

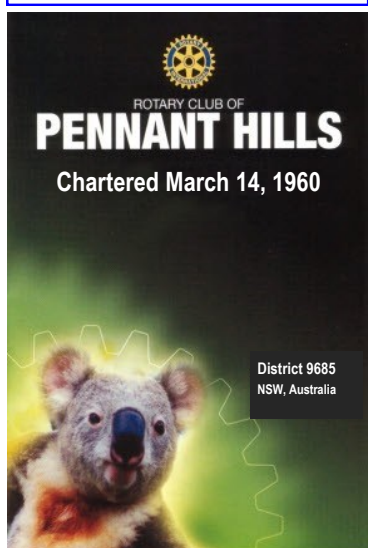


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OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK

PKU RESEARCH & THE PKU ASSOCIATION OF NSW

Speaker: Professor Dr John Christodoulou

Chair of Genomic Medicine at the Murdoch Children's Research
Institute and the University of Melbourne

Chairman: Terry Pankhurst

Reporter: Ian Chappel



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Saturday



This week we have a great opportunity to hear about the progress of the research project being conducted at the Children's Hospital Westmead. Although Professor John is now based in Melbourne, he still maintains oversight of the PKU research in Sydney.

We will also have the opportunity to hear about the work of the PKU Association and its fundraising efforts in support of this research.

As this is a partners' night, we will also take the opportunity to present the proceeds of our very successful Charity Golf Day held last October.

NEXT WEEK - May 28th

UPDATE ON THE GOLF CLUB PROJECT

Speaker: Phil Stanton

Chairman: President Alex Reporter: David Firth

MEETING REPORT 14th MAY

Our Guest Speaker was Cherelyn Suzuki from the Rotary Club of Norwest Sunrise. She had been invited along by President Alex to tell us what is happening with ROMAC - Rotary Oceanic Medical Aid for Children. She was welcomed by Alex and the meeting proceeded with an update by Ian Chappel on our PKU program and the proposed English Channel swim by Mary Stoddart in August this year. She set a target to raise \$10,000 from her efforts and Ian reported that so far she has raised about \$3,500. Members were reminded that next week will be the PKU Research Update meeting, a partners night, with Professor John Christodoulou travelling up from Melbourne to speak.

Theo Glockemann spoke about the Timor Leste annual visit in September with an initial planning meeting having been held. He advised that airline tickets would be purchased shortly to take advantage of cheaper prices. He also advised that one of Cherelyn's fellow members from Norwest has indicated he will be going with our team to Timor next year, the 10th anniversary of the establishment of RYLA there.

David Firth informed the meeting that our annual Pride of Workmanship Awards night was well advanced with invitations to nominate going out to 21 organisations! To be held on June 4th, it promises to be a big presentation if a reasonable number of invitations are accepted.

Sergeant Theo, brandishing a crockery dish instead of his usual timber box, trawled through the membership extracting a great variety of fines regardless of the veracity of his claims. The result, thanks to a folding money payment by Phil Stanton for his golfing prowess which produced a hole in one at the 14th hole a week or so ago, was something of a record!

After a pretty disappointing buffet meal followed by coffee - no tea was available - President Alex formally introduced Cherelyn. She explained that she was one of a two person team from her club who had taken on the job of speaking to each of the District 9685 clubs about ROMAC in an effort to raise awareness and at the same time, raise funds and perhaps inspire rotarians to volunteer. She also explained that we were the guinea pigs for her presentation which included an extensive powerpoint presentation.

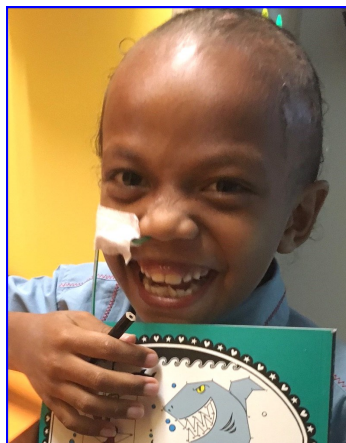
ROMAC is a Rotary program that encompasses all the Districts of Australia and New Zealand. Assisted by many eminent Australian and New Zealand surgeons who generously donate their time for the treatment of patients, this humanitarian program has provided life giving surgery to over 450 children from countries in Oceania principally, although children from elsewhere needing urgent medical treatment will also be considered. The children - 15 years old and under - are brought to hospitals in Australia. The decision as to which hospital they go to depends solely on where a bed is available. In effect, which hospital will accept the case. Then a medical team will be found to treat the child. The children are accompanied by either a parent or often a grandparent. Rotarians in the local area host the child and parent prior to hospitalisation and often after surgery while the child recovers. The parent requires hosting for the complete visit duration.

Cherelyn explained that ROMAC has to cover the transport to and from Australia and the costs of hospitalisation. The doctors involved donate their services fortunately. Her presentation highlighted a range of cases successfully completed over the years and showed some amazing transformations for these children. She also revealed that some of the cases treated would never have been confronted otherwise by doctors in this country. So, in addition to the obvious benefit to the patient, these cases provide a very significant learning experience for doctors in this country.

The following are just two of the many great results achieved through ROMAC. President Alex thanked Cherelyn for her presentation and closed the meeting in the usual way, Phil Stanton being invited to lead the singing. ***The Editor***



2 year old Junitilia from Timor Leste needed urgent open heart surgery in 2016. She was brought to Sydney and operated on at the Children's Hospital Randwick in a 9 hour operation. After an extended rehab period here, she returned to her home.



Kachico, from the Solomon Islands was operated on to repair damage to his brain after an accident resulted in a large nail in his head. An infection had resulted in a large lesion which was life threatening. He was operated on at Lady Cilento Hospital in Brisbane.



MARY STODDART'S ENGLISH CHANNEL SWIM

The latest information on her Everyday Hero website is that she has currently raised in excess of \$3,500. With about 12 weeks to go before her attempt, Mary is in hard training including spending time in Melbourne acclimatising to the colder water which she will face in the English Channel! The water temp. was 15.9 degrees! On the last weekend in April she swam for 8 hours at Brighton in Port Phillip Bay - what dedication!

VOCATIONAL TRAINING TEAM, GLOBAL GRANT

RC OF NORWEST SUNRISE BELLA VISTA, Inc. (2016 to 2020)

**Australians training Bolivian
cardiothoracic**
2016 a great success, 10 lives saved



What is Medicos Bolivia

VTT from Australia to train health professionals in Cochabamba Bolivia in three trips 2016, 2018 and 2019.

Free surgeries on chosen low socio-economic Bolivians for the training of the Bolivian Health professionals

Why Medicos Bolivia

Sustainability and Education

Need for up skilling of local cardiothoracic health professionals

Low wages of health Bolivian professionals stop travel to learn new techniques and protocols overseas.

Indigenous population genetic predisposition to heart disease

Improve quality of life of low socio-economic Bolivian's

More Training in Australia to support sustainability

Bolivian doctors to travel to Australia for observation sessions in three hospitals, under the mentoring of Dr. Nicholson

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There is 1 course available for registration:

RLI 48 - Saturday 4 and 25 August 2018

THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
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 time is 3.30pm</u>	Pat Parker has the details
June 18th	Final Planning for Changeover	Various club members	Phillip Stanton	Jim Fraser
June 25th	Club Changeover Partners Night	Presidents Alex & Adrian	Pat Parker	David Firth

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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Sue Huckel - May 28th

ANNIVERSARIES

Alex and Elizabeth Thomas - May 9th

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Terry Pankhurst - May 29th (32 years)

ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

Member Attendance: 68.75%

Apologies: John Ellis, Pat Parker, Terry Pankhurst, Pam Hudson

Guest Speaker: Rotarian Cherelyn Suzuki, Rotary Club of Norwest Sunrise

Visitors: Nil

Leave of Absence: 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.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'Many people spend more time in planning the wedding than they do in planning the marriage.'

- Zig Ziglar