

# SPOKES

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NEXT MEETING  
6th June

"The Program of  
NBN Co."

Speaker:  
Michael Tyler

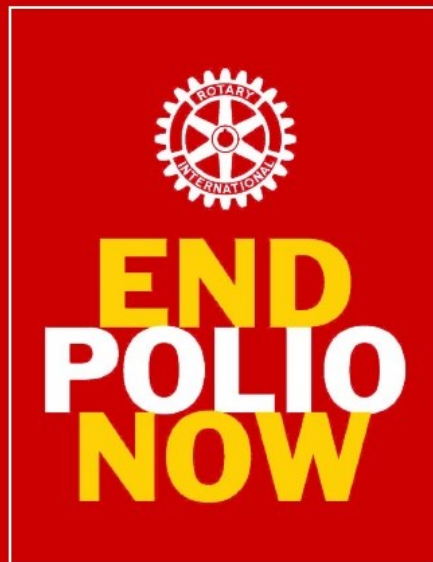
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## TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

# POLIO THE SECOND TIME

GUEST SPEAKER:  
WENDY BELL



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## MEETING REPORT - 23rd MAY 2016

President Ian opened the meeting by welcoming our guests, Major Glenys Page from the Salvation Army, Ben Knight and his grandfather Rotarian Ray Knight, Ben Woolf and his father Jeremy Woolf, Michael Blain and his father Colin Blain, and Brendan Ward from Pennant Hills High School.

The meal was followed by the usual announcements:

There will be a joint meeting with Beecroft on the 11<sup>th</sup> July with the C.E.O. of World Vision as the guest speaker.

Kalma from Ryde Club advised President Ian of the Taldumande Youth Services which provides a number of houses across Sydney to house young people who have a need for accommodation. They have a house in Pennant Hills and support could be sought from our club.

Theo Glockemann advised that the Red Shield static collections over the past weekend were successful and thanked those who had helped, especially Pam, who is handling all the admin work, (and the Wilson family - this was somehow missed by the reporter!). Major Glenys Page then gave the troops a gee - up for the Red Shield Appeal on Sunday with a brief overview of the uses of the proceeds. She outlined her new role in the section that endeavours to locate missing relatives.

Apparently PDG David Rands is hassling Theo about the Rotary Foundation Centurian deposits so make sure you fill up those plastic towers with your \$2 coins and, when full, give them to the treasurer for processing.

Chairman John Ellis then introduced Ben, Ben, Michael and Brendon from Pennant Hills High School who had experienced a day sail on the 'James Craig'. The day was for outstanding applicants for the 'Young Endeavour' program who were unsuccessful with their applications.

The boys thanked the Rotary Club for sponsoring them and then gave a brief history of the 'James Craig' before commenting on their individual experiences. Their day started out fine but deteriorated to rain for most of the sail. All passengers were on deck to see how the ship worked but as the day worsened and the ship headed out to sea most disappeared below deck, some feeling not so good. Our fearless four remain on deck and were involved with the crew in hauling on the many ropes. They said that when the ship was outside the heads the view was the sea, the sky, the sea, the sky, etc.

Many questions followed including one on what they took away from their day. They said that they now have a good appreciation of team work, and of how hard it must have been for the original crews of sailing ships. They didn't get sea sick and one of them noted that his water-proof jacket was not, and the food on board was good.

**Reporter: Peter Wilson**



## MEALS FROM THE HEART

This is one of the highlights of our Community Service program each year and it is on this coming Friday, 3rd June, at Ronald McDonald House, Redbank Road, Westmead, next to Westmead Children's Hospital. We will be cooking a barbecue dinner with salads, etc. followed by a range of desserts. We also provide drinks.

We cater for all the families who are resident at Ronald McDonald House on the night and indeed, sit and enjoy the meal with them. For those who haven't been before, it is a very satisfying time of fellowship with families who are experiencing quite traumatic times with sick children. Do not miss this opportunity. We start at 5.30pm and of course, we need to have our partners helping as well as we will be catering for 70.



## THE ANNUAL RED SHIELD APPEAL

On Sunday we took part in the annual Red Shield Door-Knock using Barry Smith Holden as our base. We were again assisted by Barker College, Cheltenham Girls High, Pennant Hills High, and several other teenagers, as collectors. Our drivers came principally from West Pennant Hills & Cherrybrook Rotary Club, Barker College parents, and our own members and friends. Regrettably, we were unable to cover our whole area due to lack of both collectors and drivers.

We did manage to collect just short of \$27,000 in total with \$5,700 collected at the static collection points on last weekend and this weekend. The collection points were Pennant Hills Marketplace, Bunnings Thornleigh, and Thornleigh Plaza. Oakhill Dural Probus Club provided the collectors at Bunnings for both weekends, while club members and friends plus Major Glenys Page collected at the other points. Again we are indebted to the Barry Smith organisation for use of their premises and for the provision of the barbecue to feed hungry collectors and drivers.

The following are a couple of photos taken on Sunday at Barry Smith Holden after the door-knock.



**Drivers & collectors tallying up on their return under the watchful eye of PP Adrian!**



**The BBQ area manned by our ladies before the rush!**

## NEPAL EXPERIENCE

Friends in Pennant Hills Rotary,

Thanks for giving me a few minutes at a recent meeting to briefly describe rebuilding work I did in Nepal last year after the devastating earthquake. I have a Powerpoint presentation prepared for Beecroft Rotary showing reconstruction in the village of Arubot, 100 km east of Kathmandu, where I stayed for 2 months. If you'd like to see it at a Rotary meeting, I would be very happy to oblige.

My friends in Nepal are trekking guides and have been robbed of income because tourism dried up after the earthquake. To help them get back on their feet, I am planning two treks to Nepal in October 2016, one to Everest Base Camp and the second to the Annapurna area. If you would like to have an awesome experience in the Himalayas and at the same time, support these lovely people, I'm happy to give you more information.

Best regards to you all,

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## OUR FUTURE PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
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
June 13th	NO MEETING	DUE TO QUEEN'S	BIRTHDAY	HOLIDAY
June 20th	Club Forum & Fellowship	Club members	President Ian	Theo Glockemann
Saturday June 25th	DISTRICT 9685 CHANGEOVER	HORNSBY RSL CLUB	6.00 FOR 6.30pm	
June 27th	CLUB CHANGEOVER with Partners	AT THE GOLF CLUB	6.30 FOR 7.00pm	David Firth
July 4th	CLUB PLANS & PROGRAMS	President Pam & Directors	President Pam	Jim Fraser
July 11th	Joint meeting with	Tim Costello CEO of	David Ellyard	Ian Chappel

### MEMBER NEWS FOR THE WEEK

#### BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Sue Huckel - May 28th

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

#### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

PP Terry Pankhurst - May 29th

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*A week or two ago, we were sad to learn that Betty Graham's younger brother, Donald Gray passed away. He was a member of Singleton Rotary Club.*

### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

**ATTENDANCE:** 61.1%

**APOLOGIES:** Michael Bradley, Terry Pankhurst, Pat Parker, Phil Stanton, Alex Thomas

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** Michael Blain, Ben Knight, Brendan Ward, Ben Woolf

**VISITING ROTARIAN:** Ray Knight - R/C of Sydney

**GUESTS:** Major Glenys Page, Colin Blain, Jeremy Woolf

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Graeme Ashdown

### ROTARY INFORMATION

The 2016 Rotary Council on Legislation not only granted clubs more freedom in determining their meeting schedule and membership, it also approved an increase in per capita dues of \$4 a year for three years. The increase will be used to enhance Rotary's website, improve online tools, and add programs and services to help clubs increase membership. Measures that were adopted take effect 1 July. There will be more detailed information in the near future.

### QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

**Our greatest weakness lies in giving up.  
The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.**  
- Thomas A. Edison