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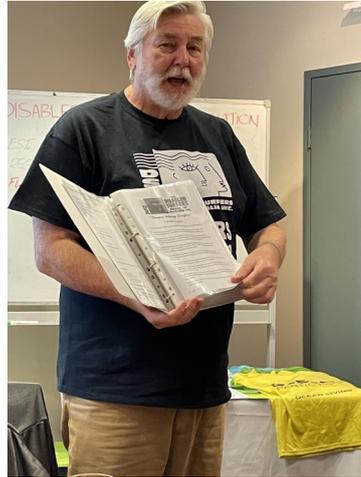


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Disabled Surfers Association of Australia



Gary Blaschke - 1st November

Gary was introduced by David, as they have served together on the Camp Breakaway Committee. Gary is the founder of the Disabled Surfers Association which aims for everyone to have a safe and amazing experience helping disabled people enjoy the surf! Their catchphrase is "Putting Smiles on Dials"

They are proud that they can help people with almost any disability—from injured people to blind people to ventilated quadriplegics. All members of the organisation have been carefully trained in the difficulties of being disabled, so that they can learn to interact effectively with the surfers, with compassion and understanding.

On the beach, the levels of training are clearly visible. All volunteers wear a bright blue shirt—they have some training before they are allowed to help. Participants wear yellow, so they can be clearly identified. Primary care givers wear a different blue, as they often wish to go too, but may be called on to assist their charge as well.



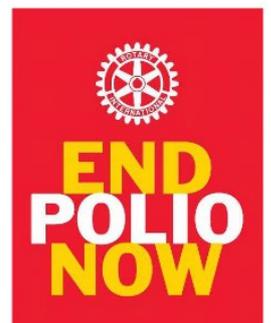
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NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH



Stopping Abuse in Families Everywhere





There are three clearly documented levels of training from there. Beach Marshalls wear green, and direct people to and from the area of the beach. And the important people are those in red shirts. They are the team leaders, fully trained and experienced surfers who know how to read the waves.

Safety is the primary concern. Beaches are carefully chosen not only for access but also for mild waves. Toowoomb Bay was the original beach used on the coast, but now they are using Umina, which is well protected in most weather. To take a disabled surfer into the water, there is a minimum requirement of 6:1 volunteers, and often as many as 20 people involved with a single surfer. For the hardest cases, it could be 30:1.



Every person with Disabled Surfing is a volunteer. They have no employed staff, and yet they have no difficulty finding volunteers. They put out the call, and people come along because everyone has fun. Gary ran a film showing a typical day at the beach, and the volunteers were of all ages—down to about 10.

Gary founded this organisation 37 years ago, after a motorcycle accident which he was told would stop him from surfing. In working out how to get back in the water, he also realised how many others would like to join him.

Gary has been instrumental in developing wheelchairs to enable access not only to the beach and water, but also to the bush. They needed to have good brakes, they need to be able to lie flat, and need to



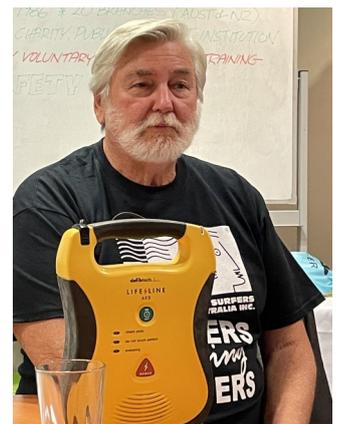
accommodate balloon tyres for beach and water access. They have even designed a sling which lies on the chair with handles for lifting the person—he calls it the “Surf and Turf”!

Gary has been approached by government departments as a consultant on disabilities, because of his experience across the full range of problems. He has not sought government funding, as memberships and sponsorships supply the funds needed.

He has also used his experience to organise building a beach access ramp at Lakes Beach, so it is possible for people in a chair to go over the dunes. He put it out that he needed tradies to assist in building, and he had 70 turn up on the day.

In all this time there has never been an accident—Lloyds of London have now given DSA a 50% discount on their premiums. And they have their own defibrillators, which they are taught to use in Level 3 training.

Gary is a great speaker, who demonstrated that it is possible to do amazing things if you put your mind to it.



Grandparents raising Grandchildren

Half of the profits from Sales of Christmas Trees from all six Rotary Clubs taking part each year go to “Grandparents Raising Grandchildren” (GrG).

So when our club received an invitation to send members to assist with a BBQ at a GRG camp at the Sports and Recreation Camp at Point Wolstoncroft, near Gwandalan it seemed like an ideal opportunity to help but also to find out a bit more about them.

Don Cannings and I went to Pt Wolstoncroft at 10 am last Sunday. We were joined by Rotarians & partners from Kariong Somersby & Woy Woy , two of the clubs that had started the Christmas Tree Sales some 12 years ago. We arrived in time to observe & partake in morning tea & had plenty of time to chat to some of the other Rotarians , Greg Groppenheimer & Max Pittolo from Kariong and Don & Susan Tee from Woy Woy . We discovered that the Camp lasted for the weekend, was run by Dept of Sports and Recreation who provided activity leaders & that this year there were about



80 Grandparents & Grandchildren in attendance. The grand-kids had taken part in a range of activities which included canoeing, archery , football, & tennis and quieter activities such as craft & quizzes . For the grandparents it was a chance to relax a bit and talk to the other grandparents and Camp Counsellors.

At 11.45 we went to the BBQ area adjacent to a spacious indoor building which included a huge kitchen & serving area & a large dining hall. The kitchen supervisor said that two school groups had booked for the following week and that would involve catering for 180 kids for most meals and 360 for Wed lunch! We cooked and served Snags, Rissoles and Chicken skewers & the camp attendees and their grand parents and the sports & rec staff helped themselves to bread & salads. After service we fed ourselves & I sat down



next to one of the grandmothers. This is her story although Jan is not her real name.

Jan has been looking after 6 grandchildren after their father walked out and the family moved in with her. Then one day her daughter, who had mental health (and I suspect drug) issues left and never came back. Jan’s husband had died and she struggled to bring the first 3 grandchildren to adulthood. She now has just the younger three at home a 6, 7 & 10 year old. She is now in her late sixties and suffers from arthritis. The ten year old came to sit with us with a sausage sambo in his hand . He is obviously very fond of his grandma but after a while was called away by a younger brother. Jan said that he has had a brain tumour but that it has been removed & he is in remission. They have recently been told that he is only required to go annually back to the specialist which is really encouraging. Jan tells me that Rotary are wonderful and that the help from GrG is really appreciated. The annual Camp is a great break from normal day to day activity , the kids really enjoy the outdoor activities & it gives her a chance to catch up with other grandparents she has not seen so often over the period of the Covid restrictions. It came out in conversation that she was a teacher before she retired.

I discussed her situation with Don , who has worked in disabilities and aged care, & we agreed that she had had a hard life & one which was likely to get more difficult over the next 10 years especially if her arthritis got worse. I pondered how many grandparents found themselves in this situation. Don said that with drugs remaining a problem on the Coast, that there would always be some young adults whose dependence on drugs made them unwilling or unable to properly look after their kids and that Grandparents who were willing and able to accept the physical, emotional &

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Joe Scicluna 15th Nov

Grandparents raising Grandchildren Cont:

financial challenges would take over responsibility for raising them rather than see them taken in to care. If groups like Grandparents raising Grandchildren can supply support to this dedicated band of Carers then they in turn deserve the financial support that Rotary can give them.

Clive Denmark Thursday 3rd November



Wine Tasting at The Lake House 29th October—Social outing

A beautiful Saturday afternoon was spent spoiling ourselves, telling tall stories and tasting Hunter Valley wine on the last weekend in October.

The wine festival was put on by Shaun to encourage people to get out and about again. We very much enjoyed the singing which ran through many old favourites, and the wineries were delighted to tell us about the characteristics of each of their wines while we pretended to be experts.

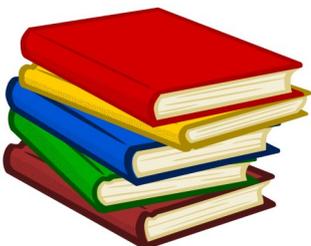
We think that being a Rotarian means we should be supporting our local area where possible. This day was a great example of the fun we can have whilst doing “our duty”.

Thank you Clive for organising our attendance!



BOOK SALE

...over 9,000 books – fiction, crime, mystery, children’s books, plus much more, as well as cooking, self-help, military, gardening, puzzles....



12th and 13th November 2022
8am – 4pm at
The Scout Hall
Cnr Terrigal Drive and
Willoughby Rd. Terrigal.



Aunty Molly's Seniors' Entertainment Events Davistown RSL Club

19 Murna Road, Davistown

Join us on **THURSDAY 8th DECEMBER**
for our **2022 YULETIDE CELEBRATIONS**

“Christmas Crackers”



Spend a little time taking in the beautiful vista whilst enjoying morning tea and biscuits from 11am and drinks at club prices. As always, it'll be a real festive occasion hosted by comedy entertainer & host **TONI STEVENS** with very special guest the multi-talented, multi award winning showman

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With many show biz awards under his belt, we are thrilled to welcome this amazing entertainer with his unique musical and vocal talents and his exciting show full of fun! Don't miss it!!



Also included is a delicious traditional two course Christmas lunch, unlimited Tea & Coffee with all the usual trimmings plus lots of entertainment (Special Dietary meals must be pre-ordered)

All this for only \$50.00 pp

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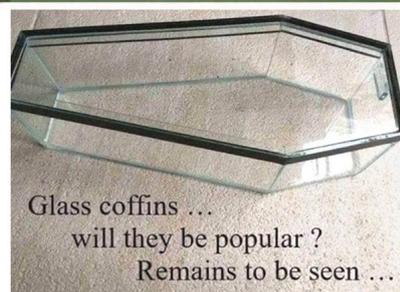
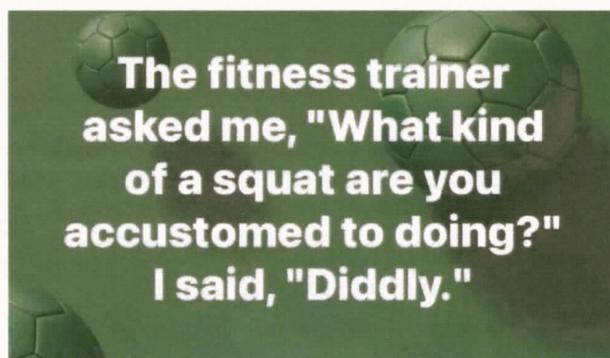
Mail: PO Box 220, Morisset 2264 NSW Email: info@auntymollys.com.au

Please note: A deposit of \$10.00pp deposit is payable to confirm your booking with the final numbers and balance being due 14 days prior to the event

Also please note that this is a private function, not a club event, therefore all enquiries and bookings **must** be made through the above number or by email



Tricia from the Humour Foundation advises that she will be at the above fundraiser raising funds for Clown Doctors, and that she will also be at Mingara on Thursday 17th November selling items and our Raffle Tickets! Any one able to show up and support her would be welcome!




Combined Christmas Party

of
**The Rotary Clubs
of Erina & The Entrance**

Venue: Bay Café 141-143 Bay Road, Toowoan Bay NSW
Date: Wednesday 14th December 2022 6:30 for 7:00 pm
Cost: Two Courses \$48.00/head

BYO (wine only)
BYO corkage charge \$2.00 per person

Pick from menu (see email) :

- Entrée and Main or
- Main and Dessert

Kris Kringle

As donated Christmas gifts are usually suitable for pre-teens, in keeping with previous years, guests are requested to bring per couple:

- Two \$10 gifts suitable for a teenager or
- A single gift value \$20

Gifts are to be marked as to sex and suitable age

RSVP with payment by 30th November 2022 to:

Club account Bendigo Bank 633 000 a/c 168103455 Identify with surname and Party
Advise David waterhoused@bigpond.com 0450 068 887

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2022
CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

SATURDAY 3 DEC SUNDAY 4 DEC
SATURDAY 10 DEC SUNDAY 11 DEC

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LOCATIONS

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| LISAROW | PRIMWEST LISAROW PLAZA - PARSONS ROAD |
| TERRIGAL | ROTARY PARK - TERRIGAL DRIVE |
| LAKEHAVEN | BUNNINGS - CNR CHELMSFORD ROAD & PACIFIC HWY |
| WEST GOSFORD | ANACONDA PARKING LOT |
| GREEN POINT | GREEN POINT CHRISTIAN COLLEGE |
| BATEAU BAY | BATEAU BAY GOLF RANGE - THE ENTRANCE RD |
| TUMBI UMBI | MINGARA RECREATION CLUB - 12 MINGARA DRIVE |
| WOY WOI | RAILWAY COMMUTER CAR PARK |

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Upcoming Program:

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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?

November		2022	
12th	Sat	Bunnings BBQ	Tuggerah
15th	Tues	DG Visit	Mingara
19th	Sat	Spin & Win - HAM	Bateau Bay
22nd	Tues	Social Night	????
24th	Thurs	Raffle tickets	Lakeside
29th	Tues	Climate future	Richard Weller—Mingara
December		2022	
2nd	Fri	Christmas Trees	Pickup
3rd & 4th	Sat-Sun	Christmas Trees	Mingara
6th	Tues	AGM	Mingara Boardroom
9th	Fri	Christmas Trees	Pickup
10 - 11th	Sat-Sun	Christmas Trees	Mingara
14th	Wed	Christmas Party	With Erina TBA
20th	Tues	No Meeting	
27th	Tues	No Meeting	

Speaker Reports for the Pelican News So that the job of reporting on our speakers can be shared around, we have a roster . As a guide perhaps 250 — 600 words. **Please advise if you are unable to do your allocated day.**

15th November — Greg

*Bakers
Delight*

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