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OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK

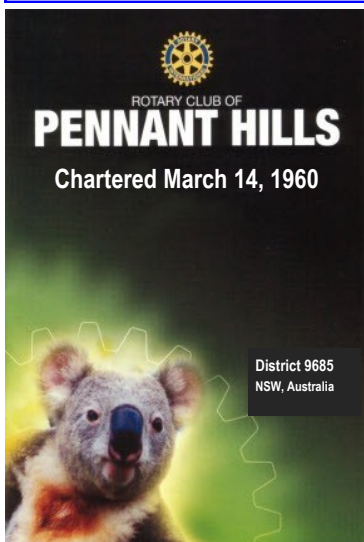
“CHARLES DARWIN -

ENGLISH NATURALIST, GEOLOGIST AND BIOLOGIST, BEST KNOWN
FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SCIENCE OF EVOLUTION.”

GUEST SPEAKER: JOHN ELLIS

CHAIRMAN: PRESIDENT ALEX

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CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & ELECTIONS

Fellows, our AGM & Elections is coming up on December 11th.
We are calling for nominations for the following positions:

President 2018 - 2019

President Elect 2019 - 2020

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

and 6 Directors

We need to elect a President for next year following the resignation of Michael Bradley. We should also elect a President to follow in the next year - and we do need to elect a treasurer. President Alex and Secretary Jim will be pleased to receive all nominations.

OUR NEXT MEETING

November 27th

To Be Advised

Chairman: Adrian Bell Reporter: Pam Hudson

Meeting Report

At precisely 7pm the Sargeant rang the bell and invited President Alex to open the meeting.

After Rotary Grace the President welcomed our guest speaker Tim Skinner and Ahmadul Ameen, a guest of Phil Stanton, and welcomed back David Walsh who has been touring the world spending his loose pennies after the real estate boom!

Reports included –

Youth: John Ellis – a RYPEN candidate has been interviewed and the selection of a candidate for the Young Endeavour has been made.

Community: David Firth advised that Pat Parker had arranged for the Tree of Joy in Pennant Hills Market-place to start at the beginning of December.

The Trailer Raffle proceeds from Hornsby Mall last Saturday was an improvement on last year – likely due to charm and personality!

International – Theo Glockemann advised that the Rotary Clubs of Windsor and Kurrajong/North Richmond had combined to sponsor a RYPEN camp in Timor Leste next year.

Dinner arrived – chicken got the thumbs up but our chef's continuous love of broccoli got the thumbs down! (Remember that a certain US President also hated the stuff!)

Sargeant's Session next, even though an over zealous Ian Chappell tried to do his Chairman trick first! – some people just cannot wait to be important! Your considerate, empathetic, loveable, personable, talented, gifted, impartial, unprejudiced, courteous and wise Sargeant took the helm and trotted out his usual nonsense. (Despite being fined each week for not knowing History made on this day, our history authority, John Ellis, still refuses / forgets to prepare himself by using Mr Google beforehand!) The money flowed as the fines were issued – Ian Huckel has stopped hiding his fine money under his serviette, and David Walsh threw in a fistful of change – to start catching up for the last 5 months he has been absent! Just as well we allow dual citizens in Rotary or else we wouldn't have a club!

Sweets arrived just as Chairman Ian started his act.

Ian introduced Tim Skinner but was unsure of the subject, which was of no consequence. Tim started with a "Rotary Identity" definition as follows –

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbours, friends, leaders and problem solvers who come together to make positive, lasting change in communities at home and abroad.

Tim's father is a Minister who has spent much of his life in some of the world's poorest countries. His family moved to Uganda at the height of the Idi Amin genocide era.

Tim divided his very moving talk into three sections –

Supporting Education – instituting a mindset shift in the Mathare Valley in Uganda where 26 million residents (60%) of the country – lived in slums. The challenge was that - rather than wallow in being a "victim", to educate the people that the way forward was to change attitude and be proactive in their own future.

Promoting Peace. Tim highlighted the situation of 6 million Syrian refugees. While millions had been lost they are still alive in Lebanon.

Saving Mothers and Children. Isabella Lombardo has cerebral palsy and lives in Frenches Forest. Her family has spent \$250,000 on medical intervention which has been of great benefit. The expenses are simply beyond the financial capacity of the family.

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In each of the three cases Tim outlined, a common thread was Rotary and the help it has provided. How Rotary values have been fundamental and the help offered by "People of Action" all aligned with Rotary's motto – "Service Above Self".

From time to time we are privileged to listen to a very special and passionate presentation by our guest speakers. This presentation was one of the best! This correspondent would welcome a return visit, knowing that Tim has many other stories to share.

The presentation had special significance to me, as this was the anniversary to the day of the Santa Cruz massacre in Timor in 2000 where 250 Timorese were shot dead.

At the end of question time, Adrian Bell pointed out that a recent inspiring speaker, Karen Long, PP Pat's daughter who had spoken of her 6 week volunteer visit to an orphan children's charity in Uganda, had in fact worked at Tim's parents organisation, Watoto Ministries!

A great meeting ended with the singing of our National Anthem.

Reporter: Theo Glockemann

CHRISTMAS TRAILER RAFFLE 2017

West Pymble was our destination for the trailer on Saturday. As we said last week, this is one of our favourite 'community' sites. Well the results were not as good as we might have wanted, certainly based on last year's experience. We sold just 291 tickets and took \$477. Last year the figures were 463 and \$804. Still we are slightly ahead of last year after 6 selling days with \$3941 raised from the sale of 2362 tickets. Don't forget to sell your tickets to family, friends and work colleagues as this is a crucial way to supplement our weekend selling.

Next week, November 25th, we are at Cherrybrook. The "A" Team is Adrian Bell, Theo Glockemann, Ian Huckel & Phil Stanton. They will be enthusiastically relieved at 11am by Pat Parker, Lee and Alan Lowe. Note that Alan and Lee are two of our 'Friends of Rotary' who have volunteered to help us - they even are going to tow the trailer back to John Ellis's home afterwards!



ANNUAL CONFERENCE at Fairmont Resort, Leura

on Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th March 2018

The purpose of the District Conference is to provide opportunities for networking, inspirational addresses, and discussions on Rotary-related matters.

The event recognises the service programs, projects, and public relations achievements in our District in order to inspire Rotarians to become more involved in service.

The conference also gives Rotarians and clubs a vision of Rotary beyond the club level and provides a memorable fellowship experience.

Many Rotarians have said that they were never truly enthusiastic about Rotary until they saw an inspirational presentation at a District Conference.

***Talk to our District Conference Chairman,
Theo Glockemann, if you are thinking about attending.***

Nine Important Facts to Remember as We Grow Older

#9 Death is the number 1 killer in the world.

#8 Life is sexually transmitted.

#7 Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

#6 Men have 2 motivations: hunger and hanky panky, and they can't tell them apart. If you see a gleam in his eyes, make him a sandwich.

#5 Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years.

#4 Healthy people are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing.

#3 All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

#2 In the 60's, people took LSD to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.

#1 Life is like a jar of jalapeno peppers. What you do today may be a burning issue tomorrow.

Please share this wisdom while I go to the bathroom.

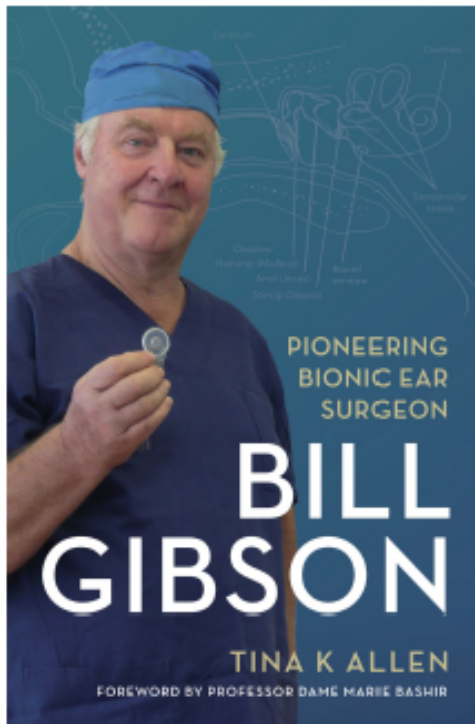
THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
27th Nov	To Be Advised	TBA	Adrian Bell	Pam Hudson
Dec 11th	Annual General Meeting & Elections	President Alex & others	Theo Glockemann	Jim Fraser

Rotary Club of Berowra Inc.

Berowra Rotary Guest Speakers: Professor Bill Gibson AO
and the author of his biography, Tina Allen.

Wednesday 22 November 2017 6.30pm for 7.00pm



A biography about Prof Gibson, *Bill Gibson: pioneering bionic ear surgeon* by Tina K Allen has recently been published. Professor Bill Gibson, who is a world expert in cochlear implant surgery and Menière's disease, will be introduced by Tina Allen and his biography will be available for purchase on the night (\$30). Bill Gibson has been a member of the Rotary Club of Berowra, and the Rotary Clubs of Haberfield, and of Balmain; and a recipient of a Rotary District 9685 Vocational Excellence Award in 1992/93.

Rotarians and guests are welcome to attend this dinner meeting at the Berowra RSL Club, 997 Pacific Highway, Berowra (\$25pp) but RSVPs are essential for catering purposes by COB 17 November to Jan Childs: 9456 1482 or fich@bigpond.com

ATTENDANCE AT LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Member Attendance: 80.0%

Apologies: Pam Hudson, Pat Parker, Claude Rigney

Guest Speaker: Tim Skinner

Visitors: Ahmadul Ameen

Leave of Absence: Nil

MEMBER NEWS

BIRTHDAYS

Claude Rigney on November 22nd

ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success.
If you love what you are doing, you will be successful."**

- Albert Schweitzer