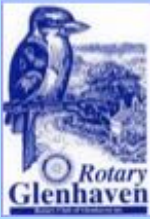


Glenhaven Rotary Club Newsletter



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WHAT'S ON:

Next Week:

Visit by District Governor
Susan Wakefield

Friday 21st September:
OzTag BBQ

25th September:
Bill Henderson
Past Olympian

Friday 28th September:
OzTag BBQ's

2nd October:
PCYC - Dominic Teakle

9th October:
Technology
Fiona McCulloch

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Melbourne Cup
Ticket selling
all members
asked to
support

Next Members
Card Draw Jackpot 18/9
\$164.55

Set-up / Clean-up
Tonight :
InternationalCommitte

Tonight:

Monday 10th September
The Halvorsen Dynasty
with West Pennant Hills Club
at Springfield House
6.30pm for 7.00pm



From President Mentie



Lebanese food at the Two Brothers' Mediterranean Restaurant at Castle Hill was enjoyed by some of our club members and friends on the last Friday night in August. Those who didn't make it missed a great fun atmosphere with lively music and much hip-swaying by some of us.

Several members of our club went to the West Pennant Hills/Cherrybrook Trivia Night recently. Val and David Field and their friends filled one table, and the other had the rest of us. It was a fun night supporting drought relief. The Rotary Club of Coonabarabran will be the recipient of the funds, and will distribute them in their area.

Vera Sistenich, from Hands Up Congo, and who was a guest speaker at our club some 18 months ago, was the overall winner of the recent Inspirational Women's Award. If we're looking for inspiration, it was at the Award lunch in spades.

Why did we join Rotary? Reasons given at a recent meeting ranged from people deliberately researching what organisations supported their community, being coerced by a friend or neighbour to attend a meeting, to somehow accidentally becoming a member!

Our August Board meeting was lively and productive. There was a lot to discuss, in particular the budget for the coming year. Committee Chairs had been asked to review their budgets and trim them a bit so fit in with anticipated revenue from fund-raisers. They obliged and, with cuts from other areas, we now have a figure to work with. Thanks to everyone for their input and attendance.

A precis of the Board minutes is in the Newsletter.

Mentie

West Pennant Hills/Cherrybrook Trivia Night

Extract from letter of thanks from Andrew Little & Max Henderson:

On behalf of the Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills & Cherrybrook, we would like to thank you and your fellow members for supporting our Trivia Night last Saturday Night (25th August). Due to the record attendance of about 240 people (about 60 more than usual) just under \$7000 was raised and all of it will go to assist with drought relief. This is a record for our trivia night which is now in its eight year. We also thank our sponsors and our raffle prize donors who also contributed to the success of the night. A significant percentage of the money raised came from the raffle. The Club has also absorbed all expenses from the trivia night so that every dollar raised will go to the farmers.

An additional \$10,000 has been donated by an anonymous donor, so we will have \$17,000 to assist farmers. To ensure that all the money goes directly to distressed families the proceeds from the night will go to the Rotary Club of Coonabarabran (Rotary District 9650) to assist them with their Drought Relief work.

The Coonabarabran club President, Jo Wilkin, is delighted with our decision as her club is very proactive supporting farmers with numerous projects, including the distribution of pre-paid Visa Cards and food hampers to farmers whom they know are doing it tough. They have identified many more who would benefit from similar support. The visa cards are likely to be spent in the local community on some life-luxuries to help with farmer's wellbeing and so are also a way to share the money within the local community as equitably as possible. Further details at <https://www.coonabarabranrotary.org>



Days For Girls

Photos from a trip to the Solomon Islands in July, where 150 Days for Girls bags were issued and were very much appreciated by the recipients. Many women were overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of the gifts.

Glenhaven Club has contributed through Rhonda, Hoda, Val, and Helen making bags and some other members supplying soap, material and undies. We also contributed \$2000 to the program last year.

Helen Peters, who was involved with Teachers for Timor and now visits Timor Leste regularly to train nurses will be visiting Timor Leste in October taking 100 packs from Days4Girls. She talks and educates young girls about the reproductive system and how they should be looking after themselves.



Rotarian Action Group Against Slavery

Helen Games is a member of this action group and thought other members of our Club would be interested in an update. The action group's newsletter is very interesting and thought provoking, but a little too large to reproduce in our newsletter. If interested, contact Helen to discuss - I'm sure she will share the latest newsletter with you and talk about her involvement. The following is the introductory letter for the latest newsletter:

Dear Friends

Please see attached the latest RAGAS Newsletter which includes, inter alia, information on the alarming increase in the number of fixed marriages in the UK, a plea for funds for a prospective global grant project in Zambia, a challenge set for the private sector to eliminate forced labour from company supply chains by 2028 and an insight into the work of a couple of anti-slavery organizations whose aims are the protection, rescue and rehabilitation of people from slavery and its consequences.

Supporting the work of anti-slavery organizations (and clubs which have initiated relevant global grant projects) is a wonderful way for Rotarians to demonstrate their support for the struggle to eradicate modern slavery.

Today, we know that whilst the laws permitting slavery have been repealed everywhere, people around the world continue to be brutalized and broken, exploited and enslaved through violence or the threat of violence and in increasing numbers. According to the ILO and the Walk Free Foundation, there were at least 40 million people enslaved worldwide in 2016 and one in four of these were children. Every day 22,000 people enter into slavery and in the time that I have taken to compose this email, 300 human beings will have become victims of slavery. Whilst Rotarians free children from the threat of polio, increase their education, health and well being, we can also free them from the bonds of slavery. We can help to achieve this by openly showing our support for all victims of exploitation (like the Myanmar workers featured in this Newsletter), condemning known practices (like the forced marriages which are still taking place in the UK) and encouraging our fellow Rotarians and others to also support the work of anti-slavery organizations like the ones featured in this month's Newsletter.

We can ensure that we as individuals or our fellow Rotarians, are not involved directly or indirectly with any person or organization which makes use of forced labour. If we can act in this way, we will influence others with the same leadership skills that Rotarians have used for over 100 years to uplift the human condition. If we don't or won't speak up for the higher standards, or condemn practices which are clearly wrong, how can we say we are Rotarians.

Yours in Rotary Service

Mark Little - Chairman & Founder - Rotarian Action Group against Slavery

Membership Night - what a great opportunity to fold Melbourne Cup tickets



Don't forget to block your diaries for 27/28 October and 3/4 November - we need your help selling tickets



SUMMARY FROM BOARD MEETING HELD MONDAY 27TH AUGUST

St Gabriels District Grant Application was successful for the amount of \$3,000. The club will match this with \$3,700 to purchase one class set of iPads for year 7;

Grace's Place – PDG John Wakefield will speak about this project at DG Susan's visit on 18th September.

Finances: Administration Account: current funds available \$2,422
Project Account: current funds available \$7,560

Administration expenses need to be closely monitored to ensure sufficient funds are maintained throughout the year and carried over into the next Rotary year. Low attendance due to many members taking Leave of Absence at present, will result in the club incurring meal costs to meet the minimum catering cost of 25 meals. This was countered in part by altering our meeting schedule in the first two weeks of September, however further approaches to reducing spending are required. Two approaches were agreed - printing less copies of the Newsletter (one per table to be given to visitors) and applying an EFTPOS fee of \$1.00 per transaction to cover the cost of the EFTPOS equipment. A decisions will be made in November if the yearly membership fee is to be increased.

Vocational visit to Ronald McDonald House on 2nd October postponed.

Bare Foot Bowling 11th December – to be arranged at Castle Hill Bowling Club

Ideas for Vocational talks and visits for the rest of the year.

Vocational Awards Night – Marie has mentioned to the club for members to start to consider worthy applicants,

RYPEN nomination from Gilroy College has been accepted

RYLA applications now open

Conoco Phillips Science Forum – applicant has been accepted

Two members inducted this month

Membership Night on Tuesday 28th August

Working with Children Checks (WWCC) to be discussed with new members prior to joining and information included in the membership kit.

Day for Girls two members attended working bee and helped to pack 113 bags.

Philippines toothbrushes and medical glasses given to Liz Rupp,

OZ tag commences 7th September through the December

Golf Day to approach Nissan Motors to take on sponsorship.

Swing Into Spring 2018

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 Mobile: _____
 E-mail: _____
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BE THE INSPIRATION

DRAW DATE:
SEPT. 8
2018
7:00 PM

VENUE: POLISH HALL

**ROTARY CLUB OF GLENHAVEN WITH
 ROTARY CLUB OF ILLAWARRA SUNRISE**

presents
Swing Into Spring 2018

Fundraising Ballroom event to assist the
 annual Medical/Dental & Program in the Philippines.

*Latin Night in Spring
 with Light Refreshments*

Ticket Cost: \$30

SAVE THE DATE

Kenthurst Rotary Club is celebrating 45 years.

Join them on Saturday 10th November 2018 at Madison Function Centre, Dural to raise funds for RURAL AID.

Their aim is to raise \$45,000 to celebrate their 45th year helping the community.

Attendance Policy:

*Club members are assumed to be attending meetings unless they on LOA, have advised otherwise on the weekly attendance sheet or notified **Jan Duffy** by noon Monday.*

Jan may be contacted at: janduffy641@gmail.com

or on 0416160248

OUR CLUB:

Chartered in 1993 our Club is part of Rotary District 9685

Club meetings are held on Tuesdays 6.30pm for 7.00pm dinner at Springfield House, 245 New Line Road, Dural. Weekly attendance is not expected, rather we encourage members to engage whenever possible at Club meetings and events.

Enquiries should be directed to the Club Secretary, Rhonda Radford via email at rhonda_radford@iinet.net.au or on 0413138618.

You can find out more about our Club from our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/rotaryclubofglenhaven/posts) or the Rotary info. web site (www.rotarynews.info/club4259)