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From the President's Desk

Welcome to our newsletter for May as we are fast approach changeover and the mid-year point.

For a busy month with Easter and Anzac Day included we still managed to achieve a number of club events. Starting with the bunny hunt, read Kathleen's more detail report below but for the club it turned out be a great day with lots of activities for the kids and parents, well supported and of course, the odd chocolate egg thrown in.

In other club news, Don managed to hand over another 40 bags for the homeless to a very thankful Health on The Streets team including beanies organized by club members Gordon and Sue and their retirement village community in preparation for the coming colder months.

At our regular meetings, we had a presentation from two of our members, David and Dianne Waterhouse, where they showed photos and spoke about their travels supporting the many rotary projects taken over the last twenty years. What an interesting and great presentation as I am sure everybody who was present found. Well done and thank you David and Dianne. Due to lack of time this will be reported in the next edition.

Fund raising for the month, SAW continues each fortnight at Bateau Bay and Clive is

busy organizing more opportunities for a Bunnings BBQ in the coming month. Thank you to all from our club, who assisted have and put their name forward with both.

On the district directory for domestic violence. printing is now under way and should be ready shortly for sending out into the community as Joe and some other club members attended a community event at Mingara manning a stand which was very well received by all who took the time to visit.

Last but not least is the report by exchange student Joey in Brazil showing the great time he as he did a trip to the Amazon. I am sure these are some the memories that Joey will value for a life time.

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

John



Our Book Library has been given a revamp, with a rebuild and a fresh coat of paint, thanks to David Waterhouse.

It has been relocated to Bateau Bay Neighbourhood Centre, at their front door. We are delighted with this new position as we hope it will be used much more than it was at the petrol station.

If you have further books for it, either give them to Joe or drop them in. Excess books might be sold by the Centre for much needed funds.

Well done David for doing this and many thanks.

Bunny Hunt 2023 8th April

Sunny Easter Saturday 2023 was full of smiles and laughter as everyone enjoyed hunting Easter bunnies in Long Jetty.

As Rotary embraces Diversity, Equity and Inclusion our goal was to bring everyone together this Easter, to enjoy a Family Fun Day Bunny Hunt.

Families from all over the Central Coast and even as far away as Bathurst enjoyed attending, as they hopped through Long Jetty answering rhymes and riddles to locate 10 Easter bunnies hidden around the walkways at Long Jetty, where there was also some information about bunnies and how Easter is celebrated in different countries.

There were only 200 Easter bags on offer and there were over 130 children pre-registered. From the overwhelming response of the Central Coast community, next year more show bags will be needed.

The cost was \$5 per child, which included a show bag with a chocolate easter bunny, drink, chips and lots of extra goodies that were kindly donated by some of our sponsors. Thank you to Bunnings Tuggerah, Flip out Gosford and Cold Rock Ice Creamery at The Entrance.

Lots of flyers and brochures from local businesses were also included in the show bag, offering our community free publicity.

Every entrant was entered into a major prize draw where they had a chance to win extra prizes and vouchers from our sponsors. Congratulations to our winners, who were so happy with their prizes.

"We had just as much fun as the kids, they loved trying to answer the riddles".



Thank you to Central Coast Mariners and Bateau Bay Tenpin bowling.

Families were encouraged to bring a picnic lunch to eat by the lake. There were drinks available to purchase as well food to buy from Bean Machine Mobile Cafe. There were lots of activities to do such as getting temporary tattoos, making Easter cards and baskets, puppets, colouring in, relaxing in the sun on the picnic rugs with cushions and reading books by the lake.

We were grateful to the Berkeley Vale Rural Fire fighter service crew, who entertained the children. They tried on fire fighter hats, worked the fire hose, climbed aboard the fire truck and received their own fire fighter showbag.

Guess how many chocolates were in the jar was also a little different this year as there was a special chocolate bunny hiding in a jar full of easter eggs. Adults as well as the children enjoyed having a



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He married, first, Brenda Wright; secondly, Rosalind Tong; thirdly, Diane Millstead; and, fourthly, Lizzie Spender, the daughter of Sir Stephen Spender, who survives him with two daughters from his second marriage and two sons from his third.

Barry Humphries, born February 17 1934, died April 22 2023

◆ Dame Edna Everage writes: Barry Humphries was an unknown aspiring actor and would-be comedian when I first met him in the early 1950s. It is true that he put me on stage for the first time in December 1955, but it was in order to belittle me and get cheap laughs at my expense and ridicule the great Australian way of life.

How the tables were turned! I became the star and he merely a footnote to my spectacular career. His tragedy was his desire to be an artist and we know what happens to failed artists - Hitler, for example - they either become interior decorators or mass murderers. Barry was spared this fate. He became rich due to my efforts and signed me up to a contract that bound me for life.

He had a lovely family and my heart goes out to them as well as to his unfortunate wives and numerous stage-struck research assistants.

If these words seem uncharitable in the context of an obituary, I am fortunate that *The Daily Telegraph*, unsurprisingly, was eager to publish them.

guess at this one.

The Easter Bunny made an appearance and all the children loved getting photos cuddles and chocolates, even the adults wanted a photo with the Easter Bunny. The Easter Bunny was overwhelmed with so many families that another 2kg of Easter eggs was needed.



There was lots of fantastic feed back from the community.

Thank you to the Rotary the Entrance Committee, family and friends, as there was a lot of extra work completed behind the scene. Thank you to the team for helping to pack 200 show bags a few days before the event, lucky enough this turned into a meals and drinks night as well. Thanks to everyone for the vastly improved publicity, in addition to the facebook posts and visits to the preschools. The excellent Press Release and Coast Community News, our website and sent to other sources. Thank you to each and everyone for there help on the day. Whether it was at the registration table, doing craft with the kids, helping the Easter bunny, collecting donations, handing out bags, putting on tattoos or making sandwiches for all.

Also thank you to our other sponsors - Aldi Bateau Bay, Central Coast Surf Life Saving and Bendigo Bank.



Kathleen Trott

"Thank you for putting something on for Easter"



Thank you to all our sponsors



Tuggerah



Bateau Bay



The Entrance

Community Services

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

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

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- ⊕ 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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On 11th April our Rotary Club participated in a Planning Meeting.

Every member, as part of four small teams had the opportunity to fully participate while President Elect, Gordon ran the process. We brought the ideas from each group together to give ourselves a Mission Statement to guide our future decisions on what we do.

The Mission Statement is:

'The Entrance Rotary Club, partnering with the Community for the good of the Community'

We then set three (3) major goals to turn our mission statement into reality.

To work with clubs, business, and organisations in our community.

To focus on the Homeless, Victims of Domestic Violence and Ease the impact of poverty.

To bring back Rotary basics for the benefit of youth and vocation.

My appreciation goes to all who participated and congratulations on creating an exciting framework for our next year.

Gordon Crawford

SNIPPETS FROM THE BOARD MEETING HELD 18TH APRIL

Treasurer Julie highlighted **the costs associated with our normal running of the club**. This will need to be taken into account when determining club fees for next year.

Following various donations to **ROMAC** recently from our club, Louise will circulate the latest ROMAC Newsletter that highlights some of their great work that our club is supporting financially.

This Year's **Bunny Hunt** was a very successful event, making approximately \$700 profit and creating fun for many families in the Long Jetty area. Having been supported by the Fire service, Kathleen has asked if we can make a donation in acknowledgement. The exact amount is to be determined.

We have permission to continue **Spin and Win** at Bateau Bay for the next 12 months. Spin and Win on the third Saturday is a bit quiet, so we may replace it with a mid-week event. It is felt by some, that the benefits derived from this activity do not match the time and effort given. Further permissions are to be sought.

Bunnings are suggesting a Friday BBQ (in addition to our weekend events). Four groups (of which we are one) have been approached to trial the idea.

The Busking Competition paperwork has now been submitted to Council and is awaiting approval. Erina Rotary Club have confirmed that approximately \$5k in grant money has been secured. Council has proposed allowing a remote on-line application for a busking licence. Alternative under consideration is Rotary taking responsibility for buskers providing proof of holding performers liability insurance.

The **Hots district grant** has now been finalised. Thanks to Greg for the additional PR generated.

Community Directory Update - Over \$12k has been secured for funding. 5,000 copies are likely to be printed. There is \$1,000 left to cover postage. Support was given by various members of the club to assist with distribution. Joe is to coordinate with members.

It was agreed that a set of **'Hope' Directors Pins** (reflecting this year's RI Focus) and podium banner will be purchased from RDU. A banner with our mission statement will also be produced.

As we approach the end of the financial year, David reminded all officers **to submit their report to him** by the end of May.

Greg has kindly offered to **store Rotary items** that are currently at David's house.

Joe would like to see **further Facebook promotion** around the '\$1m in funds raised' headline.



Joey's Amazon Trip

Throughout my 9 days of travel to the Amazon and Manaus, I saw things I never knew existed, and I had the time of my life. I made amazing new life long friends and kept contact with them all.

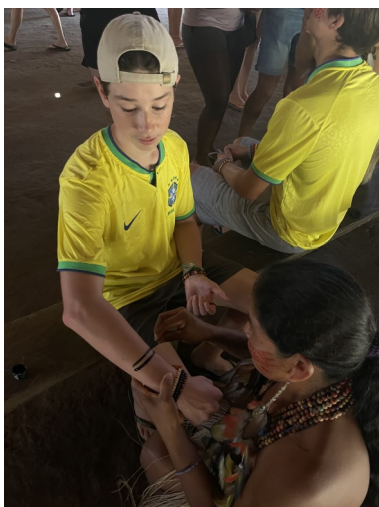


During this trip I got the opportunity to swim and touch pink dolphins. It was absolutely amazing seeing the dolphin up close and getting to touch them. The guides would put a diving mask on us and they would push us down under the water, having the ability to see the entire body of the dolphins.

Their bodies are incredible. They have a soft skin like feel to it and they aren't actually pink, they are more grayish colour. These creatures were beautiful and I am so happy I got to have this experience.

On the second day of the boat trip traveling the Negro River, we went to visit an indigenous Brazilian tribe who has lived in the Amazon rainforest for a long time. They showed us around their camp area, where they cooked and where they prepared meals.

They performed multiple dances for us, and also letting everyone take part in the dancing at the end. The indigenous people had made beautiful handmade jewellery which we were able to buy, and we were also able to get some traditional face and arm painting done. It was a very different experience and I think because it was different it made it so exciting.



On the day before leaving for Manaus, we all got the opportunity to free little baby turtles into the wild in the Negro River. These turtles were grown and taken care of in a little village on the shore of the Negro River. It was so cute to see these baby turtles go free. The people who took care of these turtles explained that releasing

these turtles, only 30% of them survive and 70% of them die. But they said this was part of nature and what we were doing was really helping their population.



I don't think there is any place in the world with more beautiful sunsets than the Amazon rainforest.

I had a really "Amazon" time, and I am super happy to be able to share it all with you.

Joan Ducarme



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WHERE PEOPLE UNITE AND TAKE ACTION
TO CREATE LASTING
CHANGE ACROSS THE GLOBE
 IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND IN OURSELVES



Upcoming Program:

May			2023	
6th	Sat	Spin & Win		Bateau Bay
9th	Tues	Board Meeting	Zoom	
16th	Tues	Club Speaker	Gordon Crawford	Mingara
27th	Sat	Social Event	Gordon and Sue's	Erina
28th	Sun	Bunnings BBQ		Tuggerah
27th to 31st		World Convention 2023		Melbourne
30th	Tues	Order of Australia Association	Harold Sharp	Mingara
June			2023	
3rd	Sat	Spin & Win		Bateau Bay
6th	Tues	Vocational Services Awards	Combined with Erina	Phillip House
13th	Tues	Board Meeting	Zoom	
16th	Fri	Bunnings BBQ		Tuggerah
17th	Sat	Spin & Win		Bateau Bay
20th	Tues	Social Night		???
27th	Tues	Club Changeover	Tasman Room	Mingara
1st July	Sat	District Changeover	12-4pm	Rydges Northwest

Rotary District 9685 **DISTRICT 9685 CHANGEOVER**
 SATURDAY, 1ST JULY 2023, 12.00 pm to 4.00 pm

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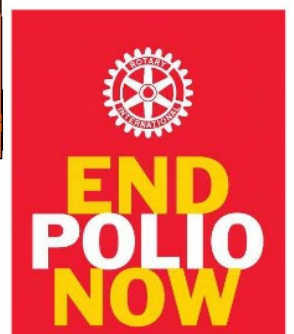
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