

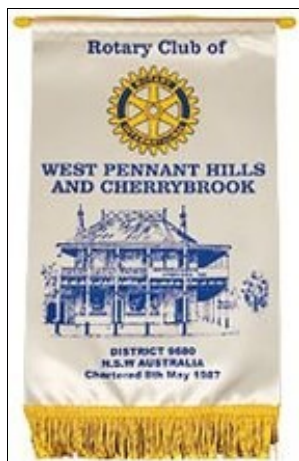
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# SPOKES

**OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK - May 8th**

## **“30th Birthday Celebrations**

### **Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills & Cherrybrook”**



The Club was chartered on the 8th May 1987 with 26 members. Charter President was Trevor Turner, who was later to become the Club's first Paul Harris Fellow.

The Rotary Club of Beecroft was the Mother Club under the guidance of mentor, Past President Ken Wonson, who led the club through the difficult early days. Of the charter members inducted only four were serving Rotarians.

From the start it was a young and energetic club, membership focussed on serving the community. Early projects were community based, and in Australia's Bicentenary Year of 1988, the Club constructed a Wishing Well on a former historic site in the grounds of West Pennant Hills Public School complete with time capsule.

As a young club we reached our target for Polio Plus (\$4,000,00) and donated a Talking Book Machine to the Royal Blind Society. Our Youth Exchange program was working well with student Andrew Handley in Japan, and Gretchen Hill coming from America. The club conducted its first Plant Sale and night out at "The Burning Log" (fundraiser). We supported the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal, The Merry-makers Group, the Royal Blind Society and the Mission to Seamen book and magazine "round up". We made Pride of Workmanship Awards to Mrs Lorelle Shelley of West Pennant Hills, telephone counsellor and President of Nursing Mothers Association, and Mr Bill Pinfold, from Hills Menswear in Thorby Arcade.

**Reporter: David Firth**

**NEXT WEEK - May 15th**

## **PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARDS PRESENTATION**

**Guest Speaker: Russell Zimmerman**

**Chairman: Phil Stanton Reporter: Ian Chappel**

**6.30 for 7.00pm at the Golf Club - \$35.00 per head**



### **CLUB CONTACT INFORMATION**

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## Rotary Meeting of 01 MAY 2017

President Pam opened the Meeting and welcomed our Guests – Jim Mein, Jill Mein and Heather Firth. Alex led in Rotary Grace. There was a gasp as it was announced that Theo will be the Stand-in Sergeant-At-Arms.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

John Ellis informed us that Two Boys from PHHS are keen to attend the next National Youth Science Forum

Last Saturday John attended the Seminar on Child Protection and it indicated a review of Rotary's attitude to Children. Also the need for all Rotarians to be registered for the Working With Children authorisation.

Ian Chappel gave us more Centurion collection boxes. Pointed us to the Booklet on Australian Mental Health. Ian is also participating in two events-The Muster with Caravan/Camper and running in the 'City to Surf' for Mental Health.

Theo reminded everyone about the Red Shield Appeal coming up soon

David talked about help needed with the Pennant School Fete on May 21<sup>st</sup> (10am-3pm). Also the need to have a Working Bee to assemble the Trophies for PoW.

### **SPEAKER- Jim Mein     "Give Peace A Chance"**

This was a Study Tour of Israel and Palestine in January 2017 (15-26). A group of 22 persons was to experience & understand what is behind it all in Israel-Palestine. This was a particular style of Tour with a company 'Breaking Bread Journeys'. It is a joint Israeli-Palestinian tour project that builds bridges by "breaking bread". This tailor-made tour immersed travellers into the culture through unique daily "breaking bread" experiences. Co-founders of this tour project are Christina Samara, a Palestinian and Elisa Moed, an Israeli who bring a combined 50 years of tourism experience to this unique tourism venture.



On this Jewish Community- Uniting Church Study Tour, they interviewed 53 people and met a varied range of people. The focus was meeting & working together with these people to understand and come to grips with the issues that are preventing peace. Also to understand the work/projects that are being done at grassroots and the people involved. It involved visiting places, projects and meeting with these people. Some interesting people the Group met and interacted with included the following:

Dr David Koren, Advisor to Jerusalem Mayor on Arab and Christian Affairs.

Dr Suki Friedman, Israel Democracy Institute

Dr Rami Hamadallah, Palestinian Prime Minister

Dr Tal Becker, Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Peace Negotiating Team

Dr Mazin Qumsiyeh, Al-Rowwad Center for Culture & Arts, Aida Refugee Camp, Bethlehem.

Sulaiman Khatib and Raphael Nabhlz, Combatants for Peace

Dr Mustafa Barghouti, Palestinian Relief Society, Ramallah

Dr Mohammad Shtayyeh, Minister, Palestinian Economic Council for Development

It was an inspiring and eye opening talk by Jim over a myriad of colliding issues and challenges for Peace in Israel-Palestine. There are many Narratives to the present problems and Barriers to Peace-making. There is also the undeniable disparity between Israelis & Palestinians. With that there is the challenge to cooperation and how to get grass-roots programmes to achieve peace.

As a result of this Study Tour, it has been decided that this Group will promote active involvement in three grass-roots projects - EcoPeace, Road to Recovery and the Tagheer Movement.

**Reporter: Alex Thomas**



Recently, we were again contacted by Oatlands Public School as they had surplus library books in good condition which they wanted to donate through us to a school overseas that was in need. Previously we have donated books to the Ranfurly Book Library Project, however this has now ceased. PP Theo put me in touch with Karo Haltmeier from the Kenthurst club. She is championing the following project and was delighted with the 4 boxes of books I delivered to her home. *David Firth*

## Books Wanted



Kenthurst Rotary Club in partnership with Digicel PNG (a Mobile Phone Company) is collecting books.

These books will be used to stock school libraries built by Digicel all over Papua New Guinea. They have built 21 school libraries. At the moment, they have no books and that is where you can help.

The picture below is one of the libraries built by Digicel.

Most of the schools in Papua New Guinea do not have a library. Some do have a library but just a handful of books, very old and torn or in some cases no books at all.

We are looking for books in good condition that are suitable for children from ages 6 to 17. Dictionaries, atlases, early readers and non fiction are great.

Please do not include paperbacks or magazines.

Check with me if you are unsure.

**To donate books please contact Karo:**

**Mobile: 0468329764 or email Karo: [haltmeier@hotmail.com](mailto:haltmeier@hotmail.com)**



Karo Haltmeier

Rotary Club of KENTHURST D9685

**Fellows, anyone who is willing to help at the Pennant Hills Public School Fete on Sunday next May 21st, please let David Firth know when you will be able to start and how long you can help. They want us to assist wherever they are short staffed. The fete starts at 10am and goes through to 3pm.**

## THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
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 21st	PENNANT HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL FETE - 10AM TO 3PM - IF YOU CAN HELP LET DAVID FIRTH KNOW			
May 22nd	THE SALVATION ARMY	Captain Steven Smith	Theo Glockemann	Jim Fraser
May 28th	RED SHIELD APPEAL	DOORKNOCK	At Pennant Hills Holden	8.30am
June 19th	CLUB CHANGEOVER Partners' night	President Pam & President Elect Alex	TBA	David Firth



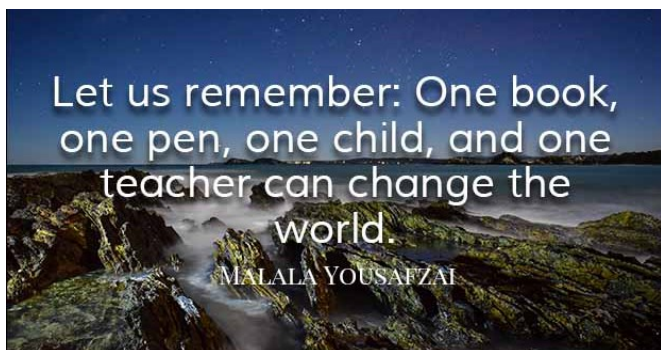
### PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARDS NIGHT

**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.

Let David Firth know if you are coming or not and if you are bringing any visitors. We will be looking to assign members to host the awardees and their sponsors.



### ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

**Member attendance 61.1%**

**Apologies:** David Walsh, Terry Pankhurst, Pat Parker, Claude Rigney, Michael Bradley, Jim Fraser

**Guest Speaker:** Jim Mein AM

**Guests:** Gill Mein, Heather Firth

**Leave of Absence:** Nil

### MEMBER NEWS

#### BIRTHDAYS

Nil

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Alex and Elizabeth Thomas - May 9th

#### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

### Thought for the Week

Don't just count your years, make your years count.

- George Meredith