

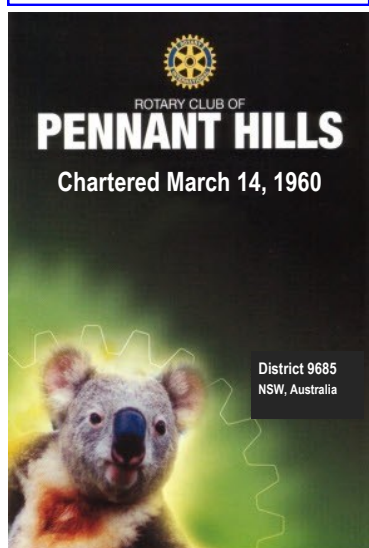


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before Noon on

Saturday



OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK



# THE CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

*6.30pm with our Partners*

*Note: It is B.Y.O. drinks*

*At Lutanda Manor Leisure Centre*

*14 Victoria Road, Pennant Hills*

*Chairman: President Alex*

*Reporter: David Firth*



OUR NEXT MEETING

January 8th

SOCIAL NIGHT

Chairman: President Alex Reporter: Phil Stanton

## Rotary Meeting – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2017

Opened by President Alex Thomas with warm greetings.

First report by John Ellis to advise that he had attended the Pennant Hills High School awards night where there were 6 leadership awards given out on behalf of Pennant Hills Rotary in support of the schools request.

Ian Chappel was extolling his virtues at the recent sale of raffle tickets where he encouraged a new member to join us in the new year.

David Firth outlined the success of the weekend's trailer raffle sale at Thornleigh and advised the last day for sales would be Saturday 16th. As there is a major event at the shopping centre, the hours are to be extended to 3pm to take advantage of the centre's Christmas draw and hopefully increased traffic of potential ticket buyers.

The 'Tree of Joy' is progressing well, with the first delivery to Stewart House on Thursday by Pat, Jack and David with a follow up to Parramatta Mission the following week. Westpac has been very supportive by looking after the gifts donated by our generous community. The bank staff clear the gifts each day.

Theo then got stuck into the Sargeant's role with John being his main target for his inability to answer history questions as well as selling a full book of tickets to one person without sharing the sale with others or giving the buyer any bonus tickets for such a large donation; David for lounging in a big chair while collecting money; Adrian for his dress sense; and Jack for drinking Theo's coffee at the recent trailer sales. Jack raised a concern about people not calling to let the club know they would not be able to attend Monday meetings such that it was costing the club for extra meals. Members need to phone our club answering service before midday on Saturdays to register apologies or advise of guests coming to our meeting.

The Pennant Hills Rotary AGM then commenced:

1) As there was a number of members away, it was first questioned if there was enough people to form a quorum. It was confirmed there was, so the meeting went forward. The minutes from the previous AGM were circulated and discussed and there was a note made that the revised constitution and by laws had not been discussed and ratified which would need to be put on next years agenda. The minutes were verified as read.

2) The Financial report was circulated and thanks given to David for taking up the role after Peter Wilson's departure. David went through the components of the report outlining the financial position of the club and outlined a slight difference in Pride of Workmanship outlining that revenues were down over previous years. He also outlined the requirement for the report to be audited by an qualified individual which he would seek out.

3) Elections for next year then commenced:

Opened with President for 2018-17: The nomination was Adrian Bell who was elected. Adrian stated that he was going to focus on Club activities, while others could be involved with District and Rotary International matters.

Vice President : Alex Thomas was elected.

President Elect for 2019-20: Jim Fraser was elected.

Secretary: Jim Fraser was elected.

Treasurer: David Firth agreed to continue unless Pam Hudson would take on the role.

Directors: The following were elected - John Ellis, Pat Parker, Phil Stanton, Theo Glockemann, Ian Chappel, David Firth and Pam Hudson. The portfolios to be confirmed by Adrian as president elect.

General Business -

Ahmadul Ameen is proposed as a new member by Phil Stanton. It was suggested by President Alex and that he be inducted as the next meeting if available.

The Christmas gathering is to take place on Monday 18th at Lutanda Manor Leisure Centre with a BBQ. Members and partners are reminded that it is BYO drinks.

David, as treasurer, spoke of paying accounts by direct deposit rather than by cheques. Adrian advised that there were options where the direct deposit was created by one club signatory and then digitally went to the next signatory before payment was made. David is to contact the bank to have this set up.

As there was no further business, the meeting closed at 8:40pm.

**Reporter: Jim Fraser**



### The TREE of JOY at Pennant Hills Market Place

Last Thursday saw the delivery of the first load of gifts from the 'Tree of Joy' at Pennant Hills Market Place. Led by Projects Director Pat Parker, gifts were sorted at Westpac Bank by Jack Reid, Pat and David Firth, assisted by members of the bank staff. They already had about 5 shopping trolleys filled with gifts in storage for us. We headed off to Stewart House with about 90 gifts for children aged between 10 and 14 years. The number of gifts had been supplemented by gifts received through Ray White Real Estate's 'Little Ray of Giving' trees at their Pennant Hills office and at Thornleigh West Public School. We were welcomed on arrival at Stewart House as their final group of children were preparing to head home. These children were from the Broken Hill area and down to the Victoria/South Australian border. MD Graeme Philpotts and CEO Murray O'Donnell came out to receive the gifts and to express their thanks to us and to the Pennant Hills community. We managed to get a photo of Graeme with our stalwart Jack with the great pile of gifts.

We also took a photo with Anshu Saxena from the Westpac staff when we had sorted the gifts - see below left



The Christmas Trailer Raffle has now been successfully concluded. Following a quite successful selling day on Saturday at Pennant Hills when 467 tickets were sold, raising almost \$800, a number of members met at the golf club on Sunday at 1pm to draw the winner and hopefully deliver the prize to the winner. President Alex, Pat Parker, Theo Glockemann, Phil Stanton and David Firth were there - Phil had the trailer in tow and David had the 4,615 ticket butts ready to go into the barrel. We then had a drama when the key to the barrel could not be located, however golf club director Phil sprang into action and solved the problem. President Alex supervised the drawing by Ashleigh from the golf club. The ticket drawn was bought by Geoff Moore from Hornsby Heights. We could only leave a message to call us back, which he

did a little while later. He was dumbfounded but happy for us to bring it straight up, which we did. He is a genuine 'battler', in the midst of renovating his home, so this was a very welcome windfall from a ticket bought at Thornleigh Marketplace back on 21st October. Pam Hudson sold him the ticket. It was great to be able to present the prize to such a deserving family.



# THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
Dec 25th & Jan 1st	<b>NO MEETINGS</b>	<b>DUE TO HOLIDAYS</b>	<b>HAPPY CHRISTMAS</b>	<b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b>
Jan 8th	Social Night	Everyone	President Alex	Phil Stanton
Jan 15th	To Be Advised	TBA	President Alex	Ian Chappel
Jan 22nd	AUSTRALIA DAY MEETING PARTNERS NIGHT	Caitlin Bell	Phil Stanton	Adrian Bell



*Economic and Community Development, and Peace*  
17 March 2018 — Sydney, Australia

The [Rotary International Presidential Peacebuilding Conference 2018 \(RIPPC 2018\)](#), will be taking place on the 17 March 2018 at Sydney Town Hall. This is a Conference you do not want to miss with this being one of the six Rotary Peace Conferences to be held across the globe.

The Conference Program includes keynote lecturers and presentations from international and national leaders in the industries of 'Economic and Community Development and Peace'. Delegates will hear about the underlying causes of conflict including poverty, disease, lack of water and food security and the lack of education from our inspirational and stimulating speakers.

## ATTENDANCE AT LAST WEEK'S MEETING

**Member Attendance:** 60.0%

**Apologies:** Claude Rigney, Ian Huckel, Pam Hudson, Terry Pankhurst, Pat Parker,

## MEMBER NEWS

*Fellows, we have recently learned that Honorary Member Graeme Ashdown had a fall and is in the SAN with 4 broken ribs. Margaret reports that he may go to rehab shortly. We wish him a speedy recovery.*

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### BIRTHDAYS

David Firth - December 19th  
Adrian Bell - December 25th  
Bill Woodman - December 25th  
Jim Fraser - December 30th  
Theo Glockemann - December 30th

### ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

David Firth - December 16th

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*'You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.'*  
- C. S. Lewis