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# SPOKES

**OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK - April 24th**



## **Australia's Contribution to the Great War on the Western Front**

**Speaker: Brig. David Leece (Ret.)**

**This is a joint meeting with Beecroft Club who is hosting the meeting.**

**Reporter: John Ellis**

THEY SHALL GROW NOT OLD, AS WE THAT ARE LEFT GROW OLD:  
AGE SHALL NOT WEARY THEM,  
NOR THE YEARS CONDEMN.  
AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING,  
**WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.**  
**LEST WE FORGET.**



**ANZAC DAY**  
25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL



The view at the Villers-bretonneux Memorial

**NEXT WEEK - May 1st**

**"My Visit to Israel & Palestine" Guest Speaker: Jim Mein**

**Chairman: David Firth**

**Reporter: Alex Thomas**

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## MEETING REPORT - APRIL 10th

The meeting was opened by President Pam with the welcoming of the guests for the evening which included Liz Rivers, David Boyce and Arthur Godfrey from the Hornsby Club.

President Pam read out a letter of thanks from the Hornsby Hospital in recognition of the donation received from the Pennant Hills Rotary Club as part of the trailer raffle.

Ian Chapple read out an article from The Rotary Foundation outlining the progress of vaccinations where there has been a significant reduction in the number of polio cases which once stood at 350,000 cases where it is now down to 20 to 30 per year and contained to just Nigeria, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

David Firth provided an update on Pride of Workmanship where he has sent out 14 invitations hand delivering 12 last Friday. One delivered to St Lucy's school around noon and, with a quick turnaround, he had a nomination for someone from there before 3 that afternoon, showing the idea was well received. David asked for other suggestions for nominations.

Theo then introduced David Boyce to begin his talk on Timor. Theo outlined the background of the Timor program that began 12 or 13 years ago when Adrian's daughter, Catlin, suggested bringing a girl from Timor to Australia. David jumped on board to organise the program which has led to a number of RYLA and RYPEN programs over the years. David is an agricultural scientist and is currently managing coffee production in Timor. This trip to Australia was to visit the Royal Easter show where, in the past, he has judged the regional displays. David is part of the Rotary Club in Dili. Numbers of members vary from 18 to 30 and they meet at the Timor Plaza every Tuesday night. A second club has recently formed in Timor and meets on Sunday but appears to be having some issues in getting going. The majority of the Rotary programs in Timor are run with water and sanitation being the primary focus. With the assistance of Rotary International, they have built toilets. David used the example of a school with 3000 students, 46 teachers and 1 toilet which has now been changed with the assistance of Rotary. Some of the issues faced by residents are childhood diseases as well as having to speak a number of languages. Young children can get a bad start where they are isolated in smoke filled rooms to cleanse any demons but can cause some breathing difficulties which may need further treatment. The health facilities are challenged with one doctor having to see up to 300 people per day so any assistance is appreciated. The key focus of the discussion was the programs the Pennant Hills club supports in Timor such as RYLA and RYPEN. These programs assist young adults either at school or recently out with motivation, goal setting, life management, leadership and program management skills. David is now seeing young adults who have attended the programs using the skills learned to find jobs and enter the workforce. He was looking forward to the next program scheduled for September this year.

David then spent some time outlining his work in Timor with the production of coffee which is the main export and was set up by the US government and Starbucks is the main buyer of the production. The production and sale of coffee uses the co-op format where there are 24,788 members and each one produces coffee and sells it through the co-op via a sub group which has been set up to determine that the product meets the quality standards and is bought fresh. A truck driver picks up the product from the sub groups, weighs it and then pays the provider. He then delivers it to the factory where the driver is then paid for what he has picked up and the cycle starts again. There are 3 main types of coffee grown in Timor but Arabica is the one in high demand. They have been growing coffee in Timor since 1820. A most recent program was set up to assist growers by providing them 600 plants to get started.

The Rotaract program has also grown in Timor with there being 1 member in 2005 and has now grown to 154.

Theo thanked David for his overview and the meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

**Reporter: Jim Fraser**

# Do you know what to do in an emergency?

**Come along and meet your local emergency services and find out. Plus enjoy a FREE BBQ, face painting, family games and prizes.**

**When:** Sunday 30 April, 10am-12pm

**Where:** Hornsby Park, (in front of Hornsby Aquatic Centre), 203 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby (accessible event)

**Cost:** Free

Call Fiona on **9476 9715**  
or Jian on **9847 6994**  
for more information.



## INVITATION TO A 30th BIRTHDAY PARTY

### Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook

On behalf of our club, I would like to invite you, members and partners of your club, to help celebrate our 30th Birthday on Monday May 8th at Springfield House, 245 New Line Rd Dural.

The evening will start at 6.00pm for drinks and canapes while we catch up with old and new friends before dinner.

District Governor Bruce will be there, with many past presidents as well.

At the meeting, we will be showcasing some of our projects and activities from the past 30 years.

The meeting will close at 9.30 pm. The cost for the night is \$30.00pp.

The closing time for RSVP is April 30th.

*Fellows, President Pam has requested numbers attending this meeting on May 8th, remembering that we have transferred our meeting to this celebration. So please come on Monday night ready to indicate attendance or not.*



## THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
May 1st	My Visit to Israel & Palestine	Jim Mein	David Firth	Alex Thomas
May 8th	30th Birthday Party of West Pennant Hills & Cherrybrook Club	President Rosemary Clarke at Springfield House, Dural	President Rosemary Clarke	David Firth
May 15th	Pride of Workmanship Awards Night Partners Night	Russell Zimmerman	Phil Stanton	Ian Chappel
May 20 & 21 27 & 28	RED SHIELD APPEAL	STATIC COLLECTIONS	BUNNINGS, COONARA,	THORNLEIGH, PENNANT HILLS
May 28th	RED SHIELD APPEAL	DOORKNOCK	At Pennant Hills Holden	8.30am



### PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARDS NIGHT

**MONDAY, 15th MAY**

**Guest Speaker: Russell Zimmerman**

This is one of the highlight events for our club which will showcase the project for which we are known around Australian Rotary Clubs.

Do you know someone who is deserving of an award? Perhaps you know or deal with someone who deserves such recognition? Please contact David Firth who is inviting organisations to nominate awardees.



### ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

**Member attendance 77.8%**

**Apologies:** David Walsh, Terry Pankhurst, Claude Rigney

**Guest Speaker:** PP David Boyce - R/C of Dili

**Guests:** Liz Rivers, PP Arthur Godfrey - R/C of Hornsby District

**Leave of Absence:** Nil

### MEMBER NEWS

#### BIRTHDAYS

Dorothy Green - April 19th

Pam Hudson - April 21st

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

#### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

### Thought for the Week

“On ANZAC Day, Honour the Fallen, Cheer the Survivors, Care for the Wounded,  
Reach out to a Friend.”

- Major General John Cantwell AO DSC