



## OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK

### Our Latest European Adventure

Speaker: Phil Stanton

Chairman: President Adrian

Reporter: Jim Fraser

**Rotary**  
District 9685



**Cancer  
Council**

**Daffodil  
Day**

*We are 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.*

## CLUB CONTACT INFORMATION

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TO NOTIFY MEETING

APOLOGIES &

GUESTS:

**9294 2107**

**before Noon on**

**Saturday**



## NEXT WEEK - AUGUST 13th

*Joint Meeting with Norwest Sunrise Club at*

*Springfield House Function Centre,*

*245 New Line Road, Dural*

*6.30pm start - \$40 each*

**PROGRAM: "Open Heart International Project  
In Bolivia"**

**SPEAKER: Dr Ian Nicholson** Reporter: David Firth



## MEETING REPORT - 30th July - Reporter: David Firth

Our meeting promised to be busy as we had a guest speaker booked, a student from Cheltenham Girls High School coming to tell us about her interest in space and her request for financial support, and a number of program and organisational matters to be discussed. Indeed, how would we fit all this in?

The treasurer continues to be pressured by some of his 'customers', however it all seems like 'water off a ducks back' to unflappable Terry.

President Adrian opened the meeting in the usual way and welcomed our student visitor, Taran McDermid and her father. John Ellis, the club's King of the Kids, introduced Taran. He proceeded to tell us of her interest in space and astronomy - her dad is an astronomer (Phil Stanton he looks like a likely guest speaker!). Taran was aided by a powerpoint slide show as well. The essence of her brief talk was as follows -

*She has been selected to take part in a 2 week trip to the United States at the end of the year. She is one of just 30 junior high school students selected. She needs to raise \$4,000 by the end of September and has a fundraising page on the internet to aid in that effort. Details of this page are on page 4 of this Spokes issue. The following is from that page and from her presentation to us -*

*'I have always been fascinated by science. Learning from professional astronomical engineers, and seeing how technology can be developed to ensure our future in space, would be hugely inspiring for me, and show me where my own future might lead. I'm particularly excited to learn from NASA's educators, and bring that knowledge home with me to inspire other young people about space.'*



**Taran McDermid**

*To make this trip possible, I am trying to raise funds to cover the expenses involved, and I need your help to reach my goal of raising \$4000 by the end of September. I will be so grateful for anything you can donate to make this experience a reality for me.'*

Taran was congratulated on her fine presentation - she is just 14 years old and in year 8 at school and spoke very confidently. Following her departure from the meeting it was agreed to support her with a \$500 donation.

After dinner, with the guest speaker a 'no show', we got down to dealing with a number of matters. President Adrian advised that Norwest Sunrise Rotary Club who is organizing the meeting on 13th August has had to move the meeting to Springfield House, Dural due to the large number attending. They are now expecting around 170 at that meeting. The following meeting on 20th August will be our last at the Golf Club until the renovations are completed. (**Late final extra - this week is our last meeting at the Golf Club!**). As the storage area at the Golf Club will not be accessible during the renovations, it was agreed that we will lease a small unit at Storage King in Sefton Road, Thornleigh at a cost of \$125 per month. David Firth agreed to handle this and arrange the removal of our equipment from the Golf Club.

In Phil Stanton's absence at a Golf Club board meeting, Terry Pankhurst spoke about the Golf Day for which we have a booking on September 11th. However, although the club felt they could still host it, Terry and Phil had considered an alternative of early March 2019 and felt that it was a preferable time. The meeting agreed to the postponement.

Theo spoke about the approaching East Timor visit for which the club has been given a \$6,000 district grant however the funds will be split into 2 amounts of \$3,000, one paid prior and the other after the RYPEN sessions have been completed. Theo sought agreement that the club would underwrite the shortfall of \$3,000 until it was available from district.

President Adrian closed the meeting in the usual way at 8.45pm.



**We are assisting at the RYDA program for  
Mount St Benedict High School on September 4th at  
Quaycentre at Sydney Olympic Park - 8.30am  
We need 6 volunteers to supervise each group - can you help?**



*The great news is that Mary Stoddart has successfully completed her swim from England to France in 17 hours and 8 minutes! What a wonderful achievement, and in the process she has **singlehandedly raised over \$7,600 for PKU research.***

### Mary Stoddart 2018 English Channel Swim

Name	Mary Stoddart
Country	Great Britain
Type / Route	Solo, 1 way / England to France
Completed	3rd August 2018 7:18pm
Time	<b>17:08</b> Unratified
Pilot / Vessel	Fred Mardle / Masterpiece
Observer	Jim Taylor



The 'Masterpiece'



These photos are courtesy of Julie McDonald showing Mary swimming and on the beach in France.

# Trivia? NIGHT?

**Saturday  
25<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

Cherrybrook Community Centre  
Shepherds Drive Cherrybrook

6.30pm for 7.00pm start

**Only \$20 pp**

Bring along your friends  
and make a table of 8.

Tea & Coffee provided  
BYOG & nibbles

Funds raised from this event will go to  
"Drought Relief NSW" being run by Rotary  
to provide stock feed & money to  
drought affected farmers

Bookings essential: ph 0468 330 667  
or email: [wphc.rotary.trivianight@gmail.com](mailto:wphc.rotary.trivianight@gmail.com)

More details: [www.wphcrotary.org/2018-trivia-night](http://www.wphcrotary.org/2018-trivia-night)

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Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills & Cherrybrook Inc.



1875 ~ CAPTAIN MATTHEW WEBB BECOMES  
THE FIRST MAN TO SWIM THE ENGLISH CHANNEL

I DON'T WANT ANY FUSS,  
M'SIEUR - I JUST WANT THE  
SWINE WHO PUSHED ME IN.



# THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
Aug 13th	Joint Meeting with Norwest Sunrise Club	Dr Ian Nicholson	6.30pm at Springfield House	David Firth
Aug 20th	'Shine For Kids'	Dennis van Someren	Theo Glockemann	Ian Chappel
<b>NOTE!!! THIS WILL BE OUR 1st MEETING AT HOTEL PENNANT HILLS</b>				
Aug 24th	DAFFODIL DAY	AT PENNANT HILLS RAILWAY STATION	6.30am	6 sellers
Aug 27th	TBA	TBA		
Sept 4th	RYDA Program with	Mt. St. Benedict High School	Quaycentre	8.30am

Information about our visitor last week with details where you can support her if you wish.

Taran McDermid's fundraising web page is <https://au.gofundme.com/send-taran-to-nasa-space-camp-usa>

Taran is a student at Cheltenham Girls High School

"Mission 1" is a two-week trip to the USA for junior high school students who, like me, have a passion for science and space exploration. On this trip, we will visit NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory and the Griffith Astronomical Observatory in Los Angeles, the GooglePlex campus in Silicon Valley near San Francisco, and the National Atomic Testing Museum in Las Vegas.

The highlight of this trip for me is the last week. We will fly to Houston, Texas, and participate in a challenging 5-day educational program at NASA's Space University. Here we will learn about topics such as robotics, rocketry, and how to journey to and live on Mars.



## ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

**Member Attendance:** 68.75%

**Apologies:** Ahmadul Ameen, Ian Chappel, Alex

Thomas, Phil Stanton

**Visiting Rotarian:** Nil

**Visitors:** Taran McDermid and her father

**Leave of Absence:** Nil

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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Nil

### ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

**Jack Reid - August 8th - 55 years**

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Winners never quit, and quitters never win."

– Vince Lombardi