

## **SPOKES**

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#### **OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK**



### Aphasia Awareness

**Guest Speaker: Colleen Kerr** 

**Chairman: Pam Hudson** 

**Reporter: John Ellis** 

The Centre for Clinical Research Excellence (CCRE) in Aphasia Rehabilitation is an Australia-wide research program funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC). The program is comprised of leading speech pathology researchers, clinicians and managers throughout Australia.

Aphasia is an impairment of language, affecting the production or comprehension of speech and the ability to read or write. Aphasia is always due to injury to the brain-most commonly from a stroke, particularly in older individuals. But brain injuries resulting in aphasia may also arise from head trauma, from brain tumors, or from infections.

Colleen Kerr is a clinical affiliate of CCRE Alphasia and has over 30 years experience as a Speech Pathologist. We welcome her to our meeting this week.

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#### NO MEETING NEXT WEEK DUE TO THE PUBLIC HOLIDAY

NEXT MEETING ON 9th OCTOBER

**Planning for our Golf Day** 

CHAIRMAN: Phil Stanton REPORTER: Pat Parker

#### Rotary Meeting - Monday 18th September, 2017

We had a new chap as President tonight. Alex Thomas, Apparently he's a member of our club. Not too sure about that. I'm certain I've seen him before, but not very often.

Anyhow, turned out he was quite a nice chap. Maybe we'll have him back next week.

Pat, as always, the master of organisation, brought us up to date on the Trailer Raffle bookings and then the adventures at RYDA with the MSB girls.

Phil gave us the "the vibe" on how the Golf Day was progressing. Not a return to the Glory Days, but looking better than recent years.

In a return to previous times, Sergeant Terry came forward. Seems time has not made our favourite Scouser any more lenient on the members. He proceeded to clean out all the spare change in the room.

Phil then stepped forward and introduced John McCorquodale, our speaker for the evening. For his many, many sins, John is a neighbour of our Theo. Johns background is as a 4<sup>th</sup> generation flour miller. Apparently flour milling ain't the attraction it used to be, and John's sons declined to follow him into the family tradition.

How many of you were aware that John, in an earlier life, used to mill all the flour for Arnotts Biscuits? So how much of John's product have each of us consumed? More than plenty is the correct answer!

Interesting as that was, John actually came to give us a chat on Gliding.

Now, when I worked in the Air Force, some of the Pilots used to define flying as "throwing an aircraft at the ground, and missing". And they had bloody great big engines to assist them in that mighty task. Here we have a chap attempting to do that, literally, on wing and a prayer.

Oh yeah, and his newest plane is over 50 years old. So, none of that high-tech stuff on hand.

Johns addiction to flying has been with him for over 30 years, and now having passed the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday mark, he has elected not to fly solo anymore. Not giving it up, just not the command pilot.

He showed us some amazing flying devices, and some equally amazing flying locations. None more intriguing than the Rolling Pipe Cloud formations up in the Gulf Country of Queensland –



After the question & answer session, we all had a sing then President Alex closed it all down.

A pretty good evening really. Who was that stand-in President?

Night night all......Reporter: PP Adrian Bell

#### Thoughts from the Editor

While I was enjoying a relaxing couple of weeks in North Queensland, it gave me time to reflect on several recent developments in our Australian community. One of those has been the discussion (and more) about what we currently call Australia Day, January 26th. I am an unapologetic supporter of retaining this as Australia Day – not changing the day or calling it anything else.

It seems that this discussion inevitably leads those who long to change our flag to get all worked up. I came across the following which I thought was a very good reply to them.

#### A verse from a poem by an unknown author

Our flag bears the stars that blaze at night in our skies of blue

And that little old flag in the corner - that's part of our heritage too

It's for the English, the Scots and the Irish who were sent to the ends of the earth

The rogues and the schemers, the doers and the dreamers who gave modern Australia birth.

And you who are seeking to change it - you don't seem to understand

It's the flag of our law and our language, not the flag of a far away land

There are plenty of people who will tell you that when Europe was plunged into night

That little old flag in the corner was their symbol of freedom and light

It doesn't mean we owe allegiance to a forgotten imperial dream

We've the stars to show where we are going and the old Flag to show where we've been.

Anyone interested in participating locally?



#### A verse by Spike Milligan KBE

Smiling is infectious You catch it like the flu

When someone smiled at me today I started smiling too

> I walked around the corner And someone saw me grin

When he smiled I realised I had passed it on to him

I thought about the smile And then realised its worth

A single smile like mine Could travel round the earth

So if you feel a smile begin Don't leave it undetected

Start an epidemic And get the world infected.

#### THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
Oct 2nd	PUBLIC	HOLIDAY NO	MEETING	
Oct 9th	Planning our Golf Day	Phil Stanton	Phil Stanton	Pat Parker
Oct 17th	CLUB CHARITY GOLF	DAY at PENNANT HILLS	GOLF CLUB	7.00am Breakfast 8.30am shotgun start
Oct 23rd	Timor Report	Theo Glockemann	President Alex	Jim Fraser



Where: Pennant Hills Golf Club
Date: Tuesday 17th October 2017
Cost: \$125 per player
Includes, Golf, Breakfast and Lunch
Registration 7.30am,
Breakfast 7.00 - 8.15am
Shot-gun start 8.30am



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#### **MEMBER NEWS**

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

Ruth Reid—September 21st Terry Pankhurst—October 3rd Phillip Stanton—October 3rd

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Ian & Beverley Chappel - September 24th

Jack & Ruth Reid - October 1st

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

#### ATTENDANCE AT LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Member Attendance: 73.3%

**Apologies:** John Ellis, David Firth, Jim Fraser, Theo

Glockemann,

Guest Speaker: John McCorquodale

Visitors: Karen Paton, guest of Ian Huckel

Make ups: Jim Fraser & Theo Glockemann at RAWCS

**Project in East Timor** 

Leave of Absence: Claude Rigney, David Walsh

#### **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

"Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work."

- Thomas Edison