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PROGRAM THIS WEEK

TRIVIA NIGHT



trivial

adjective

adjective: trivial

of little value or importance.

flimsy, insubstantial knowledge

synonyms: unimportant, insignificant, inconsequential,
minor, of no/little account, of no/little consequence, of no/little

How much were annual dues at the first Rotary Club?

There were no dues at the first Rotary Club.

***The group voted there would be no dues and
all club expenses would be paid from 50-cent fines.***

Chairman : Pam Hudson

Reporter: John Ellis

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM

Other Club Visits

**Each member will do a make up at
another Rotary Club**

MEETING REPORT

Monday 10th September

The RC of Penno Hills met in a partitioned room of the Pennant Hills Hotel at 7 pm on Monday night. President Adrian was firing on all cylinders.

We might be meeting at the West Penno Sporting club when we are back to full strength on 8th Oct 2018. Stay tuned for the announcement.

President Adrian announced that the RotaryAnnes had collected 27 boxes of farmer useful food and toiletries that almost filled his garage – go the RotaryAnnes. The goodies will be taken to St Albans before being transferred to the Uniting church in Tamworth.

John Ellis spoke on youth initiatives, getting candidates ready for the Young Endeavour program and RYPEN from Pennant Hill High school. All subject to parental approval. John has found 2 candidates for NYSF and these have been approved by District.

During John's trip to Penno High he dropped in to see Graham Ashdown, who is much better now but frailer. Graham is receiving help from Baptist Care, cutting the grass and keeping the house in order.

Adrian added from his experience with Wesley Mission that NDIS is funding carer organisations helping people with disabilities, including age related support. Adrian said NDIS is daunting for an individual, but care organisations understand how to obtain NDIA support without lengthy delays.

Pam advised that St. Lucy's is going to open a high school well done St. Lucy's.

Patrick Parker advised of the upcoming Tree of Joy that will be located in the Pennant Hills shopping centre. This year Stewart House will be hosting 84 children from Broken Hill, 42 boys & 42 girls aged from 8-14 years. The presents will be delivered on 6th Dec 2018. Patrick spoke to Vicki at Stewart House. Go Pat.

The preparation for the Trailer Raffle is beginning, Pat will talk again to Bunnings at Dural. Consideration is being given to selling tickets at Bunnings, Dural.

President Adrian introduced John Ellis the guest speaker for tonight.

John's talk is about William Bligh. John advised that today was the anniversary of William Bligh's birthday, born 1754 in Plymouth.

John said a number of films had been made about Bligh's life in 1912, 1932, 1962 and the 1970s, none were complementary to Bligh.

William Bligh's father was a custom official who registered his son on the ships book at 7 years of age. William Bligh first went to sea at the age of 16 and in months became a midshipman.

At 22 William was a masters mate in the "Resolution's" third voyage. The Cape of Good Hope was controlled by the Dutch, the Southern tip of South America (Cape Horn) was controlled by the Spanish.

The Admiralty wanted to find if there was a way through the Bearing Straits. The captain was Clark, Bligh was an assistant to the Navigator. The ship went to Hawaii then up the west coast of North America, but could not get through.

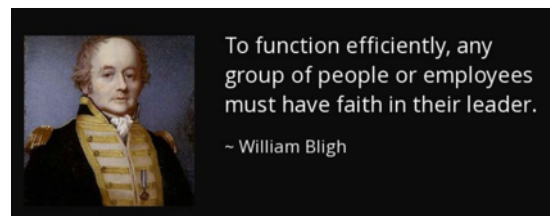
Clark died from TB. Bligh brought the ship back to England.

Joseph Banks had a brilliant idea that a cheap way to feed the slaves in the West Indies was to use bread fruit trees from Tahiti. Bligh was dispatched in the Bounty with a crew of 45.

Bligh had learnt from Cook to relax the work load on the sailors while at sea to ensure that long sea voyages had a higher chance of success. The shift arrangement was 4 hrs on – then 8 hrs off. Standard practice was 4 hrs off.

Bligh couldn't get around Cape Horn as the ship would not face into the wind. Bligh was forced to go around Cape of Good Hope instead before getting to Tahiti.

On the way Bligh stopped at Adventure Bay in



Tasmania and planted some apple trees.

It took 10 months to get to Tahiti. The expedition spent 5 months in Tahiti, there were strong relationships formed between crew members and Tahitian women.

The 1000 bread fruit plants were collected and were watered on board with a drip irrigation system.

In March 1789 the Bounty sailed from Tahiti. After one month Christian arrested Bligh and put him and 18 of his supporters into the life boat. The life boat was overloaded.

Bligh skillfully navigated the boat to Timor. Bligh caught a ship back to England.

Christian sailed back to Tahiti and then took the boat to Pitcairn Island, this island was not known by the Admiralty.

Not all those on board the Bounty sailed with Christian to Pitcairn Island, 12 or so stayed in Tahiti.

With hand tools a boat was constructed, before they were arrested as mutineers.

On the way back to England, Edward's ship sank. The survivors got to Timor and then went on a Dutch ship to England. The mutineers were put on trial in England.

Bligh was given another ship to repeat the Tahiti trip and successfully transported the bread fruit to the West Indies. The slaves did not like the bread fruit – so that was that.



For Bligh's role in the Battle of Camperdown he was awarded a Navy Gold Medal. (This is how the suburb came to be named in Sydney).

Bligh was sent to Australia to break up the rum core that was run by a renegade group of Army Officers in NSW. The colony had no currency, so rum became the currency. When the army officers discovered that Bligh's role was to break up their lucrative trade, a plan was hatched by Macarthur to arrest Bligh, which occurred and send him to the ultimate jail in Tasmania. Bligh was exonerated back in England, Johnson one of the rum core was sentenced. Macarthur the smooth talker not only was not sentenced, was allowed to go back to Australia with some sheep.

Bligh was promoted to Vice Adminal and died in England in 1814. Bligh was tactless, quick tempered and quick to criticise those not up to his high standards of accomplishment.

An American ship discovered the mutineers (decendents) on Pitcairn Island in 1812. In 1850 the population on Pitcairn were resettled on Norfolk Island, some went back.

There is a statue of Bligh in the centre of Sydney. During this part of history, it was discovered the best way to navigate was to use 2 chronometers, one set to GMT and one set to local time to obtain latitude with respect to Greenwich in England.

That concluded another great history lesson by John Ellis.

President Adrian closed the meeting and we went home.

Ian Chappel



Well RYLA Timor Leste 2018 has come to a conclusion. Having started last Sunday afternoon, with an official opening ceremony on Monday morning, it concluded yesterday afternoon with the closing ceremony.

The 15 facilitators and 86 participants had been through a week of intense learning with early starts (6.00am) and usually finishing officially at 11pm but with 'Timor time' that was often well past midnight.



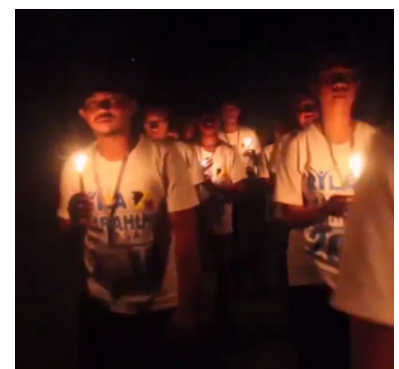
We were not there every day, but whenever we were there we were struck by how enthusiastic they all were. By yesterday afternoon you could see the difference the week had made to them

all. There is no doubt that this is a vital project which has been well worth the effort of all those involved over the past 9+ years! I'll have more to say and show when I return, however, can I finish by commenting on the Australian

Ambassador here in Dili who spoke at the ceremony yesterday. He is an absolute credit to our country. He spoke in Tetum which they thought was wonderful we understand he is

highly regarded everywhere here because of his language skills - but he was ready to join in the dancing and celebrations as well as the award presentations during a long and hot closing session (The power was off so no fans or air conditioning!).

So tomorrow we head off to Ainaro for the RYPEN session there from Monday to Wednesday.



David Firth
Dili, East Timor



Thank you for raising funds for life-saving cancer research!

On behalf of Cancer Council NSW, thank you so much for giving your time and energy to volunteering on Daffodil Day last month. Despite a rainy start, the daffodils brightened up a gloomy day and volunteers were out in force across the country.

With your support at Pennant Hills Train Station this Daffodil Day you have helped raise vital funds for cancer research.

You've also helped raise vital awareness and funds to support the 350 people each day that will have to tell their loved ones they have cancer. We will continue to be in contact over the coming months to show you the impact of Cancer Council funds and how they are helping to create a cancer free future.

Best wishes,
Joanne McColl

THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE

PROGRAM

SPEAKER

Sept 24th

Visit to other Clubs

Oct 1st

PUBLIC HOLIDAY NO MEETING

Oct 8th

East Timor Report

Adrian Bell

Jim Fraser

CHAIRMAN

REPORTER

ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

Member Attendance: 62.5%

Apologies:

Alex Thomas,,Ahmadul Ameen, Theo Glockemann, David Firth,Jim Fraser

Guest Speaker: John Ellis

Visitors: Nil

Leave of Absence: Nil

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES BIRTHDAYS

Nil

ANNIVERSARIES

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We are drowning in information and starved for knowledge."

Anonymous