


ROTARY CLUB OF
PENNANT HILLS

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District 9685 



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OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK

'Back to our Historical Home'

We are meeting at Pennant Hills Bowling Club, our home for many years. It will be a fellowship night with a discussion of upcoming club events and projects.

CHAIRMAN: President Adrian

REPORTER: Pat Parker



The Northern end of the clubhouse -
changed from when we were last here!

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM - JULY 30th

'So They Can'

Working in African poor communities

SPEAKER: Kerri Chittenden

Chairman: Phil Stanton Reporter: David Firth

MEETING REPORT - 16th July

The opening of this meeting was delayed several minutes as the Treasurer experienced difficulties with the EFTPOS gadget. Shouting at it didn't help. In time President Adrian Bell opened the meeting with a welcome to John Fennessy, Assistant Governor for The Hills, and Jamie Davidson, our guest speaker. We were a smaller than usual gathering and the first matter for discussion was a venue for 23rd July. Golf Club renovations will require our usual room and Adrian had been casing some other possibilities. We agreed to meet at the West Pennant Hills Sports Club. PP Pat Parker covered his work to date on possible venues for the annual trailer raffle. We have used ten venues in recent years and Pat announced that six have been confirmed. The new Beecroft Centre will be a new venue for us. The first date for ticket sales will be 13 October, then weekly until 15 December. Our Golf Club members will also sell to other golfers. Claude Rigney has been accumulating pills and potions for delivery to some of our near neighbouring countries and for the first time, has been presented with an invoice for shipping. He has requested Club assistance and this was agreed. The RYLA and RYPEN programs initiated by Theo Glockemann in East Timor were discussed, largely about the need for ongoing negotiations with potential sponsoring companies such as Woodside.

David Firth introduced his next son-in-law (watch out, there are more), Jamie Davidson. Jamie is well-known to the Club through his work as a past President of the P & C at Pennant Hills Primary School. His theme for this evening was The Fathering



Project. This project was developed nearly 20 years ago in Perth by Dr Bruce Robinson, an academic. The project came to Jamie's attention at Pennant Hills Primary School following some issues and changes at the school. Jamie considered some of the challenges at the school might be met with the Fathering Project and he introduced the concept to the P & C. It is a not for profit organization supported by the University of Western Australia to inspire fathers to be more involved with their children. It arose from the research of Dr Robinson, a doctor, teacher and scientist. His research and experience led him to realise that fathers can be the most powerful missing force in communities when seeking ways to reduce chances of children falling into drugs, suicide and crime. He ascertained that the problem arose from the worsening gap of fathers' inability to fulfill their role as a father. He believed it was better to stop the problem rather than attempt to fix it by providing inspiration to fathers to act via a schedule of presentations, resources, education, activities and ideas. His research also revealed a reduction of social and behavioural contact with their children. So – what to do? He saw four key points – just being there, unconditional love, setting an example and team work. At PHPS Jamie organized a camp at Crosslands and 50 Dads participated. The theme of the camp included being there and that meant they were off their phones and facebook. They discussed unconditional love and developing teamwork at home. For those with daughters it was important that the daughter was aware they are special. At the school the theme was taken up with the Principal and the P & C and Jamie has led the Dads' Group and thus their message has filtered back into the school community. From this beginning there is now a pilot program for regional coordination to develop the Fathering Project with other local school. This includes two projects for fathers and their children and two projects for fathers and their family. This has created a relationship between the P & Cs and the community in the Hornsby and Hills. Members of the group speak to schools via School Volunteer advocates, Communication advocates, Administration advocates and developing a school team. Jamie ended his presentation explaining that he grew up without a father – he left the family when Jamie was aged three and Jamie had no further contact with him for another 25 years. Jamie certainly gave us all something to consider in our own lives. Following a few questions of Jamie from the floor, President Adrian closed the meeting with the reminder of next week's venue - WPH Sports Club, then the National Anthem.



Reporter: John Ellis

RESPONSE TO DROUGHT RELIEF IN COUNTRY NSW

District 9685 has responded to the drought crisis in the rural areas of our state by appointing **Rotarian Barry EDMUNDSON of the Rotary Club of Wahroonga to be the District Coordinator for Drought Relief.**

Barry has been and will continue to be in touch with the Districts most affected by the drought in NSW. Barry will be able to advise clubs that don't have rural contacts just where their relief can be sent.

There are many ways we can support the rural communities and Barry will also have that information. We must remember that along with the farmers and their families, the businesses and schools in the drought affected regions also need support and relief.

I have been in contact with the Dis-

trict Governors in country NSW and 2 have responded with information and suggestions on how we can help.

It is important to remember that often times money is the best sort of assistance that we can send. The money can be converted into grocery cards administered by agencies such as The Salvation Army or local Councils.

The Rotary Club of Sydney is coordinating the sending of semitrailer loads of stock feed to areas of need.

Rotary District 9650 has set up a RAWCS project. That project will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$15,000.00.

The project is listed on the RAWCS website as "Drought Relief NSW" project number 2-2018-19.

Barry Edmundson is contactable via email jbedmundson@gmail.com

Please think about how you and your club or cluster of clubs can help our country communities.



DATE AND TIME

Mon. 13 August 2018

6:30 pm – 9:30 pm AEST

**Be the Inspiration -
Celebrating Service
Above Self - Rotary
Sydney**

LOCATION

Pennant Hills Golf Club
Burns Road South
Beecroft, NSW 2119

Fellows, this is a joint meeting with Norwest Sunrise Club on Monday 13th August to learn about their Bolivian Project

THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
July 30th	"So They Can" Working in African poor communities	Kerri Chittenden	Phil Stanton	Pat Parker
Aug 6th	Our Latest European Adventure	Phil Stanton	President Adrian	
Aug 13th	Joint Meeting with Norwest Sunrise Club	Dr Ian Nicholson	6.30pm	David Firth
Aug 20th	'Shine For Kids'	Dennis van Someren	Theo Glockemann	Ian Chappel
Aug 24th	DAFFODIL DAY	AT PENNANT HILLS RAILWAY STATION	6.30am	6 sellers



**Cancer
Council**

**Daffodil
Day**

We have booked again this year to take part in selling merchandise for Daffodil Day on Friday 24th August. Once again we will be at Pennant Hills Railway Station from 6.30am until about 9.00am. We'll need 6 people.

ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

Member Attendance: 50%

Apologies: Ian Chappel, Pam Hudson, Phil Stanton, Alex Thomas, Ahmadul Ameen, Jim Fraser, Theo Glockemann

Guest Speaker: Jamie Davidson

Visiting Rotarian: AG John Fennesy

Visitors: Nil

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Esther Fraser - July 23rd

ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Theo Glockemann - July 10th

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The most important influence in my childhood was my father."

- DeForest Kelley