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# SPOKES

**OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK - October 17th**



**GUEST  
SPEAKER**

**Chairman: Pres Pam  
Reporter: PP Theo**



**NEXT WEEK - October 24th**

**TO BE CONFIRMED**

**SPEAKER: TBA**

**Chairman: Phil Stanton Reporter: Claude Rigney**

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Fellows, earlier this week I received the following email from Claire Geary who was a GSE awardee from our club to Turkey a number of years ago. I see her from time to time and thought you might be interested in what a past awardee of ours is doing in and for the community.



Hi Friends, Colleagues and Family,

Later this month **I will be spending a week in a remote Aboriginal Community as a volunteer** in the National Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy ([NASCA](https://www.nasca.org.au)) ARMTour program. ARM stands for 'Athletes and Role Models' (it probably should be fairly evident that I am not the athlete part of that!).

NASCA works with young Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander people to build their confidence and encourage them to take opportunities to fulfil their potential. The programs target school attendance and school performance, developing career pathways and work-ready skills, strengthening cultural pride, and building life skills, personal development and long-term, resilience.

Partnering with six remote Northern Territory Schools, ARMTour is delivered largely by volunteers, for a week, three times per year in each community. The team provides in-class support as well as before, during and after-school sport, health, mentoring, and personal development activities. The program aims to increase school attendance/retention, improve student's attitudes towards school, promote positive learning experiences and improve teamwork, communication and leadership.

I have been posted to Yuelamu, which is community of around 190 people located around 300km north-west of Alice Springs, and during my week of service I will be drawing on my skills and experiences in sport (soccer and general), Scouting, music and youth work to inspire, motivate and hopefully also delight!

I am not required to pay for my travel or participation. However I have undertaken to assist the great work of NASCA by pledging to raise \$1,000 in sponsorship to enable NASCA to continue to fund empowerment programs for Aboriginal young people, their schools and their communities.

**Please consider contributing to enable NASCA to continue their work for the benefit of remote Aboriginal communities.**

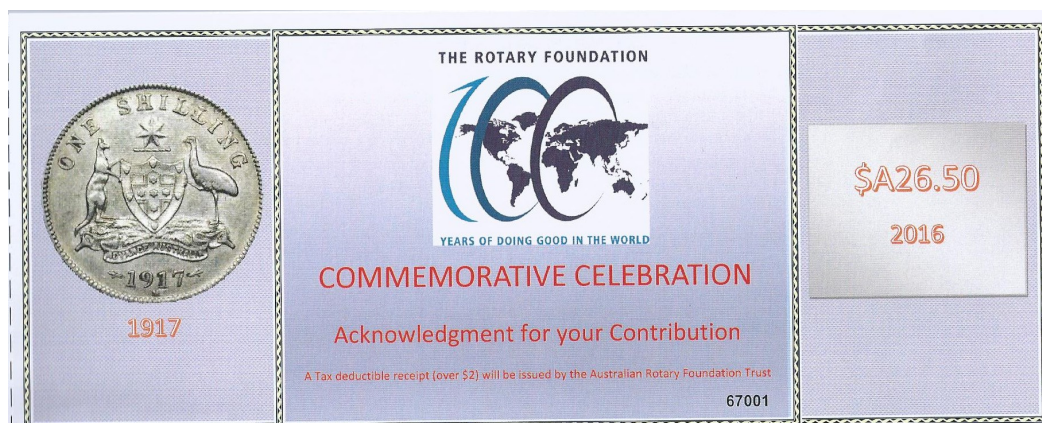
**Donate at:** <https://give.everydayhero.com/au/claire-60>

Many thanks

Claire Geary

## THE ROTARY FOUNDATION COMMEMORATIVE CENTENNIAL CHALLENGE

At the invitation of the District 9685 Foundation Chairman, David Rands, we have the opportunity to obtain one of these historic 'cheques' which commemorate the beginning of the Rotary Foundation back in 1917 with an initial deposit of \$26.50. The objective is for every Rotarian to make a donation of \$26.50 and receive one of these 'cheques' as acknowledgement of that donation. See our Foundation rep Theo Glockemann.



## Report of the Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2016

The Corporal, Jim Fraser, introduced President Pam in his role as replacement for our ocean-going Sergeant Terry who is once again sailing the seven seas with Mermaid Maureen! After welcoming our Guest Speaker, David Gordon, Pam welcomed back Timor veteran Theo who gave a run down on recent events in our neighbour to the north west. These included the wedding of Amina and Eddie - an extravaganza involving 600 guests; a buffalo and several pigs provided by Amina's dad, with the guests cooking these beforehand and bringing them to the wedding ready to eat. (Sounds like a good way to cut down on the cost of weddings!) Theo also reported on the RYLA that was then conducted - "the best ever with 10 facilitators". This was followed by a week of 'seminars' focussed on different projects being run in East Timor, including the greatly appreciated and necessary 'Days for Girls'. Theo commented on the effect Rotary is making in East Timor where there are now 5 Rotaract clubs and a newly chartered second Rotary Club made up of mainly alumni from the RYLA programme there. There is a need for training of these young people in Project Management - a need which is now being addressed. The Barker College contingent of 11 students and 2 teachers arrived and then spent some time in an outlying village so that they could experience life in a third world community. This was not their only experience of East Timor, as they also saw some of the sights around Dili and also participated in a RYPEN programme. All of this had a very profound effect on these students and further visits from Barker students is assured.

Pam gave a brief account of her attending the Thornleigh club's meeting with some expectation that some of their members may assist us with our Trailer Raffle. Yours truly gave a report on our Hat Day collection at Bunnings at Thornleigh where \$120 was raised; plans for the start of the Trailer Raffle on the following Saturday at Pennant Hills Marketplace, with detailed directions as to the venue being necessary for Claude who had forgotten where he went last year; lastly, a letter was read from a member of Kew Rotary Club in Melbourne who thanked us for the Pride of Workmanship materials supplied at the instigation of their very good friend, Jack Reid.

In a departure from past practice, Pam invited Chairman Adrian to introduce our Guest Speaker, David Gordon, leaving Corporal Jim to keep his fine session to the end. David came representing TAD NSW Disability Services - TAD standing for Technical Aid for the Disabled - and asserted that "TAD are the people who make the impossible possible. They make special things for special people." The organisation began back in 1975 when a group of mainly retired engineers set out to make devices and modify items to make the lives of disabled people of all ages more fulfilling. As an example, David said that 10 years ago they made bikes for disabled kids. Now this process is called Freedom Wheels and provides normalcy for disabled kids, allowing them to join the rest of the family in outdoor activities.

Solutions are custom designed and made usually for each client with some becoming standard designs for others with similar disabilities. Modification of working environments and equipment for disabled workers is also part of the service. This is aimed at making the jobs easier and the worker more productive. Similarly, sporting equipment is modified including wheelchairs.

Currently the volunteer organisation is funded by both state and federal government grants, however David understands that that will change next year with the implementation of the NDIS. TAD will need to change how they deal with clients who cannot afford to pay for their devices. There are about 100 volunteers but this is declining. David suggested we could help by donation and by identifying anyone in need of TAD's services.

David was appropriately thanked for his talk. Corporal Jim got his chance to fleece us all and Pam closed the meeting in the usual way.

**Reporter: D L F**

## THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
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
OCT 24	TO BE CONFIRMED	TBA	PHIL STANTON	CLAUDE RIGNEY
OCT 31	BBQ at PRESIDENT PAM'S HOME as the GOLF CLUB is unavailable. Details TBA.			
NOV 7	'THE TIMOR REPORT' JOINT MEETING WITH BEECROFT	THEO GLOCKEMANN & Barker Students	PRESIDENT PAM	ADRIAN BELL
NOV 21	OPERATION FOUNDATION	PETER SCHULTZ	DAVID FIRTH	ALEX THOMAS

### TRAILER RAFFLE UPDATE

The annual selling program commenced on Saturday at Pennant Hills Marketplace. Although we were short staffed on the morning shift - I feel a fine coming on for someone! - the sellers on both shifts excelled themselves!

**There were 457 tickets sold and \$760 received.** This was well ahead of last year - same time same place - when just 368 tickets were sold and \$619 was raised.

**So next Saturday is at Thornleigh Plaza - AM Shift is Fraser, Hudson & Stanton - PM is Chappel, Ellis & Parker.**

### NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF ROTARY

I know members and partners will be concerned to learn that Sue Huckel is currently in the SAN following a fall last Thursday. Ian tells me that she was taken to hospital by ambulance and it looks like she will be there for a while yet. We send our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

A great friend and supporter of our club, Betty Graham, currently has her son, Chris, in hospital. Chris, who has had a number of health issues throughout his life, is fighting a serious infection which has affected his heart. I'm sure you join me in wishing him a speedy recovery too.

### CLUB AGM & ELECTIONS

THIS IS AN ADVANCE NOTICE THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS ARE COMING UP ON MONDAY, 5TH DECEMBER . WE'LL BE LOOKING TO ELECT A PRESIDENT ELECT , SECRETARY, TREASURER & 6 DIRECTORS.

### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

**Member attendance 61.1%**

**Apologies:** David Walsh, Ian Huckel, Michael Bradley, Terry Pankhurst, Pat Parker, Alex Thomas

**Guest Speaker:** David Gordon - TAD NSW

**Guest:** Nil

**Leave of Absence:** Graeme Ashdown

### MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

#### BIRTHDAYS

Nil

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

#### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

### THE QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

***"Effort doesn't guarantee success, but lack of effort guarantees failure."***

*- Tony Abbott, Member for Warringah*