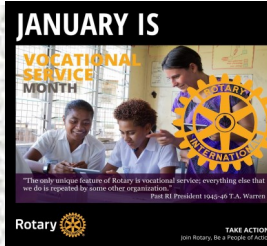




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Pennant Hills
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District 9685



We have the following sister
clubs:

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

This Week



Australia Day

'Planning for our Australia Day meeting'

Chairman: President David Firth

Reporter: Ida Shi

President's Corner

Welcome to our first issue of Spokes for 2024. I trust you have had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year celebrations.



Our first meeting this week will be to plan our Australia Day Celebration Dinner on January 24th. We are expecting a good attendance with an excellent Guest Speaker in Kristin Bindley OAM. Please do not forget to reply to the invitation you have all received.

On a more mundane subject, members are reminded that semi-annual dues are now required. The amount is unchanged at \$225, and Treasurer Ida will be happy to receive your payment by EFTPOS, cash/cheque or by direct debit to the Club Account - BSB 032-087 & Account No. 334578. You might like to pay for the Australia Day meeting at the same time?

The year ahead will provide us plenty of opportunities to "Create Hope in the World" as we have been doing.

David Firth

Rotary Club of Pennant Hills
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2023

Present: J. Ellis, D. Firth, T. Glockemann, D. Huang, P. Hudson, P. Stanton, J. Fraser, I. Shi.

Apology: A. Sud, R. Huh

President David Firth opened the AGM at 7:35 with minutes from previous year approved and 2nd by P. Hudson. President's report was presented by David. As a brief summary of the 2022-2023 year. It was a year of many firsts; first female RI President Jennifer Jones; joint presidents for Pennant Hills Rotary, Phil Stanton and David; new meeting place at Pennant Hills Community Health Centre and a year of transition. Changed from weekly meetings to bi-weekly with any 5th week being a social night in an attempt to be less formal and an attempt to attract new members. There was increased focus and exposure in the local community particularly the Pennant Hills Marketplace.

Highlights for the year were the Eugowra Flood Relief project via Pam Hudson. Continued support of St Lucy's School via Christmas trailer raffle. Tree of Joy support for Stewart House and Parramatta Mission. The Australia Day celebration with Peter Kirkwood OAM as awardee. Mother's Day raffle in aid of Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter and the 47th Annual Pride of Workmanship Awards Night. President David recognised Merril Mathie for her support as our club's auditor.

The club Financial Report was provided by Ida Shi. A summary of her comments: Club Account: the annual income for the year decreased compared to previous year. The transition to bi-weekly meetings without providing a meal has reduced our expenditure as we previously funded meals for guests. Project Account: Annual income for the year decreased from the previous year as some to the projects from the previous year were not continued. Pride of Workmanship: Annual income increased this year due to more effective cost management. The full report was circulated and was approved by all members. The accounts are to be sent to club auditor for review.

Department of Fair trading report to be submitted by club secretary John Ellis.

Elections for 2024-2025

Club President – currently under review

Vice President – Jim Fraser

Projects – Pam Hudson

Administration – Theo Glockemann

Secretary – John Ellis

Treasurer – Ida Shi

Membership – Phil Stanton

Rotary Foundation – Anoop Sud

Public Relations – Daisy Huang

Pride of Workmanship – David Firth

The meeting closed at 8:05pm.

Reporter: Jim Fraser

This report should have been in the last edition of Spokes, however with the amount of activity going on in the last 2 weeks before Christmas, it was not able to be included. Its contents are nevertheless still very important to all members.

The following is an announcement from Rotary International which I thought was particularly appropriate given the continuing situation in Israel and Gaza

Message to the Rotary community on the Middle East conflict

As events in the Middle East continue to unfold, and we hear from Rotary members around the world, it is important to clarify and underscore that Rotary is non-political, non-religious, and exclusively focused on providing humanitarian support and bringing people together. We build peace in the world, working together to share our compassion and help end human suffering.

We are saddened by the continuing loss of lives and destruction and express our deep concern surrounding the escalating violence across the Middle East, and the worsening humanitarian situation in Gaza and the region.

Peacebuilding is a cornerstone of Rotary's mission and an area of focus. At our core, Rotary is a common ground for people to come together – across nationalities and religions, cultures, and histories – to connect around our shared belief in a better tomorrow. That connection is what humanizes us in times of conflict and builds a foundation for lasting peace. Rotary remains committed to working with our members, partners, and communities to find long-term, sustainable solutions that support peace and development in the Middle East and everywhere.

We believe clubs and districts around the world can help. In that spirit, there are specific steps you can take to help those affected by the violence in these difficult times.

There are Rotary and Rotaract clubs throughout the Middle East. We urge Rotary members who want to help to connect directly with the districts and these clubs in the region to determine the most relevant avenues of support.

Together, let's be the inspiration to create hope in the world.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

When professionals join a Rotary Club, they do so as a representative of their vocational classification – their particular business or profession.

Rotarians have the dual responsibility of representing their vocation within the Club and exemplifying the ideals of Rotary within the workplace.

Vocational Service calls every Rotarian to:

- Aspire to high ethical standards in their occupation
- Recognise the worthiness of all useful occupations
- Contribute their vocational talents to the problems and needs of society.



2024 Conference dates:
Friday 15th March 2024 to
Saturday 16th March 2024

Our Locations:
Friday: Crowne Plaza, Pine Tree Ln, Terrigal
NSW 2260
Saturday: EV Church, 331 Terrigal Dr, Erina
NSW 2250

Register at
www.9685rotaryconference2024.com.au

WHAT'S ON

Date	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	
10th Jan	Planning for Australia Day meeting	David Firth/ Phil Stanton	David Firth	Ida Shi	
24th Jan	Australia Day Meeting At PH Golf Club 6.30 for 7.00pm	Kristen Bindley OAM	Phil Stanton	John Ellis	\$50 each
25th Jan	Morning Tea with	Lamingtons	At Cherrybrook Christian Care Nursing Home	10.30am	
1st Feb	RYLA 2024 (TBC)	Natasha Lette	John Ellis	Phil Stanton	

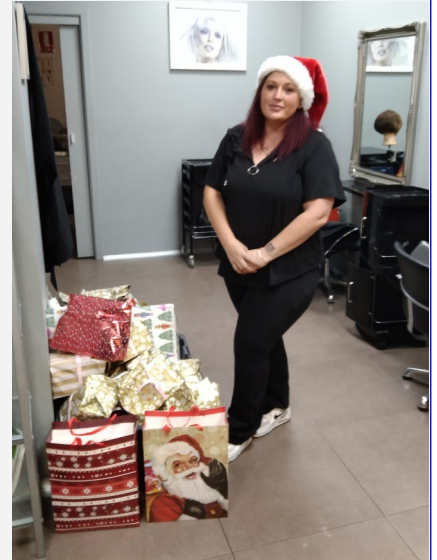
Last Meeting - 20.12.2023

Attendance: 72.7%

Apologies: A Bell, R Huh, D Huang

Guests: B Young, A Woods, M Mathie, N Sud,
L Stanton, A Lowe, L Lowe, E Li, P Hudson,
G Glockemann, H Firth

This is Rebecca Gamble from AMS Hair Salon at Thornleigh Marketplace. These are some 50 gifts for the Tree of Joy which came in late and were delivered to Parramatta Mission a few days ago. Rebecca provides the security for the gifts from the Tree at Thornleigh.



JANUARY

Birthdays:

John Ellis - January 30

Anniversaries:

Theo & Georgia Glockemann - January 4

Anoop & Neeru Sud - January 5

George & Dorothy Green - January 17

Club Induction Anniversary:

Pam Hudson - January 20

This photo is of the winner of the Christmas Trailer Raffle, Annette with Daisy Huang who sold her the winning ticket.

We were able to get them together early one morning at Daisy's shop.

Annette repeated how thrilled she was with the win and what a difference it will make to her.



I know. I'm lazy. But I made myself a New Years resolution that I would write myself something really special. Which means I have 'til December, right?

Catherine O'Hara