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# SPOKES

**OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK - October 24th**

## **OUR VOCATIONAL VISIT TO ADRIAN BELL'S LATEST RENOVATION PROJECT**

**TODAY  
OCT. 24th  
IS  
WORLD  
POLIO  
DAY**



**THIS IS HOW IT WAS AT THE START!**

**ADDRESS: 35 Elswick Street, LEICHHARDT**

**WE ARE MEETING THERE AT 6.30PM**

**OUR HOST: PP Adrian Bell**

**CHAIRMAN: Phil Stanton**

**REPORTER: Claude Rigney**

**NEXT WEEK - October 31st**

**BBQ at the President's home. This will be a social night - a good chance to bring a friend or potential new member 6.30 for 7.00pm**

**19 Westmore Drive, West Pennant Hills**

**HOST & CHAIRMAN: President Pam REPORTER: Michael Bradley**

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## THE LATEST NEWS FROM SHELTERBOX AUSTRALIA

Today marked the start of the battle to take control of Mosul back from the Islamic State group, also known as ISIS. The city is the group's last major stronghold in Iraq. But humanitarian aid agencies have known about the military offensive, giving them an unusual opportunity to prepare for the crisis.

"It is rare for the world to get early warning of a vast human catastrophe," says Chris Warham, chief executive of ShelterBox. "The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees issued a paper in July saying this would likely be the biggest humanitarian crisis of the year — and we better get prepared."

ShelterBox, Rotary's project partner for disaster relief, and ACT-ED, a French nongovernmental aid agency, have teams in the city of Irbil in Iraqi Kurdistan, 53 miles (85 km) east of Mosul. They have been working since July to get aid supplies ready so they can respond quickly as the battle unfolds.

"By tomorrow, 650 of the 3,000 tents that have been deployed to Irbil will arrive," says Warham. He estimates that, without the early notice, it would have taken ShelterBox at least two and a half weeks to gather these supplies.

Tens of thousands of people have already been displaced from Mosul and surrounding areas since March. The current round of fighting could last weeks or even months and is certain to raise that number, although it's unknown just how many people remain in Mosul and in which direction they might flee.

"Our aim is to get aid to displaced families as quickly as possible," says Rachel Harvey, operations coordinator at ShelterBox, who is in Irbil. "Giving people shelter and essential items such as a solar lamp, blankets, and a water carrier will allow them a degree of dignity and security to rest and recover."

Existing camps are already near or over capacity, so other possible sites are being readied. But Warham predicts that demand will almost certainly outpace supply, which could force many families to seek shelter outside managed camps in an inhospitable landscape during a season given to storms and below-freezing overnight temperatures.

ACTED and ShelterBox have partnered many times around the world. Most recently they worked together to help people in Haiti, where the deadly force of Hurricane Matthew caused a surge in cholera cases and left thousands homeless.

The Islamic State has controlled Mosul, the oil-rich capital of Nineveh province, since June 2014. Before the invasion, the city was Iraq's second-largest and one of its most diverse.

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Learn how you can help at [www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au/](http://www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au/)

By Maureen Vaught

Rotary News

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We're closer than ever  
to **ending polio**. But we  
need your help.

Rotary's World Polio Day  
Live Stream Event  
24 October 2016  
6:00 p.m. EDT



[endpolio.org](http://endpolio.org)



## SPOKES REPORT FOR MTG 17/10

This was the meeting where the Rotary Health “HAT DAY” came to Pennant Hills! PP Ian in collaboration with our esteemed President Pam decreed it! But more of that later!

The Sargeant commenced the meeting with what can only be described as a timid and defensive tap on the bell, which was duly ignored by those on the “rebel” table who continued their conversations until they were ready to proceed!

Pres Pam opened the meeting by welcoming partners who had all come suitably attired and introducing Rotary Grace.

From the outset the Pennant Hills routine remained unchanged – a notable shortage of bread rolls, and dear Claude making his grand entrance to much applause after proceedings had begun.

Almost without exception everyone wore a hat, which meant that the extra hats that our President had thoughtfully brought along were largely not needed. Your correspondent could only think how the choice of hat suited the wearer! Peter W and Georgia G chose Chinese caps with long plaits of hair which quite suited them! The aristocracy (David F and Adrian B) chose top hats as you might have guessed, John E disappointed by not wearing his admirals hat, Ian H looked like he had just come from an American baseball game, and the sweet and rather attractive pink cowboy hat on the head of our guest speaker PP Ian drew some informed comment from some! There was however only one wizard and modesty forbids me from going further!

After the meal was finished, a special hat initiative took place in which each pairing was supplied a plastic hard hat of garish colour, and a whole range of nicknacks with which to decorate them including numbers, pompoms, glitter, glue etc. Why is still a bit of a mystery but, as a wine prize for the best hat was in the offing, all present took to it with gusto! The absolutely gorgeous, personable and lovely staff member showed complete mastery of the challenge by selecting the entry of your correspondent and his wife. (And may I say the drop was absolutely lovely with dinner the next night!)

PP Ian has joined the District ARHRF Team and so this presentation formed part of his responsibilities in that position. The Fund commenced in 1985 after Ian Scott from the R C Mornington started his quest to raise \$2 million to research cot death which was prevalent at the time. The ensuing research lowered the incidence of cot death from 140 in 1986 to just 20 in 1997, and so the Fund was born. ARHRF is incorporated by guarantee and registered with the Aust Securities Commission. Directors are all Rotary members. The CEO and one or two others are paid full time positions, while all other positions are voluntary.

Since 2000, there has been a focus on mental health – Research projects, Post Doctoral Fellowships and PhD Scholarships with an emphasis on preventative health. That has gradually expanded to include research into all areas of health, and the awarding of Indigenous Health Scholarships, and Rural and Medical Nursing Scholarships.

All grants are determined by an expert panel drawn from the community.

Since 1985, \$36 million has been committed to medical research. In 2016 this amount will be \$3.4 million.

Pres Pam thanked Ian for his excellent presentation and as the swan song for the night, called on the Sargeant. Your correspondent had noted that he had been secretly compiling his fines below the table out of sight of everyone! As I have come to expect of Sargeants one and all - his fines were biased, unfairly targeted, a plot with others to oppose me. Further he has turned the media against me and disrupted my campaigns with violence. He should not be allowed to be Sargeant – he is a stool of the Russians, and possibly leaked material that has reduced my pocket money. He should be locked up! But at least now he knows how to give the bell a good whack!

Then we sang the National Anthem and went home! **Reporter: Theo Glockemann**

These are photos of some of the hats on show last week.



## 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 31	BBQ at PRESIDENT PAM'S HOME as the GOLF CLUB is unavailable. 6.30 for 7.00pm All welcome!			
NOV 7	'THE TIMOR REPORT' JOINT MEETING WITH BEECROFT	THEO GLOCKEMANN & Barker Students	PRESIDENT PAM	ADRIAN BELL
NOV 21	OPERATION FOUNDATION PARTNERS NIGHT	PETER SCHULTZ	DAVID FIRTH	ALEX THOMAS
DEC 5	ANNUAL GENERAL	MEETING & ELECTIONS	PRESIDENT PAM	JOHN ELLIS

### TRAILER RAFFLE UPDATE

This week, our selling effort was at Thornleigh Plaza at the entrance from the underground carpark. Our morning shift was Pam Hudson, Jim Fraser and Phil Stanton. They were ably replaced for the second shift by Ian Chappel, John Ellis and the recently returned Pat Parker. The result was another excellent one. We sold almost 500 tickets with takings of \$816. This was well ahead of last year both in tickets and takings.

Next Saturday, 29th October, we are selling at Cherrybrook Shopping Centre. Those on the morning shift are Jim Fraser, Jack Reid and Alex Thomas. Taking over from them are Pat Parker, Phil Stanton and David Firth.

As we did so successfully last year, we are asking all members to take a raffle book or two to sell privately to friends, family, work colleagues, etc. Last year we sold over \$1150 worth in this way. Let's see if we can do at least as well this year.

### 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 72.2%**

**Apologies:** David Walsh, Michael Bradley, Terry Pankhurst, Pat Parker,

**Guest Speaker:** PP Ian Chappel

**Guests:** Heather Firth, Georgia Glockemann, Ruth Reid

**Leave of Absence:** Graeme Ashdown

### MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

#### BIRTHDAYS

Maureen Pankhurst - October 25th

Heather Hopping - October 31st

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

#### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

### THE QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

**Energy and persistence conquer all things.**

- Benjamin Franklin