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OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK - June 5th

RYLA TIMOR LESTE 2016 - A VIDEO

Presented by Theo Glockemann

Reporter: Pat Parker

This is a documentary produced by Eddie Pinto during the 2016 RYLA in Timor Leste. It is a great advertisement for the program and no doubt will be a great tool when seeking candidates for the program in the future.

OUR NEXT MEETING

**NEXT WEEK -
12th June
NO
MEETING
DUE TO
THE
PUBLIC
HOLIDAY**



Rotary Club of Pennant Hills

President Pamela Hudson and President-Elect, Alex Thomas

cordially invites club members, family and friends to

2016 2017 Changeover Evening

Monday June 19, 2017

to acknowledge the successful year of the club.



6.30pm for 7.00pm

Pennant Hills Golf Club

cnr Copeland & Burns Rds Beecroft

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REPORT FROM LAST WEEK

This was another of our joint meetings with the Beecroft Club, this one hosted by them. Following their regular opening, President David Ellyard welcomed us to their meeting. This was followed by a series of reports, with President Pam being given the opportunity to respond to our welcome and to briefly report on the Red Shield Appeal Doorknock and to thank the 3 Beecroft members who helped with this effort.

Following the completion of the meal during which the guest speaker arrived as arranged, Chairman Brian Banfield introduced the speaker, Gai Hardman, Manager, Community Information Centre of the Sydney Metro Northwest at Castle Hill. Gai had a great powerpoint presentation with a series of short videos embedded illustrating various aspects of the project.



She commenced by stating that the Sydney Metro Northwest, planned to be operational in 2019, is now stage 1 of the Sydney Metro project, with stage 2, the final stage, listed for completion in 2024. Stage 1 includes twin 15 kilometre tunnels which are now complete. In addition, there are 4 kilometres of elevated skytrain. The tunnels run from Epping to Bella Vista, while the skytrain runs from Bella Vista to Rouse Hill. In addition, the existing tunnels from Epping to Chatswood are to be rejigged from heavy rail to the new Metro system. Gai advised that stage 1 will provide 8 new stations, 4,000 parking spaces, and the trains will be computer controlled without a driver on board. In peak hour, the trains will be 4 minutes apart, and at other times, 10 minutes apart making timetables basically unnecessary. The train sets will be 6 carriages, single deck, with just 56 seats per carriage. There will be provision to increase the number of carriages to 8.



In the interests of overall safety, the station platforms will have glass fencing along the edge with automatic doors opposite the carriage doors. Both sets of doors will be synchronised to open and close when the train stops. The dwell time at stations will be much reduced due to the easy access on and off the carriages.

Stage 2 of the Metro, which has already commenced, will run in twin tunnels for 15.5 kilometres from Chatswood to Sydenham including another harbour crossing. New stations will be at Crows Nest, Victoria Cross, Barangaroo, Martin Place, Pitt Street, Central, and Waterloo. From Sydenham to Bankstown, the existing heavy rail system will be upgraded to metro style, so that ultimately the metro will run from Rouse Hill to Bankstown covering 31 stations.

At the conclusion of her presentation, there was a series of questions and comments. The tone of some of these I felt was inappropriate in that Gai was invited to speak and could hardly be held responsible for the design of the project and its components. Fortunately Chairman Brian concluded this segment fairly quickly.

Reporter: David Firth

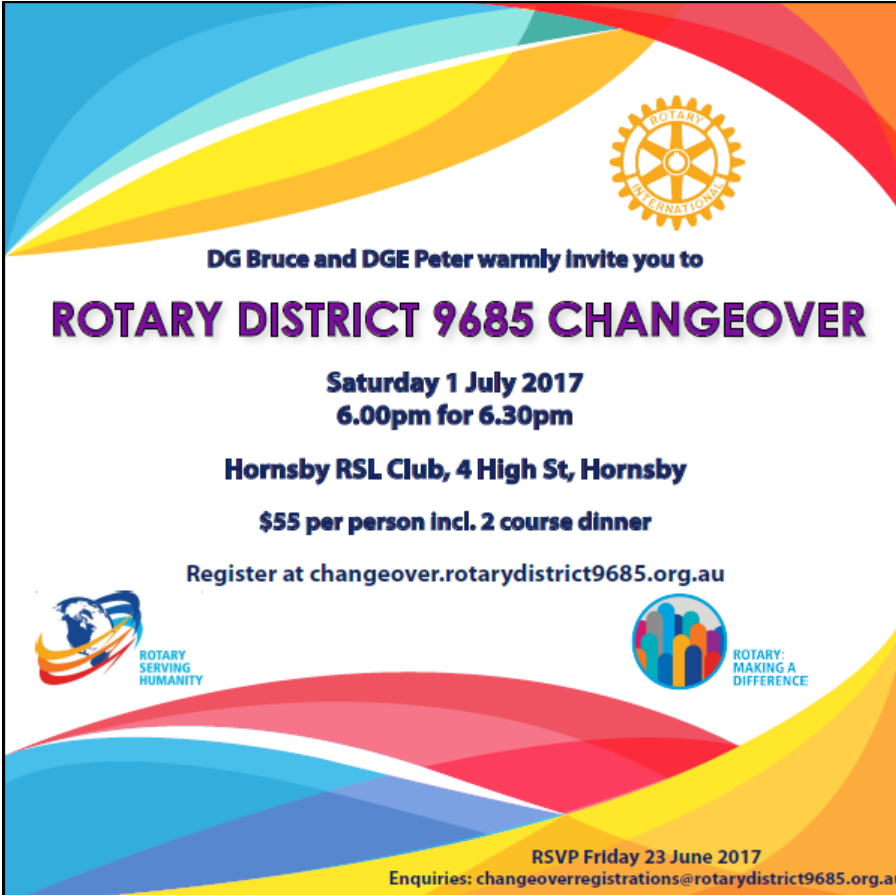
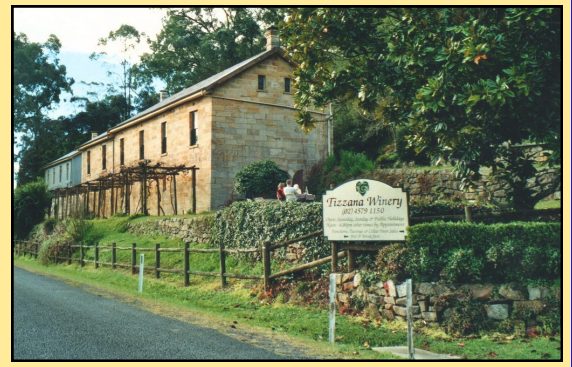
The Big Day Out Sunday June 4, 2017

So, all the groovy rock fans assembled at the bidding of the director of operations, Adrian, for a road trip and adventure into the wilds of Ebenezer. There were 17 in all, 2 of which were trailing some 15 minutes behind due to a prior commitment.

What ensued was a very pleasant drive through our northwestern countryside made all the more interesting by the array of trivia questions provided by said director. Your scribe is able to attest to the fact that he had not passed some of the 'byways' before, including the sea voyage on the good ship 'Sackville Ferry'. We even managed to negotiate a section of gravel road before arriving at Tizzana Winery where our host gave an excellent presentation on the history of the winery and particularly its founder, Dr.

Thomas Fiaschi. He was an Italian doctor who migrated to Australia in 1875 at the age of 22. A wine tasting followed - your scribe is not a good judge of the quality of the wines on offer.

We then repaired to our second stop, the Ebenezer Church, which is the oldest surviving church in Australia. We spent some time inspecting the graveyard, looking for answers to our questionnaire but also noting graves of the Arndell family (Clive Arndell was a charter member of our club and died in 1991), the Mein family (forebears of Jim Mein who spoke at our club recently) and the Turnbull family (forebears of our current Prime Minister). Following a very acceptable Devonshire Tea, we had a presentation in the church about its history and the families who founded it in 1809. There followed a presentation of prizes by the director, the winner of the trivia being Susan & Peter Wilson (27 out of 15!) with the booby prize gratefully accepted by Peter & Pam Hudson. President Pam completed the Big Day Out by thanking Director Adrian ably assisted by Wendy. *DLF*



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 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
June 26th	Plans for the New Rotary Year	President Alex & the directors	President Alex	David Firth

MEMBER NEWS

BIRTHDAYS

Nil

ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Peter Wilson - 32 years on June 6th

Phil Stanton - 33 years on June 14th

ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

Member attendance 50%

Apologies: Michael Bradley, Ian Chappel,
Jim Fraser, Theo Glockemann, Claude Rigney,
Phil Stanton, Alex Thomas, David Walsh

Guest Speaker: Gai Hardman

Guests: Nil

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.

As at June 4th, I have only received 2 reports! Editor

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.

For the Golfers, the following are some conversations between golfers and their caddies.

Golfer: "Do you think my game is improving?"

Caddy: "Yes . . . You miss the ball much closer now."

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Golfer: "How do you like my game?"

Caddy: "It's very good - personally, I prefer golf."

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Golfer: "Do you think it's a sin to play on Sunday?"

Caddy: "The way you play, it's a sin on any day."

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Golfer: "That can't be my ball, it's too old."

Caddy: "It's been a long time since we teed off, sir."

Thought for the Week

When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it.

- Henry Ford