



The Pelican News

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Meetings are held on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays (and 5th) at the Mingara Club at 6:00 for 6:30 Board meetings on the 2nd Tuesdays and social nights on the 4th.

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Secretary's Report AGM Tuesday 6th December 2022

The Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday 6th December for our ever-increasing club, which is lovely to see. Despite a few illnesses and key absences, approximately 20 people were in attendance.

We warmly welcome the return of Gordon Crawford as our President for the next Rotary year ('23 / '24). It is also a pleasure to welcome newcomer Greg Maloney to the board. President Gordon will be confirming exact board positions in due course. It is encouraging to see that many of the directors from this year are happy to continue and build upon their existing responsibilities.

While all the Christmas orientated activities continue (selling Christmas Trees, collecting presents for Children in Need, taking part in the Bunnings Christmas Community event and wrapping presents for donations at Westfield Tuggerah) at the end of the calendar year, we are reminded to look to the future. A more detailed planning meeting is to take place in January 2023. Please come along with all your great ideas for the new year!

In the meantime, have a very Merry Christmas All!

Louise Paul



Rotary

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?

Christmas Trees Again!

Christmas Tree sales were once again set down for the first two weekends of December. We were prepared for this, until on Thursday night before the first weekend we were told that the trees would not be coming as the truck had become bogged in the forest whilst collecting the trees.

We tried all methods to advise the public that the trees were unavailable, including social media, radio and signage. Our valiant members waited at the sales site on both Saturday and Sunday morning that weekend, to tell the public that there were no trees, and apologise for their disappointment. Everyone was very understanding, and most assured us that they would return the following weekend.



THE 6am LINEUP!

The second Saturday we arrived with the trees at exactly 6am ready to unload and set up the site ready for selling at 7am, and there was already a line up of people waiting at the gate—perhaps fifteen! They were in good spirits, and



several of them assisted in unloading which was very welcome!

The standard of the trees was superior to those we had received last year, including some quite massive and heavy trees. Over the weekend we sold 101 trees, 60 of which were standard trees, selling at \$110 and the rest were bigger and sold for up to \$160. The bigger trees were in high demand!

Congratulations to Joe and the team for rising to the occasion and providing a lovely experience for the families who came along to choose a tree. Everyone was happy, and club members and helpers were assisting with carrying trees to cars and by holding up trees so the public could assess their visual properties! No-one complained about waiting in line, which was very helpful for the Rotarians who were trying to process their payments.

A great experience all round!

Joan Ducarme

Rotary Exchange Student to Brazil

2023

Things are becoming very exciting for Joan Ducarme as he leaves next month to travel to Brazil for a year with Rotary Youth Exchange. We are delighted to be his sponsoring club, and invited him along after our AGM last week to formally accept his blazer from us.

Joey was accompanied by his family, as well as Barry Starr, Zone Co-ordinator, and Christine Owens, DGE and past member of the Youth Exchange Committee.

Joey took the opportunity to address the club again, and we wish him a fun Christmas with his family, and then a safe and successful exchange. We look forward to hearing from him regularly, and to learning through both him and our inbound student Rafael much about Brazil.

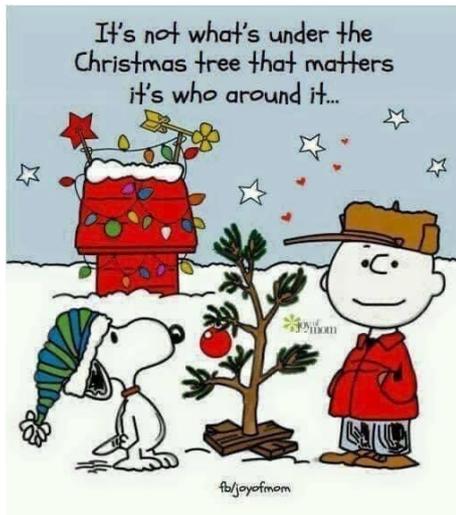


On 19th November Joey and the other outbound exchange students attended a district briefing from 9am - 5pm, receiving his blazer from the District and much more exciting news for next year. He presented a speech on advice he had received in the past 6 months from Rotary. They also did some martial arts to be taught how to do a little self defence. They were shown their plane tickets that are booked, leaving on the 22nd of January at 10pm.

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Bon Voyage, Joan!



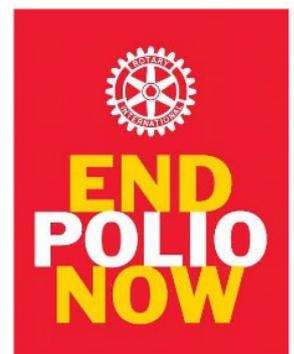
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Stopping
Abuse in
Families
Everywhere

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16th December 2022



Bunnings Christmas Family Night

We were invited to help at the Christmas event, held at Bunnings on 5th December from 6pm. Clive headed up the team with the able assistance of Anthea, Kathleen and Louise. There were a variety of non for profit organisations there, including us assisting or supervising kids doing an activity.

The aim was to help with running some games for the children, and we were allowed to sell our raffle tickets throughout the proceedings, and we given a voucher at the end of the night for helping.

There were three different activities for the kids to enjoy.

There was a station set up for the kids to make large bubbles - even some of the adults had fun with this activity. The kids wrote letters to Santa and posted them in the letterbox, and they could colour in a large gingerbread house.

It was a little windy at the beginning of the night and the wind and soft cardboard made it hard to construct the colouring-in ginger bread house, in the end Louise and I got it all up and ready for the kids - the kids had fun colouring it in.

Santa attended and there was also a band playing Christmas music.

There were 5 books of tickets sold, as well as taking some donations.



Christmas Toys

Once again **Ray White at Berkeley Vale** came on board to help us collect presents for children on the Central Coast for Christmas. The community served by this business are very generous, and they have run out of room under their Christmas Tree!

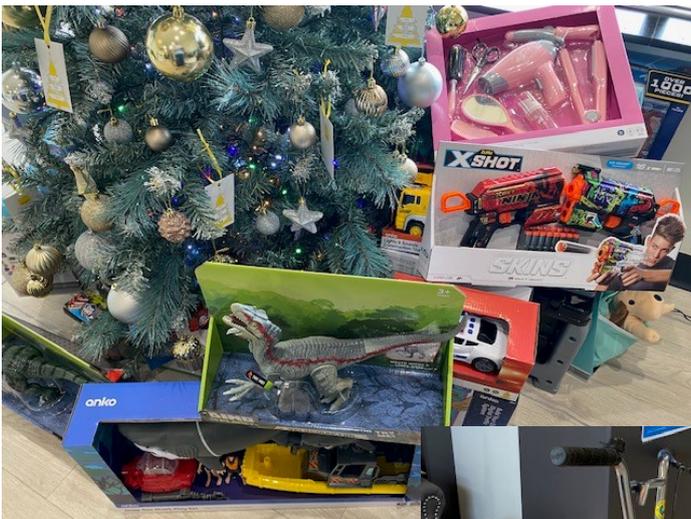
When Louise visited this week, there were presents everywhere!

These donations, as well as donations from our members and those of the Rotary Club of Erina, will be delivered to charities in need on Thursday.

Most gifts donated are for younger children, but the club, with assistance from **Harcourts Coast and Valley** at Bateau Bay, will be purchasing movie tickets and other vouchers for teenagers, so no-one in the community should miss out.



Rotarians Clive, Don and David with Ray White Berkeley Vale Principle, Ian Boyle





Christmas Party 14th December

The Christmas Party was held once again with the Erina Club, this year at The Bay Café in Toowoomb Bay. The food was excellent and the venue was very accommodating.

About 30 people gathered to welcome in the Christmas season, many wearing their brightest Christmas shirts! Monica and David did a great job bringing the evening together, and we were surprised by our take home package of John's fruitcake which was a lovely gesture, and tasted great with my morning coffee!

President Mark of Erina spoke of the tradition of celebrating Christmas together, and of our joint project this year.

Monica took the floor to quiz us on our knowledge of chocolate, and Peter presented a story of the woman who needed a WC. Not a story fit for The Pelican! We had a great night of fun, laughter, and tall stories.





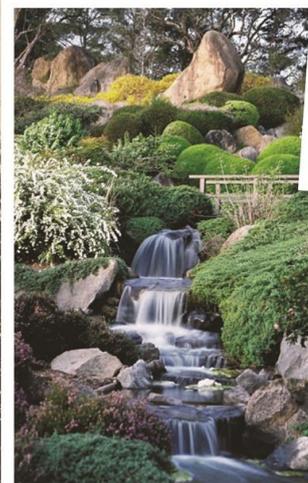
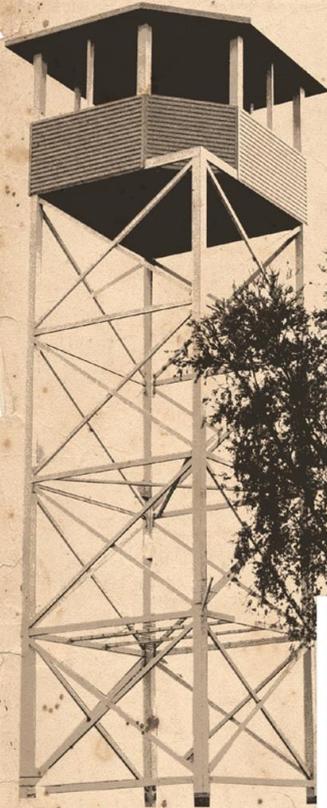
More HoTS Bags!

I would like to thank Karen Millen. Due to the fact that I was confined with Covid Karen did the shopping and then helped me bag the load. Joel will pick them upon his way to work tomorrow morning.

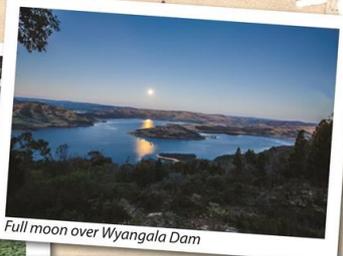
Don Cannings

District Conference: Early Bird fees end on 31.12.2022

COWRA BREAKOUT



Japanese Garden



Full moon over Wyangala Dam



The region is renowned for its boutique wineries

Photo: Destination NSW



Australian World Peace Bell



Vast fields of canola

**District 9685 Annual Conference
17-19 March 2023**

**Relax.
Refresh.
Refocus.**

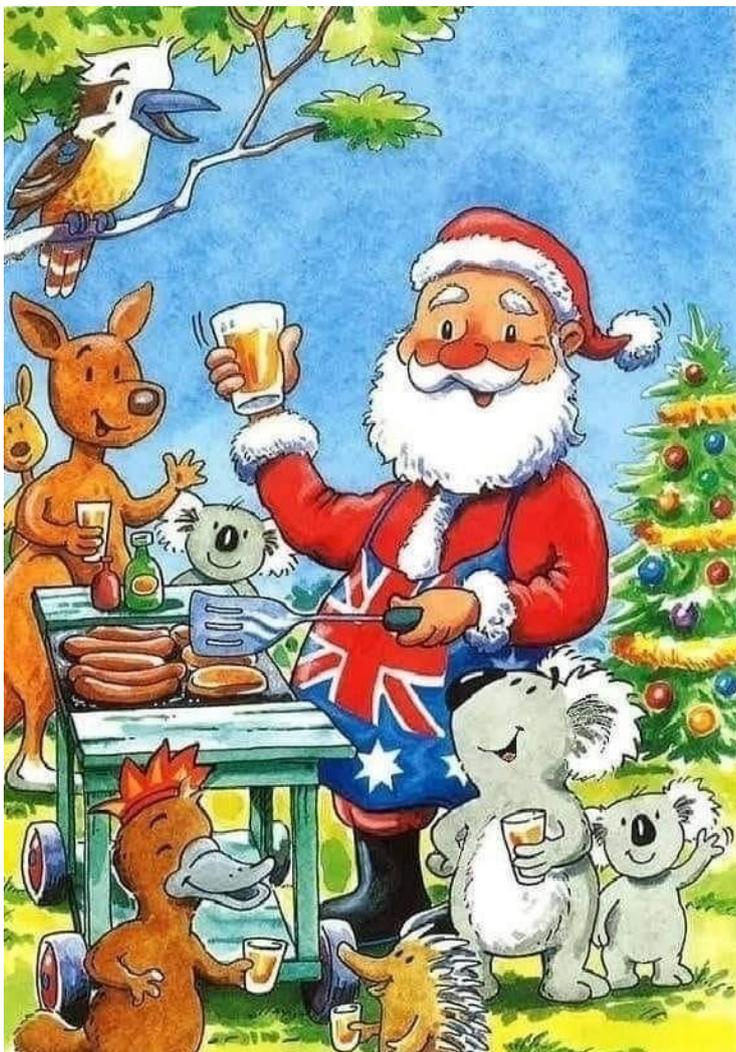




Merry Christmas

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

To our community, and in particular our sponsors, supporters and friends.





THAT'S GREAT, BUT I WANTED
A **SELF DRIVING CAR.**



Upcoming Program:

January		2023	
Sun 1st	Bunnings BBQ		Tuggerah
Tues 3rd	No Meeting		
Sat 7th	Spin & Win		Bateau Bay
Tues 10th	Board Meeting	Zoom	
Tues 17th	Greg Maloney		Mingara
Sat 21st	Spin & Win		Sydney Airport
Sun 22nd	Joey departs for Brazil		Bateau Bay
Tues 24th	Social Night		???
Wed 25th	Rafael arrives		Sydney Airport
Tues 31st	Rafael Introduction		Mingara
February		2023	
Sat 4th	Spin & Win		Bateau Bay
Sat/Sun 4-5th	Raffle ticket pickup	Foyer	Mingara
Tues 7th	Roger Baker (Mini Club)	Disadvantaged children	Mingara
Sat/Sun 11-12th	Raffle ticket pickup	Foyer	Mingara
Tues 14th	Board Meeting		Zoom
Sat 18th	Spin & Win		Bateau Bay
Tues 21st	Raffle Draw		Mingara
Tues 28th	Social Night		???

*Bakers
Delight*

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