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Chairman:

Our hosts

Reporter:

Pam Hudson

Editor:

David Firth

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

JOINT MEETING WITH OUR HOSTS ROTARY CLUB OF BEECROFT Program on "CAVING"

Caving — also traditionally known as **spelunking** in the United States and Canada and **potholing** in the United Kingdom and Ireland — is the recreational pastime of exploring wild (generally non-commercial) cave systems. In contrast, speleology is the scientific study of caves and the cave environment

NEXT MEETING April 11th

2016 National Youth Science Forum

Speaker:

Jash Vanjara

Chairman:

John Ellis

Reporter:

Michael Bradley

*Photo of the students
from Pennant Hills
High School who en-
joyed their day sail
on the 'JAMS CRAIG'
with PP John Ellis.
They will speak to the
club in May.*



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MEETING REPORT - 21st MARCH, 2016

As President Ian was away, Adrian became the acting President and Michael assumed the Sergeant's role. The meeting was held at the back of the main bar because of the normal rooms being taken over for a large function.

Theo said grace before the meal and highlighted the proposed date for the new membership drive meeting of Monday the 3rd of May at the Pennant Hills Golf club. He encouraged all members to bring as many people as possible and encourage them to join the club. A meeting was organised for after the meeting with the group tasked with organising this function.

John Ellis reported on the club's 'Young Endeavour' program where the successful applicant was chosen to sail to Nelsons Bay for 2 weeks. He will speak at a club meeting upon his return. The unsuccessful applicants were invited to go for a sail on the 'James Craig' in the harbour and out through the heads, which was thoroughly enjoyed and there is a new offer where 16yr old are able to climb the mast. John also advised that there is a new Head of Science at the Pennant Hills High School which he has spoken to and is looking forward to more names being put forward to take part in the Rotary National Youth Science Forum.

Theo reminded everyone of the upcoming Red Shield appeal on the 28th and 29th of May and the need for the club's involvement of driving people around. David reminded members of the Pride of Workmanship on the 16th of May and asked for nominations. The guest speaker will be Bill Aitken who received a Pride of Workmanship in 1985 from the Hornsby club.

Michael being Sergeant at Arms was consumed by his new position and fined everyone for not acknowledging his Irish heritage and wishing him a Happy St Patrick's day. He also fined Jack for the article in the paper where he confessed to running Two Up under a big tree near his home; Philip was fined for his spelling mistake in Spokes; and David was cross fined for an error in the meeting attendance stats in Spokes. Michael also fined others for not wearing badges.

The speaker for the night was Kalindi White who was accompanied by her mother. Kalindi was a recent attendee at RYPEN. Pennant Hills Rotary sponsored two girls but Jessica Hook was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. Kalindi spoke to the group and detailed how she enjoyed her long weekend at the event giving highlights of the activities she was involved in through the program. She said the program started off with people being separated into 4 coloured groups and then a number of games were played to break the ice for the attendees and get people interacting with others. Games included "People Bingo" where you had to find someone who owned a dog to encourage you to talk to others. Another game included asking the participants to take a roll of toilet paper and take off what you expected to use over the weekend. Some took a few others took a lot. Once dispensed the holder had to tell things about yourself for each piece of paper taken which proved a challenge if a lot was taken. On Saturday more activities took place like working your way through a maze and building a raft. A disco was held on Saturday night where everyone interacted with their new friends. On Sunday a range of new activities were planned to stop a bomb from blowing up by playing riddle games where pressure was put on to solve the riddle before the bomb went off. The group also had to develop different ways of communication such as silent communication and work out ways to organise a group of people in the order of their height or birthdays without saying a word. Kalindi made all the club members attending the meeting to play these games as a way to show the skills she had learned about how hard it was to communicate without using your voice. Kalindi talked about the different types of leadership that were highlighted and how to use the most effective style to suit yourself or the group you were engaged with. Kalindi found one of the most memorable sessions was the leadership talk and the 4 stages of leadership were outlined. The stages started with Conscious Incompetence where you knew you had to do something but had no idea how to do it and then moving through stages to Unconscious competence where you just did it. She said she uses these concepts daily and found the definitions very helpful. She also found great benefit in the ability to speak and experience gained in being much calmer in speaking in public. She closed by thanking the group for sponsoring into this program and is going to speak to other at school by encouraging them to register for future programs. John Ellis thanked her for her taking part and speaking to the group. Theo and Michael complimented her on the enthusiasm she showed in talking about her experience.

Adrian closed the meeting reminding people that there is no meeting next week and the meeting on the 4th of April is a joint meeting with the Beecroft club.

Reporter: Jim Fraser (Note that this is Jim's first time as reporter. What a good effort! Editor)



Last Wednesday, 30th March, I joined the throng of proud parents to welcome “*Young Endeavour*” alongside at Garden Island. You might be able to use these two pictures – “*Young Endeavour*” coming alongside the wharf, and Noah Binet, our Pennant Hills High School awardee receiving his certificate from Captain Mike. PP John Ellis



ROTARY FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER

‘MOVIE NIGHT’

“EDDIE THE EAGLE” Preview

Wednesday 13th April

at

Event Cinema CASTLE HILL

6.00 for 6.45pm

Cost is \$20 each - \$8 going to the Foundation

We need to reply on Monday Night 4th April - Pam Hudson is taking the bookings.

In today's Sun-Herald, Peter Fitzsimons commented on the premiere of this film he had attended, in the following way:

“To cut to the chase, it is as good a movie as I have seen in three yonks. Funny, fast-paced and fabulous. You can call me a wuss if you want, but I wept at the end.”

Sounds like a great movie and a very worthy cause. See you there!



PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP

AWARDS NIGHT

MONDAY, 16th MAY, 6.30 for 7.00pm

Guest Speaker: Bill Aitken

This is one of the highlight events for our club which will showcase the project for which we are known around Australian Rotary Clubs.

Do you have someone who is deserving of an award? Or perhaps you know or deal with someone who deserves such recognition? Please contact David Firth who is inviting organisations to nominate awardees.

OUR FUTURE PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
April 11th	National Youth Science Forum 2016	Jash Vanjara	John Ellis	Alex Thomas
April 16th	DISTRICT 9685	ASSEMBLY	FOR ALL	DIRECTORS
April 18th	Autobiography	Jim Fraser	Theo Glockemann	David Firth
April 25th	ANZAC DAY	NO MEETING		
May 2nd	Board Meeting	Board	President Ian	Pat Parker
May 16th	PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARDS PARTNERS NIGHT	Bill Aitken	TBA	TBA
Friday June 3rd	MEALS FROM THE HEART <u>with our Partners</u>	at Ronald McDonald House	WESTMEAD	Commencing @ 5.30pm
June 6th	The Program of NBN Co.	Michael Tyler	David Firth	Adrian Bell

MEMBER NEWS FOR THE WEEK

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Ian Huckel - April 5
 Happy birthday to Dawn Callaway - April 6
 Happy birthday to Peter Hudson - April 8

ANNIVERSARIES

Pat and Sandra Parker - April 7

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Bill Woodman - April 6
 Graeme Ashdown - April 7

Fellows, spare a thought for PP Pat Parker who is in hospital tonight having had knee replacement surgery. He will be there for a week then 2 weeks rehab at Mt Wilga. I'm sure you join me in wishing him well and a speedy recovery.

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

ATTENDANCE:

55.6%

APOLOGIES:

Ian Chappel, Pam Hudson, Terry Pankhurst, Pat Parker, Alex Thomas, David Walsh, Peter Wilson

GUEST SPEAKER:

Kalindi White - Pennant Hills High School

VISITOR:

Cathy White - mother of Kalindi

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Graeme Ashdown

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"If I were given the opportunity to present a gift to the next generation, it would be the ability for each individual to learn to laugh at himself."

— Charles M. Schulz