



# The Pelican News

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## From the President's Desk

Welcome to the newsletter for the end of September. Time is flying, the year is moving quickly, the days are longer, weather warmer and by now, the football finals have been played and a season winner crowned. By all accounts, this month has been a busy one for the club with many activities and events.

The community raffle is now in full swing, thank you for all the effort by David and Dianne. A lot of organizations some new, some old, have been contacted, and arrangements made for the distribution of tickets, ready to start selling.

Events for the month included the busking competition, a joint venture between Rotary clubs and in terms of a community event, was a huge success. After a wet day on Saturday, Sunday turned out to be a beautiful sunny day, for a large number of people to turn out to enjoy some of the performances from the many talented buskers. Well done to all the event winners.

To add to this for the month was the Youth night, good attendance by a number of guests, members and speakers. It was informative evening and great to hear from DGE Christine Owen, Joey our outbound exchange student on his processes so far, Becky Trott about her travels and experiences as an exchange student and last but not least Club member Kathleen Trott, as a parent to send a child overseas for a year. Thank you to all involved.

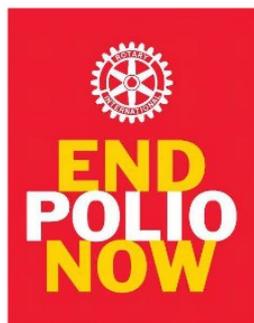
Joe over the month, continued with the food donations showing there is still a need and demand in the community for this service. As well, we also had a number of SAW raffles at Bateau Bay shopping Centre, with mixed uptake to the number of raffles presented and a Bunnings BBQ were a record number of sausage and bread were sold making for a great day out in terms of fund raising.

On the social side, this month was a visit to a new venue/restaurant in the Lime restaurant at the Entrance, for an enjoyable meal and good turn out by club members and guests.

'Til next newsletter, as always, stay safe and well.

Regards

*John*



On 20th September the club had a Youth night, so members had a better understanding of the Youth Exchange program and our commitments. And so that we could have an opportunity to hear Joey speak, and so he could interact with our members. **Speakers were:**

**Christine Owen DGE**

Christine is past president of Rotary Club of Kincumber, and spent 3 years as a member of District 9685 Youth Exchange Committee, as Central Coast youth Exchange Coordinator, supporting students (Becky is one of them) in the lead up – to, during and post exchange. She took us through the stages of applying for and going on Youth Exchange, and reminded us of our responsibilities as a club, and some of the parents’ responsibilities as well.



make more effort to get to know many of the other exchange students. She happily answered questions from those present.

**Patents Perspective—Kathleen Trott Youth Director**

As parents and looking back on Becky going on Youth Exchange, I discussed the highs and the lows. Missing your child like crazy and being worried about them is an understatement but they are well looked after.

Technology of today is fabulous with emails and face time or Skype.

It’s recommended not to engage in communication for the first 6-8 weeks as this there is so much going on for the student and this could cause them to be more homesick and ruin their experience. The exchange student needs time to settle in with their new family, culture, surroundings and inhale all the new experiences one step at a time.



Becky lived and studied abroad in Finland for 12 months with 3 different families.

It was a unique opportunity to experience. Making life-long friendships with the families and other students from all over the world, Gain independence, visit different countries (actually 10 new countries) while they learn about themselves and experience the culture, language and new people.

The opportunity of a lifetime. ...

Where the student leaves at the age of 15 and returns as a 25 year old, more mature and knowledgeable.

This was a fantastic night and Rotary The Entrance are looking at organising another Youth night like this, when Joey returns. We can’t wait to hear all about his experience in Brazil!

***Kathleen Trott***



**Sue and John Wakefield** Sent their apologies.

Sue and John are Co-chairs at the district 9685 youth exchange committee since 2020. They haven’t had an easy start due to COVID putting a stop on Youth Exchange.

Sue and John are now looking after Joey and preparing him for youth exchange in 2023.

**Joey**

Joey discussed the process he has had to go through to be accepted as a Rotary exchange student for 2023 he talked about his goals for 2023 to 2024.

He showed us where in Brazil he is going, the school he will be attending and his new host family, which he has been in contact with.

We are very happy to be sponsoring this young man to go on Youth Exchange.



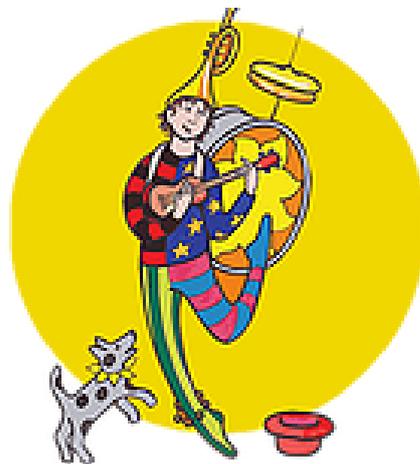
**Becky Trott**

Rotary The Entrance sponsored Becky to go on Youth exchange in 2019 - 2020. She left at the age of 15, to complete her year 10 studies for 12 months in Finland.

Becky spoke of some of the highlights of her year, and her relationships with her host families. She spoke of some of the trips she went on through her year away, and her regrets that she didn’t

# Busking Competition

## Regional Heats of the Australian Busking Championships



**Sunday 26th was promised to be a lovely day and it delivered.** We had 14 buskers entered, and they started busking in half hour sets at 9:30am. Busking stations were spread around the Waterfront Plaza and up The Entrance Road, making music and attracting crowds.



Every busker performed 4 sets, and they moved around so each station had up to 8 performers throughout the morning and early afternoon. The judges were Allan Spencer, the founder of the Busking Festivals, and our 2 local judges were Rhia Norcott and Dean Weston. We extend our thanks to them for giving up their day to lend us their knowledge and experience.



We had a fantastic turnout of volunteers from both Erina and The Entrance Rotary Clubs and the pile of balloons which were rapidly inflated was a testament to the enthusiasm at the start of the day. Our volunteers were assisting at busking stations and selling voting tokens, keeping track of competitors and answering questions from the public.



Then of course there was counting up the tokens to determine the popular People's Choice Award, and organising the final concert and presentations, ably presided over by Peter Ward.

In particular, we were excited to welcome additional volunteers from our good friends, The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook, who brought a carload of members up to help us out. We hope they enjoyed their day, as both local clubs were very grateful for the extra support. They also made a donation to help us along with the project, which will go towards some of the costs of the day. **THANK YOU VERY MUCH!**



Sponsors of the prizes are acknowledged further down, and we need to thank Allan Spencer in particular for coming all the way from Cooma to show us the ropes and participate in the judging. As he said, the busking competition is a Win Win Win—it gives the buskers somewhere to perform, it gives the community an opportunity for a great day out while showcasing their town, and it gives Rotary an opportunity to make a little money to feed back into the community in other areas.





We were pleased to see such an outstanding pool of talent on the Central Coast—music and entertainment is alive and well. We hope that they enjoyed their day also, and that if we decide make this an annual event, that they might roll up again. Thank you all for your participation.



No project of this size just happens. There has been a busy group of Rotarians from both clubs pulling this together for some months now. Regular working group meetings have eaten into home time, and the challenges of doing something new have not always been easy. We owe a vote of thanks to this group.

But without the support of the whole of both Rotary Clubs, and in particular the volunteers who turned up on the day not sure what to expect, you are all to be applauded! Thank you to all!



ABOVE: Winners of the over 18 section  
The James Brothers





## **IN APPRECIATION**

We sincerely thank the sponsors who have supported us in supplying prizes for our upcoming Busking Competition.

They are:

Lollies N Sweets

Kuoch Chemist

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Garth Morgan - Julie Morgan Encouragement Award

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## More Bags of Kindness

On Friday 8th September Don passed over another 40 bags to Joel Smeaton, of the HoTS Team. His note of thanks is in part copied below:

*“The **Bags of Kindness** that Rotary regularly donate to our Health on the Streets clients are always much appreciated, and very practical.*

*There are many instances where we assist our clients to attain some temporary accommodation, and they do not have any food to take with them to this accommodation before they receive their next Centrelink benefit. In particular when it is late in the day, and we are unable to access emergency food from a neighbourhood centre, the Bags of Kindness are the difference between the client having anything to eat or not, before we are able to attain alternate food options the next day.”*

**Joel Smeaton**



**Rotary** 

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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?

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month 




*Australia’s second largest telco has responded to a massive data breach, advising customers to update their password, move house, change names and take on a new identity. “We’re hopeful that this cyber attack won’t amount to anything, but to be on the safe side we do suggest anyone who has been an Optus customer since 2017 change their name, gender, address and birthday,” Optus CEO Kelly Bayer Rosmarin said in a video message. She advised to follow the normal identity protocols when updating details. “We suggest you choose a name and gender that you haven’t used in the past 12 months. Your new name should be at least eight characters long and include at least one number and upper-case letter”.*

The best thing about being over 50?



We did all our stupid stuff  
before the invention of the internet,  
so there's no proof!



## SNIPPETS FROM THE BOARD MEETING HELD 13TH SEPTEMBER

**Warriors Path Martial Arts and Life Skills Programme** - funding has been denied and Calvin is perusing other options. **HoTS District Grant** Application has been approved. ECG type to be confirmed (Cost estimate is \$4,300).

Julie sought permission sought to purchase **two more Squares** at an estimate of \$59 each to be available for the busking competition and to be kept by the convenors of Bunnings and SAW, as well as the treasurer. Permission sought to purchase gazebo weights at an estimate of \$40.

Our club received **official recognition from NSW Parliament** via Mr David Mehan (MP for The Entrance) of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and 50 years of service to the local community, as sighted in the Legislative Assembly Hansard (21<sup>st</sup> June 2022).

**Busking Competition** – A second visit made to businesses at The Entrance and the response has continued to be positive. All administrative work has either been completed or is being finalised. St John's Ambulance have been engaged for the event. Greg has been promoting the event to all media outlets in the local area. Peter to collect details of club members able to help on the day.

**Community Raffle** – Raffle tickets have been collected. Eight applications have so far been submitted.

**Youth night** at Mingara on 20<sup>th</sup> is expected in the Tasman Room. 4 students are coming to the District from Brazil and

more from Europe later in the year. Not only will hosting families be sought, but we need to get involved as a Hosting Club.

**Membership** Greg, Anthea and Calvin are likely to join. Paul is a potential future applicant. A discussion was had around updating the membership application form. New applications should be sent to Louise (Secretary), who will forward to members for comment. After seven days, approval will be sought from all members at the next planned meeting.

Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> – **Bunnings Community Evening**. Games were conducted last year. A similar event is proposed for this year. 5 **Spin and Win** sessions are left for this calendar year. The new pricing of \$3 per ticket will start in October. It is likely that two or three of these sessions will be selling community raffle tickets. Kathleen proposed getting vouchers from local businesses for \$40 vouchers for the 2023 Spin and Wins. This will be considered and discussed further, at a later date.

Coast and Country Primary Care **Art Show Sponsorship**. The show will take part from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> October. Our club are sponsors and we are all encouraged to participate.

**Social night** – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September, Lime Mexican, The Entrance. **Social meeting proposed** by Clive for October, which will be a wine tasting at the Lakehouse Restaurant, The Entrance.

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tomorrow



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# Upcoming Program

October			2022	
1st	Sat	Spin & Win	Meat Tray	Bateau Bay
1st -2nd	Sat-Sun	Issue Raffle Tickets	Foyer Mingara	12 noon to 4 pm
4th	Tues	TBA		Mingara Boardroom
8th-9th	Sat-Sun	Issue Raffle Tickets	Foyer Mingara	12 noon to 4 pm
9th	Sun	Mental Health Art Works!	Awards Night	5-7pm
11th	Tues	Board Meeting		Zoom
15th	Sat	Spin & Win	Meat Tray	Bateau Bay
18th	Tues	Social Night	??????	Mingara Boardroom
23rd	Sun	CC KiN Bunnings BBQ	Cooks needed	Tuggerah
25th	Tues	TBA		
28-30		Grandparents Raising Grandkids	Sunday BBQ	Point Wollstonecraft S&Rec

**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 day.

**4th October — any volunteers?**

The Rotary Club of The Entrance sincerely thanks our sponsors and partners, appearing throughout this Bulletin.



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