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# SPOKES

OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK - March 20th



## "COPS ARE TOPS"

GUEST SPEAKER:

Senior Constable Shane Carne

Crime Prevention Officer, Ryde LAC

Chairman: Phil Stanton

Reporter: Michael Bradley



### SHOWCASE OF AUSTRALIA'S PEACE CENTRE

The Rotary Peace Centres Program is one of Rotary's star performers. Australia is privileged to host one of the six global centres, based at University of Queensland. Each year a class of around 10 outstanding Fellows study for their Masters in **Peace and Conflict Resolution**, but there are few opportunities for them to meet the wider Rotary community. Past RI Director John Lawrence has taken advantage of Class 14's visit to Canberra to convene a dinner on **May 1<sup>st</sup>**, with the help of Canberra area Rotary Clubs, to which all Rotarians are invited. It is a chance to meet and hear from these wonderful Rotary ambassadors. Honoured guests include **RIPE Ian Riseley**, senior politicians and members of the diplomatic community. Venue for the dinner is the **Commonwealth Club** in Yarralumla, with a limit of 200 attendees.

- bookings [www.rotary.9710.org.au](http://www.rotary.9710.org.au) and click on the link to book.

NEXT WEEK - March 27th

## "WHAT IS 'FACEBOOK' ALL ABOUT?"

Guest Speaker: President Pam

Chairman: President Pam Reporter: Adrian Bell

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## Meeting Report – Monday 13th March 2017

The meeting was opened by President Pam who welcomed our guests Liesel McGrath from Hornsby Hospital, David Raphael from St Lucy's School and Nicole Bondoc from the Banna Property Group.

President Pam reported on the District Conference held over the weekend noting that there were a couple of very good speakers. It was also advised that David Firth had provided a stand on the POW project and a good level of interest in this occurred. Next year's conference will be for two days and will be at Leura.

After a double headed event from the Sergeant and his Deputy, Pat Parker introduced our guests. David Raphael, Principal (for six weeks) of St Lucy's School, spoke first. He noted that St Lucy's was a beautiful community with wonderful staff, and volunteers with outstanding hearts for the school and its 120 students.

David advised that the money raised for the school by the Rotary Club will go towards the Maths with Meaning programme. Children with disabilities (like children everywhere) need to understand numbers and numeracy so as to be able to operate independently in the community. This program provides them with real world experience and real life applications, for example they use real money. But this is just a tool that enables them to learn numbers such that they can read bus numbers, train timetables, medicine quantities etc etc. The program is on a one on one instruction basis and has an extraordinarily high success rate.

It was great to have David at the Club and to hear that the funds raised will be put to such a very good purpose.

Liesel McGrath from Hornsby Hospital noted the long standing relationship with the Rotary Club that dates from 1963. The hospital have decided to put the funds raised toward the purchase of a foetal heart monitor machine. This is used particularly in high risk births (twins etc) and is able to wirelessly monitor both mum and babies for the whole of the birth process. A machine of this nature is worth \$40,000. But it makes the care of mothers and babies, particularly where high risk is involved, a much safer process.

Liesel was also able to provide some news in regard to the hospital itself, noting that there had been a visit last week by the Minister of Health Brad Hazzard. He is assuring the hospital that redevelopment is proceeding and briefing is now being refined for the next stage of works at the hospital. This is likely to involve new emergency medical wards, ICU, some admin etc. In the meantime a DA has been lodged for a multi-storey carpark on the hospital site.

Nicole Bondoc was then asked to provide some comment on her work for the Banna Property Group particularly in regard to their shopping centre at Pennant Hills. Nicole had been engaged as a Community Liaison Officer by the owners of the property and had contacted the Rotary Club a few years ago re the potential for a Christmas "Tree of Joy" project. From everybody's perspective this project has had an extraordinary success rate. For example last year more than 500 presents were donated by the community and distributed by the Rotary Club. Nicole is very supportive of the relationship noting that there are other joint projects that also take place between the shopping centre and the Rotary Club such as the Trailer Raffle, etc.

There was time for some questions after the presentations including one related to the roll out of the NDIS programme. David Raphael said it is a very good program and it will make a difference but the transition process, in practice is having its difficulties.

It is always a great thing for members of the Rotary Club to hear from people and organisations who have been beneficiaries of the work of the Club. This was of course the case this evening with two worthy recipient organisations and to hear of the continued development of the relationship with the Banna Property Group.

The meeting closed with the singing of Advance Australia Fair.

**Reporter: D P Stanton**



*Pres. Pam presents cheque to David Raphael*



*Pres. Pam presents cheque to Liesl McGrath*



*Nicole Bondoc with Heather Firth*



## OUR BUNNINGS BBQ FUNDRAISER ON SATURDAY



*This could have been a picture of our efforts on Saturday but Bunnings provided good shelter as this shows (although there was no sunshine as in the picture at right!*

Despite the unfavourable weather, our hardy group of volunteers assembled at Bunnings Thornleigh soon after 7am. Despite torrential rain, the staff set up the barbecue and 2 reasonably rain proof pergolas complete with tables. They were soon set up and cooking sausages and onions with the first customers lining up soon after 8.30! (Not sure whether they were having breakfast, brunch or morning tea.) At 10am, the set up crew were relieved by the next team, who soldiered on until relieved by the afternoon crew at 1pm. The weather was no barrier to those coming to Bunnings for hardware, etc. stopping for a sausage sandwich and/or a soft drink. There was a constant stream of customers throughout the lunchtime period and the barbecue finally ran out of sausages around 3pm.

In the wash up - no pun intended - we grossed about \$1100, with net takings of over \$500. These funds will be donated to the Leukemia Foundation. Particular thanks to President Pam who organised it, purchased all the supplies, and was at the barbecue virtually all day!

The members of the crews were -

Set up crew: Bev & Ian Chappel, Pam & Peter Hudson, Terry Pankhurst

10am crew: Adrian Bell, Sue & Peter Wilson, Jack Reid, Jim Fraser, Pam Hudson

1pm crew: Georgia Glockemann, Heather & David Firth, Pam Hudson



### NSW Police Force

Detective Senior Constable Alison Fahey from the State Crime Command's Gangs Squad represented the NSW Police Force in the 2017 Law Enforcement Torch Run Final Leg Team for the Special Olympic Winter Games in Austria.

A team of 133 runners, including law enforcement officers, Special Olympics athletes, and logistics personnel, served as 'Guardians of the Flame', running the 'Flame of Hope' through 45 cities, towns, and communities across Austria and honouring the spirit of the Special Olympics global movement and delivering a message of hope to communities where people with intellectual disabilities continue to fight for acceptance and inclusion.

The Flame of Hope was delivered safely to the 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games Opening Ceremony last night in Schladming, Austria.

After nine days of running, Alison is now set to complete the 'Schladming Splash' - a fundraiser which will see the team plunge into the freezing waters of the Flughafen Sea.

All funds raised to supporting and making a difference in the lives of Special Olympics athletes around the world.

To donate to this challenge, visit:

<http://specialolympicsinc.donordrive.com/index.cfm...>

*Reprinted from the NSW Police Force facebook page*

# THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
March 27th	"What is Facebook all about?"	President Pam	President Pam	Adrian Bell
April 3	Cerebral Palsy Alliance Fundraisers	Glen Deutscher	David Firth	John Ellis
April 10th	East Timor Update	PP David Boyce Rotary Club of Dili	Theo Glockemann	Jim Fraser
April 24th	Australia's contribution to the Great War on the Western Front in 1917	Brig. David Leece (Ret.)	Combined meeting	hosted by Beecroft Club
May 1st	My Visit to Israel & Palestine	Jim Mein	David Firth	Alex Thomas

*Calling all incoming directors and executives. The following is an invitation to all of you.*

## District Assembly

Sunday 23 April 2017

The Kings School  
Pennant Hills Road, Parramatta

This event will begin with registrations at 8.30am and formal start at 9.00am, finishing at 4.30pm.

The training content will be informative and entertaining.

*It is a Rotary International requirement that each club is represented at PETS and District Assembly.*

**A Rotarian is someone who, through their efforts:**

- Digs wells from which they will never drink
- Restores eyesight for those they will never see
- Builds houses they will never live in
- Vaccinates children they will never meet
- Plants trees they will never sit under
- Educates children they will never know
- Feeds hungry people, regardless of colour, race or politics
- Knows real happiness



## ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

**Member attendance 61.1%**

**Apologies:** David Walsh, Ian Chappel, Claude Rigney, Michael Bradley, Ian Huckel, Alex Thomas

### **Guest Speakers:**

David Raphael - St Lucy's School  
Liesel McGrath - Hornsby Hospital  
Nicole Bondoc - Banna Property Group

**Guests:** Heather Firth, Georgia Glockemann, Ruth Reid, Lyn Stanton, Susan Wilson

**Leave of Absence:** Nil

## MEMBER NEWS

### BIRTHDAYS

Heather Firth - March 24th

### ANNIVERSARIES

David & Heather Hopping - March 25th

### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

## Thought for the Week

**"My heroes are those who risk their lives every day to protect our world and make it a better place - police, firefighters and members of our armed forces."**

*- Sidney Sheldon*