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SPOKES

OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK - September 26th

**“DOMESTIC VIOLENCE &
THE WOMEN’S REFUGE”**

GUEST SPEAKER: ROBYN WAITE

CHAIRMAN: David Firth REPORTER: Jim Fraser

Our Guest Speaker this week is the daughter of Past President and past member of our club, Peter Waite. Peter and his wife, Margaret, well known in the Pennant Hills area, are regular supporters of our club.

Robyn was an excellent teacher, then worked for Dural Baptist Church. Following a serious foot injury, she is now coaching children at a North Rocks facility every afternoon after school hours. She has been putting much of her time as chair of the Hills Domestic Violence Committee for 5 years and is now on the committee and arranging for donations, food, etc. for the refuge that Castle Towers financed for 3 years. The picture is of Robyn with newly elected Mayor of The Hills, Yvonne Keane, and Annabelle Daniel, CEO of Women’s Community Shelters.



NEXT WEEK - October 3rd

NO MEETING DUE TO THE PUBLIC HOLIDAY

FOLLOWING WEEK - October 10th

David Gordon will speak about TAD NSW Disability Services

Chairman: Adrian Bell Reporter: David Firth

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HAT DAY
FRIDAY OCTOBER 7TH
HAT DAY PARTY!

We're having a Hat Day event to raise money for mental health research. It's a fun and positive way we can all get involved and show our support for people affected by depression, anxiety, schizophrenia, anorexia and many more serious mental illness conditions.

We'll be raising funds for PhD Scholarships and Research Grants focussed on finding preventions, treatments and cures for a broad range of mental health conditions.

Current studies include identifying and addressing anxiety in toddlers, a school-based positive thinking program, trials of a suicide prevention campaign for young people, and a mobile phone-based intervention for improving mental wellbeing in young adults with diabetes.

You can donate online via our Hat Day event page, just ask our Hat Day Head for the link.

We're proud to say that every cent of your Hat Day donation goes to funding high quality mental health research projects around the country through Australian Rotary Health.

DON'T FORGET YOUR HAT!

#HATDAY16 WWW.HATDAY.COM.AU

Fellows, Ian Chappel has arranged for our club to set up and collect for the Australian Rotary Health Hat Day on Friday 7th October at Bunnings at Thornleigh. The hours for us to collect are in 2 shifts - 9am to Noon and Noon to 3pm. We are organising collection buckets, display material and handout flyers together with club pull - up banners. Bunnings are providing a table and their staff are wearing hats on the day. Those collecting are encouraged to bring along a hat to wear, preferably something special/ostentatious/even outrageous! As the flyer at left says, the funds raised will go towards research programs into mental health issues in this country. Speak to Ian Chappel if you can help in any way.



Thursday, Sept 22nd

Hi Pam and all

Hopefully this will get through! RYLA was best ever! Seminars are a battle but we are making progress. RYPEN starts tomorrow and indications are great. Barker kids LOVED their visits to village - many say they want to come back next year! Their bonds with the Timorese kids has been something to see. Home in 12 days for some much needed R and R.

Cheers

T and G

NORTHBRIDGE ROTARY SENDS EMERGENCY SHELTERS TO NEPAL

Posted on July 15, 2015 by Rotary District 9685



Northbridge has donated around 100 corrugated iron permanent shelters to victims of the Nepal earthquake. The club's donation was made possible mainly through a "bucket appeal" to Northbridge residents in May and subsequent donations which together raised more than \$18,000.

The houses each hold from six to eight people, and in total will provide shelter for up to 800 people. Most of these houses will be overseen and organised through the Rotary Club of Banepa, Nepal

Report of the Meeting held on 19th September 2016

This was a joint meeting with our “daughter “ Club, Beecroft, and it was pleasing to see 4 full tables in the room as a good audience for the Guest Speaker. The meeting format was slightly different, with the National Anthem being sung at the beginning of the meeting. It was fairly obvious that the members of the “ Pennant Hills Male Choir” had been in special training for this night. It was also nice to see that a number of our members had taken their seats at tables with members of the Beecroft club.

President David Elyard, welcomed the members of both clubs and made a number of announcements and offered our President Pam to do likewise. Unfortunately none of our members survived the “Heads and Tails” and we were also unsuccessful in the raffle draw for a bottle of wine.

Following dinner and coffee, Chairman Peter Holtz introduced our Guest Speaker, Ross Piper, the Chief Operating Officer of World Vision. Ross is a “local boy” who attended Pennant Hills High School, did a Bachelor of Science at Macquarie University and an MBA from Deakin University in International Relations and Business. He has spent the last 20 years moving around the world in various fields including mining, banking and non government organisations. He has spent time in such “hot spots” like Serbia, Montenegro, Croatia, The Middle East and Cyprus. He now lives in Cheltenham with his wife Sarah and their 4 children, aged 14, 12 , 9 and 7.

Tim Costello is the Chief Executive Officer of World Vision, which has a total staff around the world of 45,000 of which 43,500 are “local” staff. It was interesting to hear that about 6,000 of their staff were Muslim. Ross was of the view that around the world, the recent trends were towards tribalisation and the people who usually suffer the most were the needy and the most vulnerable. Throughout his travels he was firmly of the view that most of the people overwhelmingly support the teachings of Jesus and believe in what he taught.

His work involved bringing communities together and this was challenging because of the many complex groups, but the focus was always towards schools, education and especially new born health, because many children die before their 5th birthday. Another problem area was poverty and the loss of dignity which leads to a feeling of shame.

Ross gave an interesting example of the problems facing World Vision, when he described his job as like a “water bed”, when you lie in one place and a problem comes up somewhere else. He was very concerned that some areas are a “basket case”, lacking in programs and a failure by many governments, particularly in Europe.

Many questions were raised from the floor and Ross was able to give a considered and professional answer to them all. It was very obvious that those of us who live in the Beecroft/ Pennant Hills area, are indeed very privileged.

Reporter: Pat Parker



A World Vision water project in Africa transforming lives.

THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
OCT 3	NO MEETING	DUE TO	THE PUBLIC	HOLIDAY
OCT 10	TAD NSW DISABILITY SERVICES	DAVID GORDON	ADRIAN BELL	DAVID FIRTH
OCT 15 To DEC 17	OUR CHRISTMAS TRAILER RAFFLE TICKET SELLING COMMENCING AT	PENNANT HILLS MARKETPLACE	WE WILL BE CIRCULATING A ROSTER SOON	THERE ARE 10 SELLING DAYS - ALL SATURDAYS
NOV 7	'THE TIMOR REPORT' JOINT MEETING WITH BEECROFT	THEO GLOCKEMANN	PRESIDENT PAM	ADRIAN BELL
NOV 21	OPERATION FOUNDATION	PETER SCHULTZ	DAVID FIRTH	ALEX THOMAS

GRAFFITI REMOVAL DAY is being held this year on Sunday 30th October.

This Rotary driven project is an initiative of the NSW Government's Dept. of Justice aimed at creating a greater awareness of graffiti vandalism. It encourages local communities throughout NSW to get involved in the removal and prevention of graffiti.

To Rotary clubs it offers a lot more eg

- Getting involved with a fun yet different activity
- Only needing a few people – men or women
- Providing an opportunity for your club to be exposed and promoted in your local community
- Working on a common cause with other volunteers – which may even lead to finding a few more new members!!

Involving no costs as all the required materials such as paint, brushes etc are provided by sponsors – the major one being Dulux. Even murals and green screening can be undertaken.

This is a big event – now in its fourth year. Last year almost 2000 volunteers removed over 20,000 sq. metres of graffiti from over 450 sites in 56 Council areas.

So what do you need to do???

Visit the website www.graffiti removal day.org.au and NOMINATE A SITE or VOLUNTEER

For more details contact Graffiti Removal Day's Volunteers Manager:

Johan Mare 1300 665 310 0450 631 164

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LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Member attendance 66.6%

Apologies: David Walsh, Theo Glockemann, Adrian Bell, Alex Thomas, Peter Wilson

Guest Speaker: Ross Piper

Guest: Nil

Leave of Absence: Graeme Ashdown

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS

Terry Pankhurst - October 3rd

Phil Stanton - October 3rd

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jack & Ruth Reid - October 1st

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

THE QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle."

--Winston Churchill