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Pennant Hills  
**Rotary**  
Club



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**Rotary**  
District 9685



We have the following sister clubs:

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

### This Week's Program

# SOCIAL NIGHT

At

## The Pear Thai Restaurant

Shop A5, 4 Central Avenue, Thornleigh  
from 6.30pm - BYO wine

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It sure is starting to get busy as we approach Christmas and the end of the year. We have our regular projects running - the Christmas Trailer Raffle which supports St Lucy's School at Wahroonga - and they certainly need support following the tragic accident there a few weeks ago. We also have the 2 Trees of Joy in full swing at present. To date we have placed over 500 cards on the trees with presents starting to flow in at a steady rate. As previously advised, we will distribute presents to Stewart House, Parramatta Mission, Cherrybrook Christian Care, and Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter.



Our last meeting featured the official visit of our District Governor. I'm sure we were all impressed with her dedication to the job as she had driven to Canberra for a special presentation that morning and driven back in the afternoon to be with us. And then she had to drive to her home on the Central Coast. For more on the meeting, read Theo's report.

To our members, please give consideration to our AGM and Elections next week.

**David Firth**

## MEETING REPORT 15/11/23

We started the meeting at the earlier time of 6.30pm to incorporate dinner and our District Governor Christine Owen's visit, together with our AG Stuart Armstrong

Daisy had organized a very 'moorish' Chinese dinner which was delivered punctually at 6.30pm.

Unfortunately the DG who was travelling direct from Canberra was a little delayed, so we started the meal without her. She had been attending the national launch of the Domestic Violence Campaign so she had a very good excuse. Further the fact that she went to the Pennant Hills Community Centre rather than our venue didn't help! Oops!

She was only twenty minutes late, but by that time we had already gobbled down what was a very tasty meal! (But we made sure that a warm portion was still available!)

Announcements included –

Trailer Raffle – result of first outing was \$200 more than last year! (Must have been the "Premier" team on duty! Thornleigh next Saturday

"Trees of Joy" at Pennant Hills and Thornleigh happening with excellent first results.

Our Social Night on 29<sup>th</sup> will be at the Pear Thai Restaurant at Thornleigh

A reminder about the much anticipated "Diwali" dinner at Aloop and Neeru's home next Sunday. More luscious food!

Our AGM coming up on 6<sup>th</sup> December. Please get your nomination for President in early!

By this time DG Christine had had something to eat, so she commenced her address to our club. The slogan for this year is "Create Hope in the World". "Hope" for many people is disappearing in our fast paced world. Acknowledging people and saying "G'day" might just help make our world a better place. It is sad that the Rotary Club of North Sydney, one year short of its hundredth anniversary will soon be no more. Perhaps a fresh start of a new club might fill the void. The DG informed us that 33% of Rotarians in our District's sixty four clubs are female – short of the 50% that could be expected – and that there are still a handful of men-only clubs.

The DG outlined four preferences for the year –

"You" as a Rotarian – be proudly engaged in Rotary matters;

Collaborate with other clubs with projects;

Support the Rotary Foundation;

Support for the Domestic Violence Campaign – check the District Website for walks in association with local Councils.

Questions to the DG included –

From your reporter – a suggestion that our club's Timor experience could be duplicated;

The District hold financial reserves well in excess of those required by RI Rules, including \$100,000 in Youth Project Reserves. Could not much of the unneeded surpluses held be used to subsidise future programs, thus making it cheaper for clubs to participate? Could both the two RYPEN and three MUNA accounts be consolidated



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and cut by half and the surplus used to subsidise future campaigns? The DG advised that an approach from a Rotarian was required so that the matter could be addressed by COTA. Your reporter has now made the necessary approach.

President David raised the Rotary License issue as it affects our POW project. The absurdity of Rotary charging Rotary for a Rotary owned logo!

Your correspondent has been informed of Anoop's television appearance this morning. Questions must therefore be asked – How much is he earning from his appearances? What further TV offers has he had? Will his TV involvement in any way affect his Rotary involvement? And has he told his wife about his new career?

Regardless of his answers I am still looking forward to a really good Indian "nosh-up" on Sunday next!!

**Reporter: Theo Glockemann**

### Board Meeting Report

Fellows, the board held a regular meeting last Wednesday on Zoom and the following items came out of the meeting.

It was agreed that we support the walk against Domestic and Family Violence on December 6th at Hornsby PCYC with final details to be advised - see page 5.

Our Christmas Party is confirmed at Lutanda Manor on December 20th with a BBQ and members bringing salads and dessert. More details to be advised.

The board decided that in January our meetings will be on 10th and 24th, the latter being our Australia Day Celebration. We have a quote from the Golf Club which will allow us to hold the function there at a cost of \$50 each. We are continuing to seek a suitable speaker/recipient of the award.

On the subject of Membership, the board has decided to hold another Information Night, this one to be in the new year with all members tasked with bringing along someone who they have invited to attend - the personal invitation being the best way of getting people to come along.

On Projects, the board agreed to again hold an Australia Day celebratory morning tea with lamingtons at the Cherrybrook Christian Community Care Centre as we did earlier this year. In addition, we are also to continue with our Easter Egg give away this coming Easter.

The President will represent the club in John Ellis's place at the pennant Hills High School Presentation Night where he will present 2 Leadership Awards to the 2023 School Captains. This is on Tuesday 5th December.



## OUR DIWALI DINNER

Last Sunday evening we were so delightfully welcomed and hosted by Anoop and Neeru Sud and their lovely family. The occasion was a celebration of Diwali, a Hindu traditional celebration of Peace, Prosperity, Happiness and Good Health.

They so graciously hosted us, all seventeen of us including PDG Lindsay May and Tania, and PP Kaye Carter. We had a late apology from PDG Mina Howard due to a heavy cold.

This was a great time of fellowship and sharing of a traditional Indian banquet which had been prepared by Neeru and her daughters in law.

The following photos tell much of the story, but note that at the end of the dinner the guests all receive a gift! A big THANK YOU to Anoop and Neeru for a wonderful evening.

# Happy Diwali

Rotary  
Pennant Hills



May the  
Divine Light of  
Diwali spread  
into your life  
Peace,  
Prosperity,  
Happiness and  
Good Health



## WHAT'S ON

Date	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	
29th Nov	Social Night	with partners, friends & family	at Pear Thai Restaurant Thornleigh	At 6.30pm	
Sat 2nd Dec	Christmas Trailer Raffle	Cherrybrook Shopping Centre	8.30 to 11am & 11am to 2.30pm	Check the roster	
6th Dec	Club AGM & Elections	Pres David and others	Pres David	Jim Fraser	
9th Dec	Christmas Trailer Raffle	Thornleigh Marketplace	8.30 to 11am & 11am to 2.30pm	Check the roster	
20th Dec	Club Christmas Party	at Lutanda Manor	From 6.00pm	BYO drinks	more details to come

**Last Meeting - 15.11.2023**

**Attendance:** 72.7%

**Apologies:** A. Bell, R Huh, J Ellis

**Guest Speaker:** DG Christine Owen

**Guests:** AG Stuart Armstrong

### NOVEMBER

#### Birthdays:

L Stanton - 4th November  
 S Parker - 7th November  
 C Rigney - 22nd November  
 H Chan - 23rd November  
 R Huh - 23rd November

#### Anniversaries:

Nil

#### Club Induction Anniversary:

J Ellis - 1st November

### Thought for the week

Just because there are two sides, it doesn't automatically follow that you have to on one or the other.

### WALK AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

*This is an annual event involving the Women's Shed Hornsby Ku-ring-gai, KNC, Multi-cultural groups, Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command, Hornsby Council, PCYC, etc. The event and walk this year are set for the morning of Wednesday 6 December and will start and finish at the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai PCYC. A route plan for the walk has been approved by the Hornsby police. Students from Hornsby Girl's High School and Normanhurst Boy's HS will take part in the event. The Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter and Wahroonga Rotary have been invited to take part.*

**Gather at the PCYC in Waitara at 8.30am. The walk concludes at 10.30am with morning tea. This is a map of the route.**

