



# SPOKES

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## OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK

# GENERAL SIR JOHN MONASH

Speaker: John Ellis

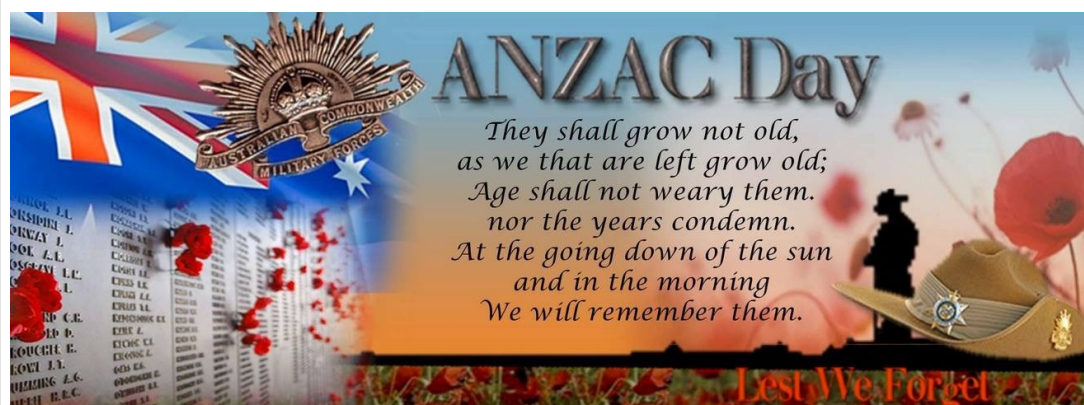
Chairman: President Alex

Reporter: Pat Parker

Sir John Monash was a civil engineer and part-time soldier prior to World War 1. John Ellis will no doubt provide a detailed analysis of his importance to the Australian presence in the war on the Western Front and the eventual victory there.

Following the war, of interest is that Sir John was a charter member of the first Rotary club in Australia, the Rotary Club of Melbourne, and it appears that he was its president in 1922.

We look forward to John Ellis's talk.



## NEXT WEEK - May 7th

Joint Meeting with the Beecroft Club

MUNA Presentation by students from  
Cherrybrook Technology High School

Chairman: President Mark Reporter: Phil Stanton



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## Rotary Meeting Minutes - 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2018

### Pakistan Today

After what seems to have been 40 days and 40 nights of banishment from the Golf Club, tonight marked our return from the wilderness. Whoa, bit biblical there.

Hey, what is it with 40 and the bible – it rained that long, Moses scarpered into the desert for 40 years, same dude spent 40 nights on Mount Sinai, if you were very naughty you could get 40 lashes, Israelites wandered around for 40 years (no GPS obviously), Israel served the Philistines for 40 years, Goliath taunted Saul's army for 40 days, Jesus was tempted for 40 days & nights and there were 40 days between His resurrection and ascension. I'm thinking that maybe, since they didn't have Google then, they couldn't count beyond that limit, they couldn't imagine things beyond that event horizon. Or maybe they just cheated, and copy and pasted a lot. (This could be the first epistle of Adrian - Editor)

Sorry, wandered off on a bit of a tangent there.....

Anyway, you know that winter is on its way, when it's so cold as to be actually snowing from the aircon ducts at the Golf Club. Well, maybe not technically snowing..... but it could have as it was so cold! PP Dave – Drummoyne Dirty Reds star of yesteryear – fixed that up quick smart.

After a prompt kickoff (on time), it was great to have a nice dinner in the presence of our goodly better halves, and with our guest for the evening – Abdul Majid Yousfani, Consul General of Pakistan.

In the mid-meal break, PP Chapelli gave us an update on the progress of Mary Stodart & the PKU English Channel crossing project. Mary is planning to swim the Channel in August, to raise funds for the PKU Association. PP John Ellis advises that this is a 22 mile crossing. PP Theo wanted to know how many yards – so, that's 37,532 give or take a couple due to tides etc, Mr. Glockemann.

PP Pam gave us an update on the fund raising activities at St. Lucys – they are planning on raffling off a car. Well, a RAV-4. Bigger deal than our trailer! Maybe they should donate funds to us!!!

PP Theo gave us all an update on East Timor – we now have 1,500+ alumni from our RYPEN project there.

PP Dirty Dave Firth gave us a blast on the District Assembly for 2018 – at the Kings School. Roll up, roll up all you interested folk.

P Alex (not long now fella, then you will be a PP, like everyone else.....except Claude.... hmmm) brought us up to date on the Rotary Global Tree Planting project – coming soon to a patch of dirt near us, and the youth MUNA project – a joint venture of Beecroft & Penno to sponsor 2 x Cherrybrook High teams. May 7 will be a joint MUNA meeting with Beecroft.

PP Theo got into it again, and with the pressganged P Alex, relieved all and sundry of their life savings.

PP Phil gave us an intro to our guest speaker for the evening – Abdul Majid Yousfani, Consul General of Pakistan. His talk & photo presentation certainly showed off his homeland to great effect. Almost none of the photos were in line with my preconceived images of Pakistan. The Pakistan China Energy Corridor certainly seems to be reaping great rewards for Pakistan. **(See CPEC summary on page 3)**

P Alex gave us the notice, close it up by 9pm. Advance Australia. Go Home.

**Reporter: 'The Biblical' Adrian Bell**



Gwadar Port, part of the China - Pakistan Economic Corridor, has been operational since 2007.

Map of the CPEC Highway development stretching from the China border in the north to Gwadar Port in the west.



### **A Brief Summary of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor**

**China–Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)** is a collection of infrastructure projects that are currently under construction throughout Pakistan. Originally valued at \$46 billion, the value of CPEC projects is now worth \$62 billion. CPEC is intended to rapidly modernize Pakistani infrastructure and strengthen its economy by the construction of modern transportation networks, numerous energy projects, and special economic zones. On 13 November 2016, CPEC became partly operational when Chinese cargo was transported overland to Gwadar Port for onward maritime shipment to Africa and West Asia, while some major power projects were commissioned by late 2017.

A vast network of highways and railways are to be built under the aegis of CPEC that will span the length and breadth of Pakistan. Inefficiencies stemming from Pakistan's mostly dilapidated transportation network are estimated by the government to cause a loss of 3.55% of the country's annual GDP. Modern transportation networks built under CPEC will link seaports in Gwadar and Karachi with northern Pakistan, as well as points further north in western China and Central Asia. A 1,100 kilometre long motorway will be built between the cities of Karachi and Lahore as part of CPEC, while the Karakoram Highway between Rawalpindi and the Chinese border will be completely reconstructed and overhauled. The Karachi–Peshawar main railway line will also be upgraded to allow for train travel at up to 160 km per hour by December 2019. Pakistan's railway network will also be extended to eventually connect to China's Southern Xinjiang Railway in Kashgar. The estimated \$11 billion required to modernise transportation networks will be financed by subsidized concessionary loans.

### **Report on the District 9685 Assembly**

The Assembly was held at The Kings School as in previous years. Our club was represented by six members, namely Pam Hudson, Ian Chappel, Jim Fraser, Theo Glockemann, Terry Pankhurst and David Firth. The format was quite similar to previous years with an opening plenary session for all attendees in the Futter Hall. On this occasion, it was almost filled. This session went through to morning tea, following which we went to a series of break out sessions according to the directorship we were interested in. This second session went through to lunch time which was sandwiches and wraps in the quadrangle with tea and coffee and juice and water supplied.

Following lunch was a further break out session which continued through to the end of the assembly around 4pm. There was also a Showcase of Rotary projects which was available prior to the commencement, then during morning tea and lunch time. We had quite a good amount of interest in our Pride of Workmanship display there.

Perhaps some of our attendees will be happy to report on the content of the various sessions which each of them attended at our meeting tonight. Suffice to say that it is always good to catch up with other rotarians at the assembly.

## **Success – Ralph Waldo Emerson**

*To laugh often and love much; to win the respect of intelligent persons and the affection of children; to earn the approbation of honest citizens and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to give of one's self; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to have played and laughed with enthusiasm and sung with exultation; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived—this is to have succeeded.*



# THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
May 7th	Joint Meeting with Beecroft Club MUNA Presentation	2 Teams from Cherrybrook Technology High School	President Mark Anderson	Phil Stanton
May 21st	PKU Research & the PKU Association Partners Night	Prof John Christodoulou	Terry Pankhurst	Ian Chappel
June 4th	Pride of Workmanship Awards Partners Night	Jason Pireh	Phillip Stanton	Adrian Bell
June 25th	Changeover Night Partners Night	President Alex & President Elect Adrian	TBA	TBA

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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Pat Parker - May 5th

### ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

## ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

**Member Attendance:** 75.0%

**Apologies:** Pat Parker, Terry Pankhurst

**Guest Speaker:** Abdul Majid Yousfani

**Visitors:** Wendy Bell, Heather Firth, Esther Fraser,  
Georgia Glockemann, Ruth Reid, Lyn Stanton

**Leave of Absence:** Ahmadul Ameen

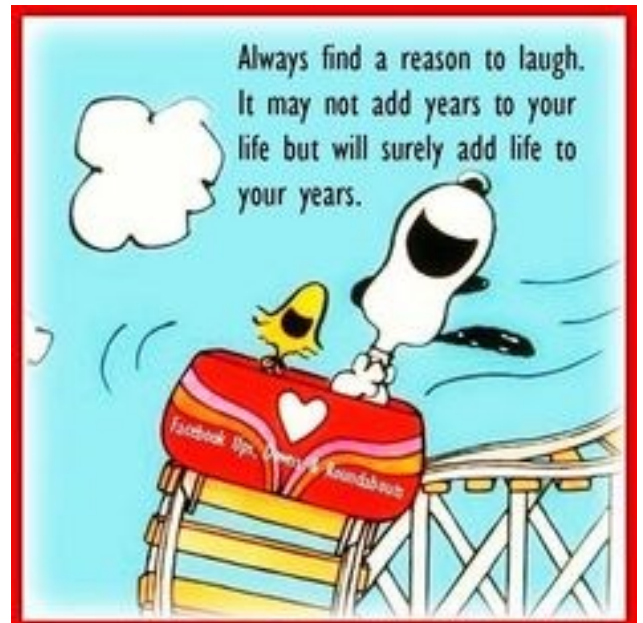


## PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARDS NIGHT

**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.



## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

‘The soldier above all others prays for peace, for it is the soldier who must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war.’

– Douglas MacArthur