

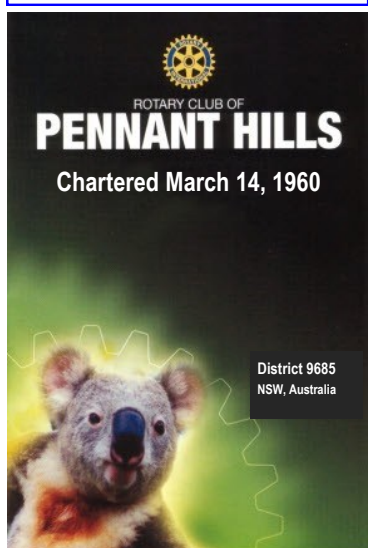


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OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK

'BIKE RIDE FOR PEACE IN INDIA'

Guest Speaker: Rev David Reichardt

Chairman: President Alex

Reporter: Theo Glockemann



David Reichardt is the minister at Normanhurst Uniting Church. He has been there since April last year. He has a number of interests including as an Ecotheological Consultant to the Amritsar Diocese, Church of North India. This is an honorary position placed through the Uniting Church in Australia's overseas agency UnitingWorld with its partner Church the Church of North India's Amritsar Diocese. He works as a Consultant in ecology, Ecotheology and Eco-tourism in the Himalayan tourist town of Manali, and throughout the Diocese. He also works to implement a program of lay education across the Diocese. He has held this position for the past 4 years.

David is an accomplished musician and also is a keen motorcyclist - I'm not sure if he would call himself a bkie or rather a biker.

We welcome David to our meeting.

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Saturday



NEXT WEEK'S MEETING

'My Time in Uganda'

Guest Speaker: Karen Long

CHAIRMAN: Pat Parker REPORTER: Ian Chappel

This is a Partners' Night

MEETING REPORT 7 August 2017

This joint meeting with Beecroft was opened by President Alex Thomas with his welcome to our new District Governor, Peter Ward, of the Rotary Club of The Entrance. He was joined by ADG John Fenessy from the Epping Rotary Club. A toast followed – to Jack Reid who joined this Club on 8 August, 1964 and his long and valuable service was loudly applauded. Some Beecroft parish notices followed, mainly about their forthcoming book fair. PP Phil Stanton promoted our Golf Day on 17 October with funds to go towards PKU research. PP Ian Chappel brought us up-to-date with his participation in City to Surf this weekend with the funds raised going to Australian Rotary Health Research. DG Peter then circulated around the tables to chat to members and cheer the troops. The Beecroft Minister for Fun, aka Sergeant, proposed birthday greetings for Edwin Ikwu – 65 today, and a rowdy “Happy Birthday” followed. Sergeant Glockemann had everyone on their feet clasping various parts of their anatomy as they hoped to win a bottle of wine as he tossed two pennies. Wanting to keep the DG on side, Theo arranged that the prize went Peter Ward’s way.



DG PETER WARD

President Alex then offered the floor to Mark Anderson who outlined the Beecroft plan for the forthcoming year. President Alex then outlined the plan for Pennant Hills. This covered our trailer raffle, Daffodil Day, Red Shield, Golf Day, Tree of Joy, and Ronald McDonald House. Theo Glockemann covered the Timor expedition in September – twelve Rotarians are joining him in East Timor for RYLA and RYPEN and for the second year a group from Barker College will participate.



ADG JOHN FENESSY

DG Peter Ward took the floor and thanked us for our hospitality. Some of his theme was communication between Rotarians and as an example he reminded us that there are 78 Clubs in this District, 30 of which have some involvement in East Timor. Rarely is there discussion between those Clubs on what they are doing in East Timor. He confidently told us he has a good District Team and we have a good Assistant DG whose role will be to get to know his Zone of Clubs and encourage those Clubs to get to know each other. We should take advantage of the business and management skills of members of those Clubs. A success story he mentioned was The Ponds Rotary Club which has started an Interact Club at the local high school. With 130 members they will influence other students at their school. DG Peter urged Clubs to engage with the local community, to ask what can our Club do for the community. He sees this as a way of networking and a possible avenue to new members. He promoted the District Conference, scheduled for the weekend 10-11 March 2018 at Leura, and covered one of his themes, which is to end trachoma by 2020. Trachoma is one of a group of neglected tropical diseases. It starts off as a bacterial infection a bit like conjunctivitis and can be easily treated. But if not treated, scarring of the eyelid will develop which makes the eyelashes turn inward, so with every blink they’re scraping against the eye. It’s unbearably painful and can eventually cause blindness. He then sought questions. From Theo Glockemann came a query suggesting some of the good Rotary stories should be a topic for ABC programs such as “Australian Story”. Whilst the DG could not offer a short response he did mention that some RAWCS stories have been aired by Channel 9 and occasional ROMAC stories are aired. He closed his address with reference to a book, “Thankyou” by David Flynn where his project arose from the shortage of potable water in developing countries. The theme of this book is covered at the charity’s website.

President Alex closed the meeting with a reminder that John Hewko, the General Secretary of RI, will be in Australia next month and a meeting of Zone Clubs is scheduled for 11 September at the Pennant Hills Golf Club to hear him speak. The National Anthem completed the meeting, after which the Board of Pennant Hills met with DG Peter Ward.

Reporter: John Ellis

WELFARE NEWS OF PAST MEMBERS & FAMILY

Jack Townsend, past member of our club and member of the golf club, has suffered a stroke and is currently in the SAN.

Bea Roche is also unwell and was taken to hospital on Saturday night.

Lorna McGraw, widow of past member, Eric, passed away last Tuesday. She was 89 years old.

Her funeral is on Wednesday, 16th August at 11am in the South Chapel, Northern Suburbs Crematorium.

Eric passed away last October. They were living at ARV Castle Hill.

Barry Rassin selected to be 2018-19 Rotary president

Barry Rassin, of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2018-19. He will be declared the president-elect on 1 September if no challenging candidates have been suggested.

As president, Rassin aims to strengthen our public image and our use of digital tools to maximize Rotary's reach.

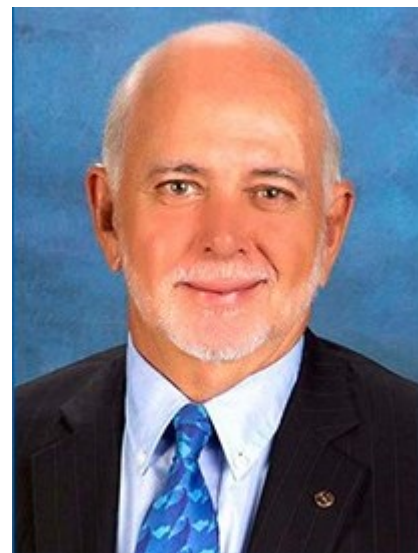
"Those who know what good Rotary clubs do will want to be a part of it, and we must find new models for membership that allow all interested in our mission to participate," he says. "With Rotary more in the public eye, we will attract more individuals who want to be part of and support a membership organization that accomplishes so much good around the world."

Rassin earned an MBA in health and hospital administration from the University of Florida and is the first fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives in the Bahamas. He recently retired after 37 years as president of Doctors Hospital Health System, where he continues to serve as an adviser. He is a lifetime member of the American Hospital Association and has served on several boards, including the Quality Council of the Bahamas, Health Education Council, and Employer's Confederation.

A Rotarian since 1980, Rassin has served Rotary as director and is vice chair of The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees. He was an RI training leader and the aide to 2015-16 RI President K.R. Ravindran.

Rassin received Rotary's highest honor, the Service Above Self Award, as well as other humanitarian awards for his work leading Rotary's relief efforts in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake there. He and his wife, Esther, are Major Donors and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation.

Rassin's nomination follows [Sam F. Owori's death](#) in July, just two weeks into his term as Rotary International president-elect.



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Our intrepid 'Marathon Man' PP Ian Chappel has lived up to his own expectations and kept faith with the small army of supporters who sponsored him in the 2017 City2Surf Race held on Sunday.

Proudly wearing Bib No. 48143, he completed the arduous course in a very creditable 1hour 49minutes 21seconds.

But most pleasing was that he has raised to date over \$1,000 for ARH!

Trivia? NIGHT?

Saturday 26th August 2017

Cherrybrook Community Centre
Shepherds Drive Cherrybrook

6.30pm for 7.00pm start

Only \$20 pp
Bring along your friends and make a table of 8.

Tea & Coffee provided
BYOG & nibbles

Charities we support: Wesley Operation Hope, Australian Rotary Health & other charities & organisations supported by the club

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THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
Aug 21st	'My Time in Uganda'	Karen Long	Pat Parker	Ian Chappel
THIS IS A PARTNERS' NIGHT				
Aug 25th	DAFFODIL DAY	AT PENNANT HILLS	STATION	6.00 to 9.00am
Aug 28th	'Reflections on my time as Senior NSW Police Chaplain'	Rev Alan Lowe (Past club member)	David Firth	Adrian Bell
Sept 11th	ROTARY INTERNATIONAL TODAY	John Hewko RI General Secretary	President Mark Anderson	Pat Parker
JOINT MEETING WITH BEECROFT AND OTHER ZONE CLUBS				
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: 68.75%
Apologies: Adrian Bell, Terry Pankhurst
Visitors: Nil
Visiting Rotarians:
 DG Peter Ward - R/C of The Entrance;
 ADG John Fenessy - R/C of Epping
Leave of Absence: Pam Hudson, Claude Rigney

MEMBER NEWS

BIRTHDAYS

Nil

ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

When people meet my wife they think better of me.
 They say: "With a wife like that, he can't be as bad as we thought".

Robert Menzies