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OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK - May 29th
A Joint Meeting with Beecroft Club

The Sydney Metro Update

Guest Speaker: Gai Hardman



Reporter: Michael Bradley

Sydney Metro Northwest, formerly the North West Rail Link, is the first stage of Sydney Metro and will be the first fully-automated metro rail system in Australia. Sydney Metro City & Southwest is the second stage.



**RED SHIELD
APPEAL**

THANK GOD FOR THE SALVOS

RESULTS FROM THE RED SHIELD APPEAL IN OUR AREA.

Sunday's takings were \$17,682-85. This plus last week's static collections make the total \$20,874-20.

Static amounts this week were: Sunday-Bunnings \$250-80, Thornleigh \$117-75 & Pennant Hills \$604-35 and Saturday-Bunnings \$406-40, Thornleigh \$616-85 & Pennant Hills \$1,494-45. I understand that centre management Pennant Hills tipped in \$400 on Sat. Also we received \$399-85 which had been collected at Fitness First. Total statics for both weekends was \$7,080-90, a third of our total.

Special thanks to Theo G, President Pam and the Wilson's for another great effort.

NEXT WEEK'S MEETING - 5th June

RYLA TIMOR LESTE 2016 - A VIDEO

Presented by Theo Glockemann Reporter: Pat Parker



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REPORT FROM LAST WEEK

The meeting was opened at 7pm by President Pam welcoming all members. Adrian was first to report to remind everyone of the weekend outing of a drive to Ebenezer on June 5th for some wine tasting and tea and scones. He also played the proud dad in announcing that his daughter, Catlin, had just been appointed Deputy Head of Mission to Lebanon. She will be involved in 88 weeks of Arabic language training getting ready for the new post. He also thanked our rotary club for the assistance over the years with Catlin. President Pam had spoken to Terry's wife, Maureen, and had learned that Terry is not well after his recent trip to India. He has been in hospital and asked that members give him a call. Theo provided an update on the Red Shield appeal. Theo is asking for support as static collectors at Pennant Hills Marketplace and Thornleigh Plaza over the weekend as well as many drivers that can assist. There has been good support from Barker College from the students as well as the parents in offering to drive. Alex outlined an exciting opportunity to be more involved in the club as we are looking for a new treasurer and sergeant-at-arms for next year. Alex is off to Malaysia this week, to visit the church he assisted in growing from 50 members to 220. David reminded all directors that their yearly report is due soon and has started updating the club directory for next year.

The guest speaker for the night was Captain Steven Smith from the Salvation Army. Steven gave an overview of his role over the past 10 years and his new position of Change Director to work with members of the group to keep it relevant with the communities it supports. Steven outlined how the Salvation Army started in England during the industrial revolution as a way to assist with people who had been displaced and living in very poor conditions. The Salvation Army positioned itself where members can find a moment to serve the community, share their religious beliefs and provide support without distinction. He gave an example of some of the early support where the Salvation Army assisted with changing the way matches were made. Early manufacture used white phosphorus to get the matches to ignite but use of this chemical was highly toxic and caused terrible diseases. The change to red phosphorus allowed the match to light and was less toxic to those who made matches thereby improving their lives. Steven highlighted the complexity of issues faced today where people have destroyed their minds with drugs such that they are bound to drugs. The Salvation Army looks to provide support to the community where its members work to assist these in releasing the binds the drugs have on them. Steven's role has changed over time and early on he spent some time in the US working in summer holiday camps ensuring children had a fantastic experience. These skills continued here in Australia where Steven was involved in bringing a young girl from a rural area to Sydney for her first swim at a beach. She had come from disadvantage where she was in a poor situation and had feelings of no worth or value. The Salvation Army facilitated a simple gesture of her first swim suit and this chance to go for a swim in the ocean. This brought great smiles and excitement for this little girl. She did not take her new swim suit off for the week she was here.

Some of the numbers Steven provided of how the Salvation Army supports the communities per week: 100,000 meals, 2000 beds, 5-8000 food vouchers of pantry supplies, they also have 1000 people who assist in people gaining employment. But the key aim is to provide a hand up rather than a hand out so there are numerous Drug and Alcohol programs, aged care facilities and court assistance for people when required. Steven then shared the Sisters of Hope Video where they highlighted a story of a farmer's family who had lived on the same farm for generations and was completely destroyed by a bush fire. They lost the house, the equipment and water supplies as well as the fields being rendered unproductive for a number of years. The Salvation Army Rural Chaplains stepped in to provide and facilitate community support as well as emotional support to allow this family to rebuild their farm and remain strong members in the community. Their message is to provide hope where it is needed most.

This was an intro to the main reason for the presentation to highlight the importance of the Red Shield Appeal. The aim is to raise \$24 million Australia wide through the door knock campaign to provided care when someone is disadvantaged. Steven thanked the Rotary club for its ongoing support over the years as well as the inclusion of Barker College in raising funds. Theo thanked Steven for his presentation and enthusiasm for the cause. President Pam closed the meeting and reminded people to contact Theo about any support they can provide for the Red Shield appeal.



Reporter: Jim Fraser

The Big Day Out

Sunday June 4, 2017

OK all you groovy rock fans, we've finally come to The Big Day Out – a road trip and adventure.




We are going to enjoy some of the lovely driving roads of the Hawkesbury Valley, sample a few cheeky wines and have a lovely Devonshire tea. Bring your thinking caps, there is a quiz along the way and there are prizes.



We need at least 20 starters, so please come along and bring friends if you wish. The more the merrier. Cost? \$20 per head covers the wine tasting and some nibbles there and the Devonshire tea too.

Meet at the bottom of the Pennant Hills Golf Club car park, at the Telstra Mobile tower at 10:30am for a 10:45am start. Be there or miss out on a grand adventure!!



DG Bruce and DGE Peter warmly invite you to



ROTARY DISTRICT 9685 CHANGEOVER

Saturday 1 July 2017
6.00pm for 6.30pm

Hornsby RSL Club, 4 High St, Hornsby

\$55 per person incl. 2 course dinner

Register at changeover.rotarydistrict9685.org.au



RSVP Friday 23 June 2017
Enquiries: changeoverregistrations@rotarydistrict9685.org.au

THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
June 4th	THE BIG DAY OUT	WITH ADRIAN BELL	Meet at 10.30am at the bottom	of the Golf Club carpark
June 5th	RYLA TIMOR LESTE 2016 - a Video	Theo Glockemann	President Pam	Pat Parker
June 12th	NO MEETING	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY	PUBLIC	HOLIDAY
June 19th	CLUB CHANGEOVER Partners' night	President Pam & President Elect Alex	TBA	David Firth
Wed. June 28th	RONALD McDONALD HOUSE	"Meals From The Heart"	at Westmead	5.30pm

MEMBER NEWS

BIRTHDAYS

Sue Huckel - May 28th

ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Terry Pankhurst - 31 years on May 29th

Peter Wilson - 32 years on June 6th

ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

Member attendance 66.7%

Apologies: Michael Bradley, Ian Chappel,

Terry Pankhurst, John Ellis

Guest Speaker: Captain Steven Smith

Guests:

Leave of Absence: Nil

NOTICE TO ALL DIRECTORS

With the end of the Rotary Year fast approaching, it's time to prepare your annual report. It would be great to have them all with the Editor by Saturday June 3rd, remembering that Changeover is a week earlier on June 19th.

FELLOWS, WITH THE NEW ROTARY YEAR APPROACHING, WE ARE ABOUT TO PREPARE THE NEW CLUB DIRECTORY. PLEASE ADVISE DAVID FIRTH IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES TO YOUR CURRENT ENTRY IN THIS YEAR'S DIRECTORY.

If you ask me how long I'll be your friend? My answer will be, I don't know, 'cause I really don't know which one is longer. FOREVER or ALWAYS?

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Thought for the Week

"It's fine to celebrate success but it is more important to heed the lessons of failure."

- Bill Gates