

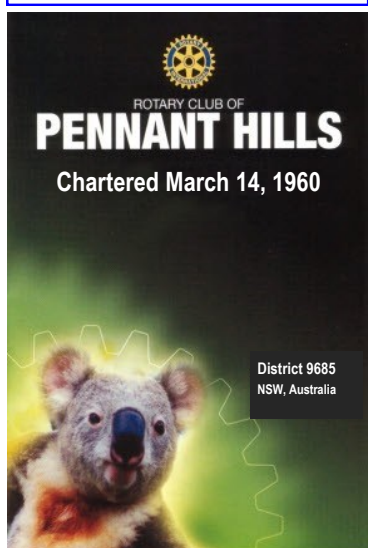


# SPOKES

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**before Noon on**

**Saturday**



## OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK

### NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM: 2018 REPORT

Speakers: Tom Harris & Anish Malish

Chairman: John Ellis

Reporter: Jim Fraser

National Youth Science Forum is just one element of our club's Youth Service program each year. Students compete for places in the forum so that those who attend are chosen based on their applications, school records and an interview process. We welcome Tom and Anish and their family members to our meeting tonight.

Last Friday was the 113th anniversary of the start of ROTARY. On 23rd February, 1905, Paul P. Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram E. Shorey gathered in Loehr's office for what became known as the first Rotary meeting.

On 14th March, our club will celebrate its 58th year of "Service Above Self" to the Pennant Hills community and the wider work of Rotary.

### REMINDER

**FOR ALL MEMBERS WHO ARE  
COMING TO THE COMBINED MEETING  
NEXT WEEK, MARCH 5th, WE NEED  
YOUR \$35 IN ADVANCE THIS WEEK  
PLEASE.**



**OUR NEXT MEETING - MARCH 5th**

**'THE ROTARY FOUNDATION'**

Guest Speaker: Past RI President John Germ

Chairman: PDG David Rands Reporter: Theo Glockemann

## REPORT OF LAST WEEK'S MEETING

With President Alex involved elsewhere, the 'Big Kahuna' Adrian took the reins. Lucky for him our racing guru, PP Pat was also absent! It was indeed a very relaxed evening.

PP Theo provided a very comprehensive report on his and Georgia's visit to the open house at the new Ronald McDonald House at Westmead. The new house is built behind the old one at 1 Labyrinth Way, Westmead. Theo learned that the old house had 18 rooms plus 5 units and was capable of accommodating 600 families a year. Sadly, in 2017, over 400 families were unable to be accommodated, hence the need for the larger facility. The new house can support more than 1,360 families each year with the first families moving in this week. It has been dubbed 'The House That Love Built'. In the new house, most rooms can accommodate 6-8 people, with a number of additional interconnecting rooms providing for bigger family groups.

Theo reported that they are still very keen for our club to be involved in providing a meal for families resident there. The way in which that will be handled has changed which may make the organisation easier, however they believe we should have at least 20 volunteers to prepare the meal and share with the resident families.



The new Ronald McDonald House Westmead nearing completion.

PP Ian Chappel spoke about supporting Mary Stoddart, a relative of Terry Pankhurst, who is planning to swim the English Channel this English summer as a fundraiser for PKU research. Mary has entered in the Rott-nest Channel Swim this weekend, which is some sort of qualifying event for a Channel swim attempt.

Ian has been in touch with Peter White, president of the Rotary Club of Beckenham in UK to see if they are interested in supporting Mary's bid and her fundraising effort for PKU research.

Following the buffet dinner, an established meal format now, Sergeant Theo was let loose. He had prepared a somewhat contrived application of those members present to some of the Winter Olympic Games disciplines. How did he manage to assign Jack Reid to the bobsled team? And yours truly to the Luge? It was notable that he failed to assign a discipline to himself although he would no doubt have chosen Curling provided he could pass the drug test! Then we had PP Pam Hudson own up to the fact that she is in training for the next Summer Games having purchased a new paddle for her canoe - it's really a kayak.

Adrian then led a discussion on membership and sought comments on how we might go about recruiting new members for Rotary and our club. A comment was made that one of the key points taken from Anne Wright's talk last week was the effort she and the Beecroft Club have made to connect with the community in Beecroft and the business community in particular. There seemed to be general agreement that we need to do likewise in Pennant Hills.

Theo asserted that the first and most pressing requirement for us to project our club and ourselves in the community is new club shirts. Our current shirts are many years old; none of our recent members have them; and those shirts still surviving are looking pretty shabby. It was agreed that we should investigate new polo style club shirts as soon as possible.

It was agreed that we should try an information booth at the Pennant Hills Market Place. This would require permission from the Banna Group; a suitable location; suitable times, both weekends and mid week; a club brochure; business cards; a register of interested people; suitable display materials; and a roster of available members to man the booth. The requirements need to be addressed as a priority.

**Reporter: David Firth**

# Big Day Out

The 2017 Big Day Out was an awesome event. Check out the photo below:



**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2018  
will be bigger and better.**

All Fellows, friends, guests and even other Rotary Club members welcome. Please invite as many friends as you wish - the more the better.

Same sort of concept as last year, but new route, new questions, new adventures at the other end, more food, new opportunities for bribery & corruption.

Drive will be about 70km & 1¼ hours to get there, 2 new and different adventures at the other end, then an organised luncheon included.

We need to confirm the number of attendees so we can book our lunch. The caterer needs to know on Thursday how many mouths to be fed!!!!

Please let me know your attendance & numbers by Wednesday night (Feb 28).

The event will cost \$20/head – payable in Aussie dollars on the day!!!

Adrian - 0409 716 861



# THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
March 5th	The Rotary Foundation Combined meeting with Beecroft club	Past RI President John Germ	PDG David Rands	Theo Glockemann
March 10&11	District 9685 Conference	at Fairmont Resort, Leura	Come for a day,	or for the weekend
March 12th	RYPEN Camp in 2018	Danielle Teo James Alexander	John Ellis	Theo Glockemann
March 19th	Orthopaedic Surgery	Dr Andrew Stephens	Pat Parker	Pam Hudson

## AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH

PhD SCHOLAR DINNER

MONDAY, 26th MARCH, 2018

6.30 to 9.30pm at

OATLANDS GOLF CLUB,

BETTINGTON ROAD, OATLANDS

RSVP by 13th March to

KEITH HENNING

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### ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

**Member Attendance:** 43.75%

**Apologies:** Jim Fraser, John Ellis, Terry Pankhurst,  
Pat Parker, Phil Stanton, Alex Thomas

**Guest Speaker:** Nil

**Visitors:** Nil

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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Graeme Ashdown - February 28th

Ian Chappel - March 3rd

Georgia Glockemann - March 4th

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

#### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The gifted man bears his gifts into the world, not for his own benefit, but for the people among whom he is placed; for the gifts are not his, he himself is a gift to the community."

- Henry Ford, July 1, 1922