

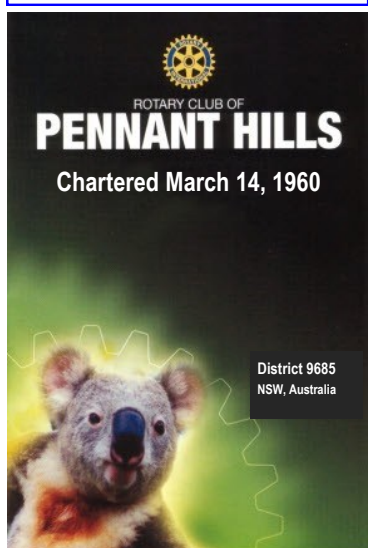


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**Rotary**  
District 9685



## OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK

### “Reflections on my time as Senior NSW Police Chaplain”

**Guest Speaker: Rev Alan Lowe**

**Chairman: David Firth**

**Reporter: Adrian Bell**

Alan Lowe is a past member of our club having joined in 1993. In 2004, he was appointed Senior Police Chaplain (Protestant), responsible for some 40 honorary Protestant chaplains across NSW who were providing chaplaincy to around 20,000 Police officers throughout the state. We are glad to welcome him back - he does continue his interest in the club, receiving ‘Spokes’ each week.



**Cancer  
Council**

**Daffodil  
Day**

Our club was very much on display last Friday morning when 5 members and one partner braved a very chilly start to sell daffodils and merchandise at Pennant Hills Railway Station. One gets a much better idea what an important transport hub Pennant Hills is, with buses bringing a stream of commuters in to connect with the trains.

We had an unfortunate start when we discovered that the Cancer Council had only delivered 2 boxes of daffodils in bunches for us to sell. After a couple of phone calls, we finally got supplies of merchandise around 7am.

Our teams were - at the western end, Ian Huckel, John Ellis and Theo Glockemann; at the eastern end, Heather & David Firth, with Jim Fraser operating separately on the lower ramp directly onto Platform 1.

Despite the lack of stock at the start, by 9am we had made \$833.70 for the Cancer Council, a very creditable effort!

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Saturday



## NEXT WEEK'S MEETING

### “Iodine Deficiency - an Update”

**Guest Speaker: Prof. Creswell Eastman AM**

Professor Eastman was our Australia Day awardee in 2007

**CHAIRMAN: Phil Stanton REPORTER: David Firth**

## MEETING REPORT - 14th August 2017

Acting President: Theo Glockemann & Chairman: Jim Fraser (President Alex was absent due to a conference in Adelaide) Jim introduced Acting President Theo, then Theo welcomed Karen Long (daughter of Sandra & Pat Parker), the Club's guest speaker and partners.

Theo gave a tribute to Leslie Whitcroft for his support for Pride of Workmanship by manufacturing 250,000 tin plate 'do it once, do it well' signs free of charge for distribution throughout Australia. Theo told us about when he was speaking about Timor in the early days at the Rotary Club of Ryde, Leslie's Club. After Theo spoke Leslie said I will give Theo \$2000 if the club gives \$3000. Leslie passed away on 12 August aged 97 years.

Theo also spoke about attending David Hopping's 80th birthday party at Central McDonald. David was a prime mover in establishing the Pride of Workmanship Awards program within Rotary.

The Acting President drew great applause by not reciting his poem.

### Karen Long – Visit to Uganda

John Ellis introduced Karen to begin her talk.

Karen spoke about being made aware of the Watoto organisation in Uganda helping orphans and abandoned children in the year 2000. Watoto's motto is Rescue, Raise and Rebuild. Watoto's mission is to educate children who will be the future of Uganda.

Every so often Karen was reminded of her desire to venture to Uganda and provide help to children in need. This went on for over a decade, then a New Year's resolution at the beginning of 2016, Karen decided it was time to fulfil her desire to travel to Uganda to help children. Karen applied to Watoto as a volunteer and was accepted in 2016. General volunteers help wash baby bottles and other supporting domestic duties.

After Karen arrived and it was realised that physiotherapy was her profession, the hospital moved her to perform physiotherapy while in Uganda. Watoto run homes for children aged from 0-3 years old and those 4+ years in other homes. Each home has one 'mother' and eight children. The children are raised and educated. After completing a trade and have a job or complete university and have a job, are they allowed to leave the house.



Watoto have 3 villages each protected by armed guards. Funding for the houses comes from all over the world. The children are well dressed as world wide monetary support is good. The houses also care for abandoned women and provide them training so they can become self sufficient. A medical clinic supports older children with sprains, dental and other medical support.

Meetings are conducted in thatched roof houses equivalent to a hall in Australia.

Karen worked as a physio from Monday to Friday and helped out wherever possible on the weekends. Karen was part of a team with 2 physiotherapists and 2 occupational therapists. Physiotherapists are allowed to prescribe medicine in Uganda. A teenager came in with what was probably a hand bone fracture, Karen was able to tightly bound the hand with a bandage as an alternate treatment as no other support was available.

Karen became very emotional when the picture of Joel was presented. Joel suffers from Cerebral Palsy and was not receiving adequate treatment. It was a very emotional experience for Karen who was handed a crying Joel, instinctively Karen began to sing and rock Joel. Joel realised that he was in the hands of a very special person and stopped crying. After receiving 6 weeks of Karen's care, Joel was able to sit up and had much greater control of his body.

The 'mothers' in the home do a lot of physical work and consequently have a lot of back problems. Bananas are eaten green as well as ripe in Uganda.

Uganda is on the Equator so it is hot. Kampala is the capital of this developing nation.

The hotel had bars on the windows. The country's religion is Christianity. The money received from overseas by Watoto is carefully managed to ensure that no impropriety occurs. The Watoto villages are protected by armed guards as the surrounding areas are very poor.

Karen spoke with passion and emotion a year after her visit to Uganda. Karen said many of those in the Watoto homes spoke English. Karen has a good grounding in paediatric physiotherapy after working for many years at the Children's Hospital. Karen now works in orthopaedics at the SANS providing physiotherapy to those with hip, and knee replacements.

John Ellis thanked Karen for a talk that was full of passion, emotion and knowledge.

The meeting closed at 8:38 pm with Theo calling John Ellis to lead us in singing Advance Australia Fair.

**Reporter: Ian Chappel**



*Fellows, this is part of a posting by Beecroft Club on Facebook. They unveiled a renewed sundial in the village green on Saturday, which is in memory of Hornsby Councillor Don Evans, a past member of our Rotary club.*

## Family History of Mr Donald Evans

Don was born on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 1921 to Robert and Ida Evans. He was the eldest of 3 children - sister Gwen and brother Ken. He was 5<sup>th</sup> generation Australian - descended from 1<sup>st</sup> Fleeter - William Roberts.

He served his Fitting and Turning apprenticeship at BHP Port Kembla. He left school when his father had a bike accident and he needed to help support the family.

He served in the American Small Ships during World War 11.

He married Dorothy Bartley in 1943 and the young couple moved in with her grandparents next door to her parents at Concord West.

On discharge, he went to work at Concord Repatriation Hospital as an instrument maker, helping design new tools and instruments. One such item was the construction and maintenance of endoscopy tubes.

Don and Dorothy purchased a large block of land in Hull Road Beecroft (nearly 1 acre) and then had a house built for their family. They moved into their new home in early 1955 with 4 children under 9.

Don then commenced working for Thomas de la Rue (to become Formica Plastics) in Duffy Avenue Thornleigh as Chief Engineer, initially helping oversee the construction of the factory. He continued to work as Chief Engineer until just prior to his death in 1984. During his time as Hornsby Shire Councillor, he was also on call 24/7 for the factory, fitting this around up to 3 Community meetings or functions most evenings.

On moving his wife and family to Beecroft in 1955, he soon became very involved in his local community. He helped form Beecroft Soccer Club then Beecroft Sports Club, was involved in Beecroft Methodist Church, Rotary, Masonic Lodge, Beecroft Bowling Club, etc. He went on to be Chairman / President/ Committee member of more than 22 organisations within the Shire including Dial-a-Mum, and was Patron of many more.

Beecroft /Cheltenham Civic Trust asked him to stand for Council in 1966 to represent Beecroft/Cheltenham in their fight against the incursion of High Rise development in the area.

His motto was to keep C riding "a pleasant place to live". His mantra was always to be a voice representing his Community.

He was elected to Hornsby Shire Council in September 1966 and retired from Council serving as Shire President up to the elections in September 1983. During his 18 years he had served 10 terms as Shire president. His retirement followed a major stroke in November 1982 and he died in November 1984, aged 63 years.

Dorothy passed away in January 2013, 4 days after her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. She had sold the family home in 2003, 50 years after the land had been purchased. Dorothy and Dale lived in Dural until 2013.

Don is survived by his 4 children - Dale, Sandra, Neil and John.

There are 9 grandchildren (Scott, Kalysa, Christopher, Ellise, David, Sarah, James, Daniel and Ashley.)

There are 15 great grandchildren (aged 15 - 18 months).

### DON EVANS

Don joined our club on 29th October, 1964, having been proposed by Jack Hedges. His classification was Plastics - Laminated. His main area of service was in the Community area naturally.

In June, 1982 he resigned due to work and Council duties and was made an honorary member until his death in 1984.



## THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
Sept 4th	Iodine Deficiency - An Update	Prof. Cres Eastman	Phil Stanton	David Firth
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
Sept 18th	'Gliding'	John McCorquodale	Theo Glockemann	Phil Stanton
Sept 25th	Aphasia Awareness	Colleen Kerr	Pam Hudson	John Ellis
Oct 17th	CLUB CHARITY GOLF	DAY at PENNANT HILLS	GOLF CLUB	7.00am Breakfast 8.30am shotgun start

### ATTENDANCE AT LAST WEEKS MEETING

**Member Attendance:** 68.75%

**Apologies:** Michael Bradley, Pat Parker, Alex Thomas

**Guest Speaker:** Karen Long

**Visitors:** Wendy Bell, Heather Firth, Georgia Glockemann, Maureen Pankhurst, Ruth Reid, Lyn Stanton

**Leave of Absence:** Claude Rigney

### MEMBER NEWS

#### BIRTHDAYS

Nil

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

#### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA

**23 - 27th JUNE, 2018**

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## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**'Wine is constant proof that God loves us and loves to see us happy.'**

*Benjamin Franklin*