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Rotary Club of Newcastle
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District 3011

This Week



Australia Day

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATION DINNER

Keynote Speaker: Dr Kristin Bindley OAM

Chairman: Phillip Stanton

Reporter: John Ellis

*During the dinner we will be presenting our
Australia Day Merit Award for 2024*



President's Corner

Welcome to all who are able to join us for our annual celebratory dinner in recognition of Australia Day. This is one of our major events each Rotary Year and, as you will see in the program, it has quite a long history in our club.

As you will have seen on the first page of Spokes, we will be awarding our Australia Day Merit Award again at this dinner. These awards are recorded by the placement of a brass plaque on the wall of the Pennant Hills Library thanks to the Hornsby Council agreement in 2000.

The new year is a busy time for our club and for Rotary and we are grateful for the assistance and support we receive from the community and from the Banna Group at Pennant Hills Market Place, Pennant Hills Community Health Centre where we regularly meet, and Pennant Hills Golf Club who support us with these special events. **David Firth**



In honour of Australia Day I thought the following poem is appropriate. DLF

Dorothea MacKellar wrote this poem in 1908 while she was visiting England and missing her home country. The second stanza is possibly one of the most well known and recited pieces of poetry in Australian history.

The love of field and coppice
Of green and shaded lanes,
Of ordered woods and gardens
Is running in your veins.
Strong love of grey-blue distance,
Brown streams and soft, dim skies
I know, but cannot share it,
My love is otherwise.

I love a sunburnt country,
A land of sweeping plains,
Of ragged mountain ranges,
Of droughts and flooding rains.
I love her far horizons,
I love her jewel-sea,
Her beauty and her terror
The wide brown land for me!

The stark white ring-barked forests,
All tragic to the moon,
The sapphire-misted mountains,
The hot gold hush of noon,
Green tangle of the brushes
Where lithe lianas coil,
And orchids deck the tree-tops,
And ferns the warm dark soil.

Core of my heart, my country!
Her pitiless blue sky,
When, sick at heart, around us
We see the cattle die
But then the grey clouds gather,
And we can bless again
The drumming of an army,
The steady soaking rain.

Core of my heart, my country!
Land of the rainbow gold,
For flood and fire and famine
She pays us back threefold.
Over the thirsty paddocks,
Watch, after many days,
The filmy veil of greenness
That thickens as we gaze ...

An opal-hearted country,
A wilful, lavish land
All you who have not loved her,
You will not understand
though Earth holds many splendours,
Wherever I may die,
I know to what brown country
My homing thoughts will fly.



Report of our Last Meeting - 10.1.2024

Meeting called to order by President David at 7pm.

First topic of discussion was a report of our RYLA Candidate, Natasha Lette from Toongabbie.

The event is scheduled to take place at Knox Grammar School and Anoop and Theo are to take part as volunteers. We also have 2 candidates for RYPEN from Pennant Hills High School and the event is to be held at Narrabeen Sports centre. John Ellis is having issues in contacting the nominees but is progressing. The treasurer let us know that the Semi Annual Dues are due and asked members to pay into the club account as soon as possible. The Auditors report has been returned and after a couple of comments verified that it was approved. President David reminded members that the District Conference is Friday and Saturday the 15th and 16th of March at the EV Church in Erina. So if you are interested you need to register. The Christmas Tree of Joy continues to provide gifts and 50 more presents were received from Thornleigh and promptly delivered to Parramatta Mission for use throughout the year. Total gifts was 249 from Thornleigh and 297 from Pennant Hills.

Theo brought up the idea of participating in MUNA this year. Anoop discussed getting a speaker from United Against Domestic Violence centre which has been set up to assist with programs to reduce domestic violence.

The discussion then turned to the Australia Day Meeting at Pennant Hills Golf Club on the 24th of January Set up -Starting at 4.30pm - Members and guests will be allocated to a table - Invites have been sent out.

The Welcome table will have Daisy and Ida greeting people and John will be in charge of an Australia Day Quiz and thanks to the kind donation of Kaye Carter, a raffle will be held including a painting she donated part of the prize.

There will be an Australia Day morning tea at Kitchener Road aged care centre on the 25th between 9:30 and 11:00.

Pam is to get the jump on Easter Eggs as it is at the end of March. Plans are being made for a Bunning's BBQ and the Mother's Day raffle with details to follow.

Theo raised the idea of a signature event for the club in the local community such as a music concert or multi-cultural food event. Any ideas would be welcomed. It was decided that we have a meeting soon to come up with ideas for a new community based event either as an annual one or perhaps a more regular one.

Meeting closed at 8:20pm

Reporter: Jim Fraser

Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)



MUNA is an annual, two-day weekend event that is part of an International Rotary project to educate senior high school students (years 10 - 12) on the United Nations organisation and its vital commitment to world peace, in addition to health, education and living standards around the world.

The event provides an excellent forum for students to develop and practice their public speaking skills whilst debating on topical world issues.



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	
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	Peter Kirkwood OAM	At Cherrybrook Christian Care Nursing Home	9.30am	
7th Feb	RYLA 2024	Natasha Lette	John Ellis	Phil Stanton	
14th Feb	Board Meeting On ZOOM	At 7.30pm	Pres David		

Last Meeting - 10.1.2024
Attendance: 63.6%
Apologies: A Bell, R Huh, I Shi, P Stanton
Guests: Nil

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



“The foundation upon which Rotary is built is friendship; on no less firm foundation could it have stood.”
Paul P Harris the founder of Rotary