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OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK - November 7th

'THE TIMOR REPORT - 2016'

GUEST SPEAKERS:

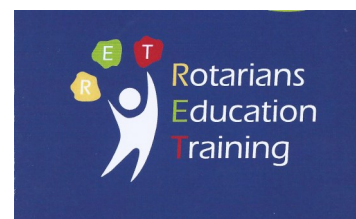
**PP THEO GLOCKEMANN & STUDENTS FROM
BARKER COLLEGE**

CHAIRMAN: PRESIDENT PAM HUDSON

REPORTER: PP ADRIAN BELL

*TONIGHT WE WELCOME ALL OUR GUESTS TOGETHER WITH
OUR NEIGHBOURS, THE ROTARY CLUB OF BEECROFT.*

*ALL HAVE JOINED US TO HEAR ABOUT THE LATEST TRIP TO DILI,
TIMOR LESTE IN SUPPORT OF OUR RAWCS PROJECT THERE BRING-
ING RYLA (ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD) AND RYPEN
(ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAM OF ENRICHMENT) PROGRAMS TO THE
YOUTH IN THAT COUNTRY.*



NEXT WEEK - November 14th

SOCIAL NIGHT at WEST PENNANT HILLS SPORTS CLUB - (Details on Page 2)

CHAIRMAN: PRESIDENT PAM REPORTER: PAT PARKER

THIS IS ANOTHER PARTNERS' NIGHT

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Meeting Report - 31.10.2016

Last Monday's meeting was held at President Pam's home as the Golf Club was unavailable.

When everyone had arrived, President Pam ushered us all out for a 'short mystery walk'. This turned out to be a visit to her neighbours, Ian and Kate Andrews, whose hobby is keeping Koi carp, Kate being an international judge of them.

We were shown their converted swimming pool which contained the larger fish, an intermediate sized pool for smaller fish, and a small pool for hatchlings. Each pool had its own sophisticated filtration system to keep the water and pools clean.

During the course of the visit, Ian and Kate's passion for the fish was evident. They spoke of taking the fish to shows and/or auctions locally, and their travels around the world to international shows and auctions. The fish can sell for many thousands of dollars. Australia has a ban on the import of carp to prevent their release into the country's waterways. In all we spent about an hour there with most of us also enjoying their beautifully landscaped gardens.

The visit was followed by a feast at Pam's, (note that there was no fish on the menu!) with much discussion on Koi carp over dinner, a subject that most had very little knowledge about until tonight.

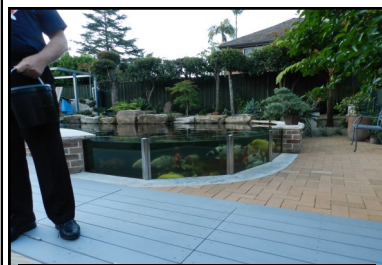


Thanks to Pam and Peter for hosting a most enjoyable evening.

Reporter: Peter Wilson



The assembled group minus Pres. Pam's husband, Peter



A view of the large pond complete with glass wall



Another view of the large pond with the assembled group listening to Ian Andrews



Ian Andrews explaining how the Koi are grown from hatchlings to mature fish

Details for our Social Night on Monday 14th November

at West Pennant Hills Sports Club, 103 New Line Road, Cherrybrook

The club has offered us a chance to try 'barefoot' bowls. If you are interested in trying bowls, this will start at 5.30pm and will cost \$15.00 each. You should wear sneakers or the club will provide thongs. The bowls will be followed by dinner in the dining room at a set price of \$30.00 each.

Please let President Pam know if you are coming or not by Tuesday morning, 8th November at the latest so she can advise the club.

REPORT FOR RAWCS PROJECT 67 / 2008-2009

RET – ROTARIANS EDUCATION TRAINING

TIMOR LESTE 2016

What started with an idea to introduce RYLA to Timor Leste in 2008, has now grown to the extent that requires full time management.

During September 2016 our RAWCS team visited for the tenth time. The following is what has been achieved.

RYLA

2016 was the seventh week long RYLA for Timorese young folk 18 - 26. Every RYLA has had over 600 applicants – 2016 no exception

Completely managed by a fully trained Timorese facilitator team of RYLA alumni

Fully sponsored by Woodside Energy and its Joint Venture Partners – Shell, ConocoPhillips and Osaka Gas

Timor Leste's future leaders will most likely come from the 750 current RYLarians and RYLarians from future years.

TRAINEESHIPS

In partnership with Woodside, we funded 3 month traineeships for 21 newly graduated University students with three NGOs that Woodside also sponsor

HIAM Health, Alola Foundation and Empreza Da each accommodated seven students

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Alumni from all our Timor activities – RYLA, RYPEN, Rotaract – are very committed to helping their country.

Over recent years they have voluntarily done community service in nine of the thirteen Timorese Districts.

On their own initiative they have organised rubbish removal, Public event marshalls, tree planting, tutoring of village children who don't attend school etc

Intensive English tuition in village

US\$8,000 of the Woodside sponsorship has been earmarked for future community service

WORKSHOPS / SEMINARS

To assist RYLarians both past and present to better lead and instruct their contemporaries in performing community service, over twenty workshops / seminars were conducted.

Apart from being experienced Rotarians, our team members each had the specific skills required for the "train the trainer" seminars.

The topics included – "Days for Girls" and Female Health, Sewing machine guidance for business opportunities, English tuition, Recycling and Environmental awareness, Project Identification and Management, Money handling, Proposal writing

It was apparent that organization of the seminars needs to be more professionally managed. The response for some seminars was poor, and the attendance at others was below what had been advised. Underutilization of the skills that were available was the result.

The approximately two hundred that attended the seminars overwhelmingly said that they were worthwhile and that they were pleased they attended. However, if this initiative is to be repeated in future years, a number of changes need to be made. Among them – Topic selection, Qualification of attendees, size of each seminar, venues must be reviewed and improved, duration and timing of each seminar.

RYPEN

The eighth 3 day RYPEN camp was conducted at Railaco for 50 Timorese school leavers who are unlikely to progress further academically, and eleven students from Barker College in Sydney.

RYPEN is now fully managed by a fully trained team of RYLA/RYPEN alumni

Support of schools in the local area assists with selecting participants and ensuring that RYPEN is repeated for the benefit of all, and that the simple yet important message of each RYPEN filters through the community

BARKER COLLEGE INVOLVEMENT

Following an initial visit with Matthew Lloyd (Head of Geography at Barker) in February, a team of eleven year 11 students and two teachers from Barker College accompanied our team, to participate and manage a part of the RYPEN curriculum.

It was thought that the visit would benefit both the Australian and Timorese youth as well as Barker College. The close history between Timor and Australia is part of the Barker academic curriculum which gives an extra benefit to those visiting.

The results far exceeded our most optimistic expectations. Comments from the Barker kids such as, “the best thing I’ve ever done”, “It has changed my life”, “I want to go back next year” were common.

Barker College would like a lasting relationship with Timor. As a result of this trip there are now eleven more “disciples” for repeating the exercise next year.

WOODSIDE SPONSORSHIP

This was the fifth year that we have enjoyed the partnership with Woodside. We feel that we are partners in our Timorese involvement. Unfortunately Woodside has been forced to reduce their aid budget, resulting in them not including RYPEN. Consequently the future of RYPEN is at risk and dependant on our team raising the US\$5,000 for each camp planned.

GENERALLY

The reality of having meaningfully contributed to the lives of over 1200 young Timorese is very motivating. It is very gratifying to see RYLA alumni from previous years with responsible jobs gradually rising in Timorese society. The next elections will see four RYLarians standing for election to the Timor Leste Parliament. We confidently expect that the future leaders of Timor Leste are already, or will in the future, be RYLarians.

Lastly a sincere thank you to our very committed team members: Angelo and Sue Raveane, Colin and Marilyn Kenney, Burkhart and Pat Foertsch, Vera Liondas (D 9750), Dennise Herrick, Trish Davies (D9700), David and Anne Rands and especially to my long suffering wife Georgia.

PP Theo Glockemann OAM

RET Chair and Team Leader

Rotary Club of Pennant Hills

Vale - Eric Hubert McGraw

Born 7th April, 1925 - Died 28th October, 2016



Eric joined the Rotary Club on 31st August, 1962 in the classification "Electrical Contracting". Over his 43 years of membership, Eric was a great worker for the club but one who actively avoided the limelight. Consequently, he managed to avoid being president, although he was Club Service Director and also Community Service Director. He was Sergeant-at-arms on two occasions and was a strong supporter of Pride of Workmanship awards serving on the club committee on a number of occasions. He was also a great believer in

Community Service and, through his business, became a major contributor to the club's bi-centenary project which was a fountain in the park opposite Pennant Hills station. Unfortunately, that park and the fountain had to make way for the Hornsby Shire Library. A plaque beside the library in Yarrara Road records the project and its demise.

Eric was a very consistent attender at club meetings with wife Lorna joining him on partners' nights. They moved from their family home on Pennant Hills Road to the Anglican Retirement Village at Castle Hill about 2 years prior to his resignation. He was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow at the changeover in 1988.

Several members attended his funeral last Friday and expressed the condolences of the whole club to Lorna and the family.



Eric and Lorna dressed for one of our special International Nights back in the early 1990's.

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
NOV 14	SOCIAL NIGHT AT WEST PENNANT HILLS SPORTS CLUB	NO ONE PARTNERS NIGHT	PAM HUDSON	PAT PARKER
NOV 21	OPERATION FOUNDATION PARTNERS NIGHT	PETER SCHULTZ	DAVID FIRTH	ALEX THOMAS
NOV 28	DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR THE GOLF CLUB	PHIL STANTON	CLAUDE RIGNEY	PAT PARKER
DEC 5	ANNUAL GENERAL	MEETING & ELECTIONS	PRESIDENT PAM	JOHN ELLIS

TRAILER RAFFLE UPDATE

We are asking all members to take a raffle book or two to sell privately to friends, family, work colleagues, etc. See David Firth if you haven't received a book yet. We will need them returned, sold or otherwise with the money by December 17th, ready for the draw on December 18th.

On Saturday last, we were booked to sell tickets at West Pymble shops, just off Yanko Road. Our selling teams were - AM: John Ellis, Theo Glockemann, Peter and Susan Wilson; and PM: Ian Chappel, Pat Parker and Ian Huckel. This is a venue with a real village atmosphere and we usually do well there, so it was no surprise when they sold 463 tickets with takings of \$803.70. Year to date we are now \$250 ahead of last year after 4 selling days.

Next Saturday we are at Hornsby Mall - the AM team is John Ellis, Terry Pankhurst, Phil Stanton, Alex Thomas; the PM team is David Firth, Jim Fraser and Pat Parker.

CLUB AGM & ELECTIONS

NOTE 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. TALK TO PRESIDENT-ELECT ALEX.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Member attendance 61.1%

Apologies: David Walsh, Michael Bradley, Terry Pankhurst, Pat Parker, Claude Rigney, Phil Stanton

Guest Speakers: Ian & Kate Andrews

Guests: Heather Firth, Ruth Reid, Beverley Chappel, Elizabeth Thomas, Georgia Glockemann, Peter Hudson

Leave of Absence: Graeme Ashdown

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS

Sandra Parker - Nov 7th

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Michael Bradley - Nov 11th (8 years)

COMMENTS ON THE U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

- ◆ I remember when Halloween was the scariest night of the year. Now, it's Election night.
- ◆ America is a country which produces citizens who will cross the ocean to fight for democracy but won't cross the street to vote.