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# SPOKES

**OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK - January 16th**

## **PLANNING NIGHT FOR OUR AUSTRALIA DAY MEETING**

**Chairman: PHIL STANTON    Reporter: IAN CHAPPEL**

**NEXT WEEK - January 23rd  
AUSTRALIA DAY MEETING &**

**Presentation of the AUSTRALIA DAY MERIT AWARD**

**Chairman: Phil Stanton    Reporter: Adrian Bell**

**Partners' Night and joint meeting with Beecroft Club**

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## MEETING REPORT - 9th JANUARY

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

For the first meeting of the year two of our stalwarts were absent! Unbelievable I know, but our President Pam and Mr Rotary David Firth who had a pre arranged engagement at the big bash cricket with his grandkids!

Our President Elect Alex Thomas took control in a very professional manner – it was almost as if his previous stints in the top job at various other clubs had prepared him well for his ultimate test!

This meeting was a Social Evening with much lively banter between members.

This was interrupted by our Sergeant Terry Pankhurst. He was his usual unscrupulous self, fining all and sundry. Your reporter was fined for offering to get the Sergeant his coffee and Ian Chappell for almost pouring his coffee over him. Jack Reid was fined for “knowing” that David Firth was at the cricket. Michael Bradley for posing as a plumber with his choice of vehicle, and everyone else it seemed to me for just being born!

Treasurer Peter Wilson provided the happy news that six monthly subs of \$200 are now due.

Formalities completed, an impressive list of announcements included –

Youth director John Ellis advised that our ‘Young Endeavour’ candidate was on the high seas; Our first of two successful candidates for the National Youth Science Forum left for Canberra on 2/1/17; and our second candidate will follow in the next fortnight;

I took our two RYLA candidates to RYLA yesterday. Both candidates are most worthy and in my estimation will represent us well. When they address the club in a few weeks, Ivana, who is a Bachelor of Music and a most impressive vocalist, will sing to the members as part of her report. Something not to be missed.

Pat Parker reported on the huge success of the Tree of Joy. This has been the best year so far.

Pat and David Firth between them have delivered over five hundred gifts to the appointed recipient organisations. Pat read a letter he had received from Stewart House thanking us for our involvement. He has given a letter to the manager of Westpac at Pennant Hills, who helped by storing the gifts at the shopping centre as they were delivered.

Our acting President then, after ascertaining that there was nothing further anyone wanted to raise, closed the meeting with a better than normal singing of the National Anthem.

Your scribe then raced home to write this report which is somewhat less than those written by another of our Past Presidents – but then . . . .

You can always tell

If it was written by Bell !!!

Who I feel sure will be nominated to take up the cudgel (I hope) for the remainder of the year!!!

***Reporter: Theo Glockemann***

### **Editor's comment**

**Our reporter this week takes the prize for the swiftest submission of a report following the meeting. His emailed report was date stamped 9.39pm on 9th January! I don't know how he had time to write it—surely he was watching the Big Bash cricket and our team, the Sydney Sixers, winning in the final over despite the rain!**

## World's Outstanding Foundation for 2016

The **Association of Fundraising Professionals** has recognized The Rotary Foundation with its annual Award for Outstanding Foundation.

The award honors organizations that show philanthropic commitment and leadership through financial support, innovation, encouragement of others, and involvement in public affairs. Some of the boldest names in American giving — Kellogg, Komen, and MacArthur, among others — are past honorees.

“We are honored to receive this recognition from the AFP, which gives us even more reason to celebrate during our Foundation’s centennial year,” says Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Kalyan Banerjee. “The continued strong support of Rotary members will help us keep our promise of a polio-free world for all children and enable the Foundation to carry out its mission of advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace. We look forward to another 100 years of Rotary members taking action to make communities better around the world.”

The announcement came on 15 November, known to industry professionals since the 1980s as National Philanthropy Day. The award will be presented in early 2017 at the AFP’s annual conference in San Francisco.

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair-elect Paul Netzel is set to accept the award on Rotary’s behalf, and Eric Schmelling, director of fund development at Rotary, will speak at the conference. The event is expected to draw more than 3,400 senior-level fundraising professionals from 33 countries.

“While almost everyone is familiar with Rotary, not everyone may realize just how much of an impact Rotary and The Rotary Foundation have had on countless people and communities across the globe,” says Jason Lee, AFP president and CEO. “On behalf of the entire charitable sector and people around the world, all of us at AFP are honored to be able to recognize The Rotary Foundation as our 2016 Outstanding Foundation.”

AFP’s committee of judges cited Rotary’s comprehensive campaign to eradicate polio as a major driver of the selection. They also mentioned that Rotary applies a methodical, purposeful approach to support a wide variety of causes, from providing clean water to educating the next generation of peace professionals.

**For action by all Rotarians in District 9685**

The Rotary Leadership Institute is proving to be a great Club strengthening resource, benefiting everyone from newer members to "old hands". I have previously advertised the first two courses for 2017 and we have some registrations, but too few to warrant running the courses. There is still time to register and take advantage of this great opportunity to participate, learn and share.

Courses for early 2017 are:

**RLI 37** runs Sundays 22 January, 19 February and 19 March

**RLI 39** runs Saturdays 4 February, 18 February and 18 March

Register at [rli.rotarydistrict9685.org.au](http://rli.rotarydistrict9685.org.au)

Rotarians who have partially completed earlier RLIs and wish to do individual parts should contact PDG Ian Scott for registration by response to this email.

The three part course is held at our District Office, Thornleigh. Morning tea and lunch are provided. Each day starts at 8:30am for 9:00am and finishes around 3:45pm.

Until further notice, District is bearing the full cost as part our training budget - it is free.

Regards,  
Ian Scott

**Ian Scott**

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## THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
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	SHANE CARN BEECROFT CLUB	PHIL STANTON	JIM FRASER
Feb 13	PRESENTATION OF TRAILER RAFFLE PROCEEDS	TBA	PAT PARKER	DAVID FIRTH
Feb 20	'FITTED FOR WORK'	ELIZABETH TREWHELLA	PRESIDENT PAM	THEO GLOCKEMANN

I changed  
my password  
to "incorrect"  
so whenever  
I forget what it is,  
the computer will say  
"your password is  
incorrect."

### MEMBER NEWS

#### BIRTHDAYS

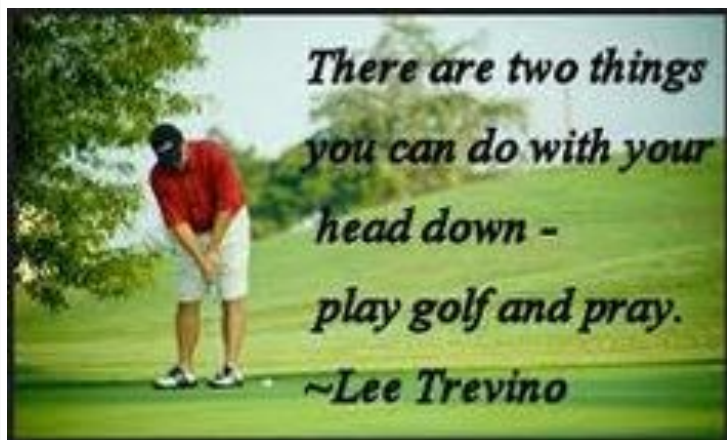
Adrian Bell - December 25th  
Bill Woodman - December 25th  
Jim Fraser - December 30th  
Theo Glockemann - December 30th  
Susan Wilson - January 8th

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Graeme & Margaret Ashdown - January 4th  
Theo & Georgia Glockemann - January 4th

#### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Pam Hudson - January 20th



### ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

**Member attendance 77.8%**  
**Apologies:** David Walsh, Pam Hudson,  
David Firth  
**Guests:** nil  
**Leave of Absence:** Graeme Ashdown

### Thought for the Week

"With integrity, you have nothing to fear, since you have nothing to hide.  
With integrity, you will do the right thing, so you will have no guilt."  
- Zig Ziglar