

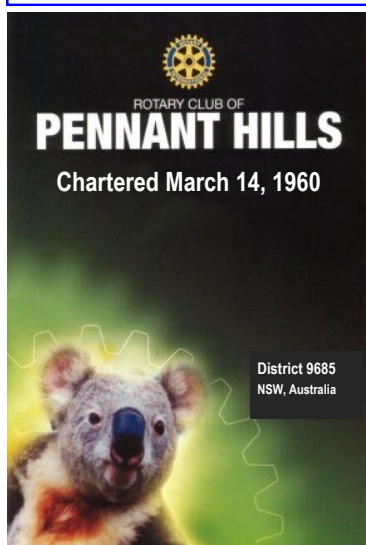


SPOKES

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Rotary
District 9685



OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK

Australia Day Meeting planning

Chairman: President Alex

Reporter: Phil Stanton

An Interesting Item about Capt. Arthur Phillip, Commander of the First Fleet

He famously wrote, when preparing for the expedition of the First Fleet, that 'there shall be no slavery in a free land'.

That was the first law for what later became called Australia, a country that only he believed would ever become a nation.

So Australia had abolished slavery in Governor Phillip's first law 20 years before Britain and of course long before the rest of the world, that was how ahead of his time Phillip was.

Geoffrey Robertson QC

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Saturday



OUR NEXT MEETING

January 22nd

Australia Day Meeting

Chairman: Phil Stanton Reporter: David Firth

Meeting on 8th Jan 2018

President Alex opened the meeting wishing everyone a Happy New Year in 2018. President Alex referred everyone to read the last Spokes from 2017 as it contained a summary of what our club did in the last 6 months.

Sergeant Session

Theo was not well (please get well soon Theo), so Jim Fraser stepped into the role for the evening. Jim started a mini quiz session with Table 2 (the table without the President). Table 2 members had to identify two musicians, clues were provided but there was a catch, each clue cost money.

On the President's table the reporter had to pay up as he watched a silent doco on SBS for 3 hours – the Ghan. This fine of course was grossly unfair.

JE was stumped on what event occurred in the US in 1790 – the first State of the Union address.

Then it was time for coffee.

Report from Directors

John Ellis

John Ellis reported on the Young Endeavour candidate, Sam Button from the Pennant Hills High School. Sam will travel to Melbourne and then sail back to Sydney.

This year two candidates have been sponsored by the Club for the National Science Forum. The candidates are Tom Harris from Pennant Hills High School and Anish Malish from the Normanhurst Boys High.

JE escorted the club's RYLA candidate to the camp.

David Firth

David Firth spoke about the upcoming Australia Day Meeting and the importance that every member attend this meeting as it is a joint meeting, Beecroft club are joining us, with District representatives and local politicians. Some potential new club members have been invited to this meeting.

The other important club event is Pride of Workmanship. David also reported that RI submitted invoices for royalties.

Terry Pankhurst

Terry provided an update on PKU. Research continues at Westmead Children's Hospital with Dr Tong in charge. Another research scientist will be employed soon which will accelerate progress.

Professor John Christodoulou has managed to secure the following funding:-

\$50,000	NSW PKU Association
\$50,000	Murdock Children's Research Institute
\$20,000	Rotary Club of Pennant Hills
\$80,000	Cycle Pharma UK (Cambridge University)

Cycle Pharma UK have joined the PKU research group to bring the supplement to clinical trials as soon as possible.

The combined funds will support research including the mouse colony for 12 months. Murdock Institute (Professor John Christodoulou) will oversee the research at Westmead.

Terry advised that his niece is expected to swim the English channel later this year. She has completed the first qualifying event, and will be doing the second event in February. **The purpose of the swim is to raise money for PKU Research.**

Terry ended with a quote from Roald Dal:-

"I began to realise how important it was to be an enthusiast in life. If you are interested in something, no matter what it is, go at it full speed, hug it, love it and above all become passionate about it.

LUKEWARM IS NO GOOD."

Ian Chappel

A trial ARH meeting was conducted just before Christmas using 'Zoom' software to conduct meetings via the internet. The meeting was a success and it will mean that committee members need not travel to attend meetings in Sydney. Some face to face meetings will still be conducted as required.

President Alex closed the meeting at 8:40 pm.

Reporter: Ian Chappel

DISTRICT 9685 RYLA

RYLA 2018 was held this past week , from Sunday 7th to Saturday 13th January at the Uniting Conference Centre Elanora Heights. This week-long RYLA experience is an intensive time of nonstop activity and interaction. Awardees need to be prepared to research current issues and seek solutions through debate and planning. This is a rewarding week of teamwork that can be taxing for some, however the results over the years have shown what a wonderful opportunity is afforded those fortunate to attend. Indeed, our keynote speaker next week is a shining example of the value of this program



John Ellis provided the following comment about this past week.

'I attended the RYLA dinner on Tuesday at Miramare Gardens, Terrey Hills, where the guest speaker was Michael Regan, Mayor of Northern Beaches Council. Our RYLarian, Jade Upton, has settled in well and knows several others through her involvement with a Rover crew. I'm sure our members will find she was a worthy candidate for our sponsorship.'

We will have the opportunity to meet Jade and hear her speak about her experiences at RYLA 2018 in the near future.

FELLOWS, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU NOTIFY JACK REID, OUR ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN, IF YOU ARE NOT GOING TO ATTEND A MEETING - OR SEVERAL MEETINGS. THE EASIEST WAY TO DO THIS IS TO LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE CLUB ATTENDANCE PHONE - THE NUMBER IS 9294 2107, AND DO THIS BY MID-DAY ON SATURDAY. WE HAVE TO ADVISE THE GOLF CLUB ON SATURDAY AFTER-NOON OF THE NUMBERS FOR MONDAY NIGHT FOR CATERING PURPOSES. NOTE, IF YOU FAIL TO ADVISE NON ATTENDANCE, WE ARE CHARGED FOR YOUR MEAL SO WE WILL THEN REQUIRE YOU TO PAY. AS IT APPEARS THAT OUR MEAL COST IS ABOUT TO RISE, THIS BECOMES EVEN MORE IMPORTANT.

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If Not Us, **Who?**
If Not Now, **When?**

The Fresh Quotes

THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
Jan 22nd	AUSTRALIA DAY MEETING PARTNERS NIGHT	Caitlin Bell	Phil Stanton	Adrian Bell
March 10&11	District 9685 Conference	at Fairmont Resort, Leura	Come for a day,	or for the weekend

A REMINDER FROM THE TREASURER

Fellows, this is just a reminder that those of you who are paying your membership fees on a six monthly basis are due for your second instalment of \$200 now. If you could pay this before the end of January, that will allow us to maintain our Club Account with an appropriate balance to meet the costs of running the club.



*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 OUR LAST MEETING

Member Attendance: 66.7%

Apologies: Theo Glockemann, Phil Stanton, Pam

Hudson, Pat Parker,

Guests: Nil

Visiting Rotarians: Nil

Leave of Absence: Nil

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Nil

ANNIVERSARIES

George & Dorothy Green - January 17th

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Pam Hudson - January 20th

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"When you play test cricket, you don't give the Englishmen an inch. Play it tough, all the way.
Grind them into the dust,"

Don Bradman - Cricket player