

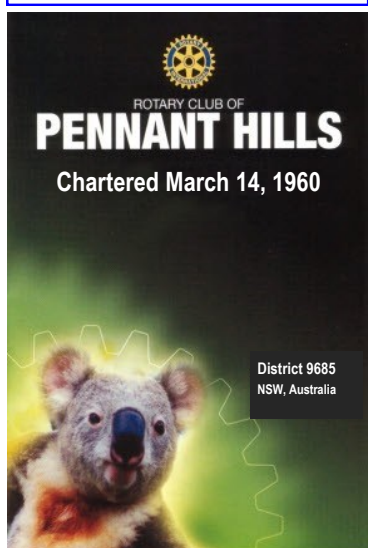


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OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK

**A Video entitled
'THE WINDS OF CHANGE'
in Rotary**

A talk by Past RI Director Stuart Heal

Chairman: Adrian Bell Reporter: Theo Glockemann



**This is a thought provoking talk about the future direction of
Rotary - how clubs can look at different ways to engage the
younger generations without changing focus on
"SERVICE ABOVE SELF".**

A Future Program

We had thought that this week we would have as guest speaker, Adrian Bell's daughter, Caitlin, who works for the Commonwealth Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. However, she has just returned from overseas and could not join us this week.

Her visit and talk will be rescheduled and a new date will be fixed in the near future. It will be, as always, a fascinating talk.

NEXT WEEK'S MEETING

THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S OFFICIAL VISIT

A joint meeting with the Beecroft Club

Speaker: DG Peter Ward

CHAIRMAN: President Alex REPORTER: John Ellis

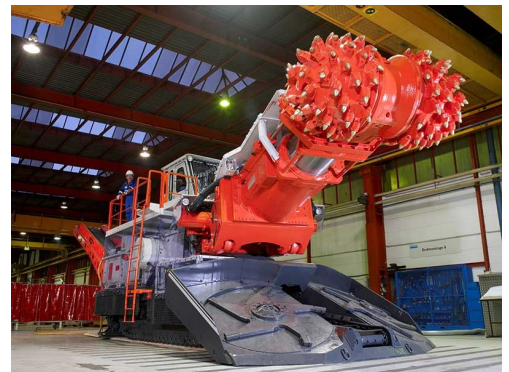
President Alex opened the meeting and welcomed our guest, Peter Cook, a member of the Golf Club and friend of Terry Pankhurst - who incidentally arrived a little while after his guest!

President Alex reported on the first District Presidents' meeting held the previous Saturday morning. He highlighted 2 projects that were talked about at that meeting. The Rotary Club of Chatswood Sunrise has their GroTrees Project which is a joint effort with the Landcare organisation. They are planting native species in an area at Teralba, Lake Macquarie. (More details of the project are available at <http://phlow.com.au/rotary/GroTrees%20Case%20Study%202014%20update.pdf>). The other project he is interested in is one which RI President Ian Riseley has as a major focus on this year - ending trachoma in Australia by 2021. The World Health Organisation has a global goal to eliminate trachoma by 2020. Trachoma is an infectious eye disease that can be prevented with good hygiene practices. But it is still present in remote Aboriginal communities and can lead to permanent blindness. Ian Riseley wants a trachoma-free Australia by 2021, Rotary's 100th year in Australia. We are the world's only developed country with trachoma. There will be more information on how we can be involved shortly.

Following contact by email recently seeking information on the Pride of Workmanship Awards program, I proposed an International Toast to the Rotary Club of East Greenwich, Rhode Island, USA and its President Paul Muffoletto and their 49 members.

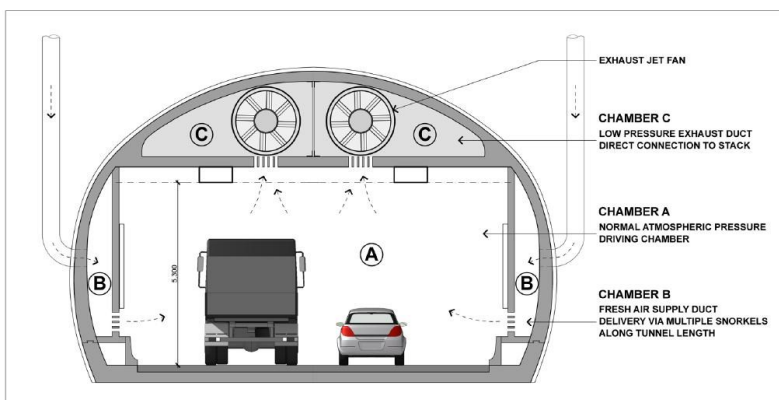
With Sergeant-at-arms Theo reportedly 'dead or dying' with the dreaded lurgy, Corporal Jim Fraser rather too willingly took up the collection box and trawled around the room with a series of fines which Theo would have been proud to call his own!

Our program was a talk by our own Phil Stanton based on his recent visit to the nearby NorthConnex operation at the southern end of the 9 kilometre tunnels. Phil, as a director of the Golf Club, was invited to visit the site where they were given a tour of the above ground operational areas and were also given a detailed briefing. All tunnelling around the southern portal is now finished, while work continues on the widening of the M2 west of Pennant Hills Road on the west bound lanes all the way to Windsor Road. The NorthConnex southern site between the M2 and Eaton Road will be the Control Centre of the NorthConnex when completed. At present, apart from being one of 4 sites where spoil from tunnelling is brought to the surface and loaded on trucks for disposal, they also maintain the road headers which are used for the tunnelling.

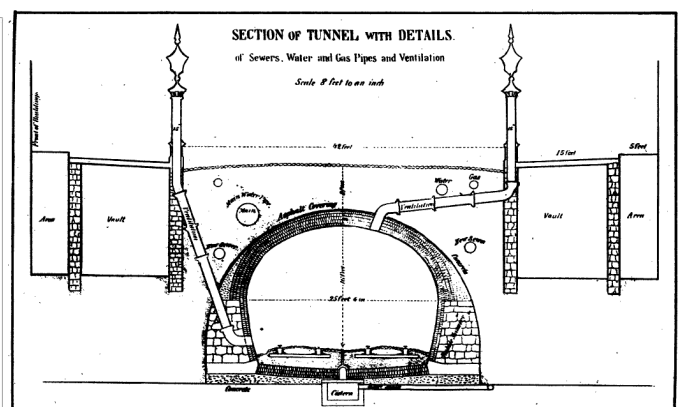


One of the 17 Road Headers used on tunnelling

Phil showed a series of pictures of the project and the equipment in use. One of the interesting comparisons he drew was of the cross section of the proposed tunnels and the design of the original tunnels for the New York city underground from the 19th century. This showed how similar the 2 designs are! See the photos here.



GENERIC TUNNEL CROSS SECTION: Proposed Transverse Ventilation System



The design for the New York City underground rail tunnel

Following a number of questions, Phil was thanked for his talk by President Alex and was then invited to lead the singing of the National Anthem. This time we were able to face the National Flag provided by PP Pam Hudson which was hanging in the room for the first time.

Reporter: The Editor

Excerpt from the July 2017 District 9685 Foundation Newsletter

This last year we raised \$US 378,429, and while a little less than 2015-16 (\$US 393,662) will still give us a good DDF in the years in front of us.

We cannot be disappointed in the slight drop in Annual Fund giving, because in D9685 we contributed over the year a massive \$US193,772 to the End Polio campaign (last year \$US 126,527), a massive increase over past years. This money of course (along with the \$US 114,000 donated from our DDF) goes immediately to the polio eradication campaign.

So overall we have contributed \$US 591,609 this last year vs \$US 527,242 in 2015-16, and our district is the highest overall donor in total giving across Australia by quite a margin. So very

heartily congratulations to you all and warm thanks for your generosity, both as clubs and as personal donors. We can be very confident that the money we have given will be used effectively to support our humanitarian and educational projects in the years ahead. We look forward to great support in this coming year too, and I would love to see clubs planning now at the start of the year to give 15 or 20% of their project funds raised to the Rotary Foundation. We are looking for \$US 200 per head to the Annual Fund. Once again, many thanks for your generosity in 2016-17 and I wish you a great year in 2017-18.

David Rands

D9685 Rotary Foundation Chair



CALLING ALL PEOPLE OF ACTION — A WORLD OF INSPIRATION AWAITS YOU

At our 2018 convention, thousands of Rotarians from every corner of the globe will harness the power of their ingenuity to shape our world into something greater.

Ideas that make an impact

Engage with people and ideas that are transforming lives. Discover insightful perspectives from world-renowned speakers, take part in stimulating breakout sessions, and explore innovative solutions to community problems at the House of Friendship.

Relationships that last a lifetime

Whether you've just joined Rotary or you're an experienced member, our annual convention is an unparalleled opportunity to immerse yourself in diverse cultures and develop rich relationships. Connect with peers of influence from across the globe and deepen your friendships with kindred spirits who share your desire for meaningful action.

Knowledge that strengthens your community

The opportunities for learning are endless. You'll hear about new approaches and strategies for successful projects, uncover ways to attract and engage members in your area, and bring home a renewed passion that will inspire your club members.

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FIND YOUR INSPIRATION

“Convention is a reunion of friends who, regardless of nationality, region, culture, language, and religion, can come together and support each other.”

— Jermaine Ee, Rotary Club of Los Angeles, California, USA

Fun that you'll never forget

Share unforgettable experiences at exhibits and events — including our Ribfest on 27 June. The festivities will culminate in a concert by a spectacular artist that you won't want to miss.

THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
Aug 7th	District Governor's Official Visit	DG Peter Ward	Presidents Mark & Alex	John Ellis
THIS IS A JOINT MEETING WITH BEECROFT CLUB				
Aug 25th	DAFFODIL DAY	AT PENNANT HILLS	STATION	6.00 to 9.00am
Sept 15th	Volunteer at RYDA at	Sydney Olympic Park	Mount St Benedict High School	6 volunteers Required 8.30am to 2pm
Oct 17th	CLUB CHARITY GOLF	DAY at PENNANT HILLS	GOLF CLUB	Details to be advised

ATTENDANCE AT LAST WEEKS MEETING

Member Attendance: 62.5%

Apologies: Ian Chappel, John Ellis, Pat Parker, Theo Glockemann,

Visitors: Peter Cook guest of Terry Pankhurst

Visiting Rotarians: Nil

Leave of Absence: Pam Hudson,

ADVANCE NOTICE

On Monday, September 11th we will be joining the other clubs in our zone for a joint meeting to hear a special guest speaker, John Hewko, who is the General Secretary of Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation.



Hewko holds a law degree from Harvard University, a master's in modern history from Oxford University (where he studied as a Marshall Scholar), and a bachelor's in government and Soviet studies from Hamilton College in New York.

As general secretary, Hewko leads a diverse staff of 800 at Rotary International's World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA, and seven international offices. Hewko is a Paul Harris Fellow. He and his wife, Margarita, live in Evanston, USA.

This is an excellent opportunity for us to hear first hand from one of the leaders at RI Headquarters.

MEMBER NEWS & WELFARE

BIRTHDAYS

Nil

ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

We are mindful of Sue Huckel who is back in hospital with a chest infection. We trust she recovers quickly.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“If you can't explain it simply, you don't understand it well enough.”

- Albert Einstein