

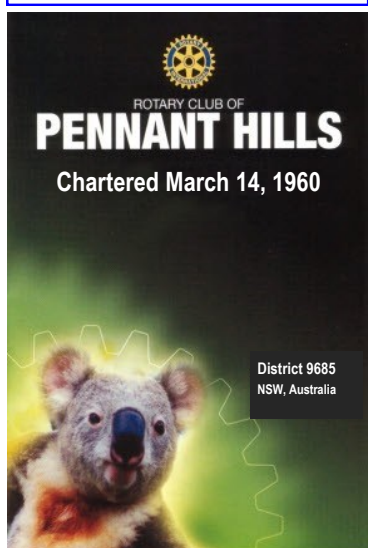


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OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK

The ROMAC Story Today

Speaker: Cherelyn Suzuki,
District 9685 ROMAC Chair

Chairman: President Alex

Reporter: Pam Hudson

ROMAC is the acronym for “**Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children**” and is a combined Australia and New Zealand Multi District Rotary initiative. ROMAC has been in operation for over 30 years.

Rotarians volunteer their time and expertise to run this Rotary program that encompasses all the Districts of Australia and New Zealand. Assisted by many eminent Australian and New Zealand surgeons who generously donate their time for the treatment of our patients, this humanitarian program has provided Life Giving surgery to over 400 children from more than 20 developing countries, with urgent medical treatment that was not available to them in their own country.

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before Noon on

Saturday



Fellows, following the decision of the club members present at our meeting 2 weeks ago, I have made application for an EFTPOS machine from the Westpac Bank. I am pleased to report that we were approved and the unit has now been delivered. Consequently, from this Monday evening, we will be able to pay our dinner fees by credit card. Note that we can accept both Visa and Mastercard, but not American Express. We will still accept cash/cheques of course! Treasurer

NEXT WEEK - May 21st

PKU Research & the PKU Association

Speaker: Prof. John Christodoulou

Chairman: Terry Pankhurst Reporter: Ian Chappel

PARTNERS NIGHT

Meeting Report – Monday 7th May, 2018

A joint meeting of both Beecroft and Pennant Hills Rotary Clubs had been organised to hear from students from Cherrybrook Technology High School who were going to be representing their school at the Rotary Sponsored MUNA Event.

The meeting was opened by President of the Beecroft Club, Mark Anderson and a toast was proposed to the Blacktown Rotary Club.

After a session from the “Minister of Fun”, David Ellyard was requested to Chair the meeting. MUNA stands for Model United Nations Assembly and its purpose is to give school students from both the public and private sector, opportunity to practice their speaking and debating skills. Three person teams are assembled and this year MUNA will be held in Canberra in August.

The MUNA program was introduced to Australia in the 1980's when Rotary Clubs in Forbes and Lake Cajelico decided to run the program. Most Rotary districts now run this or similar programs because it is a great youth project that provides future leaders with the opportunity to gain experience in public speaking and debating.

Each team is assigned as being a representative of the country and they have to research the views of that country and then argue on behalf of that country for resolutions that have been nominated for debate. The program runs over two days.

There were two teams represented at the meeting, one being sponsored by Beecroft and the other being sponsored by the Pennant Hills Club. The opportunity was taken to hear briefly from each of the potential candidates and all of them acquitted themselves well demonstrating a high level of self-confidence and a desire to test their skills in a wider forum.

The topics set by the general assembly are serious and need a thorough approach as well as background research. In August there will be 43 teams competing in the ACT and so we wish them well.

Reporter: Phil Stanton



Chairman David Ellyard with the 5 students and their teacher from Cherrybrook Technology High

DG Peter and DGE Susan warmly invite you to

ROTARY DISTRICT 9685 CHANGEVER

**Saturday 7 July 2018
6.00pm for 6.30pm**

Hornsby RSL Club, 4 High St, Hornsby

**\$55 per person
incl. 2 course dinner**

Register at changeover.rotarydistrict9685.org.au

RSVP Friday 29 June 2018

Enquiries: changeoverregistrations@rotarydistrict9685.org.au



In August this year, Mary Stoddart will be swimming The English Channel to raise funds for PKU.

The English Channel is 34 km at it's shortest distance between Dover and Cap Gris Nez and this is the route swimmers TRY to take. The swim, depending on conditions, should take about 16 hours.

There are tides going in opposite directions near the shores of England and France so most swimmers get caught in the flow and end up travelling in an 's' shape. The trick is to get through these tides before you are carried off to Scotland or Norway. Talk to Ian Chappel if you would like to sponsor Mary.

THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
May 21st	PKU Research & the PKU Association Partners Night	Prof John Christodoulou	Terry Pankhurst	Ian Chappel
May 28th	Update on the Golf Club Project	Phil Stanton	President Alex	David Firth
June 4th	Pride of Workmanship Awards Partners Night	Jason Pireh	Phillip Stanton	Adrian Bell
June 11th	NO MEETING	DUE TO PUBLIC HOLIDAY		
June 13th	Meals From the Heart at the new Ronald McDonald House	We need a team of 20! Everyone is welcome - (Working With Children registration required)	<u>Note the start</u> <u>time is</u> <u>3.30pm</u>	Pat Parker has the details

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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Nil

ANNIVERSARIES

Alex and Elizabeth Thomas - May 9th

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

Member Attendance: 68.75%

Apologies: Ian Chappel, John Ellis, Pat Parker, Claude Rigney

Guest Speakers were from Cherrybrook Technology High School

Visitors: Nil



PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARDS NIGHT

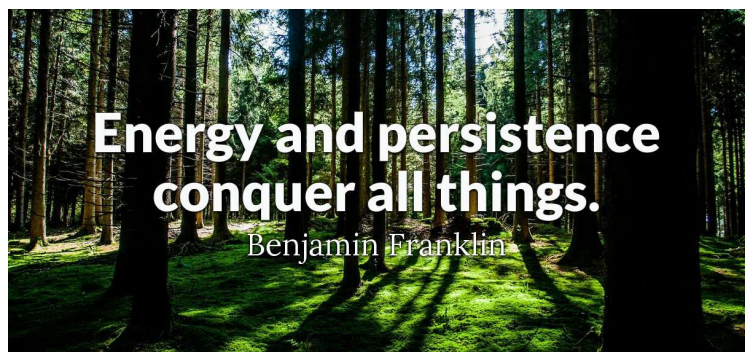
MONDAY, 4th JUNE, 2018

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.

CLUB MEMBER WELFARE

Our sincere condolences to Pat and Sandra Parker on the death of Pat's sister, Daphne. Pat and Sandra are in Coonamble for the funeral today (Monday).



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

There is a difficult leap between talking about balancing the budget and actually doing it.
- Kevin Brady, US Congressman