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## **OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK**

# THE KONA IRONMAN

## SPEAKER: Brett Blake CHAIRMAN: David Firth REPORTER: Theo Glockemann

Our speaker this week is Director of Administration at Hunter Valley Grammar School and was formerly Head Teacher, Design and Technology. He has been involved in Rugby coaching both at the school and in the Country Rugby Union with junior teams. In recent years, he has led teams of students on trips to Vietnam building homes for disadvantaged families there. He is a fitness devotee, engaging regularly in triathalons - he is



a member of the Maitland Triathalon Club - and in ironman events. He received an invitation to compete in the KONA Ironman World Championship in 2017 and will tell us about his experiences in competing in that contest.

## **NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM - JULY 16th**

## **'THE FATHERING PROJECT'** SPEAKER: JAMIE DAVIDSON

Chairman: David Firth Reporter: John Ellis

#### Rotary Meeting 2nd July, 2018

The meeting started with a warm welcome by Sergeant John Ellis to the new President Adrian. Adrian welcomed our guest Edwin Ikuw, a member of Beecroft Club.

Adrian had a couple of notifications to kick proceedings off:

- Joint Meeting on August 13 at Pennant Hills Golf Club with the Norwest Sunrise Club. The meeting is a fundraising event for Operation Hope in Bolivia which the club is championing. Looking for up to 150 people to attend and suggests that partners be invited. The speaker for the night will be heart surgeon Dr Ian Nicholson.
- Reminder about the Rotaryannes meeting at the Pennant Hills Pub on Monday 9th July. Please email Wendy if you need more details.

**John Ellis** The late application from Pennant Hills High for the National Youth Science Forum has fallen through as the young fellow is having problems at home and has not been at school for a couple of weeks. It was suggested we reach out to the school to see if we can assist.

We had a letter from a Cheltenham Girls school student who is asking for assistance in travelling to a science event in the US around Space Exploration with a group of others. The cost is \$8000 and she has a number of fund raising projects on the go. She has been to a Space Camp in Canberra which has enhanced her enthusiasm for science and space travel. It was suggested we invite her to speak at the club meeting and see if it is a good option to support her.

**Pat Parker** Outlined the projects for next year. These include Daffodil Day on 24th August, and RYDA has moved to Tuesday the 4th September for St. Benedicts High School. There was discussion about whether or not to have a trailer raffle this year and it was agreed we would proceed, so Pat is going to organise dates which include Westleigh Shopping Centre again. The Tree of Joy was a great success last year so it is on again for this year. Ronald MacDonald House turned out to be a good event and was easily managed by the group so rather than once per year it was proposed we do it a second time which Pat is going to research.

**Jim Fraser** BowelCare Program was well received by the pharmacies with most selling out and a few ordering more kits. There were approximately 200 kits distributed generating close to \$3000 for Cancer Care.

**David Firth** reminded members that the Rotary fees are due at \$200 per half year and payment would be appreciated. Sales were down for Pride of Workmanship so he is looking for ways to increase promotion of the awards into new areas. He is also struggling with getting payments from New Zealand as the cost to transfer is significant in getting NZ dollars into AUS dollars. Electronic transfer of funds needs to be set up to easily transfer funds and pay bills which may also fix the issue in NZ by using the credit card payment system. Fees paid to Rotary International for POW are still a concern as there is a belief we should not be paying any fees on inter club sales in an attempt to raise money for charitable organisations. If it was for sale to the public it could be justified.

**Theo Glockeman** complimented Adrian on his speech at change over and his suggestions on how RI should have the responsibility of promoting Rotary and the clubs in bringing in new members. Theo offered to go on a research mission to the Bahama's to talk with Barry, the new RI president, and personally deliver him a copy of Adrian's speech.

**Jack Reid** spoke of Julian Leeser's public mail out, offering federal grants to community groups and how this might assist Pennant Hills Rotary.

Theo brought up a suggestion of alternative venues for the meeting to add some variety to the event. The first night for change is August 6th with news to be provided of the location as there will be a few months later in the year where we need to find an alternative with the Golf Club not being available due to construction closing the rooms currently used.

Our guest Edwin, suggested the use of aged care facilities and to invite some of the residents there to join our meeting. This would expand our reach into the community.

John Ellis took his new role as sergeant strongly to heart. He chose Captain Cook and the local area as the main topics of discussion and was relentless in ensuring the members where well schooled and left with a better understanding of the topics even if it cost them financially.

Theo outlined the attempted outing for the Ronald MacDonald house parents we met at the recent dinner. There was good interest but just bad timing in this case so there was a suggestion we offer to take a group out so they can have a look at some of Sydney's highlights and have a bit of fun. Terry said he has access to a bus that may work if all of the duty of care issues can be resolved. Pat was going to follow up with house.

There was a good amount of laughter and lively interaction through the whole evening and the meeting was closed at 8:35. **Reporter: Jim Fraser** 

### Is this an opportunity for our club to strengthen our community connection?

### PLANNING A COMMUNITY ROTARY DAY

In an effort to increase membership and highlight Rotary's inspiring work, RI President Barry Rassin is urging clubs and districts to organize fun, informal community events called Rotary Days.

"Rotary Days events will offer you the chance to have an impact in your community, build long-term partnerships, increase interest in membership, and improve Rotary's image," Rassin said.

Any club, big or small, can host a Rotary Day. Neighbouring clubs can pool their resources and co-host an event, and entire districts can come together for a large-scale Rotary Day.

## Tips for planning a Rotary Day:

- Consider including a hands-on service project as part of the event to let visitors see for themselves how Rotary benefits the community.
- Feature guests that appeal to a non-Rotary audience. Consider young leaders, inspirational speakers, celebrities, musicians, or other public figures.
- If the event will offer food, keep it simple for example, a self-service buffet rather than a formal, sit-down meal.
- Advocate on local issues related to Rotary's areas of focus by calling attention to challenges that affect people in your area.
- If you charge admission, keep prices low. Ask local businesses to sponsor your event.
- Welcome families and make the event enjoyable for them.
- Present Rotary as an appealing opportunity for potential members to make new friends, exchange ideas, and take action to improve their community and the world. Avoid using Rotary jargon or referring to club traditions.
- Highlight the work of local Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, Rotary Community Corps members, and other community members who do extraordinary humanitarian work.
- Recognize non-Rotary community members who demonstrate Rotary's service ideals.
- Sponsor an event with a partner organization to show that, by working together, we make a deeper and more lasting impact on communities.
- Ask local news media to cover the event.
- Collect participants' contact information, and invite them to future club events.
- Partner with local civic groups, service organizations or local businesses.

During and after your event, post photos and videos with the hashtag #RotaryDay to social media. We'll collect photos of Rotary Day events around the world and show them at the 2019 Rotary International Convention in Hamburg, Germany. Some may also appear in Rotary media throughout the year.

"Imagine the collective impact we can have if all 35,000 Rotary, 10,000 Rotaract, and 22,000 Interact clubs engage their neighbours, friends, young people, and organizations," Rassin said.

Fellows, this is a joint meeting with Norwest Sunrise Club on Monday 13th August to learn about their Bolivian Project



DATE AND TIME

Mon. 13 August 2018 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm AEST

#### Be the Inspiration -Celebrating Service Above Self - Rotary Sydney

LOCATION

Pennant Hills Golf Club Burns Road South Beecroft, NSW 2119

## THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
July 16th	The Fathering Project	Jamie Davidson	David Firth	Theo Glockemanr
July 23rd	Our Latest European Adventure	Phil Stanton	President	John Ellis
July 30th	"So They Can"	Kerri Chittenden	Phil Stanton	Pat Parker
Aug 13th	Joint Meeting with Norwest Sunrise Club	Dr Ian Nicholson	6.30pm	David Firth
Aug 20th	'Shine For Kids'	Dennis van Someren	Theo Glockemann	Ian Chappel
Aug 24th	DAFFODIL DAY	AT PENNANT HILLS RAILWAY STATION	6.30am	6 sellers required

Cancer Council

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.

#### ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

Member Attendance: 81.25%

Apologies: Ian Chappel, Pam Hudson, Phil Stanton,

Alex Thomas

Visiting Rotarian: Edwin Ikuw, Rotary Club of

Beecroft

Visitors: Nil

Leave of Absence: Nil

#### **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

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Margaret Ashdown - July 4th

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Pam & Peter Hudson - July 3rd Lyn & Phil Stanton - July 6th

#### **INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES**

Theo Glockemann - July 10th

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'Running is nothing more than a series of arguments between the part of your brain that wants to stop and the part that wants to keep going.'

- anonymous