

ROTARY CLUB OF PENRITH VALLEY INC. BULLETIN



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ROTARY CLUB OF PENRITH VALLEY INC.

Meets Wednesday at Penrith Panthers, 6.30 for 7.00 pm

CLUB DIRECTORY 2015/2016

President: Peter Murray
Pres.Elect: Sarah Whereat
Secretary: Glenn Reinhard
Treasurer: Armand Sukhla

Directors:
Club Administration: Sarah Whereat
International & Foundation: Neil Williamson
Public Relations: O'Brien Wyngaard

Immediate Past

President: Chris Dallen
Vocational: Jean Vranich

Service Projects: Eddie Vidal
Youth: Terry Davies
Membership: Gayl Mallett

COMMITTEES AND CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Sergeant: Keith Wakefield
Attendance & Venue: John Gollings
Welfare Officer: Robyn Burton
Social Director: Dario Poles

Child Protection Officer &
Risk Management: Mario Bellantonio
Program & Club Calendar: Armand Sukhla
Public Officer & Club Historian: Keith Wakefield

SERVICE PROJECTS: (Chair: Eddie Vidal)

COMMITTEE: Jim Aitken, John Gollings, Dario Poles, Barry Preskett, Debbie Price, George Rabie & Armand Sukhla

PUBLIC RELATIONS: (Chair: O'Brien Wyngaard)

COMMITTEE: Andrew Mizzi

CLUB MEMBERSHIP: (Chair: Gayl Mallett)

COMMITTEE: Elizabeth Aitken & Chris Dallen

VOCATIONAL: (Chair: Jean Vranich)

COMMITTEE: Robyn Burton, Peter Murray, Glenn Reinhard & Joanne Willott

INTERNATIONAL & FOUNDATION: (Chairman: Neil Williamson)

COMMITTEE: Mario Bellantonio, Arthur Harris, Sachint Lal, Shiva Prakash, & Keith Wakefield

YOUTH: (Chairperson: Terry Davies)

COMMITTEE: Shamus Davies, Alex Donaldson, Glenn McFall & Sarah Whereat

HONORARY MEMBERS:

Merilyn Beach, John Brown, Bruce Chenery, Kathy Gal, Denis Green, Jim Honess, Julie McElrea, Joe Rees, John Wakeling, Tom Walsh, Geoffrey Munyeme, Andrew Rios, Linda Rios, Noor Vellani

Meeting 7th October 2015

The meeting began a little late for President Peter 7.04pm, with the gong being rung several times by our Sargeant.

Terry began Grace for us all.

Welcome to our guest Libby Sorrell from “Stop the Traffik” organisation.

Apologies – Mario, Robyn, Shamus, Arthur, Gayl, Sarah. Glenn McFall MIA

The photo from last bulletin was **Neil** – our eagle eye optometrist was the first to guess, bottle of wine coming his way.

Lots of Publicity for “Cuddle Cot” hopefully coming our way keep your eye out.

ANDREW – Footy update, Sarah was the only one to NOT pick the Cowboys, though up until the last few minutes she was going to be the only one to pick the Broncos. John made the final cut winning the comp this year with 131 points. Next followed Mario, Alex, Sarah, Neil, Romesh. Sachint brought up the tail with 89 points.

Secretary: GLENN R –

A board meeting was held prior to this evenings meeting. Treasurer’s report will be available in full next week. The important thing is that we have an AGM on the 18th November. We will discuss / accept our year end 30th June 2015 finance results and elect office bearers. We need to nominate and elect a President elect and other office bearers. Sarah had been elected as President Elect but has to step back at this stage due to work commitments so we need a President & a President Elect for 2015/16 +++ all directors.

International Director: NEIL –

On Thursday 22nd October movie night at Glenbrook theatre. Tickets are \$20. There will be nibbles and champers at Glenbrook school prior to the “Bridge of Spies” (Tom Hanks) . **Please contact Neil as soon as possible with numbers.**

**World’s Greatest Meal to be held at Panther’s Wed 21st 35.00 per head
SPECIAL evening with hopefully a large crowd—Partners Night.**

DARIO –

Riverside Theatre visit - \$45 a head. Let Jean know who would like to go as Dario is away for a few weeks. Dario also let us know that O'Brien and Sachint were in trouble as he has had to get a hearing aide. Luckily it works great and he would now like people to talk more quietly!!

General Business

ARMAND –

Armand read in the local paper that Don's Son James has been selected to go on a Rotary sponsored Science program—*Editor is not sure & unable to confirm if it is the National Youth Science Forum (nysf) or The Science Experience ??*

Vocational Director: JEAN –

Who is coming to the November 20th Nepalese concert -give numbers to Jean.

We will be having a visit from a local Penrith vet in November.

Community Projects: EDDIE –

\$2000 has been allocated for Xmas hampers this year. Eddie is organising the logistics. Armand is going to Big W on Friday to organise the Shopping night.

Youth Director: TERRY –

We have had a letter from Penrith South Public asking for money towards vouchers for their usual end of year Presentation Day. \$100 is being allocated. Books in homes will be delivered next week. Alex needs RYLA candidates please. He does have a few ideas but more are welcome. We are quickly coming up to the date to be submitted. Raffle tonight has raised \$102.00. Thanks everyone!

Treasurer: ARMAND - Club Assembly asked about distribution of monies approx. 26% of available funds went to projects such as the Thai Orphanage. 36% to local community organisations and the usual amounts to our compulsory Rotary Organisations. **A full update will be provided at the AGM 18th Nov 2015 for Year ended 30th June 2015** (see next page for this year to date)

Project Account				
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE				
For Period July 1 2015 to 06 October 2015				
INCOME (excluding GST)				YTD
Raffle for Youth Programmes				\$ 841.60
Plaza Fountain Coin Collections				\$ 1,300.00
H/N/BBQs				\$ 7,687.05
Father's Day Raffle				\$ 8,497.55
Bowel Care Kits				\$ 1,275.00
Suspense Accounts				
Thai Orphanage Coin Collection + other				\$ 1,997.45
Centurion Programme				\$ 1,670.00
Donation Reimer Winter Williamson				\$ 250.00
Bank Interest				\$ 1.05
Total Income				\$ 23,519.70
EXPENDITURE (excluding GST)				
Father's day Raffle Costs				\$ 2,968.45
Trailer (Mario Trailers)			\$ 760.00	
TV (Little & Rabie)			\$ 300.00	
Tickets(Snap Printing)			\$ 454.00	
Western Mowers			\$ 1,355.45	
Poster(The Printers)			\$ 99.00	
Bowel Care Kits				\$ 1,275.00
Donations				\$ 8,020.00
The Shotton Goup				
Cuddle Cot			\$ 4,290.00	
Plaque (R.Burton)			\$ 80.00	
Mama Lana's Foundation			\$ 1,732.00	
Thai Orphanage (A.Harris)			\$ 1,418.00	
Western Sydney Nepalese Comm.			\$ 500.00	
Total Expenditure				\$ 12,263.45
SURPLUS Y-T-D				\$ 11,256.25
Balance at Bank as at 21 September 2015 (UNRECONCILED)				\$ 58,157.08

SARGEANT's SESSION

Peter – not hearing gong and starting late – do you need Dario's new hearing aide??. He also says he welcomed EVERYONE, but missed the Sargeant!

Sachint – last in the footy tips

Everyone – winners and losers of the footy tipping

Keith & O'Brien – stealing of wallets and not realising that your wallet was gone?

Jim & George – talking, on phones and NOT sitting together.

Armand & Sachint – fighting and making up??

Barry – couldn't eat the entrée or the chicken, seemed to have a good go though

Alex – eating his chicken and then licking the bones clean!

Peter – insinuating that Sachint is a witch doctor

Dario – being thanked for getting his hearing aide so we don't have to repeat everything

Glenn R – a happy fine for making the footy grand final enjoyable (I am guessing he had a party?? Hmmmm! secret service underground parties again Glenn??)

Cross Fines

Fast and furious cross fines. Peter for not remembering directions, usual BBQ and onion jibes, Jim and George fines, cross fines and double cross fines. Self fines by Andrew for not knowing how to fix a mower?! Incorrect spelling (we are now a Ritary club). No biscuits, drones, photos and intelligent conversation.....I hope the Sargeant made some money tonight. Though we need to fine him for his jokes.

“Stop the Traffik” - Libby Sorrell

The organisation has been around for about 7 or 8 years. Started in the UK in 2006. 2 children a minute are trafficked for sexual exploitation. Every minute SOMEONE is trafficked around the world. 21 million people are in forced labour. It is the fastest growing international crime 70% are female, One third are children, two-thirds of those are girls. 70% of the women are used for sex. 72% of the convictions made are men.

(Notes from their website) STOP THE TRAFFIK Australia Coalition

Today we see the world in a situation where more people are experiencing conditions of modern slavery and trafficking than at any other time in history. We are also seeing a rise in awareness and engagement in seeking to prevent and eradicate this human rights violation, its harm and abuse.

Our Vision and Mission

Human trafficking is a violation of a person’s human rights (Article 4, Universal Declaration of Human Rights). STOP THE TRAFFIK in Australia exists to prevent the physical, emotional and sexual abuse and harm done by human trafficking. We seek to prevent trafficking by engaging in:

>>> COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION

We shine a light on the crime of human trafficking. We equip people to understand what trafficking is, how it affects them and what they can do about it. We empower individuals to take action to prevent trafficking in their communities. We raise awareness to ensure that vulnerable people are protected against the abusive and deceptive behaviour of traffickers.

>>> GLOBAL CAMPAIGNING

We inform consumers about how trafficking impacts the supply chains of businesses world-wide. We equip and empower consumers to change their buying habits and campaign for change. We advocate for business to take action to prevent the harm and abuse associated with human trafficking.

>>> GATHERING AND SHARING KNOWLEDGE

We gather and analyse information from individuals and stakeholders on how and where trafficking is taking place. We share this knowledge generously in order to enable effective prevention of human trafficking.



STOP THE TRAFFIK is currently directed by Fuzz and Carolyn Kitto who oversee operational matters; the management of the coalition; and development of campaigns, resources and engagement. They are contracted 2 days a week.

Fuzz and Carolyn have worked extensively in human rights, campaigning and advocacy. Both are originally youth workers and they have a passion to engage people to build just civil societies and cultures. They also run Spirited Consulting which has worked in over 30 countries with NGO's, faith groups and charities in strategic planning, leadership development, innovation and social impact, youth work and fund raising.

CHOCOLATE ISSUES Over a third of the cocoa that makes the world's chocolate comes from the Ivory Coast, Africa. It's highly likely that the beans that make your favourite chocolate bar come from here. Cocoa harvesting is backbreaking and hazardous work. The harvesters have to go into the bush to access the cocoa trees that grow the precious cocoa pods. Wielding dangerous machetes, they cut down the pods and crack them open. The cocoa beans are then extracted, dried and bagged for sale. The shocking reality is that much of this work is done by children.

Despite improvements in the chocolate industry, human trafficking remains an ongoing and deep seated problem. Due to the hidden and illegal nature of human trafficking, gathering statistics on the scale of the problem is difficult. Estimates of child labour on cocoa farms in the Cote D'Ivoire and Ghana from organisation such as the International Cocoa Initiative (ICI), UNICEF and Tulan University vary from 300,000 to 1 million from 2007-2013 [1]. We know that a portion of these children have been trafficked.

Whatever ever the exact figure, this is far too many!

Thousands of boys as young as 10 yrs old, from the Cote D'Ivoire and neighbouring countries, are trafficked to pick and harvest these beans. Their freedom is taken and they are forced to work long hours on the cocoa plantations without receiving any money for their work. They are beaten and work in dangerous conditions.



DID YOU KNOW... THAT A YOUNG GIRL OF 14 MAY HAVE BEEN TRAFFICKED TO MAKE THE COTTON T-SHIRT YOU ARE WEARING?

It is a little known fact that over 200,000 young women and girls are trafficked to work in the cotton industry in the Tamil Nadu region of India.

Female workers, mainly aged 14 to 23 years old, are recruited with false promises of a good job and a lumpsum payment under the guise of an 'apprenticeship' scheme called Sumangali. Once recruited, they are essentially trapped within a factory for up to five years.

The workers have limited freedom. They have to sleep in accommodation in a hostel within the factory walls or guarded by the male factory employees with only limited contact with their families or the outside world. They are forced to work often up to 12 hours a day, 6 days a week or more without the compensation they have been promised.

The cotton is spun, dyed and woven in these factories to be sold to consumer markets all over the world. It is likely to be found in most of our favourite shops and labels. It is likely to be in cotton garments in our wardrobes and drawers.

DO YOU WANT TO BUY TRAFFIK-FREE? – The Cotton Industry

It is not currently possible to know which items or which shops sell items that are made with cotton that is free from human trafficking. Most retailers and fashion labels either don't know where they buy their cotton from or choose not to make that information public.

This isn't good enough. We believe that as consumers we have the right to know how, where and under what conditions the clothes we buy were



Terry closed with a vote of thanks and we presented Libby with a cheque for \$500 towards the cause.

RAFFLE

Peter won first prize, Libby our guest won 2nd

HEADS and TAILS

Andrew was the winner

BBQ this weekend - see you there

***This week's
mystery photo.***

Younger Days

New photo so get your thinking caps on to guessed who this is!
"WHAT A CUTTIE"



PAST PRESIDENTS

1977/78	Arthur Bennett	1990/91	Malcolm Beach	2003/04	Graham Wilson
1978/79	Phil Magee	1991/92	Alan Richardson	2004/05	Alex Donaldson
1979/80	Ray Waters	1992/93	John Brown	2005/06	Linda Rios
1980/81	Denis Green	1993/94	Jim Aitken	2006/07	Dario Poles
1981/82	Bert Bragg	1994/95	Barry Preskett	2007/08	O'Brien Wyngaard
1982/83	Shiva Prakash	1995/96	John Tourish	2008/09	Ron Norman
1983/84	Arthur Harris	1996/97	Graham Beckett	2009/10	Graeme Butler
1984/85	Mario Bellantonio	1997/98	Max Shepherd	2010/11	John Gollings
1985/86	Tony Robinson	1998/99	Armand Sukhla	2011/12	Catrina O'Kane
1986/87	Lou Gal	99/2000	Terry Davies	2012/13	Jean Vranich
1987/88	Tom Walsh	2000/01	Jim Honess	2013/14	Don Mackenzie
1988/89	Keith Wakefield	2001/02	Noor Vellani	2014/15	Chris Dallen
1989/90	Sachint Lal	2002/03	Glenn Reinhard		

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Up to 1st July 2015 the Rotary Club of Penrith Valley has awarded Paul Harris Fellowships to, or has the following as members who are PHFs:

Elizabeth Aitken, Jim Aitken, Dr Al_Khhawaja, Charles Ancheta, Malcolm Beach, Marilyn Beach*, Graham Beckett, Mario Bellantonio, Arthur Bennett*, Jane Bennett, John Boccanfuso, Bert Bragg, John Brown, John Buchtman, Robyn Burton, Eileen Cammack, Bruce Chenery., Sheila Cunliffe, John Daly, Terry Davies*, Alex Donaldson*, Arthur Downes, Phil Fehon, Margaret Fenech*, Jim Freeburn, Lou Gal*, Maggie Giddens, John Gollings, Denis Green*, Jim Honess, Phyllis Jenkins, Sue Kingsbury, Dipak Kumar, Dr Sachint Lal* Tony Lauer, Julie McElrea, Andrew Mizzi*, Peter Murray, Dr Ralph Nanan, Dario Poles, Dr Shiva Prakash, Barry Preskett*, Helen Redler*, Joe Redler*, Glenn Reinhard*, Marjorie Ross, Max Shepherd, Armand Sukhla, Dr Noor Vellani, Jean Vranich, Luciano Vranich., Keith Wakefield*, Helen Wakeling, John Wakeling*, Tom Walsh, Sarah Whereat, Graham Wilson, O'Brien Wyngaard

* *Sapphire Pins*

Monday	Nepean	Penrith Valley Inn	7.00 for 7.15am
	Penrith	Penrith Panthers	6.30 for 7.00pm
	Richmond	Richmond Club	6.30 for 7.00pm
	Springwood	Springwood Sports Club	6.30 for 7.00pm
Tuesday	Lower Blue Mountains	Emu Plains Sporting & Recreation Club	6.30 for 7.00pm
	St Marys	St Marys RSL & Ex-Servicemen's Club	6.00 for 6.30pm
Sunday	Vinegar Hill	Griddle Restaurant, Rouse Hill Town Centre	4.00pm

OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprises and in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;

FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

PENRITH VALLEY

The 4-Way Test

1. Is it **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Rotary Grace

O Lord, The giver of all good
We thank Thee for our daily food
May Rotary Friends and Rotary ways
Help us to serve Thee all our days
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