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From the President's Desk

Happy New Year and welcome to the first president's report and newsletter for the 2023. It has been a busy time of the break, a lot to mention.

First off, the date is almost here for our exchange students and while Joey is heading to the airport to depart for Brazil. We would like to wish him safe travels and look forward to him returning in approx. 12 months and hearing all about his adventures. On the other side of the coin, on behalf of our members and club, we warmly welcome Rafael (or Rafa as he prefers to be known) to Australia and especially the Central Coast.

I am sure both Joey and Rafael will make the most of this experience and it will be something that they will have great memories of their time abroad for the rest of their lives.

In club news, the community raffle is close to being complete for another year, as clubs and others are busily selling raffle tickets and fund raising for their organizations. By all accounts this should be a good year and back to pre-covid levels. As part of the raffle, our club has been selling raffle tickets as well, in lieu of the spin and win and to date we have been getting some good results with the number of tickets sold. Thank you to all whose taking part and helping with the selling of tickets.

Two other events worth mentioning pre-Christmas are the wrapping of Christmas presents at Tuggerah, something new for us as a club and the selling of Christmas trees, our second time doing this event. Both were well represented and a good outcome. Thank you to all involved. We also have a Bunnings BBQ next month, a shared event with CC Kids in Need. Again thank you to the members assisting. I am sure it will be a great event.

We have started our meetings back at Mingara to kick off the New Year. First off we inducted new member Paul Mangion into the club (Welcome Paul!) followed by something we hope to repeat often - club members giving a bit of a talk about their lives and who they are etc. Greg Maloney gave us a very interesting and entertaining introduction to start the ball rolling. Thank you Greg.

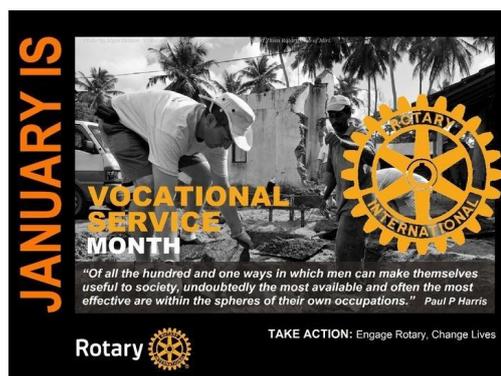
The social night after New Year was a BBQ kindly hosted by Anthony and Kathleen. Thank you to you both. I believe from all those who attended it was a great night.

Last but not least, to our club members - David and Dianne Waterhouse, safe travels as well, as they prepare to leave for yet another trip to Nepal and continuing the Rotary

project over there. We look forward to hearing all about it upon their return.

As always, please stay safe and well. Till next time.

John Bennett



Introducing Captain Greg....

From the opening line of his introductory speech last Tuesday, Greg Maloney had us all captivated! It went something like “Everything I am about to tell you is true—but if it goes outside this room, I will deny it!”

So that’s the end of this report..... Nah just kidding. But having edited out all the things I shouldn’t probably tell you, the report will be brief.

What I can say is that Greg has led an interesting life! It has been shaped by a fascination with air travel, and the acceptance that the dream of being an airline pilot was severely limited by a poor grasp of mathematics and a mortgage.

But where there is a will there is a way. Having filled his early life in Wollongong with panel vans and girls, he found his way into the travel industry by another route as a travel consultant. With this position came many perks of the job—free tickets (because who would trust a travel consultant who hasn’t been everywhere?) So there were stories about being bumped off planes and strange places to sleep—as well as one story which was obviously fictitious (?) about a cruise liner sinking as soon as he and Ros disembarked.

Greg worked for TAA for five years on the road in Southern NSW and made many contacts and learned many things. From there he found positions in



Melbourne and Brisbane, and continued building his career as National Travel Industry Manager for Avis, which involved negotiating with Qantas and Ansett—and travelling first class!

At one stage he managed a hotel in Sydney and met many interesting personalities, and he’s promised to tell us more about them another day! Presumably you’ll need to be there to hear those stories as well!

In 2000 Greg started his own business looking after the sales and marketing of hotels and resorts primarily in the South Pacific, as well as management of industry seminars and events, until Covid hit and tourism was decimated.

By then Greg had initiated the move to the Central Coast, which he believes was a great decision. He loves it that his two kids Lisa (44) and Todd (42) and five grandchildren are around or visiting regularly.

Finally Greg admitted that he is not yet really ready for full retirement, and there still could be another interesting chapter in his life, perhaps involving some event management.

We welcome Greg and Ros to our Rotary family—and very much look forward to his next speaking event at our club!

SNIPPETS FROM THE BOARD MEETING HELD 10TH JANUARY

We did very well in **promoting our name** with activities over the last 6 months, particularly through the Busking competition and the purchase of the ECG machine. John mentioned the **positive feedback** he had received following the well organised Christmas Tree Sales. The 8th April (Easter Saturday) **Bunny Hunt** is to raise a profile as a community activity, not a fund-raising activity. Last year the cost was \$5 per child and will remain the same this year.

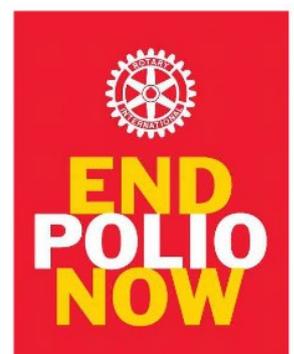
The drawing of the **Community Raffle** will take place at Mingara. As David will be away, Robin has agreed to assist with admin.

The Community Directory is ready and the flyer has been printed. Funding is being sought for the printing of the Directory. The launch will be at Mingara who will give us a room and coffee / biscuits / cakes.

Membership – We currently have 16 full members (and 3 family members) and there are a few potential prospective members in the wings.

Bunnings BBQ on the 1st January was quiet but still earned some useful funds and gained us good will from Bunnings. Dates have been confirmed for the next three months.

Spin and Win - Just over \$100 was earned from the sale of Raffle tickets, for the first weekend of the New Year. A discussion was had that sales at Bateau Bay seem to be tailing off a little, which we will monitor over the coming months. We have permission to continue at Bateau Bay for the next 12 months.



Christmas Toy Collection and Donation

In the last edition before Christmas we reported on the Collection of toys so the report below includes final collections and where the toys and vouchers were distributed.

Thanks to:

- Ray White Berkeley Vale (68) ,
- RayWhite Saratoga (16)
- Anytime Fitness (30)
- Harcourts, Bateau Bay (\$150 for vouchers)

And the members of Erina Rotary Club and Rotary The Entrance who gave the Kris Kringle presents from their Christmas dinner.

We collected a total of over 150 Presents and vouchers (cinema & shop vouchers were given to teenage children.)

The gifts were then distributed by club members to Samaritans Bateau Bay to families in their short term support program and Challenge Fostercare at Tuggerah.



Unusual happenings at The Commonwealth Bank

THE CBA at Bateau Bay Square has some excellent deposit machines. My favourite takes coins, notes and even cheques & gives you a receipt with an analysis of what you have deposited and the ability to give a description.

Its main drawback is that sometimes after a busy weekend the coin deposit gets full. You are also limited to 2 kgs of coins!

On Monday 2nd January (a bank holiday) I went to deposit the takings from our BBQ on New Years Day.

As usual the coin deposit rejected one or two damaged coins & I felt in the tray to retrieve them. Imagine my surprise when I felt the tray was almost full of coins. It took me 12 handfuls to extract them all and put them in my canvas bag. As they had been rejected by the

machine I thought my deposit would also be rejected and I did not want the 2 lots of coins to be mixed up.

In due course mine were rejected too.

I debated whether to put the other coins back but decided to put a note under the bank shutter and take them home.

I took them back in the next day and received a thank you from the bank clerk on duty and then the next day another one from the customer who offered a reward. I suggested he buy a virtual ticket to the pink cricket test and he texted back that he would and that he'd take his mum (a combined donation for breast cancer nurses of \$40, which in total raised over \$3m for that worthy cause over the period of the test match.)

Clive



A very pleasant evening was spent at Kathleen and Anthony's home on Saturday 7th January. An opportunity to catch up on everyone's Christmas doings, and begin the New Year with a social function.

The weather was questionable and certainly not the swimming weather we had hoped for, but we were very comfortable spreading out in the Granny Flat!

Thank you Kathleen and Anthony for your hospitality.

Community Services

Are YOU are experiencing:

Domestic / Family Violence, Poverty, Homelessness, Prejudice, Mental Health Challenges, Bullying, Drug/Alcohol Addiction, Elder Abuse, etc.

Do you NEED SUPPORT but don't know how to find it?

The new **Directory of Community Services – Central Coast** can help you find the support you need in one easy-to-use, comprehensive resource.

All listed services are available on the Central Coast. Full descriptions and contact details are given. Use this Directory to access safe and confidential support.

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Directory of Community Services – Central Coast

- ⊕ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders
- ⊕ Accommodation / Housing
- ⊕ Animal Shelters and Services
- ⊕ Community Meals
- ⊕ Disability Services and Carer Respite
- ⊕ Domestic Violence
- ⊕ Drug & Alcohol Services
- ⊕ Emergency Relief Assistance
- ⊕ Family and Parenting Support
- ⊕ Financial and Gambling Services
- ⊕ Health Services
- ⊕ Helpline / Lifeline
- ⊕ Legal Support
- ⊕ LGBTIQ+
- ⊕ Central Coast Council Libraries
- ⊕ Low-Cost Groceries
- ⊕ Men's Services
- ⊕ Mental Health Services
- ⊕ Migrant and Refugee Services
- ⊕ Police
- ⊕ Op Shops
- ⊕ Seniors
- ⊕ Shower & Laundry Facilities
- ⊕ Veterans' Services
- ⊕ Women's Services
- ⊕ Youth



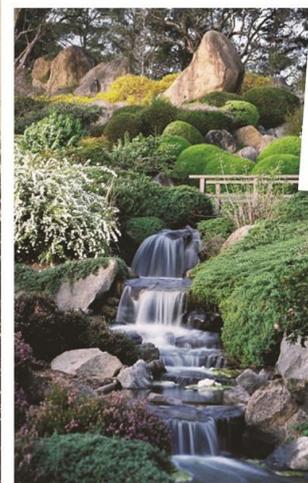
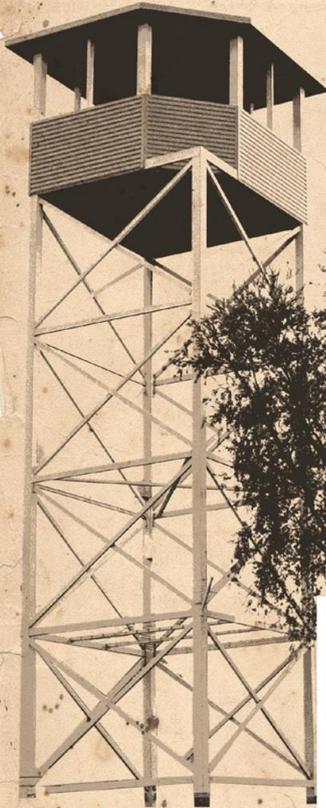
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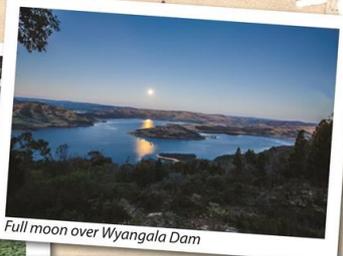
Again we donated another 40 Bags of Kindness to the HoTS Team just before Christmas. As always Donn has spent significant time and energy pulling this all together, but with a bout of Covid during the process we need to acknowledge the work of Friend of Rotary Karen Millen, who did all the shopping and running around. Thank you Karen!



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



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Refresh.
Refocus.**



Upcoming Program:

January			2023	
21st	Sat	Spin & Win		Bateau Bay
22nd	Sun	Joey departs for Brazil		Sydney Airport
22nd	Sun	Bunnings BBQ		Tuggerah
24th	Tues	Social Night	Kings of Punjab	Erina
25th	Wed	Rafael Arrives		Sydney Airport
31st	Tues	Rafael Introduction		Mingara
February			2023	
4th	Sat	Spin & Win		Bateau Bay
4th -5th	Sat/Sun	Raffle ticket pickup	Foyer Mingara	12 noon to 4 pm
5th	Sun	Bunnings BBQ		Tuggerah
7th	Tues	Roger Baker (Mini Club)	Disadvantaged children	Mingara
11th-12th	Sat/Sun	Raffle ticket pickup	Foyer Mingara	12 noon to 4 pm
14th	Tues	Board Meeting	Zoom	
18th	Sat	Spin & Win		Bateau Bay
18th	Sat	Bunnings BBQ	(mini car club)	
21st	Tues	Raffle Draw		Mingara
23rd	Thur	Directory Launch	9:30 AM	Mingara
25th	Tues	Social Night		???
March			2023	
4th	Sat	Spin & Win	Easter Eggs	Bateau Bay
7th	Tues	?Joint meeting Erina +	possible	??
12th	Sun	Bunnings BBQ		Tuggerah
14th	Tues	Board Meeting	Zoom	
17-19	Fri-Sun	Cowra Breakout	District conference	Cowra
18th	Sat	Spin & Win	Easter Eggs	Bateau Bay
21st	Tues	Social Night		???
25th	Tues	Club Speaker TBA		Mingara
April			2023	
1st	Sat	Spin & Win		Bateau Bay
4th	Tues	Speaker TBA		Mingara
7th-10th		Easter		
8th	Sat	Bunny Hunt	9am to 2pm	Long Jetty
11th	Tues	Board Meeting	Zoom	
18th	Tues	Social Night		???
22nd	Sat	Spin & Win		Bateau Bay
25th	Tues	Speaker TBA		Mingara
NB June 27th Club Changeover				

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