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OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK - November 14th

A Social Night at West Pennant Hills Sports Club **103 New Line Road, Cherrybrook**

This is planned as a relaxed social night with partners and can include 'barefoot' bowls as an option. Bowls will start at 5.30pm followed by dinner at 7.00pm in the dining room. As a reminder, at the right is a picture from the archives, of a previous club bowls day in the 1970's at Pennant Hills Bowling Club where we used to meet.

A special prize for anyone able to name all six highlighted members of the club at that time.

(Jack Reid is not eligible)



NEXT WEEK - November 21st

"OPERATION FOUNDATION" in Fiji GUEST SPEAKER: PETER SCHULTZ

Peter's story is one that shows what can be achieved when you set your mind to making a difference.

CHAIRMAN: David Firth REPORTER: Alex Thomas

THIS IS ANOTHER PARTNERS' NIGHT

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Pakuranga Rotary - NZ Tour 2017 for Australian Rotarians

President Pam received the following email from Rotarian Peter Hawkins, Tour Co-ordinator, Rotary Club of Pakuranga Inc. After analysing a questionnaire sent to 4,645 Australian Rotarians via their Rotary Clubs, we (the Auckland Rotary Club of Pakuranga) have tailored the following tour of New Zealand which includes Rotary events.

This tour is 2 weeks long, covers both islands and includes a Rotary host couple and a professional Tour Guide. We are also limiting the quantity of participants to 30 maximum to ensure it is manageable, friendly and that all participants will be fully involved. So once we get 30 participants we will be closing applications.

The tour starts on the 30th March 2017 and runs through to Friday 14th April (Easter Friday). Several meals and tours are included within the price. There are also some 'free periods' where you can select what you would prefer to do, and pay direct.

Tour Prices: AU\$4,990 per person share twin. AU\$6,490 Single per person

These prices include airport meet and greet by Pakuranga Rotarians on 30th March, accommodation as per the itinerary, official Rotarian welcome at Mercure Auckland Hotel, gift packs.

Coach transport from 31st March to 13th April, professional tour guide from 31st March to 14th April, guided tour of Auckland, entry to Kelly Tarlton's Sea Life Aquarium, entry to Auckland Museum, guided tour of flora and fauna section of Auckland Museum, entry to Sky Tower, Devonport to Auckland ferry tickets, tea tour and tastings at Zealong Estate, 2 hr guided tour of Hobbiton.

Rotorua. Entry to Rainbow Springs, Agrodome sheep show, guided tour of Te Puia, Maori concert and hangi dinner at Te Puia. Sightseeing tour of Wellington, guided tour of Weta Workshop, ferry from Wellington to Picton, wine tasting at Brancott Estate, orientation tour of Christchurch, guided walking tour of Dunedin, guided tour of Olveston historic home, sightseeing tour of Dunedin, Royal Albatross Centre tour, Elm Wildlife Tour, and New Zealand Goods and Services Tax at 15%.

The prices also include all breakfasts and 7 dinners. All lunches and 7 dinners are your care.

If interested, please reply now and we will send you the full tour details complete with web page contacts.

Yours in Rotary

Peter Hawkins

Email: peter.hawkins@xtra.co.nz

Fellows, the detailed itinerary is available from either President Pam or myself. Just email and either of us will send it to you. David Firth

News of Members Past & Present

PP Jack Reid informed me that he and Ruth attended the funeral of the widow of a past member of this club, Pat Joseph. Pat's husband, Les, joined our club in 1971 and died 5 years later in 1976. He had been proposed for membership by Harc Heazlewood who continued for many years, to bring Pat along to major nights of the club.

A Storyteller's Licence

I believe that imagination is stronger than knowledge -
That myth is more potent than history -
That dreams are more powerful than facts -
That hope always triumphs over experience -
That laughter is the only cure for grief -
And I believe that love is stronger than death.

Meditation of Robert Fulgum



Rotary Meeting Report

7th November, 2016

Have you horrible lot got any remote idea of how hard it is to write a meeting report for a meeting based around a presentation, for which all the main guff was put out for your consumption, by a crowing Editor, a week prior?

And then, try and make it entertaining.

The correct answer, by the way, is "Bloody Hard". Anyway, here we go.... let's give it a shot - The following should be sung, to the tune of the Bangles classic, Manic Monday (pub 1986)....

Seven o'clock already

I woke up on the ringing of the bell
I was sound asleep and had to get up quick

Rotary Grace we had to yell
'Cause the preso is at eight and

I had to eat the dinner fast as hell
These are the days

When you think that sky might just as well fall

If this were a Beecroft meeting
With not quite enough seating
I'd wish it was fleeting
I'd like to be retreating
It'd be another boring old meeting

Eight o'clock on Monday
And we're stuck in a crowded conference room
We're all watchin' our presenter
As he rambles on like a buffoon
But no-one wants to leave
But then it's lucky that he won't get paid
These are the times
When you wish your fortune was already made

It's yet another magic Monday
Glad it's not a Sunday
'Cause that's not a workday
This Rotarians fool day
It's just another magic Monday

Showing us another slide
Got to be his ninety-eighth by now
Bring on the students
I'm sure they'll give it to us straight
'Cause Theo drags on so long
And I start to slip right out of my chair
Bring on the students
I want to hear what they have to say

PHOTOS FROM LAST WEEK'S MEETING



TEAM LEADERS, THEO & GEORGIA



THE BARKER STUDENTS, Jenny, Elsa,
Jemima & Luke



BARKER College teacher Matthew Lloyd &
Beecroft President David Elyard

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Ok, so you all get the idea.

Oh, no Sergeant – he's off cruising the world again, so we had the Corporal in his stead, and no President – she's nicked off with the takings from the Melbourne Horsey Fest so we had Theo as President Pro Tem as well as Lead Presenter.

It was a really good and informative meeting. We had a crowd of 60+ turn out for our RAWCS Timor Leste update which was a joint meeting with the Beecroftians, who for once didn't try and take over our meeting with their own blah blah blah.

Our special guests for the evening, not overlooking that this was a Partners Evening, were Matthew Lloyd of Barker College together with students Jenny, Elsa, Jemima & Luke (and their parents).

The major presentation of the night was the update by Theo on the RET visit to Timor in September. The key components of his talk were published last week in Spokes (thanks again, Mr. Editor).

However, the 4 student representatives from Barker were the real stars of the night. They brought us a fresh perspective on the work we have been undertaking (you know, the greater 'we', basically on the back of Theo's efforts) in Timor for quite some years.

They brought us a young person's view on the results of the project as well as a couple of squillion photos and a great video. Did they have a good time? Yes, they did. Did they learn some important 'stuff'? Yes, they did. Would they encourage the next group of students to participate? Yes, they would. Would they do it again? Yes, they would. In a heartbeat.

Great meeting. No boring old reports, no Sergeant and best of all – no prattle from Beecroft.

Advance Australia. Go Home. Return to normal next week.

Reporter & songwriter extraordinaire: PP Adrian Bell

In true editorial tradition, the Editor has the last say - and also gets to set the record straight.

The above report, and the views expressed therein, are those of the writer and are not necessarily those of the Editor or this organisation. However, I wish to explain that the publishing of the report of the RAWCS project from Theo Glockemann was done at his behest so that less time would be spent in the meeting on the origins, etc. of the project allowing more time for the students and Matthew Lloyd to speak. Having said all that, I can't wait until I can roster songwriter/reporter Adrian again. Well done and most entertaining!



The Corporal, Jim, conducts a rather intricate ‘Heads & Tails’ ultimately won by Theo’s sister-in-law

Fellows, a reminder about our approaching 1 day District 9685 Conference

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Saturday March 11th 2017

Penrith Panthers Convention Centre

Register Now at

www.conference2017.rotarydistrict9685.org.au

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DG Bruce Lakin
Go Forth Rotarians!



David Ireland
Wildlife Man



Peter Switzer
The Future
and Opportunities
for Rotary



PRID Stuart Heal
Rotary in the Future

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 21	OPERATION FOUNDATION PARTNERS NIGHT	PETER SCHULTZ	DAVID FIRTH	ALEX THOMAS
NOV 28	TBA	TBA	CLAUDE RIGNEY	PAT PARKER
DEC 5	ANNUAL GENERAL	MEETING & ELECTIONS	PRESIDENT PAM	JOHN ELLIS
Dec 19	CHRISTMAS BBQ	NOTE: VENUE TBA	PRESIDENT PAM	DAVID FIRTH

NOTE THAT WE WILL NOT MEET ON DEC 26th OR JANUARY 2nd

TRAILER RAFFLE UPDATE

On Saturday we were at Hornsby Mall - the AM team was John Ellis, Terry Pankhurst, and Jim Fraser; the PM team was David Firth, Phil Stanton and Pat Parker. It proved to be a very hard day with poor sales - what seemed like a lack of interest in either Christmas or raffles. The result was that we only sold 266 tickets all day with takings of just \$454.00. Last year at the same venue for the first time we sold 397 tickets and took \$662. Year-to-date takings are still just ahead of 2015 - \$3405 v. \$3325

Most members now have ticket books for sale to friends and family - if you haven't got yours yet, David Firth will give you one. Indeed, our champion seller of tri-fecta tickets is now putting the pressure on to become raffle ticket champ. He has signalled he needs another book already! Don't forget, we will need them returned, sold or otherwise, with the money, by December 17th, ready for the draw on December 18th.

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: Pam Hudson, David Walsh, Michael Bradley, Terry Pankhurst, Pat Parker, Alex Thomas

Guest Speakers: Matthew Lloyd & students Jenny, Jemima, Elsa and Luke

Guests: Georgia Glockemann plus too many to enumerate + our Beecroft fellow rotarians

Leave of Absence: Graeme Ashdown

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS

Nil

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

Thought for the Week

"When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty one, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years."

Mark Twain