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August is



Membership and New Club Development Month

Pennant Hills  
**Rotary**  
Club



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District 9685



We have the following sister  
clubs:

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



*This week is our first  
Social Night at  
The Monkey King Thai  
Restaurant*

*1a Hillcrest Road, Pennant Hills*

*Make sure to let Daisy know if you are  
coming so she can book numbers.*

### The President's Comment

What a good report we received from our two sponsored students to the Winter RYPEN held recently. There is a detailed report later in this issue. I'm sure these two students will figure well in the school leadership in the next couple of years. It was great to have them accompanied by their fathers.



Last Wednesday we had a board meeting at which we decided to look at having a membership interest meeting with members inviting potential members to come attend and learn about Rotary and our club. This is an important event with all members involved, so start looking for people we can invite. Also on the agenda was the review of potential International projects - one in India and the other in Papua New Guinea. After consideration we decided to pursue the Indian project in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Delhi Okhla City in District 3011. More information to come.

*David Firth*

## Meeting Report - August 16th, 2023

This meeting was led by joint president Jason Terry who arrived just in the nick of time. Our guest speakers, Lana Waddingham and Tom Passe de Silva, were welcomed and their fathers. Jason then ran through some announcements - reminder of Carlingford Club's meeting on the Voice to Parliament; the club board meeting next week; the trivia night of the West Pennant Hills/Cherrybrook Club at which we have a table booked - those attending are Jim F, Pam & Peter H, Theo & Georgia G, Ida, David & Heather F, and Jason. The Social Night at the Monkey King Thai Restaurant on August 30 was discussed with Daisy the contact person for booking. It was also announced that the nominations for D9685 RYLA in January 2024 are now open and we are looking for suitable nominations to sponsor. Anoop indicated that he may have someone suitable.

Jason then read an email he had received from one of his Rotaract colleagues promoting a dental project in the Sepik area of Papua New Guinea, with the main call being for volunteer dentists and dental assistants. This will be reviewed by the upcoming board meeting.

John Ellis, our Youth Chair, then introduced our speakers, first explaining that they had been enrolled for the usual Summer RYPEN in February. However, this was cancelled, so they had been offered places in the Winter RYPEN at Springwood which they both accepted.

Lana and Tom are both in year 10 at Pennant Hills High School. Lana spoke first, and explained that they had a maths test on the Friday morning so could not skip school and thus arrived at the camp at midday. As part of the introduction they were put into colour groups (she in red and Tom in green) with matching T shirts (see the photo). Lana then went on to describe a few of the activities during the next 2 days of the camp. After describing each activity she reflected on what it had taught her either about herself and others, or about aspects of leadership and personal development. Perhaps her favourite activities were the Tower Building exercise using limited items where she realized the advantages of teamwork and encouraging all to be involved, and the Talent Quest which she felt brought everyone together and allowed you to laugh with each other, not at each other. Lana was impressed with the final activity on the Sunday with everyone invited to write something about the others at the camp and place them in an envelope for each participant. She then got to read the items that were placed in her envelope. She thanked the club for sponsoring her, saying "I learnt a lot about others and myself and I believe it has improved my leadership skills and my ability to communicate with others."



Tom, unlike Lana, spoke without notes. He explained that he had been very excited to be going to RYPEN with the expectation of learning about leadership skills. He felt that what he learned could be applicable with his part-time job as a crew leader at a McDonalds store. He then made a few observations on the camp. He felt it was an advantage not knowing anyone else attending. He thought the catering was 'amazing'. One of the activities at night was a trivia night which demonstrated the various interests of the other attendees. He also commented on the Tower Building exercise, his team building a tower 30cm tall but which ultimately was a failure! Another activity which he thought was a good exercise in leadership and trust was the Walk The Plank activity. He was quick to acknowledge that the green team, of which he was a member, won the dress-up before the Talent Quest 'wedding' in which he took a major role. He also expressed his appreciation to the club for sponsoring him to the camp and agreed that he had gained a lot from his attendance.

Both speakers answered a number of questions about their experience and what they had learned and were encouraged to speak to staff and students about their RYPEN experience and to also consider, at the end of their schooling, to further their leadership skills by attending RYLA.

Jason then closed the meeting.



**Reporter: The editor**

The Talent Quest with Tom in the middle wearing the tutu and Lana second from right—everyone having a good time.



**ShelterBox**

AUSTRALIA

## An Update from Shelterbox. Sudan/Chad - Conflict

The escalating conflict in Sudan has led to nearly **3 million people** fleeing their homes. Of these, over **217,000 people** have travelled to Chad, adding to the pressure on the already limited resources in the country.

In April 2023, long-simmering tensions between Sudan's military and main paramilitary force erupted into violent clashes, risking civil war. Over **217,000 people** have fled to Chad from neighbouring Sudan, leaving their homes behind, and many are without adequate shelter. It includes people who were already internally displaced by previous conflicts in Sudan as well as refugees from other countries that had previously sought safety in Sudan. The majority of the refugees are women and children.

ShelterBox is working with local partner, INTERSOS on Project 1, aiming to support refugee and returnee families displaced by the conflict in Sudan with emergency shelter in the form of family tents and tarpaulins, rope and locally procured household items.



Aerial image taken by drones to show ShelterBox tents already being installed in the camp setting and distributions being undertaken by our partner, INTERSOS.

Last Saturday evening a number of us went to the Trivia Night held at Cherrybrook by the West Pennant Hills/Cherrybrook Club. It was an excellent occasion but unfortunately we lacked the trivia guru, John Ellis, so that we didn't figure in the prizes for trivia answers. However, Pam & Peter Hudson figured prominently by winning the first prize in the raffle. It was a good time of fun and fellowship amongst the 240 or so who attended.

The charity being supported was the Blue Wren House Camden - a refuge for women and their children, and \$6,800 was raised on the night!



## WHAT'S ON

Date	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	
30th August	Social Night at	Monkey King Thai Restaurant	Hillcrest Road, Pennant Hills	Let Daisy Huang know if you are going	
6th Sept	"My trip to Jordan and Egypt "	Ida Shi	David Firth	Jim Fraser	
<b>During this meeting we are having a lesson on Facebook and the club's page, so please bring your tablets, phones, i-pads and i-phones so you can learn first hand.</b>					
20th Sept	TBA				
4th Oct	Membership	Azita Abdollahian (TBC)	Jim Fraser	Pam Hudson	

**Last Meeting - 2.8.2023**  
**Attendance: 75%**  
**Apologies:** R. Huh, P. Stanton, J. Terry  
**Guest Speaker:** Tim Sowden  
**Visiting Rotarians:** Pres. Neville Hansen, Keith Ball. Colin Sharpe - all from West Pennant Hills/Cherrybrook Club  
**Guests:** Heather Firth

**August**  
**Birthdays:**  
 Nil  
**Anniversaries:**  
 Nil  
**Club Induction Anniversary:**  
 Ida Shi - August 31

Hornsby Connect is a charity supported by Wahroonga Club and the president of Hornsby Connect is AG Stuart Armstrong so vote if you can.

If you would like to support Jo Grant and Hornsby Connect by voting for her, simply scan the QR code and submit your vote.



The aim of **Hornsby Connect** is to provide support and hope to those that need it most within the community. With a growing population, the Hornsby Shire covers a large region and has fallen victim to the many social issues that are reflected within the wider society.



*Westfield*  
**Local Heroes**  
**Vote for Jo Grant**

Please vote for Jo Grant, the shop manager at Hornsby Connect. If Jo tops the ballot, Hornsby Connect will receive a donation of \$20,000 from Westfield to provide new equipment for Bill's Café.

