


ROTARY CLUB OF
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OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK

“Open Heart International Project In Bolivia”

Speaker: Dr Ian Nicholson

Reporter: David Firth



Dr Nicholson graduated MB BS from Sydney University in 1988, and began Surgical training at Westmead and Concord Hospitals in 1991. He then completed advanced training in Adult and Paediatric Cardiothoracic Surgery. He was awarded Clinical Fellowship at Harvard University in 1998 and in 1999 at the Childrens' Hospital, Boston and Brigham Women's Hospital. He has undertaken training in all aspects of Cardiothoracic Surgery, but has a specific interest in Structural Heart Disease, Congenital Heart Disease, Surgical Correction of Arrhythmias, Thoracic Surgery and Deformities. Dr Nicholson is married to Melissa, who is an anaesthetist, and they have two sons, Andrew and Luke, and a daughter, Emma.

Dr Nicholson is actively involved with Open Heart International, a humanitarian agency which facilitates surgical best practice in disadvantaged commu-



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.

NEXT WEEK - AUGUST 20th

Program: “SHINE FOR KIDS”

Speaker: Dennis van Someren

Chairman: Theo Glockemann Reporter: Ian Chappel

NOTE: This meeting is at Hotel Pennant Hills at the usual time

MEETING REPORT - 6th August - Reporter: Jim Fraser

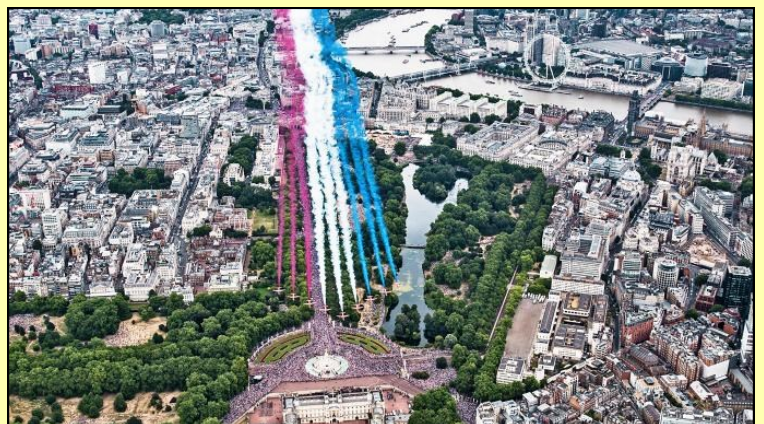
The meeting was opened at 7:00 by Adrian who started off with a presentation to Phil Stanton of his changeover award for service to Rotary. He then outlined the program to support the farmers. Progress so far has been great with pre-paid Visa Cards from Heather Firth and 300 other items of food. This program results in 100% of the goods going direct to farmers. Adrian confirmed that this was our last night at the Golf Club for some time, with our regular meetings to be at Pennant Hills Hotel. Next week's meeting is a joint meeting at Springfield House and is \$40 each. They expect 150-170 people so please come along with partners. August 20 meeting will be at the Pennant Hills Pub. Further to the Drought appeal and Theo was suggesting a Sausage Sizzle as part of our proposed week at Pennant Hill shopping centre. First step is to speak with Nicole to confirm a date. David and Phil cleaned out the storage of Rotary equipment at PHGC and moved to Storage King at Thornleigh. It was a great time for decluttering some of the cupboards. As our meetings use certain items there was discussion on how these are to be moved between meetings and whether or not it was appropriate at the Pennant Hills Pub. If a presentation is to take place a screen would be needed which John Ellis said he could provide. The District Governor was due to attend the meeting on the 20th but President Adrian suggested that was not a great date due to the other items on the agenda, so it has been moved to Jan 14, 2019. It was also discussed about decluttering the Secretary files as there a lot of old meeting notes which are out of date. Claude spoke of a donation of Anti Inflammatory drugs which are destined for West Papua New Guinea. There are 500 cartons to be transported and Pam is going to see if these can be added into another shipment to reduce costs.

Phil Stanton gave a presentation of his recent trip to Europe which had a maritime focus. He and Lyn shared the adventure with a couple they have been away with a few times before and the benefit is Shelly is a great organiser in setting it all up. The trip started in Copenhagen where they took in the harbour and some new vessels like the Marie Vessel which is a huge ship and impeccable shiny with a brilliant finish which was in contrast with two Stealth Vessels made of Kevlar - a stark grey with nothing visible on the decks. The next stop was Kove where they went to a museum dedicated to the Titanic and the Lusitania. Kove was the last stop of the Titanic before it headed out to its demise. He showed a picture of the funnels of the ship which in comparison to the people standing in front gave a good scale of how huge the funnel was. Next stop was Northern France including Champagne and the battlefield areas to visit the war memorials. Phil commented how well preserved and maintained the sites are but was not impressed by the Monash memorial given its cost to build. Phil's travelling companion Clark was speaking with an Australian tour guide and mentioned his great uncle was killed in the war. With the assistance of another guide they found the grave - his uncle was only 21 years old when he died in battle. Clark then went to a registration box where you can access a book that Clark registered his name as a visitor to his uncle's grave. A very emotional poem was read in recognition of the visit to the grave which is a great tribute to the soldiers who lay at rest there. Phil visited the Moet Chandon distillery where there is 100km of tunnels full of bottles of champagne. Each section is labelled with blend, the address it is located, and number of bottles and there are lots of them.

Phil then outlined the story of the 'Vasa', a ship built between 1626-1628 for the King of Sweden. It was a troubled build as the instructions were relayed from overseas while he was away. The king's focus was to make it to look big. The ship was 69 metres long and 57metres high with 2 gun decks. The maiden voyage was not a great success and lasted only 1.3km before it sank. When they did some testing they moved back and forth on the deck which caused the water to run into the gun ports so they added more ballast but it still sank in a gentle side breeze. 330 years after it sank the vessel was found, raised and restored using 98% original components. The museum is a beautiful facility which has many displays to show the craftsmanship and beauty of the ship. It is really worth a visit. Phil also visited the Globe Theatre on its 100 year anniversary and was taken by the RAF 100 year anniversary celebrations in London.

It was a great overview of his trip and was well received. John Ellis commented that he was in Copenhagen 6 weeks after the 'Vasa' was brought to the surface and told the main idea of the King of Sweden was to have a vessel that would scare the Russians.

The meeting was closed at 8:35 with a reminder of next week's meeting at Springfield House, Dural.



Part of the RAF 100 year fly past over Buckingham Palace



**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?**

What the *LOCALS* are saying



Dear Bush Tele,

Did you know that Thornleigh once had a Hospital at 22 Bellevue Street Thornleigh opposite the shopping centre?

It was run by a **Nurse Jane Starkey** who was a remarkable woman who would bring poor children from the city to Thornleigh for a bush picnic as most of them wouldn't have seen bushland before.



Nurse Jane Starkey

Our Facebook page "**Save The Thornleigh Heritage Hospital House**" and has a lot more information on this very important issue.

I would love this Hospital (pictured below) to be saved in memory of her as she gave her house 'Durbanville' to the *Big Sister Movement* for elderly women to stay; *she would often go without so she could help children.*

This Thornleigh Hospital is also connected to Hornsby Hospital, in fact we wouldn't have a Hornsby Hospital without Nurse / Sister Starkey and her hospital.



I hope local residents will join my page on Facebook and we will all try to save this important property as it has so much history and should not to be destroyed.

Christopher Russell, email.

This historical story was brought to my attention by Pam Hudson. It is intriguing to learn of some of the history of our local area. Editor

THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
Aug 20th	'Shine For Kids'	Dennis van Someren	Theo Glockemann	Ian Chappel
NOTE!!! THIS WILL BE OUR 1st MEETING AT HOTEL PENNANT HILLS				
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, Sydney Olympic Park	8.30am start

Condolences

Our sincere condolences go to Ian and Beverley Chappel following the death of Beverley's father a couple of weeks ago.

We would like them to know that they are in our thoughts at this sad and difficult time.

Asked my dad for a cordless drill and this is what I got.



Triv?ia? NIGHT?

**Saturday
25th 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

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More details: www.wphrotary.org/2018-trivia-night

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Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills & Cherrybrook Inc.



ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

Member Attendance: 62.5%

Apologies: Ian Chappel, Alex Thomas, Ian Huckel,
Theo Glockemann, Pat Parker

Visiting Rotarian: Nil

Visitors: Nil

Leave of Absence: Nil

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Nil

ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Alex Thomas - August 17th - 3 years

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**Whenever people want to talk about how hard it is to be an actor, I want to go,
'Um, it's hard to be a baby-heart surgeon.'** - Jon Hamm, Actor