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## OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK

### *Club Annual General Meeting & Elections*

**Chairman: President Adrian**

**Reporter: Pat Parker**

**The AGENDA will include  
Approval of the minutes of the last AGM;**

**The Financial Report for 2017-18;**

**The election of:**

**President for 2020-2021**

**Vice President**

**Secretary**

**Treasurer**

**and 6 Directors**

## CHRISTMAS TRAILER RAFFLE PROGRESS

*The reception our teams received at West Pennant Hills outside Coles was better than we received last year. The early team of Jack Reid, John Ellis and David Firth, after a quiet start, managed to keep busy through to changeover at 11am. The relief team comprised Ahmadul Ameen (who actually arrived soon after 10.30 to receive training from John Ellis), Pat Parker and Jim Fraser, and they continued good sales through to 2pm. Phil Stanton returned the trailer to the Ellis residence. In all 380 tickets were sold, bringing in \$658.25. This surpassed last year when sales were 291 and takings of \$520. Year to date total is \$4990.*

*Next Saturday at Thornleigh again, the roster is Ian Chappel, John Ellis and Ian Huckel at 8am, and Phil Stanton, Pat Parker and David Firth to follow. Then on Sunday at Bunnings Dural at 8am the team is Theo Glockemann, Adrian Bell, Terry Pankhurst, Pat Parker and John Ellis.*

**NEXT WEEK - December 10th**

**TBA**

*Chairman: President Adrian Reporter: Jim Fraser*

**NOTE:** Meeting at the Hotel Pennant Hills at 6.30 for 7.00pm start

## MEETING REPORT - 26th November

Our man in charge of programs had secured a speaker for the meeting, Michael Eyles, a friend of his from the golf club and a member of the recent golfing and sightseeing trip to South Africa. President Adrian welcomed Michael to the meeting and also Dr Leon Edena, Kaye Carter's partner. Leon had come along in particular because of his interest in Africa and its fauna.

President Adrian reminded everyone of the AGM next week and the various positions to be filled at the elections. He suggested, in the absence of nominations or volunteers, that it would not be a good idea not to attend! There followed a discussion about the difficulty experienced at Cherrybrook Shopping Centre with the trailer raffle on Saturday. It appears there was a mix up over the paperwork with the booking resulting in security staff not expecting us to be there. Pat Parker undertook to talk to the contact person. A reminder was given about the manning of the trailer raffle next Saturday at West Pennant Hills shops. Additional recruits were John Ellis, Ahmadul Ameen and Pat Parker, with Phil Stanton offering to collect the trailer and return it to John Ellis' home.

Pat Parker explained the delay in the start of the Tree of Joy at Pennant Hills Market Place. As the centre organises the tree and decorations, we have to wait for that to happen. This year the installation has been delayed, however he expected that it would be done on Wednesday morning. Fortunately, we learned that there is a later group going into Stewart House with presents for them needed on Monday 17th December. The plan is to deliver gifts to Parramatta Mission the following day.

Kaye Walker then told us of her recent conversation with Keri Chittenden from 'So They Can'. Kaye said she was very interested in what they were doing, but being involved in education, she felt moved to do something about paying for desks for the students - Keri had told us that one of the requirements at enrolment was for students to pay for a desk to use. Keri had told Kaye that the price of the desks is \$40.60 and they are sourced locally in Kenya. Kaye announced that she was going to pay for some and invited other members to join her. President Adrian, following general endorsement of Kaye's proposal, suggested that we do this through the club with the treasurer bringing the EFTPOS machine along each week so members can contribute through their credit or debit cards.

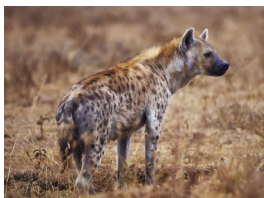
Phil Stanton introduced Michael Eyles. Michael went on the trip to South Africa although he no longer plays golf due to an arm injury. Fortunately, that has not affected his photography skills. He set in motion a slide show of photos he had taken on the trip of birds and animals. He provided background information on many of the species - he obviously specialises in bird photos and many of those he showed were simply brilliant. He had some amazing animal photos which appeared to have been taken at dangerously close range. Animals such as cheetahs, lions, rhinos, etc., but he also had wonderful shots of the less photogenic species like hyenas and wart hogs. A couple of the highlights for me were the picture of a cheetah up in a tree with its kill safely stored up there too, and a picture of a lion beautifully camouflaged amongst some grass and bushes demonstrating how easily one could stumble into trouble. I liked Michael's comment about going on a walk in one of the parks with a ranger who carried a large rifle. When asked about the gun, the ranger admitted that it was only for show!

Michael also showed pictures and video taken on the trip not associated with the animals and birds. There were some of the golfing party at one or two of the prestigious golf courses that they played. But more importantly, he showed pictures and a video of the gifting of school supplies to children in a disadvantaged school. The children knew they were coming so they had prepared a concert for their visitors.

Following some questions and comments, Michael was thanked for his wonderful presentation and the meeting was closed by the president.

**Reporter: David Firth**

**(The pictures below are not Michael's - his were much better)**



## The S.E.A.T. Project Hills Grammar School supports ShelterBox



The Sustainable Education Art Teamwork or S.E.A.T. Project teaches children about social responsibility, their own gifts & talents and encourages community engagement. This is the second year that the students of The Hills Grammar School in Kenthurst has participated in the S.E.A.T. project and this year's year 5 students chose ShelterBox as the beneficiary of their efforts.

An online auction of their Picasso-inspired "seats" and the proceeds of their annual market day raised a whopping \$9,143.00 for ShelterBox Australia! Thanks for an amazing effort!

If your local school would like to learn more about the S.E.A.T. Project visit: <http://seatproject.org>

### Passport - A Letter from an Aussie to His Government

Dear Mr Minister,

I'm in the process of renewing my passport, and still cannot believe this. How is it that K-Mart has my address and telephone number, and knows that I bought a television set and golf clubs from them back in 1997, and yet the Federal Government is still asking me where I was born and on what date? For Christ sakes, do you guys do this by hand?

My birth date you have in my Medicare information, and it is on all the income tax forms I've filed for the past 40 years.

It is also on my driver's licence, on the last eight passports I've ever had, on all those stupid customs declaration forms I've had to fill out before being allowed off planes over the past 30 years. It's also on all those insufferable census forms that I've filled out every 5 years since 1966.

Also... would somebody please take note, once and for all, that my mother's name is Audrey, my father's name is Jack, and I'd be absolutely bloody astounded if that ever changed between now and when I drop dead!

What do you people do with all this information we keep having to provide?

I apologize, Mr Minister, but I'm really pissed off this morning. Between you and me, I've had enough of all this bullshit!

You send the application to my house, then you ask me for my bloody address! What the hell is going on with your mob? Have you got a gang of mindless Neanderthals working there! And another thing, look at my damn picture. Do I look like Bin Laden? I can't even grow a beard for God's sakes. I just want to go to New Zealand and see my new granddaughter. (Yes, my son interbred with a Kiwi girl). Well, I have to go now, 'cause I have to go to the other side of Sydney and get another bloody copy of my birth certificate - and to part with another \$80 for the privilege of accessing MY OWN INFORMATION! Would it be so complicated to have all the services in the same spot, to assist in the issuance of a new passport on the same day? No, that'd be too bloody easy and makes far too much sense.

You would much prefer to have us running all over the bloody place like chickens with our heads cut off, and then having to find some 'high-society' idiot to confirm that it's really me in the goddamn photo! You know the photo... the one where we're not allowed to smile? You bloody morons.

Signed - An Irate Australian Citizen.



# THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
Dec 8th	TRAILER RAFFLE AT THORNLEIGH MARKETPLACE @ 8.00am			
Dec 9th	TRAILER RAFFLE AT BUNNINGS DURAL @ 8.00am			
Dec 10th	TBA	TBA	Pres Adrian	Jim Fraser
Dec 15th	TRAILER RAFFLE AT PENNANT HILLS MARKET PLACE @ 8.00am			
Dec 16th	TRAILER RAFFLE DRAW AT PENNANT HILLS GOLF CLUB @ 1PM			

## Tree of Joy - 2018

*So our Tree of Joy went up last Wednesday and the signage and cards were placed by lunchtime.*



*Cards have been taken at a very brisk rate - between 15 and 20 per day. And gifts started to arrive under the tree this weekend.*

## ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

**Member Attendance:** 75%

**Apologies:** Ian Chappel, Theo Glockemann, Terry Pankhurst

**Guest Speaker:** Michael Eyles

**Guest:** Dr Leon Edena

**Leave of Absence:** Nil

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### BIRTHDAYS

David Firth - Dec 19th

Adrian Bell - Dec 25th

Jim Fraser - Dec 30th

Theo Glockemann - Dec 30th

### ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

David Firth - Dec 16th (36 years)

## QUOTES OF THE WEEK

**"Never ask anyone over 70 how they feel. They'll tell you."**

**"I have opinions of my own, strong opinions, but I don't always agree with them."**

*- George H. W. Bush (1924 - 2018)*