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SEPTEMBER IS ROTARY BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY MONTH

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CATERING

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From the President's Desk

Our business meetings on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays are currently all held on Zoom.
We have our **next meeting on Tuesday 15th September**

Stop Press : The Photograph Competition has been launched . Marcel suggests you keep your eyes open for upcoming facebook posts from the competition committee.

Zone 8 in Rotary covers Australia, New Zealand & the Pacific Islands & is holding a **conference in Alice Springs on 19th & 20th September** & as this year it is a virtual conference you are all welcome to **zoom in for free** for as little or as long as you like. Each day consists of only 6 x 15 minute talks.

1st talk on Sat 19th sept from 11.30 to 11.45 is an introduction from this year's R.I President Holger Knaack, from Germany

Our **Community Raffle** is under way. Invitations have been sent to 105 community organisations that have participated at least once in the last 5 years.

The auxillary at **Camp Breakaway at San Remo is running a shop 9- 1pm weekdays**. I bought some delicious marmalades, jams & relishes & they have many craft item suitable for small presents. It worth a visit please support them! See brochure page 5 **Ed**

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Notices- Online & live activities during the months of July & early August

1. Tuesday 1st September- Live Strategy Meeting at Don's House .
2. Tuesday 8th Sept – Social Dinner Prelude Restaurant (Ourimbah Tafe)
3. Tuesday 15th Sept- Zoom Meeting Speaker Ashok Shrestha, Rotary Nepal
4. Saturday 19th Sunday 20th Sept - Zone 8 Virtual Conference from Alice springs
5. Tuesday 22nd September-Business Meeting on Zoom progress projects
6. Saturday 26th Sept.- distribute tickets Com raffle at Mingara (12 to 6pm- 2 hour shifts)
7. Tuesday 29th sept – Board Meeting Zoom

Report on activities undertaken over the last 3 Weeks.

On **Tuesday September 1st** we held our postponed Strategy Day at Don & Shirleys house . It was a good attendance with apologies from David & marcel. We were joined by Friends of Rotary Kirsty & Rachael from Challenge fostercare & prospective new member Joe.

Key Points recorded from the Strategy Meeting on Tuesday 1st September

GOAL

Social Contact

Care Packages

PROJECTS – Out of Covid - FAIR

- 1 Elderly Isolated

- 2 Kids in Need
 - a. Sick
 - b. Not getting to School
 - c. Care packages, need money in Covid

- 3 50+ (Seniors Centre) - 1200 members and money has dried up

- 4 Isolation
 - a. Connect Elderly with young people
 - b. Mental Health
 - c. Suicide
 - d. Events to bring young people together

- 5 Back to business and disposable income
 - a. Good Business Plans
 - b. Support Group
 - c. Radio advertising

- 6 Mobile Laundry

Meeting held on Tuesday 18th August 2020- Chairman Robin

It is often stated that Gen y & Milenials may have up to six jobs often in completely different fields in their working life. Which may well be true in many cases but the implication is that our generation(s) had much more settled jobs/careers in a specific industry or even company so it was interesting to hear Dons story Ed.

My Fifteen Minutes Of Fame By Don Cannings

I was born at an incredibly early age.

My parents had moved their family to Dee Why. Where I lived with my two older sisters and brother, I was the youngest. In those days Dee Why was like being out in the country and my father told of his workmates who made fun of him moving to an outpost of Sydney.

I grew up and went to school here. I was a terrible student and completely overwhelmed by school. Complete in the belief I would never understand anything.

Until I turned 14. Two especially important things happened. I meet this older woman and fell in love, I was 14 and she 15. As well I got out of school the same year. It was pointed out to me that I could not read or write to any standard. I got a job laying Floor Covering. To my surprise I was naturally adapted to this work and learnt it fast. This seemed to me the first time in my life I had done anything right and I received complements for my efforts.

By the time I was 18 the older woman and I became engaged and had purchase a block of land. I remember walking out of the bank after getting the loan and felt the weight of the world was on my shoulders. I was \$4000.00 in debt. It was also the year that I realised that I must not be as silly as was told. I was in charge of a 13-man team, organising the work and ensuring materials were available in time for the work.

So I decided to try and do something about my lack of education and with the help of the older woman I did some short courses at TAFE.

The year I turned 20 I married the older woman and we have recently celebrated 50 years of marriage.

We moved into our own home by the time I turn 22 and had two children by the time I was 24 years old.

As I grew older two thing became obvious to me. Firstly, I was bored with laying floor and was becoming angry at silly things that once would not have bothered me. The other was that I really wanted to do something more with my life.

At 33 I was enrolled in Child Care Certificate course at TAFE. I found work labouring on the weekends to support me over the course. The course was a broad one looking at the development of children from conception to adolescence. Most students were heading for preschool centres. I realised early in the course I was not so interested in early childhood and looked for work in the older years.

As part of this course I was given a placement at the Prince of Wales Children's Hospital, as a Play Therapist. Here we helped the children through their hospital experience and used play as a distraction and a form of empowerment for the children.

Unfortunately, my son began to muck up at high school and so I needed to be closer to home. So I resigned and picked up work in the disability field.

I worked in disability moving from area to area and have had experience in most aspect of disability work. Despite the knowledge I gained in the Child Care Course I realised how little was really understood about the people we wanted to help. So I enrolled in Bachelor of Education Habilitation and went on to get a Postgraduate Diploma in Adult and Community Education.

At this time, I joined the Lions Club of Dee Why and spent my free time helping with their activities for several years. Unfortunately, we were unable to attract new members and as me and another woman were the only financial members, we decided to close the club.

My weakest skill set is to be a bureaucrat. I have achieved some amazing outcomes for my clients; however, I should have thought it through as to how to do these things and make my managers look good. With the reality that I was not favoured by the management I decided to move on and become a cook. So, I studied Commercial Cookery at TAFE. I got job cooking in a military Hospital at Balmoral where I did quite well. I received a chance to better myself and took a job in a restaurant in the city. This did not work out for me and I found I really did not fit into these kitchens. I decided to do some casual work in disabilities with the thought I would do a bit of cooking and some disability work. However, the disability work took over and I found myself working an extraordinary number of hours as I was in big demand. As I had to work usually 12 to 14 hours to get 8 pay, I found myself becoming drained and so took a permanent position at Sunnyfield.

The last area I worked was in Independent Living where I used my cooking skills and to help people cook meals. This led into shopping and budgeting skills.

Mid last year gave up my last shift and now thought I would spend my free time with Rotary.

So what have I learnt over the last 70 years.

I know that it is possible to change jobs. I have been served by many people working in positions they just do not like. I found with the use of TAFE and University you can change from a situation you do not like and start in fresh fields. As an older worker I found that my work ethic and stable approach was enough to get me work despite a lack of skills.

Another thing is this, working in disabilities is about people helping people. People with all their foibles helping people with all their foibles. I do not believe there is any difference between men and woman. I have seen really good women and men and have seen really bad women and men.

Is this the basis of a future autobiography. If Don has amusing anecdotes from his work in all those different fields I think it would be very readable! Ed.

Report by Marcel on a zoom meeting held by Rotary Club of Northlakes Toukley.

On Wednesday, 19 August I was fortunate enough to attend a zoom meeting with Northlakes Toukley Rotary. Their guest speaker was Karen Kendall who has adopted an Ethiopian baby, Ruby, and is the founder and Director of the Shimada Bright Vision In Ethiopia where she resides permanently. This centre is dedicated to improving the lives of orphans, abandoned children, disadvantaged children and marginalised women.

Almost all of the women employed at Shamida including nannies, house keepers and cooks are recovered patients of the nearby hospital. The Centre provides clothing, food, schooling materials and helps and trains women to reunite with their families and care for their children.

Shamida Bright Vision is a RAWCS - Rotary Australia world community service project supported by the Rotary club of Berowra.

During the zoom meeting we got to meet and speak with Karen and the children at the centre and Karen gave us a virtual tour. The laughter and smiles from the children were very contagious and it is a marvellous thing that Karen is doing. Children as young as small babies are at the centre. More information, photos and videos can be found at shamidaethiopia.com

Marcel

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Humour

Retiree Mental Fitness Evaluation This test is to ascertain your mental state now. If you get one right you are doing ok, if you get none right you better go for counselling. (I'll meet you there.) There are 4 test questions. Don't miss one.

Giraffe Test 1. How do you put a giraffe into a refrigerator? Stop and think about it and decide on your answer before you scroll down.

The correct answer: Open the refrigerator, put in the giraffe, and close the door. This question tests whether you tend to do simple things in an overly complicated way.

Elephant Test 2. How do you put an elephant into a refrigerator?

Did you say, Open the refrigerator, put in the elephant, and close the refrigerator? Wrong Answer. Correct Answer: Open the refrigerator, take out the giraffe, put in the elephant and close the door. This tests your ability to think through the repercussions of your previous actions.

Lion King Test 3. The Lion King is hosting an Animal Conference. All the animals attend ... except one. Which animal does not attend?

Correct Answer: The Elephant. The elephant is in the refrigerator. You just put him in there. This tests your memory. Okay, even if you did not answer the first three questions correctly, you still have one more chance to show your true abilities.

Crocodile Test 4. There is a river you must cross but it is used by crocodiles, and you do not have a boat. How do you manage it?

Correct Answer: You jump into the river and swim across. Haven't you been lis-ten-ing? All the crocodiles are attending the Animal Conference. This tests whether you learn quickly from your mistakes. According to Anderson Consulting Worldwide, around 90% of the Retirees they tested got all questions wrong, but many preschoolers got several correct answers.

Anderson Consulting says this conclusively proves the theory that most Retirees do not have the brains of a four-year old.

Never underestimate the elderly!

The old lady handed her bank card to a bank teller and said, "I would like to withdraw \$500."

The female teller told her, "For withdrawals less than \$5,000, please use the ATM."

The old lady then asked, "Why?"

The teller irritably told her, "These are rules. Please leave if there is no other matter. There is a queue behind you."

She then returned the card to the old lady.

The old lady remained silent... but then she returned the card to the teller and said, "Please help me withdraw all the money I have."

The teller was astonished when she checked the account balance. She nodded her head, leaned down and said to the old lady, "My apologies Granny, you have \$3.5 million in your account and our bank does not have so much cash currently. Could you make an appointment and come again tomorrow?"

The old lady then asked, "How much am I able to withdraw now?"

The teller told her, "Any amount up to \$300,000"

The old lady then told the teller that she wanted to withdraw \$300,000 from her account.

The teller did so quickly and handed it to the old lady respectfully.

The old lady kept \$500 in her bag and asked the teller to deposit the balance of \$299,500 back into her account.

Don't be difficult with old people... we can outwit those intolerant of us,

PROGRAM

25/08/2020

September			2020	
1st	Tues	Commence Photo Competition		
1st	Tues	Strategy meeting		gordon
1st	Tus	Start Community Raffle		
8th	Tues	TAFE Dinner (10 only)	Preview Rest, Ourimbah Tafe	Clive
15th	Tues	Zoom with Rotary Nepal (Ashok Shrestha)		
19-20th	Sat/Sun	Rotary Zone 8 Virtual conference	11.30 am - 1.00 pm	
22th	Tues	Business Meeting- progress projects		Robin
26th	Sat	Distribute tickets at Mingara (2 hr shifts)	12 to 6pm	
29th	Tues	Board Meeting		Peter
October			2020	
6th	Tues	Janine Gibbs (Elderslee Foundation)	To be confirmed	Peter
13th	Tues	Bateau Bay bowling Club	To be confirmed	
18th		Finish Photo Competition		
20th	Tues	Bob Diaz Pro Dive Chamber of Commerce	To be confirmed	
27th	Tues	Board Meeting		
November			2020	
3rd	Tues			
10th	Tues	Social		
17th	Tues	Libby Bleakley?	To be confirmed	
19th	Tues	Member Talk		
24th	Tues	Board Meeting		

We wish to thank our Sponsors

