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## IMAGINE ROTARY

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

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## From the President's Desk

Welcome the President's part of the newsletter for February, busy, busy time of year with a lot going on.

During the month, at one of our regular meetings, we had a visit from Roger and a presentation on his involvement with the mini car club and make a wish foundation. A worthwhile cause which we were happy to support.

The community raffle has been one of our main focus's this month and was drawn last Tuesday night 21<sup>st</sup>. Congratulations to all the winners and to Margaret Ertner, our main prize winner—also to CC Kids in Need for selling the winning ticket. Special mention to all the different community groups who support the raffle past and present, for taking up the challenge out and about selling tickets. This is what makes this a great community event where everybody gets a benefit.

Fund raising this month, has mainly been by selling tickets in the community raffle by club members and a couple Bunnings BBQ. It was good chance to work with a different organizations, a good effort and well attended. Thank you to all from our club who assisted.

Joe kicked off the launch of the district directory for domestic violence at Mingara, with a good turnout and presentations from a number of speakers on the day. Thank you club member Peter Ward for OC the event.

Our exchange student Rafa is settling in well into life in Australia and generally here on the coast, with school and meet new friends and acquaintance. We have had an update from Joey in Brazil, first month aboard and by all accounts is getting use to the Brazil way of life and seems to be enjoying himself.

The social night for the month, was at the Indian restaurant The Kings of Punjab. As always they put on a great meal and was enjoyed by all those who attended.

Finally coming up over the next couple of months, we look forward to the bunny hunt for the second year running over Easter. Don is busy arranging a conference for people working with the homeless community. A date looks likely set for the Busking competition later in the year with follow up meetings to finalize some of the details and exploring the club's involvement with a Latin dance competition at The Entrance.

As always, please stay safe and well.

Till next time

**John**



# A very personal wish.... Tuesday 7th February

On 7th February we were visited by Roger Baker, of the Mini Car Club. His personal wish was to help children who were very sick to get their own wish. Years ago he approached the Starlight Foundation with an offer to help, but they never got back to him.

His ambition did not go away. Then 2½ years ago he bought a mini and started doing it up—and joined the Central Coast Mini Car Club, which has about 20 members. Here he found a group of people who were happy to help him achieve his wish. He realised that restored cars can bring great joy to people, and that could be a way to raise money for the kids.

This time he approached the Make a Wish Foundation, who were happy to have Roger and his club on-board. It was then he spoke to our incoming President Gordon who suggested that we might be able to help him run a barbeque to raise some money for the Make a Wish Foundation—which is what we did last weekend!

Roger told us of a small boy who had participated in the program, who wanted to look for “treasure” under water. Make a Wish organised for a detector and planted a gold watch and other exciting objects for him to find. He had a wonderful time and was very grateful—and died the following week.



Roger went on to tell us about his own mini, which was a fully imported model—originally green but now red. Those of us who helped on Saturday had the opportunity to see it first hand. Parts are still relatively easy to get - and a fully done up car can be worth up to about \$70,000!



# A Very Real Exchange!

# rotary youth exchange

Rotary The Entrance is very excited to be the first club on the Central Coast to participate in Youth Exchange since the pandemic.

As the world continues to open up again, the Exchange Program is taking a cautious approach, and initially our District 9685 is only opening up to one country—Brazil.

Consequently, we have an unusual situation where both our Inbound and Outbound Students are exchanges with Brazil. Over the next twelve months we should learn a lot about the country—and maybe even a word or two of Portuguese!

Both Joey (Outbound) and Rafa (Inbound) made their long journeys overseas during the second half of January. Through the magic of modern communication we watched them leaving their families at their respective airports, and saw Joey arriving in Brazil a few days before Rafa arrived in Sydney. What a journey—over 24 hours and then further travel to reach their destinations.

Both boys have met up with other exchange students in their districts, having an orientation and meeting the people in charge of the exchange.



Departure



Arrival



## Introducing Rafael Lebedenko:

from his introductory speech

Brazil is one of the biggest countries in the world, and the biggest in South America, we have a lot of natural Variety. We have lots of beautiful cities and places to visit, like the Catarata Falls, Cristo Redentor and the beaches and nature of the North East



Presidente Prudente is a city 6 hours car drive away from São Paulo, and its population is about 231,953. The economy is based in farms near by and companies. We also have some good colleges, like Usp and Unoeste

My House is good located and in a safe neighborhood, with lots of families like us, is a really good environment and I love living in there. We live in a beautiful house in a condominium in the City of Presidente Prudente, and we usually go out in the weekends. My Family is composed by me, my mother, my sister, my stepfather, my father (who lives in another city) and Kate, our Dog.



In Brazil I study biology, physics, Math, Chemistry and some others less important subjects, but in Australia I am going to study Marine Biology, Advanced Math, Standard English, Engineering, Business classes and Biology



**Rafa has started school**, and is hoping to be selected into the school soccer team. His first host family, Kathleen and Anthony, have taken him to Sydney exploring the sights. He will be going to the District Conference in Cowra next month, along with the other three students in the district.



## From Joey:

Dear Rotary, I have now officially been in Brasil for 1 whole month. I feel like it's only been 2 weeks and times been flying by. I've done lots of new great things and experienced a lot of Brasil. Last week I went with my host father André and his tree planting group. We planted a total of 5 trees together and 40 trees all together as a group. It was good fun being out and about in the nature all morning.



## Seniors Expo – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February at Wyong Racecourse (run as part of seniors week)

If any members have not gone to one of these events in past years I can thoroughly recommend a visit.

**What is the cost to attend? – nothing & there are lots of freebies**

I picked up a very nice A5 diary courtesy of Legal Aid

**What are the main benefits?**

About 20 different organisations have a stall . plenty of pamphlets & manned by knowledgeable people who will answer most questions

**What sort of organisations?**

Almost anyone who provides a service for Seniors including

Legal Aid

A range4 of home care providers both ones offering govt home care packages & private services

NSW Trustee & Guardian

Meals on wheels

Cleanaway – Recycling

Lions Club of Wyong

Wyong Family History Group ( Community Raffle Participant)

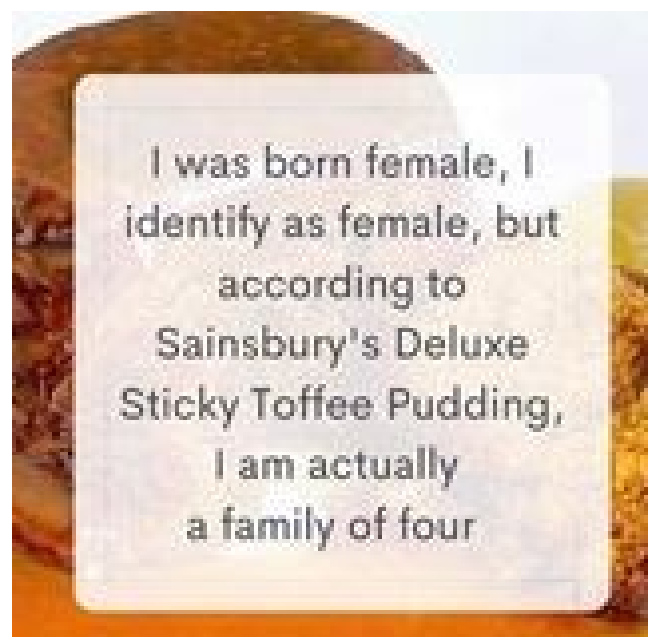
U3A – who offer all sorts of classes on a diverse range of subjects.

I have a collection of leaflets which I am happy to bring to a meeting if anyone is interested.

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# OPENING NIGHT FUNDRAISER



“BILL NIGHY PUTS IN  
A CAREER-BEST PERFORMANCE”  
TIME OUT

# LIVING



IT'S NEVER TOO LATE  
TO START



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# 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.

**View it online or download a PDF by scanning the code below.**

### 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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# The Four-Way Test

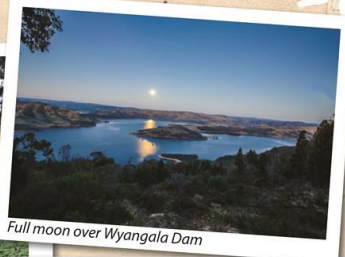
of what we think, say or do

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

# COWRA BREAKOUT



Japanese Garden

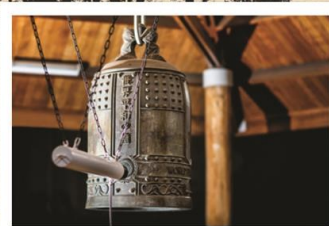


Full moon over Wyangala Dam



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

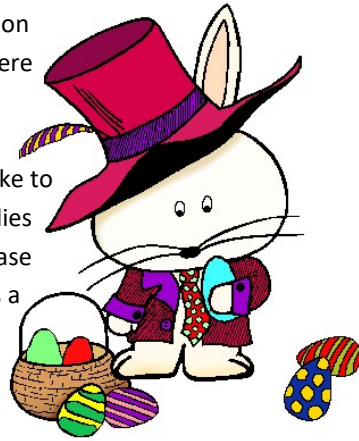


**Relax.**  
**Refresh.**  
**Refocus.**





The Bunny Hunt is to be held on Easter Saturday 8th April. There are lots of small but fun jobs which we will need done on the day, so if anyone would like to come along and help the kiddies to have a fun experience, please contact Kathleen—or send us a message on facebook. You don't need to be a Rotarian to help out!



## Upcoming Program:

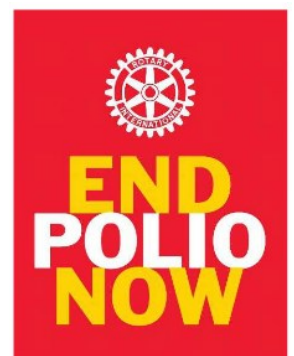
February			2023	
28th	Tues	NO MEETING		
March			2023	
1-3rd		Pickup Easter Eggs	Clive	Castle Hill
2nd	Thurs	Film Night with Erina	"Living"	Avoca Theatre
4th	Sat	Spin & Win	Easter Eggs	Bateau Bay
7th	Tues	Preview Restaurant		Ourimbah
12th	Sun	Bunnings BBQ		Tuggerah
14th	Tues	Board Meeting	Zoom	
17-19	Fri-Sun	Cowra Breakout	District conference	Cowra
18th	Sat	Spin & Win	Easter Eggs	Bateau Bay
21st	Tues	Social Night		???
25th	Tues	Club Speaker	Peter Ward	Mingara
April			2023	
1st	Sat	Spin & Win		Bateau Bay
4th	Tues	Larry Trudgert	Baka Barang Corp	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	No Meeting	ANZAC DAY	



February birthdays  
 Shirley 21st,  
 Greg 25th  
 Julie 27th



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Delight*

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