Young Service Above Self Award.

The history of these awards goes back to 2015 when the President Adrian Bell initiated these in memory of past member John Young. Fittingly on this occasion, Bev Young was invited to present this award to PP Pam Hudson 'in recognition of your years of Rotary service for the community and your tireless work for the Eugowra flood victims July 2023'.











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The investiture of the new Joint Presidents followed - David Firth presenting Jason Terry with his lapel badge, his special name badge, and the chains of office plus the club charter. Immediate Past President Phil was then presented with his award marking his year of leadership in 2022-23.

Presidents Jason and David then gave brief outlines of their initial plans for the coming year highlighting the RI President's theme "Create Hope in the World".

The lucky door prizes were won by DG Christine and Theo Glockemann! The meeting came to a conclusion after the various thanks, and the fellowship continued.







Dear David,

On behalf of everyone at HKWS I would like to thank you and all the members of Pennant Hills Rotary Club for the wonderful support you are providing us.

The warm welcome I received at the changeover dinner was very special. In particular it was an unexpected and really lovely surprise to see my Yr 6 teacher 'Mrs Glockemann' there! And I was also pleased to have the opportunity to meet the new District Governor, Christine Owen.

We're so grateful to receive your generous donation. And as you know it will be put to good use. The women will be returning to the shelter within the next few weeks and we have a program of support in place.

I know how much personal effort and creativity everyone puts into raising funds and awareness for us. It is really appreciated and I want you to know that all your support does make a difference.

Please pass on my thanks to everyone at the club.

With best wishes and many thanks

Catherine

#### **Catherine Knox**

Chair Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter hkws.org.au 0404 035 409

## WHAT'S ON

Date	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	
19th July	Planning and Allocation of tasks	Everyone	Pres. David	Jim Fraser	
26th July	Board Meeting Via Zoom	Starting at 7.30pm			
2nd August	Thornleigh Zig Zag Railway	Tim Sowden	David Firth	John Ellis	
16th August	Winter RYPEN 2023	Lana Waddingham Tom Passe de Silva	John Ellis	Jason Terry	

#### Last Meeting - 5.7.2023

Attendance: 92.3%

#### Apologies: J Ellis

**Guests:** DG Christine Owen; PDG Mina Howard, AG Stuart Armstrong, Helen Armstrong, Catherine Knox, Bev Young, Pat & Sandra Parker, Kaye Carter, Kelly Tam, Merril Mathie, and 9 members' partners

#### July

Birthdays: Esther Fraser - July 23

## Anniversaries: Pam & Peter Hudson - July 3

Lyn & Phil Stanton - July 6 Club Induction Anniversary:

Daisy Huang - July 7 Theo Glockemann - July 10

Fellows, the treasurer will be pleased to receive your semi-annual dues as soon as possible.



### **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

"Believe in yourself! Have faith in your abilities! Without a humble but reasonable confidence in your own powers you cannot be successful or happy."

Norman Vincent Peale