

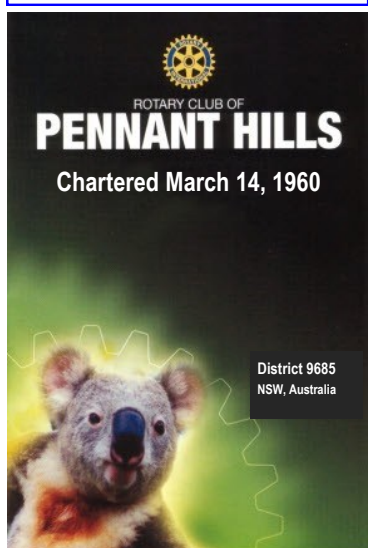


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OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK

OUR 58TH CHANGEOVER

President Alex Thomas



hands over to

Past President Adrian Bell



Chairman: PP Pat Parker

Reporter: David Firth

As President Alex prepares to assume the mantle of 'Feather Duster', we welcome Past President Adrian for what could best be termed 'a return bout' at the helm of this rotary club. We thank Alex for his year of 'ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE'.

NEXT WEEK - July 2nd

PLANS FOR 2018-19 & BOARD MEETING

Speakers: Pres. Adrian and Board Members

Chairman: President Adrian Reporter: Jim Fraser

Rotary Meeting Minutes

18th June, 2018

In the brief interlude between the huge Pride of Workmanship evening & the even huger Changeover evening, tonight was just a “regular” chatfest for the members.

A goodly percentage of the members were either still worn out from the big night last week, or off on a jolly somewhere - the attendance was quite sparse. You all know who you were - skiving off, right when you were needed.

Dave Firth read out “Thank You” letters from a couple of the awardees from last weeks Pride of Workmanship evening. It’s good to see that *some* of them have been brung up proper.

He also distributed the Membership info (for confirmation of accuracy) and a list of the formal Management Roles for the coming year.... Several slow moving members were duly press-ganged into the empty positions. A few minor items for the organisation for next Monday were sorted, and we’re as ready as we’re going to get!

Padraig Parker updated the members on the Ronald McDonald House ‘Meals From The Heart’ evening. With the move to the newly built and larger House, the format has changed a little, but the project intent remains the same - provide dinners to the family residents and spend some time “having a chat” with these isolated folks. The families in attendance and the management of the House have sent their thanks and look forward to another event next year.

As the families in residence at Ronald McDonald House frequently come from overseas, and therefore have no easy means of “getting out and about”, our ever inventive duo of Pat & Theo proposed a mash-up of the ‘Meals from The Heart’ and the ‘Big Day Out’, whereby we get a pool of cars together and then take some families out to do a bit of sightseeing. We’ll have a bit more of a chat with that in the new Club year.

Theo also let us know that Woodside have undertaken to once again support our RYLA/RYPEN programs in Timor Leste - on the hook this time for \$USD48k. There are already plans underway to ensure this is well spent on the program.

John Ellis brought us the National Youth Science Foundation update. Pennant Hills High, although very late with their application, have provided a very strong case to support a 3rd attendee this year. This will also be addressed in the new Club year.

President Alex ended his last regular meeting as president with closing remarks and then invited John Ellis to lead us in Advance Australia Fair. Then we were on our way.

Reporter: Adrian Bell - that’s 2 weeks in a row as Reporter!

I suspect that means he is now off the reporter list for 12 months. Perhaps we can get him to write ‘Presidential ponderings’ during the coming year. The editor.

THE FINAL WORD

The past year we were challenged by the theme - "ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE" - a theme which President Alex took up with great enthusiasm. The result has been a year of variety and great activity with President Alex displaying the great leadership qualities which we had anticipated. His dedication to the job at hand meant that wherever and whenever the club was involved, invariably Alex would be there, despite his busy life in other organizations and with his family.

So this has been a year in which we, as a club, continued with our regular array of projects and programs, and we held a very successful charity golf day again after a 12 month break. But throughout the year President Alex has always emphasized the importance of having fun and enjoying fellowship in Rotary. So in summary, the future of Rotary at Pennant Hills has been in very safe hands with Alex at the helm and the members salute the great job he has done.

Now changeovers are not just about the year coming to an end, but also about the year ahead. I saw a very appropriate saying on Facebook recently, one which President Alex had shared. It reads - "The Past is a Place of Reference, not a place of Residence." So the history and traditions of our club are important, but equally, so is the future.

The new rotary year promises to be challenging. Our international theme for the year, "BE THE INSPIRATION", will no doubt provide encouragement for the plans for our activities. We look forward to the year with Adrian at the helm. He can be assured of the support of each and every one of our members!

The Editor



MARY STODDART'S ENGLISH CHANNEL SWIM

The latest information on her Everyday Hero website is that she has currently raised in excess of \$3,713. With about 8 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!

The following is a recent comment by Mary on her training. Today's training was a 4 hour swim drinking water only, no feeds. This prepares my body to be able to swim in cold water for long periods in case of seasickness or (heaven forbid!) I run out of feeds. When I finally did have some sports drink, it tasted like nectar!

2017-18 DISTRICT 9685 AWARDS

At the May Presidents Meeting, the following awards were presented - Congratulations to those clubs recognized and all clubs in the District for their efforts and service.

The presentations were made by District Governor, Peter Ward.

Award	Winner
Membership growth - Small	North Sydney Sunrise (40%)
Membership growth - Large	Woy Woy (23%)
Golden Quill for PR	Turramurra
Noel McDonald Bulletin	WPH-Cherrybrook
Norm Roach Website	Woy Woy
Vocational Service	The Hills-Kellyville
International Service	Erina
Community Service	Turramurra
Youth Service	Ryde & Gosford

THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
July 2nd	Plans for 2018-19 & Board Meeting	President Adrian & Board members	President Adrian	Jim Fraser
July 7th	DISTRICT CHANGEOVER	DG PETER WARD & DGE SUSAN WAKEFIELD	6.00 for 6.30PM	HORNSBY RSL CLUB
July 9th	The KONA Ironman	Brett Blake	David Firth	Ian Chappel
July 16th	The Fathering Project	Jamie Davidson	David Firth	Theo Glockemann
July 23rd	Our Latest European Adventure	Phil Stanton	President Adrian	John Ellis
July 30th	"So They Can"	Kerri Chittenden	Phil Stanton	Pat Parker

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Nil

ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

Member Attendance: 62.5%

Apologies: Ian Chappel, Jim Fraser, Pam Hudson, Phil Stanton,

Speaker: President Alex

Visitors: Nil

Leave of Absence: Nil



**Cancer
Council**

**Daffodil
Day**

We have booked again this year to take part in selling merchandise for Daffodil Day on Friday 24th August. Once again we will be at Pennant Hills Railway Station from 6.30am until about 9.00am. We'll need 6 people.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

A strong team can take any crazy vision and turn it into reality.

- John Carmack