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We have the following sister clubs:
Rotary Club of Newcastle
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This Week

LEARNING ABOUT ROTARY.ORG and OUR CLUBRUNNER SITE

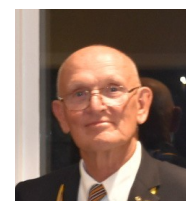
Chairman: David Firth

Reporter: Pam Hudson

Come to this meeting with your device (tablet, laptop, or smart phone) and learn about both these websites. If time allows we will look at Social Media.

President's Corner

I trust you have all had a chance to spend time with family and friends over this Easter break. We think of those who don't have families to share with. I was delighted to find in my letterbox a card from Anne Ferguson, a resident at Mawarra Village, one of the retirement villages we gave easter Egg packs to. See a copy of her card elsewhere in this issue.



The board had a meeting last Wednesday and a report is elsewhere in this issue.

The Mother's Day Raffle is taking shape. Thanks to the efforts of our newest member, Amanda, we have a number of items and money pledged from businesses in her network. Its now up to us to get in and sell tickets with Pam booking selling sites and times in the weeks leading up to Mother's Day.

David Firth

Meeting Report - 20.3.2024

This club started with a welcome back to Anoop from his travels to India. Sad news though his mother passed away during his visit. She was 97 years old and they enjoyed dinner with her the night before. We pass on our regards to him and his family. We welcomed our new member Amanda and she has been to work already getting our name around the community. The Easter Egg pack went well last Wednesday with 398 packs completed with thanks to Pams hospitality. These will be distributed to a number of retirement villages around the area Ida and Pam have already delivered to Heritage Pennant Hills. David gave an overview of the District Conference he attended. He was very impressed by the venue and spoke of the key speaker Gemma Sisai who has built a school for 1800 children in Tanzania. It all started with a donation of \$10 many years ago and has progressed with the assistance of a number of Rotary Clubs. A number of members went to the Pennant Hills Marketplace held behind the library. It was well attended with a variety of shops and foods. One of the retailers did well according to Amanda and David questioned about how we might get involved. Anoop advised us that our sister club in Delhi is folding due to reduced membership but the president is moving to a new club so we may align with them. Theo spoke of the ongoing success of RYLA and RYPEN in Timor and is now looking to step back and get the programs managed and run locally rather than from here. They are looking to still be involved and get a co-ordinator here that can make it more corporate so the 3000 alumni can be put to better use in other programs and activities. As for Regionalisation, Anoop has been endorsed as Learning and Development leader which will be good challenge for him and for our club. The Mother's Day raffle in support of the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter is around the corner and David received a certificate from AMS Hair Salon at Thornleigh Marketplace. A great start.

John then introduced the 2 RYPEN attendees from Pennant Hills High. The event took place at Narrabeen Sports Centre. The two participants Maya and Jethro did a great presentation. They said it was great experience for them giving them the benefits of leadership training, not something taught in school and that the communication skills in group settings they learned will stick with them for some time as it assisted in making new friends. The weather was perfect for them as was the venue and the food. There was a lot of activities and kept them busy from 7am to 10pm. They played a number of games over the weekend, it started upon arrival with number of ice breaker games so they could meet and engage with others and get to know them. As an example, they sat back-to-back and one explained the picture they were drawing and you had to do the same. The outcome of the drawing was very interesting. This was something that they had never been exposed to before where they had to engage with people they did not know and then learn to communicate with them as they worked through a number of projects. There was 4 tribes or groups of people working together which were competing for the grand prize but still had to share knowledge around. Some of the games played were Name Bingo where you had to seek out others with specific traits which is a great way to interact and find out about other people. Another game was the Claw, where 5 people had to communicate and hold ropes that they raised together to grab and stack crates on top of each other to build a tower. Other games, Raft building which had to move and not sink and a communication game where 5 people holding a rope had to figure out and and communicate with each other so the rope formed a star without individuals letting go. They spoke of teamwork being very important to performing the task so this was a good learning experience. This teamwork was further experienced when teams had to work together and share information to find a bomb hidden on the grounds which had to be de-activated by a code which was uncovered through a number of different activities. They made a number of new friends from unfamiliar areas of the city over the weekend through these activities which they said was a great experience



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and they are still in touch with via social media. Unfortunately, Jethro had a lot of pictures of himself and only a few of Maya.

Maya and Jethro set up a game where all Rotary members stood in a circle and based on the story read, we either had to pass the straw to the person on the left or the right based on words in the story. As the story sped up it became more difficult.

They both summed RYPEN up as something they had never done before, they were anxious going in but met a lot of people and found a way to communicate and work with a group of people they did not know. A great experience overall.

David closed the meeting with thanks to Maya, Jethro and their families for attending. He also reminded the board members of the board meeting next Wednesday.

Reporter: Jim Fraser

THE EASTER EGG PROJECT

So our Easter Egg packs were delivered prior to Easter to the following -

- ◆ Cherrybrook Christian Community Care Centre in Kitchener Road, Cherrybrook;
- ◆ Mawarra Retirement Village in Verney Drive, west Pennant Hills;
- ◆ Lutanda Manor Retirement Village in Victoria Road, Pennant Hills;
- ◆ Heritage Aged Care Facility in The Crescent, Pennant Hills.

Here are photos of Ida and Pam delivering packs at the Heritage Aged Care Facility.



This is the card I received from Ann Ferguson on behalf of the Mawarra Village residents

Unit 37 Mawarra
West Pennant Hills.
To the President, Rotary Club,
On behalf of the Residents
at Mawarra Village I would
like to express our thanks
for your kind gifts of
Easter Eggs for us and we
Wish your members a Very
Happy year ahead.
Your kindness to so many
different charities and
Organisations is much
appreciated.
Sincerely,
Annette Ferguson

WHAT'S ON

Date	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	
3rd April	Learning About Rotary.org and our Clubrunner site	David, Pam and everyone	David Firth	Pam Hudson	
10th April	Board Meeting on Zoom	At 7.30pm	David Firth		
17th April	The Homicide Victims' Support Group	Martha Jabour OAM	David Firth	John Ellis	Special Night with partners & guests

Last Meeting - 20.03.2024
Attendance: 83.3%
Apologies: A Bell, R Huh,
Guest Speakers: Maya Kulatunga
 Jethro Penn
Guests: Christine Kulatunga
 Nero Kulatunga



As we start to prepare for our Pride of Workmanship Awards Night on May 15, we are looking for names of potential awardees. They might be people who you do business with; those in shops; or people you hear about that are providing a service which is of a high standard. Our Awards Night will be at Pennant Hills Golf Club.

APRIL

Birthdays:

Peter Hudson - April 8th
 Dorothy Green - April 19th
 Pam Hudson - April 21st

Anniversaries:

Terry & Maureen Pankhurst - April 9th
 Pat & Sandra Parker - April 9th

Club Induction Anniversary:

George Green - April 3rd

Board Meeting Highlights

1. It was decided to make a donation of \$7,000 to St Lucy's School at the Pride of Workmanship Awards night in May.
2. Another Interest Meeting is planned for June.
3. Our Change-over Meeting has been confirmed as July 3rd, arrangements to be confirmed.
4. The board acknowledgement of the end of our sister club with Delhi Ridge Club due to its closure. The Delhi South Metropolitan Club is likely to replace them.
5. The Mother's Day Raffle to support Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter is being organised with a stand at the Pennant Hills markets on Sunday April 21 a possibility.



**The best way
to find yourself
is to lose yourself
in the service of others.**