

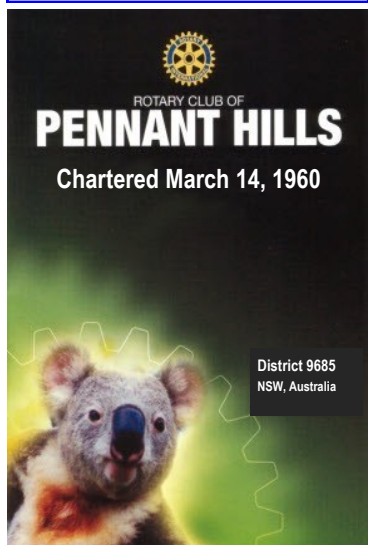


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OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK

Australian Rotary Health 'Hat Day'

Speaker & MC: Ian Chappel

Reporter: David Firth



This will be a fun, social night. Georgia Glockemann and Elizabeth Thomas are in charge of the catering. Members need to bring their own liquid refreshments. Everyone is encouraged to wear a hat of some kind, with prizes for the best and the worst.

Unfortunately we were unable to obtain one of these caps for President Alex to wear!



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Saturday



OUR NEXT MEETING

November 6th

Golf Day Review

CHAIRMAN: President Alex REPORTER: Pat Parker

MEETING REPORT - 23rd OCTOBER, 2017

The Latest Timor Leste Project Report

Another year and another visit to Timor Leste with amazing results and experiences for all concerned. Once more RYPEN and RYLA training performed by all Timorese leaders.

The talented group of RYLA graduates were provided Project Management Training. The objective is for the Timorese to write formal project proposals. The proposals would be sent to Australia to seek and gain funding and then be executed by the Timorese.

Theo's Report

Team Timor this year were Angelo Raveane from the Rotary Club of Crows Nest, 2 Rotarians from North Richmond, Georgia, Ed & Helen from Windsor and Jim and Esther Fraser.

Theo advised it almost did not happen – no money, or money late. As a great favour, a Rotary Club in Victoria provided interim funding until the money from Woodside was available. Theo's surety, his family jewels, were returned intact. Woodside provided the funding 4 weeks after RYLA training was finished. (Thank goodness, no one wants an interstate Rotary war).

Uncle Theo was remembered with reverence when identified having coffee at the local shopping centre.

Barker School sent 10 students and two teachers (Matthew Lloyd & Rachael Weber).

It all works every year as the RYLA & RYPEN is conducted by volunteers.

Theo said the average age of the Timorese population is 18 years. Georgia and Theo gave books from Australia to Timorese students.

Jim's Report

Jim and Esther Fraser joined the Timor team after a wider visit arranged by a knowledgeable travel agent. Tour guides showed visitors around by bus. The roads are not good in places and passengers had to perform road repairs (fill holes with rocks) so the bus could traverse the very patchy road.

The country produces cocoa, pepper, coffee, vanilla and pineapples.

They visited the Biblioteka Library which was funded as a project by Rotary Club of Beecroft and other clubs in District 9680.

RYPEN was conducted on the 2nd weekend up in the hills just 40 minutes out of Dili. The leaders stayed in tents. One of the challenges for the RYPEN students was navigating a maze blindfolded. The only sounds that were allowed were animal sounds to communicate the path through the maze to each other. Dancing was another activity.

The coffee factory was funded by US money, the coffee beans (arabica) are collected from all over Timor with 50 trucks. The beans are sold exclusively to Star Bucks.

Jim concluded by saying that he and Esther were given a beautiful welcome everywhere they went. Eddy is a great worker.

Jacob's & Lilly's Report

Jacob and Lilly thanked Barker school and Rotary for enabling their trip to Timor Leste. The speakers at RYPEN spoke in Tetum. Initially the language barrier was a problem, but the barriers were broken by Timorese with sufficient English skills to translate for the Barker students.

A common theme from Lilly and Jacob was people have nothing, live in poverty, but they have a smile and are happy. In Australia we have so much but this does not always translate into happiness.

Jacob spoke about their visit to the Cristo Rei statue (walking up many steps), the Museum of Resistance and the Tais market.

Lilly spoke about the graveyard, the poverty and that money does not equate to happiness. Both agreed that the food at RYPEN was good. The beaches are beautiful but there are crocodiles there.

Matthew Lloyd's Report

Matthew started off his presentation with their dinner in Darwin illustrated with a mixture of still photos and videos including the aeroplane leaving Darwin and then landing in Dili.

The school visited the Cristo Rei monument a good vantage point for beautiful photos of the countryside, beaches and the sea. Timor has lots of goats.

The school visited the Santa Cruz Cemetery - well kept - 500 people had been killed there. They visited old Portuguese ruins and Santa Cruz. Wednesday was a visit to the Coffee factory. The Tais market was another stop in Dili. They visited David Boyce's coffee plantation, Sparrow Force WWII Memorial, Cristo Rei and Comoro School. Friday evening was spent at the Australian Embassy.

The RYPEN activities included:-

Team building games one was balloon passing by legs and body only. A tethered swinging rope over the bucket of water and a night time bon fire.

Coffee is an important part of the Timorese economy. This year the crop was poor, only half of normal. The result is that the locals will be employed for 3 months not 6 months. The average wage is \$1.28 per day.

Matthew said visits of 1 hour were never sufficient, 3 hours is the average time and cannot and should not be cut short as the interactions are so important for the locals and the visitors.

Eddy wants to introduce English speaking people to indigenous Timorese to make them feel special and also an opportunity for them to practice their English.

25% of the people of Timor were killed in the dark years before independence. In 1975 the Portuguese left the country.

The students spontaneously tidied up the flowers on the graves at one of the cemeteries.

When leaving there were lots of hugs and tears. They left by jet back to Australia.

Matthew presented a gift from Timor to President Alex.

Reporter: Ian Chappel

CHRISTMAS TRAILER RAFFLE 2017

Westleigh Village shops was the venue for us last Saturday. We had not sold there for many years so we were not sure what reception we would get. The centre manager was very helpful and posted a picture on their Facebook page beforehand announcing our presence on Saturday. Our morning team - Terry Pankhurst, John Ellis, Pam Hudson and Theo Glockemann - got us off to a great start. They were followed by Pat Parker, Alex Thomas and Phil Stanton. The result was that we sold 598 tickets and took \$1,001! What a great result - we will surely be back there next year.

Here are a couple of photos taken during the morning sales



You can see which team members were doing it tough on Saturday - Terry and Theo were exhausted from all that sitting and coffee!

Next Saturday we are at Coonara shops with the morning team being Adrian Bell, Theo Glockemann and Ian Huckel. They will be followed by Pam Hudson, Pat Parker and Alex Thomas. Currently our total is \$2,286 - 1,368 tickets compared to last year \$2,145 - 1,269.



PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE, ALONG WITH VISITING ROTARIANS FROM INDIA (D3232) AT A

ROTARY FRIENDSHIP DINNER

At **PENNANT HILLS GOLF CLUB**

Cnr. Copeland Road and Burns Road South, Beecroft 2119

On Friday 17th November, 2017. Commencing 7pm

SPEAKERS:

- B. VANLALVAWNA - CONSULATE GENERAL OF INDIA.
- DG SRINIVASAN RADHAKRISHNAN - D 3232

Cost: \$45 per head, 2-Course Dinner
RSVP (by 7th Nov): dimitry8@bigpond.com or 0413 531 140
Payment to: Rotary Club of The Hills-Kellyville Inc.
(direct debit) BSB: 032 376 Account: 267746
Enquiries: 0413 531 140 or 0419980529

AUSTRALIA DAY MEETING 2018

Fellows, planning is underway for this major event in our calendar. The date for the meeting has been set as Monday 22nd January. Phil Stanton and David Firth are seeking suggestions for a Guest Speaker and Australia Day Merit Awardee.

This is one of the highlights of this Rotary year - an ideal opportunity to invite any and all of those people you know who are potential club members. The presentation of the Australia Day Merit Award will be a fitting conclusion to the night.

If you have a suggestion for the awardee, please talk to Phil or David as soon as possible as we need to get arrangements underway.



CONFERENCE next year at Fairmont Resort, Leura - Saturday, 10th & Sunday 11th March.

You can register at:

www.conference2018.rotarydistrict9685.org.au/

THE FORWARD PROGRAM

| DATE | PROGRAM | SPEAKER | CHAIRMAN | REPORTER |
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| Nov 6th | Golf Day Review | Phil Stanton | President Alex | Phil Stanton |
| Nov 13th | "Engaging Humanity's Most Vulnerable" | Tim Skinner | Ian Chappel | Pam Hudson |
| Dec 11th | Annual General Meeting & Elections | President Alex & others | Theo Glockemann | Jim Fraser |



Sydney Districts 9675 & 9685

An Invitation to the Rotary Foundation Dinner

Blacktown Workers Club

55 Campbell St

Blacktown, 2148

20 November, 2017

6:30PM



KEYNOTE SPEAKER - Jennifer Jones, President & CEO of Media Street Productions Inc., a TV Production Company from Windsor, Ontario, Canada. See Ian Chappel if you would like to attend.

MEMBER NEWS

BIRTHDAYS

Heather Hopping - October 31st

ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

John Ellis - November 1st

ATTENDANCE AT LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Member Attendance: 66.7%

Apologies: Pam Hudson, Terry Pankhurst, Pat Parker, Phil Stanton

Guest Speakers: Matthew Lloyd, Jacob Van Der Schrouder, Lily Moody

Visitors: Georgia Glockemann

Leave of Absence: David Walsh

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place.'

George Bernard Shaw