

SPOKES



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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

'ZIG ZAG AWAY: THORNLEIGH'S FORGOTTEN RAILWAY'

Speaker: Tim Sowden

Chairman: David Firth

Reporter: John Ellis

We welcome all our guests to this meeting to learn about this long forgotten piece of local history.

The President's Comment

The following quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson is, in many ways, what Rotary membership is all about I think.

Emerson was an American essayist, lecturer, philosopher, and poet during the 19th century.



"To laugh often and much, to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children, to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch ... to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded!"

Meeting Report - July 19, 2023

The meeting started at 7pm with President David welcoming guests. There was some discussion about Phil's upcoming holiday - wishing him well on his adventure and we were fortunate to have a lovely lemon cake courtesy of Heather to have with tea and coffee.

The initial discussion was an overview of the recent changeover and the current location. All members felt our new location worked well for the event and we received comments from visitors that they enjoyed themselves. Only suggestions were for some way to keep the food warm if guests were late, and coffee, tea and dessert as an option would be welcome..

There is a Trivia Night being held by West Pennant Hills/Cherrybrook club on the 26th of August and we are planning on taking a table. On the 2nd of August we will have a presentation on the Thornleigh Zig Zag Railway and we will be sharing the night with West Pennant Hills/Cherrybrook members. The second meeting in August will be a review of the recent Rypen Winter program. The students who participated will be talking about their experience. There has been some good feedback from parents about the event. Ida has volunteered to speak of her recent trip at a future meeting.

Bunnings has offered us a BBQ to be used in some future fund raising program. Options are being looked at about how to best use this.

We then discussed the various roles for the upcoming year. The positions fulfilled are: Sergeant-at-arms - Jim Fraser; Spokes- shared between David Firth and Pam Hudson; Social Functions - shared between Ida Shi and Daisy Huang; Facebook - see if Robyn Huh will assist; Member welfare - John Ellis; International Conference Chair - Jason Terry; Projects- Pam Hudson; Trailer Raffle - David to speak in general with Terry. Anoop has volunteered to look after Rotary Foundation and International. Daisy Huang has volunteered for Public Relations; Phil Stanton will assist with Pride of Workmanship.

Pam Hudson then gave an overview of the recent workshop on Community-led Disaster recovery she attended at Windsor. The workshop was championed by Mina Howard. The workshop was a university led program to speak with locals about what happened in the recent floods and what should be put in place for the future to lessen the impact of future disasters. There was some very animated discussion and it was good to meet others from the area that might assist in future Rotary programs to assist with disasters.

Membership is a key focus this year and we are looking to do a membership drive in September and invite the district membership chair to discuss programs we may use at our club. Kelly Tam from Pennant Hills Marketplace is using the 2 electronic billboards to promote our club. Anoop has offered to set up QR codes via Club Runner to allow for payments across a range of requirements from membership, tickets and donations. Jason Terry has volunteered to set up membership using Google Forms.

There was some discussion about how we can reward the Health Centre for allowing us to meet there. They have suggested some kind of screen or projector to be used by groups who meet there. There was a general discussion about our meeting times and frequency where members said they were happy with the current number and timing of meetings. It was also confirmed that the delivery of Spokes the night before a meeting was good. There was also a reminder that semi annual dues are payable. The meeting closed at 8:10pm.

Reporter: Jim Fraser

Board Meeting Report - 26.7.2023

At last Wednesday's board meeting, the main items discussed were -

The resignation of long-term member PP Terry Pankhurst. After discussion, the board agreed to offer him Honorary membership which he has accepted;

The purchase of a large Smart TV & Trolley for the Community Health Centre using a District Grant for part of the cost;

Membership Director Jim to arrange to have a club membership promotion during September at Pennant Hills Market Place;

The board decided to continue with our major projects - the Christmas Trailer Raffle and the Trees of Joy. Several other fundraising ideas were also discussed;

The board was advised that NYSF is unlikely to be a Rotary program in future; We are also going to investigate the possibility of an Interact club at PHHS.

The latest news from our sister club, the Rotary Club of Delhi-Ridge

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The flood situation in a few villages of Mayur Vihar is worsening. Rotary Club of Delhi-Ridge, along with the Ladies wing of Ekal, visited the area and checking on the situation since yesterday and decided on setting up a help for the flood affected families especially ladies with children. Along with this, we also gave 300 Sanitary Pads for distribution to the affected underprivileged women as they could carry nothing from homes due to floods. This was organised by President Ret. Wing Commander Marya with help of Ekal Ms Renuji.

Some photos of the Delhi Ridge club assisting flood victims

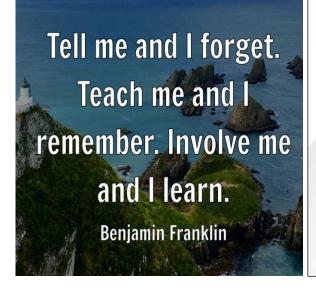




Some photos of the plight of flood victims







VOICE TO PARLIAMENT

Guest Speaker Dr Shireen Morris Constitutional Expert Macquarie University



22 August 2023

6:00pm for a 7:15 start

Vikings Sports Club 35 Quarry Rd Dundas

For more information contact Secretary@rotarycarlingford.org.au



WHAT'S ON

Date	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	
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	
23rd August	Board Meeting via Zoom	7.30pm start			
30th August	Social Night at	Monkey King Thai Restaurant	Hillcrest Road, Pennant Hills	Let Daisy Huang know if you are going	

Last Meeting - 19.7.2023

Attendance: 69.2%

Apologies: A. Bell, T. Glockemann, R. Huh,

T. Pankhurst

Guests: nil

August

Birthdays:

Nil

Anniversaries:

Nil

Club Induction Anniversary:

Ida Shi - August 31

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



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The less one knows, the more he thinks he knows, and the more willing he is to employ any and all measures to enforce his views upon others."

Paul P. Harris