

  
ROTARY CLUB OF  
**PENNANT HILLS**

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Saturday



## OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK

### **CLUB FORUM & PROGRAM DISCUSSION**

**Chairman: President Adrian**

**Reporter: John Ellis**

This meeting will provide everyone with an opportunity to have input into our future programs, our venue, and any other ideas or comments we might have about our meetings now we are in this period away from the golf club. If you have ideas or suggestions about future programs, please bring them to this meeting.



**Cancer  
Council**

**Daffodil  
Day**

*So, we gathered on Friday morning at Pennant Hills Station to sell merchandise for Daffodil Day. Five of us assembled - Ian Huckel, Terry Pankhurst, John Ellis, Jim Fraser and David Firth as Team Leader*

*in Pat Parker's absence. Despite David's efforts to avoid the debacle of no merchandise to sell last year, we again found ourselves sans merchandise on arrival. Fortunately the driver delivering daffodils at 6.30am had a few small bears @ \$10 each and some large bears @ \$30 each which she gave us to go with 4 boxes of daffodils. The daffodils were priced @ \$10 a bunch. Thus, we had nothing under \$10! Still, we carried on regardless with some folk happy to make a donation, but we had no cheaper items for the myriad of school children who pass through the precinct. We also had a visit from 2 supervisors from the Cancer Council who heard our complaints. Still, at 9.00am we had raised \$511.20 - a great effort!*

**NEXT WEEK - September 3rd**

**Program: To Be Advised**

**Chairman: President Adrian**

**Reporter: Jim Fraser**

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

## MEETING REPORT - 20th August - Reporter: Ian Chappel

President Adrian opened the meeting advising that 5 boxes were sent off the farmers in the Gunnedah area. President Adrian spoke about the joint meeting with Norwest Sunrise held last Monday night.

John Ellis spoke about a NYSF candidate Jarrod Tong from Barker. John said he had been accepted and suggested he approach Hornsby Council for a grant from the Youth Trust Fund.

David Firth advised he was speaking with Nicole from the Pennant Hills Shopping centre to support a Rotary Day to raise money for the farmers. The event would likely be a sausage sizzle.

President Adrian advised that RYDA was coming up on 4<sup>th</sup> September and Daffodil Day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August - volunteers are required.

Theo provided a Timor update, thanking our club for providing \$3,000 to support ongoing work in Timor. Theo has obtained funds from other clubs and has obtained a District grant. Theo advised that 10 people were going to Timor. Barker School will be going after Theo returns, they are going for RYPEN.

John Naval Ellis delivered a thumping fines session, clobbering Jack about his wife causing delay in the construction of the Pennant Hills tunnel by kindly inviting workmen over for afternoon teas. It sounded like a plausible story.

Jim was castigated for protecting a renegade bikee in Canada and being granted protection there.



Dennis van Someren



Andrew Kew - CEO of Shine for Kids

## **We support children, young people and families with relatives in the criminal justice system**

Shine for Kids

Dennis who is a member of the Rotary Club of Kenthurst spoke with passion and emotion about his work with Shine for Kids and about what Shine for Kids does. Shine for Kids started in 1982, which is about 35 years ago.

Dennis spoke at our club about 3 years ago and his message then as now is equally as compelling and important. Children are the invisible victims of crime. With the arrest of a key family member, the family is thrown into crisis introducing uncertainty about their future with the forced removal of a loved one. Those that remain in the household struggle with the loss of emotional support, financial loss and loss of family security.

Dennis described his own life's experiences describing the pain that was felt by his family including the bullying metered out at school by judgemental students. Dennis stated that the suicide rate amongst the 14 – 25 year olds in Australia is one of the highest in the world.

It is estimated that there are 75,000 children and adolescents in Australia are in desperate need of support. Shine for Kids is helping but needs much more resources to tackle the problem and the numbers are increasing each year.

Dennis said that where Shine for Kids is successfully intervening with the family problems, the individuals become a powerful role model for their peers to show them the ways out of their plight. **Early intervention** is also extremely important before the problem's the family has, becomes dire.

Shine of Kids always welcomes volunteers.

Their website has 5 pictures which are their formula for success:-

Support      Hope      Inspire      Nurture      Empower

Their website is:- <https://shineforkids.org.au/>

## Farewell

At last week's meeting we were able to farewell Caitlin Bell as she heads off to Lebanon to take up her latest appointment as Deputy Head of the Australian Embassy in Beirut. She has successfully completed her 18 month Arabic course in Canberra and will now spend 6 months familiarising herself with the language in common usage.

Caitlin was accompanied by her fiancée, Theo Ell, as well as her father and mother. She did not come unprepared, providing a Q & A on DFAT statistics with chocolate rewards for correct answers. I have no idea how Theo Glockemann managed to get so many chocolates! We certainly wish her well with this major advancement in her career.



## Why plant trees when you can plant seaweed

*By Parry Monckton, president-elect of the Rotary Club of Turramurra,*

In early March, members of my club joined the [Operation Crayweed](#) team at Mona Vale Beach to restore the denuded reef on the Sydney shore coastline. We decided to help plant a Crayweed forest as part of our unique response to RI President Ian Riseley's challenge for Rotary members to plant trees around the world. Underwater trees, you see, are just as important, if not more so, to restoring the health and vitality of the world's oceans.

Time and development have not been kind to the Sydney reefs. Pollution killed off a lot of the Crayweed before better sewage treatment and extended outfalls were put in place in the late 1980s. The quality of water has improved dramatically. Unfortunately, seaweed forests do not return all by themselves. Enter Operation Crayweed, which has already had great success in eight sites around Sydney. The Mona Vale reef site will be the ninth seaweed forest planted.

Club members gathered, measured, weighed, recorded and observed the quality of marine life on the individual kelp plants. These had been transported there from an earlier collection in the day from well-established reefs south of Sydney. Fifteen healthy plants were then put into each of nine pre numbered labelled green mesh bags then closed and fixed with cable ties. Three scuba divers from the University of New South Wales/Sydney Institute of Marine Sciences of **Operation Crayweed** (including leader, **Dr 'Ziggy' Marzinelli and his team**) floated them out from the beach to a predetermined reef site and anchored them down with clips and ropes with five preplaced stainless steel anchors to 45 bolts in the reef.

They were placed into about three to four meters of water, which took several. Our members were busily engaged in their scientific activities and sealing the mesh bags and carrying them to waiting divers. After repopulation of the reef, these nets and anchors will be removed.

The sites will now be revisited periodically. The Crayweed 'forest' that will emerge in the next 6 to 12 months will gradually take over the reef in coming years allowing the return of crayfish, fish, and all manner of other marine life to restore the natural underwater habitat lost in past years and for future people to enjoy.

Individual plants don't have the effect a forest will, but clubs or members wishing to help can purchase these underwater "trees" to contribute to a future planting by contacting our club. Look at it as a way of responding to Riseley's challenge if you wish. There is plenty of shoreline reef off of Sydney in need of restoration. Operation Crayweed will give us periodic updates on the health of the forest of weed.

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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? David Firth will take names on Monday evening.



# THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
Sept 3rd	TBA	TBA	Pres Adrian	Jim Fraser
Sept 4th	RYDA Program with	Mt. St. Benedict High School	Quaycentre, Sydney Olympic Park	8.30am start
Sept 10th	WATCH	THIS	SPACE	!

## Sunday 9 September



## St Ives Rotary Food and Wine Festival 10am - 4pm St Ives Village Green

**Food - Wine - Lifestyle**  
30 Delicious Food Stalls  
20 Quality Wine Stalls  
25 Creative Craft Stalls



**Food - Wine - Lifestyle**  
Kids activities - Music  
Pony rides - Farm animals  
Face painting - Climbing wall

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[www.stivesfoodandwine.com](http://www.stivesfoodandwine.com)



### ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

**Member Attendance: 81.25%**

**Apologies:** Alex Thomas, Pat Parker, David Walsh

**Guest Speaker:** Dennis van Someren - R/C Kenthurst

Andrew Kew - CEO of Shine for Kids

**Visitors:** Wendy Bell, Caitlin Bell, Theo Ell

**Leave of Absence:** Nil

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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David Hopping - August 23rd

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

#### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**‘The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision.’**

- Helen Keller