

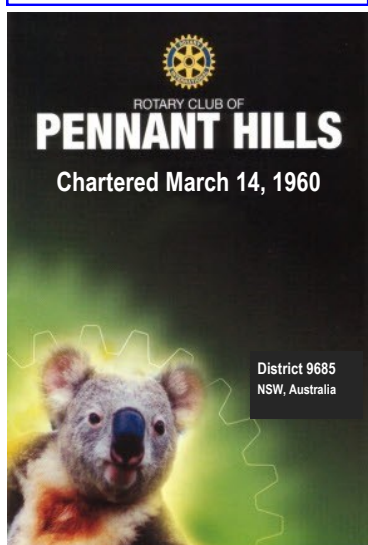


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OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK

BOARD MEETING & PLANNING AT PENNANT HILLS HOTEL at 6.30 for 7.00pm

Chairman: President Alex

Reporter: Jim Fraser

Here is an opportunity for all members to contribute to our forward program both for the remainder of this Rotary Year and for the following year under Adrian Bell's presidency. We still have plenty of things to do before the end of June.

St Lucy's School Master Plan

The Master Plan was revealed at a special presentation to parents of students, various supporters and St Lucy's staff and board members last Thursday evening. We were represented by John Ellis and David & Heather Firth. The chairperson of the board, Ms Kathleen Guerin, gave an overview of the plan, followed by a more detailed presentation by the principal, David Raphael.

The essence of the new Master Plan is that the school is moving forward to provide education for Kindergarten to Year 12 students instead of the current K to Year 6. The announcement was greeted very enthusiastically, particularly by the parents present. They are no longer faced with the difficult task of finding a secondary school placement for their disabled children.

Of particular interest to us was the knowledge that Stanton Dahl are the architects who have developed the building plan which will see students accepted into Year 7 in 2019, and the completion of the project by 2024 by which time there will be 240 students enrolled across all classes. No doubt there will be new opportunities for us to contribute!

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NEXT WEEK - APRIL 16th

Fellowship Night at 'Lutanda Manor'

Courtesy of Theo & Georgia Glockemann

Chairman: President Alex Reporter: David Firth

MEETING REPORT - 26th MARCH

This meeting was held in the common room of Lutanda Village whilst the Golf Club renovations precluded our presence there. The meeting was opened by PP Theo Glockemann who lives just along the way and introduced President Alex Thomas. Our President welcomed our guests, David Boyce from the Rotary Club of Dili and two Lutanda residents, Lesley and Steve Jackson. This grand opening was delayed a little as the steaks and snags were proving a challenge to our cook, Adrian Bell, who claimed prior experience to his task. The menu was planned and presented by Georgia Glockemann. Club notices followed and Pat Parker covered the invitation from St Lucy's School to attend the school on Thursday 5 April at 6 pm when the school's Master Plan for development will be presented. An email on this invitation has also gone out. We have been scheduled to assist at the new Ronald MacDonald House on 13 June. To date details of this venture have yet to be finalised. Ian Chappel covered a Federal Government initiative, via the Heart Foundation, of group walks. Such regular walks will be in one's area with the aim to get everyone away from their I-pads and TV screens. You all know who you are. Fundraising for PKU, Ian continued, is aimed at commercialising a pro-biotic drink that will allow a PKU person to process more protein. This would mean access to a more palatable diet. A relative of Terry Pankhurst is planning to swim the English Channel later this year as part of this fundraising. David Firth apologised for the late delivery of *Spokes*, explaining that the printer let him down at the last minute. It seems shouting at the printer was insufficient. David also explained that our next meeting will need to be away from the Golf Club and suggested the Bistro at the Pennant Hills pub on Monday 9 April. This was accepted with enthusiasm. David drew our attention to page 3 of *Spokes*, a proposal by RI President Riseley for Rotarians to plant a tree for every Rotarian in the world, that is 1,200,000 trees. This will be discussed with Hornsby Council. Pride of Workmanship night will be 14 May and awardees are being sought. Then the Sergeant rose to his feet and demonstrated to his Lutanda neighbours just how diverse his punishment themes can be.

Our visitor, David Boyce, was introduced by Theo Glockemann. David, an agricultural scientist, who went to East Timor over 25 years ago to advise on improving techniques in crop growth and production. It would seem he is quite skilled in this expertise, except when planting jacaranda seeds. David remained in East Timor and is a charter member of the Rotary Club of Dili. He has been invaluable in background work in the RYLA and RYPEN programmes introduced into East Timor by Theo Glockemann. David gave us an overview of his Club's activities that include a youth exchange programme with Clubs in Brazil as well as the RYLA and RYPEN programmes. They have initiated vocational training in Queensland for two men and two women. During this two month course, the candidates acquire skills as mechanics, nurses and in IT. David covered the importance of RYLA and RYPEN to the East Timor community and how alumni have formed five Rotaract Clubs. President Alex thanked David for his address then closed the meeting.

Reporter: John Ellis



According to Census Australia 2016 12.3% of Greater Western Sydney households are in housing stress due to paying more than 30% of household income on rent.



According to homelessness Australia there are 105,237 people in Australia who are homeless with a 20.4 % increase in NSW alone higher than any other state.



In an average week at Parramatta Mission's Meals Plus program we provide



364 Breakfasts



21 Showers

701 Lunches



8 laundry loads



Around 24% of homelessness is due to domestic and family violence, higher than any other cause.



74.8 % of homeless people are male and 25.2% female.

Western Sydney population is estimated to hit four million by 2050, meaning the issues of homelessness will grow if we don't act now.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY 2018

2018-19 Board Members, please be aware of the following 2018-19 District training:

District Assembly

Sunday 29 April 2018

The Kings School

Pennant Hills Road, Parramatta

It will begin with registrations at 8.30am and formal start at 9.00am, finishing at 4.30pm.

The training content will be informative and entertaining. ***It is a Rotary International requirement that each club is represented at PETS and District Assembly.***

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE ON 24 APRIL - PLEASE REGISTER ASAP
Go to the District 9685 website - www.rotarydistrict9685.org.au

THE FORWARD PROGRAM

| DATE | PROGRAM | SPEAKER | CHAIRMAN | REPORTER |
|------------|---|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| April 16th | Fellowship Night at 'Lutanda Manor' | President Alex | Pres. Alex | David Firth |
| April 23rd | Pakistan Today | Consul General of Pakistan | Phil Stanton | Pat Parker |
| April 30th | PKU Research & the PKU Association | Prof John Christodoulou | Terry Pankhurst | Ian Chappel |
| May 14th | Pride of Workmanship Awards Partners Night | TBA | Phillip Stanton | Adrian Bell |

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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Peter Hudson - April 8th

ANNIVERSARIES

Pat & Sandra Parker - April 7th

Ian & Sue Huckel - April 9th

Terry & Maureen Pankhurst - April 9th

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Graeme Ashdown - April 7th



PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARDS NIGHT

MONDAY, 14th MAY, 2018

This is one of the highlight events for our club which will showcase the project for which we are known around Australian & New Zealand Rotary Clubs.

Do you know someone who is deserving of an award? Perhaps you know or deal with someone who deserves such recognition? We are also interested in presenting Community Service and Small Business Awards. Please contact David Firth with any suggestions you have.

ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

Member Attendance: 68.75%

Apologies: Terry Pankhurst, Pam Hudson, Claude Rigney

Guest Speaker: Rotarian David Boyce - R/C of Dili

Visitors: Georgia Glockemann, Steve & Lesley Jackson

Leave of Absence: Ahmadul Ameen

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Winners never quit and quitters never win."

- Vince Lombardi