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**OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK - January 9th**



**Welcome to the New Year  
with a  
SOCIAL NIGHT at the Golf Club**

**Chairman: President Pam      Reporter: Theo Glockemann**

**NEXT WEEK - January 16th  
PLANNING NIGHT for  
Our AUSTRALIA DAY Meeting**

**Chairman: Phil Stanton      Reporter: Pat Parker**

## **CLUB CONTACT INFORMATION**



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## MEETING REPORT - 19th DECEMBER

Thanks to the fine hospitality of the President and her affable husband, Peter, a large number were present at their home for our final meeting of 2016. Indeed, there were 26 there to enjoy a veritable feast, thanks to the planning of President Pam, the barbecuing of a questionable crew headed by Peter Hudson, and some great salads and desserts provided by our ladies. The liquid refreshments were provided by the attendees.

It was an evening of socialising over drinks and the meal. As far as your reporter could ascertain, the talk varied widely covering all sorts of topics, and all in the festive spirit as one would expect. There was one embarrassing interlude when your reporter's birthday was revealed by the president. The birthday cake was added to an array of delicious desserts.

The president had a further surprise for a number of members. She proceeded to show 2 short movies which she had put together using an online program. They were in the festive spirit, the first one featuring the absent Pat Parker. The second featured a song and dance routine with several members prominent, notably our resident song & dance champ, Theo. Everyone had a good laugh.

*Reporter: The editor*

### *Some photos taken at the Christmas Party at the Hudson's home*



Members of the questionable BBQ crew



Theo mesmerised by the BBQ



Elizabeth, Maureen and Esther being entertained by President Nominee Michael



President Pam and Julia in the kitchen





## TREE OF JOY

The Tree of Joy was officially completed on December 19th with the delivery of the last of the gifts to Pennant Hills Neighbour Aid. However gifts continued to be left at the tree with Westpac staff collecting them. Consequently, Heather and I delivered a further car load of gifts to Parramatta Mission on December 21st, which meant that in all we supplied over 350 gifts to them, approximately 100 gifts to Stewart House, and about 60 gifts to Pennant Hills Neighbour Aid - a total of over 500 gifts, which is a record yet again. The generosity of the local community for this particular project continues to amaze me each year.

The following is from the Facebook page for the Pennant Hills Marketplace and the Banna Group. A similar acknowledgement of our club appeared in a recent Parramatta Mission newsletter.

A very BIG THANK YOU to the amazing customers of Pennant Hills Marketplace!

This years TREE OF JOY received over 500 presents that were distributed to Stewart House, Paramatta Mission and Pennant Hills Neighbour Aid. The Rotary club extends their thanks.

I'm sure you all have made Christmas extra special for the people that will receive your gifts. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



This is a photo of the delivery of gifts to Pennant Hills Neighbour Aid. The gifts were received by the Co-ordinator, Maddie Aitken, and subsequently distributed to their clients.

At right are photos previously published of the first deliveries of gifts to Parramatta Mission.



## THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
Jan 16	PLANNING NIGHT	PHIL STANTON	PHIL STANTON	PAT PARKER
Jan 23	AUSTRALIA DAY MEETING PARTNERS NIGHT JOINT MEETING WITH	PP JOHN ELLIS BEECROFT CLUB	PHIL STANTON	ADRIAN BELL
Jan 30	CLUB FORUM	ALL MEMBERS	PRESIDENT PAM	JOHN ELLIS
Feb 6	'COPS ARE TOPS' JOINT MEETING WITH	TBA BEECROFT CLUB	PHIL STANTON	JIM FRASER

### TRAILER RAFFLE WRAP UP

The winning ticket was number 3993 bought by Mark Crowther of Galston at Hornsby. He and his wife were actually in Melbourne waiting to fly back to Sydney when we contacted them. Arrangements were made to deliver the prize around 7pm by Terry Pankhurst and President Pam.

These are the photos taken when the trailer was delivered.



### ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

**Member attendance 77.8%**

**Apologies:** David Walsh, Pat Parker, Phil Stanton

**Guests:** Wendy Bell, Julia Bradley, Heather Firth, Esther Fraser, Georgia Glockemann, Peter Hudson, Maureen Pankhurst, Ruth Reid, Jeanette Rigney, Elizabeth Thomas, Sue Wilson, Bev Young

**Leave of Absence:** Graeme Ashdown

### Thought for the Week

“Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right.” *Oprah Winfrey*