



# SPOKES

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## OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK

# FELLOWSHIP & COMMONWEALTH GAMES REPORT AT 'LUTANDA MANOR'

at 6.30 for 7.00pm

Chairman: President Alex

Reporter: David Firth



ROTARY CLUB OF  
**PENNANT HILLS**

Chartered March 14, 1960



**Rotary**  
District 9685



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TO NOTIFY MEETING

APOLOGIES &

GUESTS:

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before Noon on

Saturday



**NEXT WEEK - APRIL 23rd**

**PAKISTAN TODAY**

**Guest Speaker: Consul General of Pakistan**

**Chairman: Phil Stanton Reporter: Pat Parker**

***This is a Partners' Night***

## MEETING REPORT - 9th APRIL

As Pennant Hills Golf Course Clubhouse is still under renovation the meeting was held at the Pennant Hills Hotel in the large function room. Meals and drinks were at the member's discretion to order. Some lively complaints were made by members who were sharing a buzzer with other members saying that the meal they ordered must have been something very special as they were served last.

Once meals were finished, President Alex called on each member for a report.

David Firth talked about scheduling of upcoming events which include Pride Of Workmanship awards night and the PKU presentation. Due to the PHGC room availability it was suggested that the POW night be moved to June as well as a new date for PKW as the speaker is not available on the night planned. David also asked for other nominations to be put forward and was looking to contact the new principle of Pennant Hills Holden. David also asked for nominations for Community Service awards. A couple of suggestions made were a man who has taken on the task of maintaining the gardens at the corner of Cardinal Ave and Boyd. After a poor effort from council this man stepped up and made good. Another example was a fellow who manages the local Neighbourhood Watch program. He virtually runs it by himself to ensure neighbours know what is impacting the area.

An initiative was put forward to follow on the Rotary International President for each member to plant a tree. President Alex endorsed the proposal and was advised that Hornsby council will provide the trees along with an area of where the trees can be planted. This would need to be co-ordinated with members and residents to ensure the trees are planted in the correct area and survive.

John Ellis outlined the National Youth Science Forum for Jan 2019 in that there is an applicant but has not yet completed the application and John is looking to follow up with him and the school.

Terry Pankhurst talked about the PKU night and firming up a night with Phil and Prof Christodoulou, the guest speaker. As the Rotary changeover is due for the 25<sup>th</sup> of June there are a number of events to be planned and enough time between events. David and Terry believe the best night for POW would be the 4<sup>th</sup> of June as the following week is the Queen's Birthday long weekend.

Adrian talked generally about his upcoming role of president and what programs he would like to be put in place.

Jim Fraser confirmed that the 'Bowelcare' kits are now available in local pharmacies. He also talked about the amount of Junk Mail and requests for funding the club receives. David commented that the majority of payments (60-75%) for POW are direct deposit and not cheques. David believes that online banking needs to be arranged such that payments can be made by fund transfers rather than cheques. The treasurer will be required to ensure payment slips have two signatures to ensure authorisation and book keeping is kept accurate.

In Spokes David outlined the St Lucy's Master Plan that has been prepared and made public. With this there has been some preliminary discussion between the Pennant Hills Rotary and Wahroonga Rotary about a joint fundraising program might be put forward for the two clubs that aligns with the St Lucy's master plan.

To validate this it was proposed that the principal of St Lucy's, David Raphael, be invited to a PH Rotary club meeting so the funds raised last year can be presented. David Raphael can outline some of the proposed plans which may provide some guidelines on what support/role the two rotary clubs might provide. David is to discuss this with Phil.

Alex reminded everyone that the District Assembly takes place on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April and to ensure that everyone has registered.

Next meeting to be held at Lutanda Manor next Monday.

Meeting was closed at 8:47.

**Reporter: Jim Fraser**

*This is a project of The Hills-Kellyville Club which looks interesting*

***The Rotary Club of The Hills-Kellyville Inc***  
***Indigenous Literacy Program***  
***Bourke Breakfast Club***

**Background**

Members of our Club felt that we wanted to help the kids in disadvantaged rural communities get an education so that they had a chance to "Break out of the circle". A significant part of the problem was getting the kids to school and ready to learn. Teaching professionals told us that children who started the school day with a full belly were more attentive, learnt more quickly and were less disruptive.

**The Bourke Project.**

We selected a proposal from Bourke Public School to help them set up a series of programs aimed at improving indigenous literacy at their school.

The first part is the **Breakfast Club**. Starting at 3 days each week and now on all 5 days, breakfast is provided in the school's kitchen classroom.

Each week we provide more than 200 free breakfasts of fruit juice, toast or cereal and milk or Milo. The breakfast is prepared by 2 members of the school staff and Rotary assists with their wages as well as providing most of the food. So far we have provided about **50,000 breakfasts**.

The second part is the recognition of those children whose schooling has benefitted most from the Breakfast Club. Two children from each year are given **Certificates** and **Vouchers** redeemable at the School or the local Newsagency for school related expenses.

The final part is to introduce **Mentoring** and role model programs in order to help the children overcome some of the negative influences they are exposed to.



**The outcomes**

- School attendance has improved to about 92%
- Student suspensions have reduced
- Academic results measured in years 3 & 5 have improved
- Less disruption in class

The Bourke Breakfast Club project is now registered with Rotary Australia Benevolent Society and all donations are tax deductible.

## **DISTRICT ASSEMBLY 2018**

### **District Assembly**

*Sunday 29 April 20178*

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.

**REGISTRATIONS CLOSE ON 24 APRIL - PLEASE REGISTER ASAP**  
**Go to the District 9685 website - [www.rotarydistrict9685.org.au](http://www.rotarydistrict9685.org.au)**

# THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
April 23rd	Pakistan Today Partners Night	Consul General of Pakistan	Phil Stanton	Pat Parker
May 21st	PKU Research & the PKU Association Partners Night	Prof John Christodoulou	Terry Pankhurst	Ian Chappel
June 4th	Pride of Workmanship Awards Partners Night	TBA	Phillip Stanton	Adrian Bell
June 25th	Changeover Night Partners Night	President Alex & President Elect Adrian		

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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Dorothy Green - April 19th

Pam Hudson - April 21th

### ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

## ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

**Member Attendance:** 50.0%

**Apologies:** Pam Hudson, Claude Rigney, Ian Chappel, Theo Glockemann, Pat Parker, Phil Stanton

**Guest Speaker:** Nil

**Visitors:** Nil

**Leave of Absence:** Ahmadul Ameen



## PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARDS NIGHT

**MONDAY, 4th JUNE, 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.



**THE SIGN OUTSIDE THE UNITING CHURCH IN YOUNG.  
SOMEONE OBVIOUSLY HAS A KEEN SENSE OF HUMOUR!**

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"For when the One Great Scorer comes to mark against your name, He writes - not that you won or lost - But HOW you played the Game."**

*Grantland Rice*