



The Pelican News

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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Meetings will resume as face to face on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at the Mingara Club at 6:00 for 6:30 as covid conditions allow. Board meetings will continue on Zoom unless agreed otherwise.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Hello all and welcome to 2022.

With all the depressing news in the media it is good to remind ourselves that though Rotary we have the capability to make a real and positive impact on the lives of individuals in our local community.

As I sat down to write this column I first read our DG Lindsay May's January newsletter. If you've not read it I encourage you to do so.

Two sentences jumped out at me and I quote:

"Rotarians as Community leaders must find strength, courage and creativity to take action and deliver on RI President Shekhar Mehta's theme 'Serve to Change Lives' "and "In our Rotary lives we encounter unforeseen obstacles but continue our teamwork to deliver community service projects. The journey from an idea to reality is tough, but rewarding!"

I encourage our members to take on the challenge of addressing 'domestic violence' in its many forms as a long term project for our club. I believe this is something every member can get involved in

and contribute to. It might be as simple as becoming better aware and having that one conversation that makes a difference or at the other end of the scale, running a major community activity with partnering organisations. Aside from the obvious need, what attracts me to this topic is it is not about us, it is about 100% focus on the people we can assist, and that there is a wealth of resources available for us to access.

And on a brighter note, we do have the opportunity to bring some joy back into the community. You'll recall the meeting we had with the Erina Rotary Club where we heard about the National Busking Competition and the opportunity to hold it on the Central Coast. Erina Rotary Club members are interested in pursuing this so I'll be meeting with them to learn more. Let me know if you are interested in joining the discussion.

Now is the best time to start making plans and remember with one bite at a time we could eat an elephant.

Peter Ward

Harcourts

**ANYTIME
FITNESS**
Let's make HEALTHY HAPPEN

RayWhite

Christmas Projects!

December was a busy month with selling Christmas Trees and collecting toys for distribution to children in need on the Coast – we were really ready for that Christmas break!

Over the first 2 weekends of December we sold 154 Christmas trees and 35 stands. This involved some early mornings and some heavy lifting, and we are very grateful to those who came along to help. Particular mention should be made of CC Kids in Need and Matthew who did a great job, as well as many family members who found a niche and helped out on various days. The washup was that after costs we donated nearly \$2850 to the charity Grandparents Raising Grandkids and we have the same amount left for projects during the year ahead.

We are also grateful to Mingara who provided such an excellent venue for us, and Gosford Rent a Truck who were very obliging in every way.



During the same period, we were being assisted by Ray White Berkeley Vale, Harcourts Bateau Bay and Anytime Fitness at The Entrance as they were collecting presents for children on our behalf. There was money left over from our Christmas Party which was used to purchase more gifts – and then there were the presents brought along on the night by club members of both The Entrance and Erina.

In all there were over 200 presents donated to seven different organisations in time to make the children smile at Christmas. This was a mighty effort and we are very grateful to the businesses who supported us.

We followed this up by giving some of our regular food recipients some Christmas cakes to distribute as well.



Rotary Safe Families Program

Michele Ellery — 18th January

**Abuse can be
committed by
turning a blind
eye**

On Tuesday we welcomed Michele Ellery as speaker for our club via Zoom. Michelle is from Lower Blue Mountains Rotary, and is Assistant Governor for her area.

Michelle was championing the idea of us becoming an Ambassador Club for this program, which functions on the principle of spreading awareness and quiet support for people who experience abuse. Our members would be encouraged to

Recognise the signs

Raise our concerns whenever they arise

Refer to the right agency for support

We would learn to be active bystanders.

Abuse in domestic situations is not just abuse of women. It is experienced amongst young and old, male and female. It can take a surprising number of forms – physical and emotional, psychological and financial, sexual, neglect and control.

Her message is that if we learn to recognise and expect to see signs of abuse, we can be of assistance to very many people. She said that a quarter of people had experienced sexual abuse before they had turned 18, so really in any group there will be people who may be suffering. Providing a phone number for an appropriate

type of assistance can be of great value. Being prepared for that is important – it could be as simple as having a list of local organisations and who to contact prepared as a brochure and have it visible at public events. People who are feeling abused may quietly take it, and know that our club is supportive. They may not wish to talk. The message is silent.

Michele promised to send through information for us to look at in our own time. She said that if we committed to being an ambassador club, we would then post signage on our webpage and facebook, and we would be given resources to support our journey. In the meantime, further information is available here:

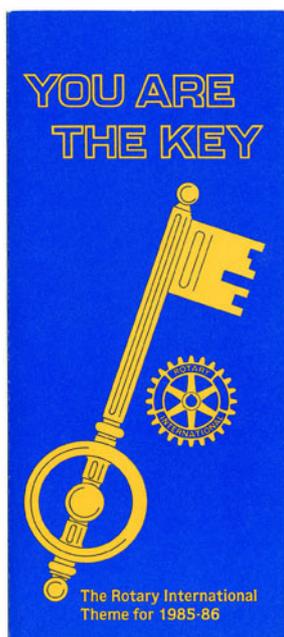
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**A cycle of bad relationships can be interrupted
by knowledge.**

The Rotary Club of The Entrance—1985– 87

1985 - 1986 Bob Hecking



The RI President was Edward F. Cadman (Washington USA), and his theme was, “*You Are The Key*”. The District Governor was Peter Perry OAM. The club president was Bob Hecking.

The club’s first Combined Community Raffle was conducted, the prize being a trip to Fiji. Local community groups participated and received from the club an amount equal to the value of tickets sold. The principle of 100% return to organisations has continued to this day.

Peter Andrews, Town Planner with Wyong Shire Council, was the club’s first representative on a GSE team to Japan.

The club began its support of the Yarran Early Intervention Centre with an annual Christmas party, Santa and gifts.

1986 - 1987 Merv Harvey

The RI President was M.A.T. Caparas (Philippines), and his theme was, “*Rotary Brings Hope*”. The District Governor was Bruce Downie. The club president was Merv Harvey (Sally); Edwin Pragasam, Secretary; Neville Foubister, Treasurer.

Membership dues were \$50 per half year. There were 23 members.

Outgoing Youth Exchange Student was Sharyn Kerr, having a great time, and the lovely Youth Exchange Student, Nina, from Finland, returned home on 12 July.

Eighteen local organisations participated in the Combined Community Raffle. 13,500 tickets were printed. Total amount raised by and for the Community Raffle was \$9,408. Total project donations were \$18,260.99, distributed to 35 deserving organisations.

Tuggerah Lakes Ladies Probus Club was chartered on 5 February 1987, and Toowoan Bay Men’s Probus Club on 26 February 1987.



The Rotary Club of The Entrance will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary on 26th April this year. In the leadup, we will be publishing flashbacks. We encourage anyone who has old photographs to send them in—anything contributed will be added to the archives and may be in the newsletter in the coming months. For photo submission use this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfBvHLDSFwbXWqRKB9F_9KWTm3JRGQLCTI_jcXn7_8Xjbb5lw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Snippets from the Board meeting held on 11th January

Peter thanked everybody again for the excellent recent projects – Community raffle, Christmas Trees, Christmas toys, Food donations – David, Joe, Julie, Clive, Louise & Robin. There was a balance due on the HOTS program to distribute. Although RYLA had been cancelled, RYPEN was still going ahead on 5 -6th Feb.

Peter would like to plan something about Domestic Violence, and hoped the speaker at next week's Zoom meeting on the 18th, Michelle Ellery from the Safe Families program, could offer some details.

We should think ahead about the Vocational Awards - Pride of Workmanship & Community. District Conference was 18 -19 March, and District Assembly 15, 22, and 29th April for all incoming Directors.

There was discussion about what donation should be made to CC Kids in Need for their assistance on the Christmas Trees. In future it should be on a per hour basis. Proposed Joe, seconded Clive that it be \$500. Carried.

John tabled his report. He reminded members that half-yearly Club Dues were now payable. An Invoice was still due for Christmas Trees expenses, and for the GRGK charity. Robin reminded members that policy was that any payments over \$100 required Board approval.

David confirmed he had booked the Mingara Club for the 50th Anniversary Dinner on April 26th 2022. He received 32 responses this year for the Community Raffle . Nearly breaking even on printing costs.

Spin & Win to sell Raffle tickets on 15th Jan. Proposed it be cancelled due to the ongoing Covid situation. Joe to enquire whether we could sell again at The Lakeside Shopping Mall, The Entrance.

The TRF film of 'The Duke' on 1st March should be the Club Social event in March.

Final Accounts had been received from RC Kariong-Somersby, and Joe had edited them on 7th January to include all our Club expenses. Our Gross Revenue was \$15,975, and net profit was \$5,839 which was shared equally with the GRGK Charity, so we received \$2,919.96. Joe thanked everybody again for their excellent help, especially Julie & Rob Denmark, and hoped we would have more trees to sell next year.

Approval was given for distributing toys and other donations to Central Coast Disaster Relief, and to We Care Connect charity.

Clive spoke on the Christmas Toy Drive, noting that it was a remarkable result in the end with over 200 toys being collected from Ray White Berkeley Vale & Saratoga, Harcourts Coastal & Valley, Anytime Fitness, and our own Kris Kingle night. This had been organized through a Committee of Louise, Robin, RC Erinna, David, and himself and distributions had been made to 7 organisations.

The Bunnings BBQ on Sunday 23rd January was still going ahead, and he would issue another email for volunteers.

RYPEN was still being held on 5th – 6th February: 2 students from Tumby Umbi campus.

Discussion took place on the offer to run a full BBQ at Mingara for the Little Athletics Regional competition over one evening and 2 days. Even if we could organize 1-2 other Rotary Clubs to help, it would involve significant manpower and financial aspects which are currently stretched on other projects. Also the uncertainty of such a large project from scratch. Agreed it was beyond our resources, and we should decline.

David said he was still negotiating with a supplier over the new shirts. Peter said David should check with Jill Hamilton of RC Terrigal for a tablecloth supplier.

Joe asked Clive whether the Golf Day at Wyong GC at end of April was still taking place, and Clive said he would check, but thought the Clubhouse and visiting golfers were still subject to Restrictions.

Kathleen said that we had an excellent response to our projects on Facebook.

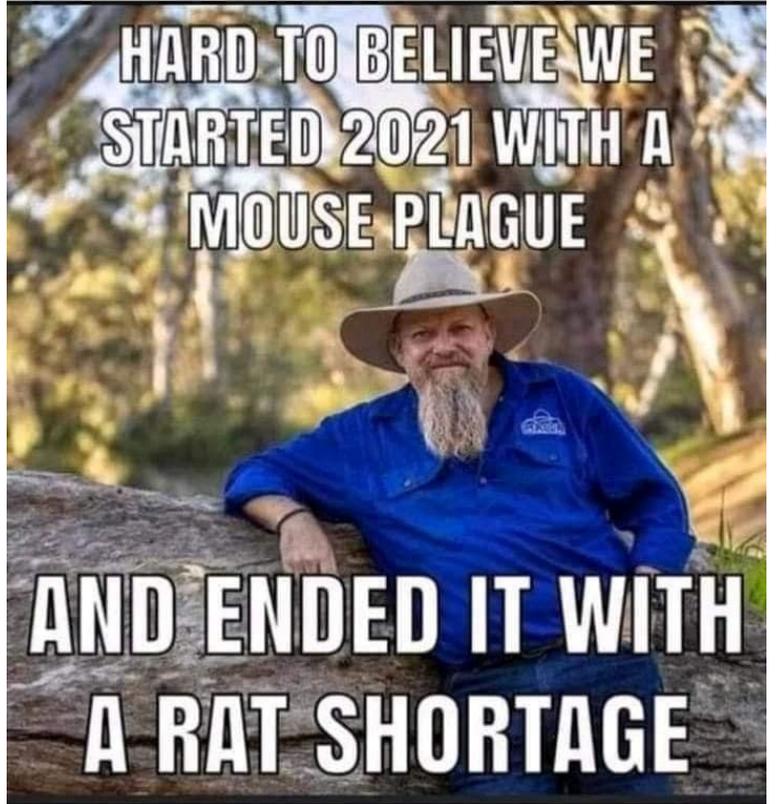




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THE FOUR-WAY TEST
of the things we think, say or do

- I. Is it the TRUTH?
- II. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- III. Will it build **GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- IV. Will it be **BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**



Upcoming Program

AS At 18/01/2022

January			2022	
23rd	Sun	Bunnings BBQ		Tuggerah
25th	Tues	Social Night Sue and Gordon's	Please RSVP directly	Erina
February			2022	
1st	Tues	Liesl Tesch	Joint With RC Wyong	Mingara
5th-6th	Sat-Sun	Summer RYPEN	2 Candidates	Narrabeen
6th	Sat	Spin & Win	Raffle Tickets	Bateau Bay
8th	Tues	Board Meeting		Zoom
15th	Tues	Speaker TBA		Mingara Board Rm
20th	Sat	Spin & Win	Raffle Tickets	Bateau Bay
22nd	Tues	Social Night	??????	????
March			2022	
1st	Tues	Speaker		Mingara Board Rm
5th	Sat	Spin & Win	Raffle Tickets	Bateau Bay
8th	Tues	Board Meeting		Zoom
19th	Sat	Spin & Win	Raffle Tickets	Bateau Bay
15th	Tues	Speaker		Mingara Board Rm
22nd	Tues	Social Night	??????	????
29th	Tues	TBA		Mingara Board Rm

Speaker Reports for the Pelican News So that the job of reporting on our speakers can be shared around, we will be having a roster . As a guide perhaps 250 — 600

words. Please advise if you are unable to do your allocated time.

1st February — Robin



More Random Acts of Kindness Bags!

Rotary The Entrance is pleased to be able to support the HoTS Team (Coast and Country Primary Care Health on the Streets) with these bags every few months. Rotarian Don shops around for the items and makes up these bags 40 at a time for HoTS to give to people. Last year they were being used to encourage people to go for their Covid vaccination.

We are being assisted in this by a grant from the Rotary District, and we aim to keep the cost of 40 bags to about \$250.

This lot were given this week.

- 2 wood folks 2 serviette in a bag.
- 1 ring pull can spaghetti
- 1 ring pull can of Baked Beans
- 1 packet Chocolate Biscuits
- 3 Protein Bars
- 2 small chocolates.



JOE'S CORNER!

Donations the week before Christmas

Wamboral Fruit Market - once again donated a big box of fruit and veggies. This went to The Entrance Food Hub.



Thanks Adrian and Karen for your generosity.

La Carta Café and Art Gallery – once again donated 30 pasta dishes. These went to Wyong and Bateau Bay Neighborhood Centres and Wyong Vinnies. Thanks again Silvana for your generosity.



Scicluna Kitchen – donated sandwiches and Breadrolls. These went to The Entrance, Wyong and Bateau Bay Neighborhood Centres.



Forest Fruit Market 300 Main Rd Toukley

<https://www.facebook.com/forestfruitmarket/>

Fruit vegetable and flower store with Affordable price tag.

Donated 2 full boxes of fruit, veggies and eggs.

I gave these to The Entrance Hub and The Entrance Community Centre. Thanks, Terry, for your generosity.



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