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From the President's Desk

Welcome to our newsletter for the beginning of April and with Easter just about upon us.

Coming up, we have our bunny hunt for the second year in a row and from the interest shown already with pre-take up's, it is looking like it is going to be a great event, good weather, activities for the kids and parents and of course, the odd chocolate egg thrown in.

Other club news, we had another catch up with Health on The Streets, as Don is busy working towards moving forward on the conference for People working with the homelessness and in regard to the busking competition, a date has been set for later in the year and details now been finalized for what will be a another great event.

From last month, the community raffle has been run for another year. Winners drawn and prizes given. On a high note, as a fund raising event, we achieve our target of meeting and passing the million dollars total funds raised over the event history. Congratulations to everybody who have assisted in the past and present. *Something we as a club should be very proud of!*

During the month, at our regular meetings, we had two presentation/speakers, one

from our club member Peter Ward and one from Larry Trudgett from the Bara Barang Corp. Both presentations were well attended, excellent in content and very interesting to listen to. Thank you to both Peter and Larry.

Fund raising for the month, prizes including chocolate eggs and prizes at the spin and win every fortnight and Clive, Paul and Dianne, set up and ran a BBQ for Bunnings for their annual stock taking. It was good chance to again work with Bunning and build on and strengthen the relationship we have with them. Thank you to all from our club, who assisted with both.

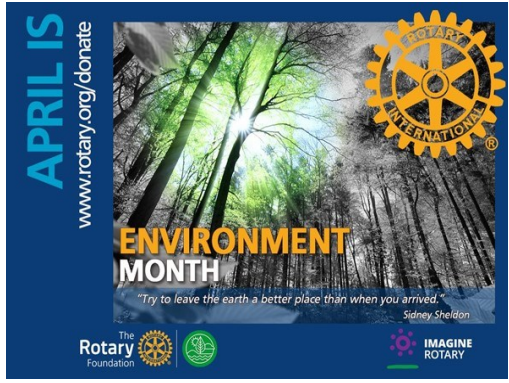
Updating what is happening with the district directory for domestic violence. Joe has been successful in applying for and receiving a grant from the Central Coast Council to help with the printing of the directories. In light of that with the help of others, printing can now proceed and distribution shortly after. Well done Joe.

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

John



#SHOEBBOXREVOLUTION
SOCKS + SOUP DRIVE
 8th April-31st May
 Socks are one of the most needed and least donated items received by the homeless community.
 Donate a pair of socks or a tin of soup this Winter to support people without homes on the Central Coast.



APRIL IS ENVIRONMENT MONTH
www.rotary.org/donate
 "Try to leave the earth a better place than when you arrived."
 Sidney Sheldon
 The Rotary Foundation

PDG Peter Ward—Club Speaker 28th March

Peter was born in Dorrigo where his father was running the local hospital. From there they moved to Muswellbrook, but during that time his father was killed in a car accident. His mother was left with him, aged 5, and his two younger brothers aged 3 and 1½. His father had been a Mason, and a friend suggested to his mother that boys needed a father, and encouraged her to send him to William Thompson Masonic School in Baulkham Hills, a boarding school provided by the Masons. This was a very austere boarding school, aimed at helping disadvantaged families. They were allowed visitors on Saturday afternoons, and if they were lucky they joined their families for holidays. His mother was living in Gosford, and he spent his last school years at Gosford High.

He attributes his interest in electronics and IT to his aunt, who gave him an electronics kit as a boy. His first job was with the OTC as a trainee. He liked to be busy, and found that he was bored if there was nothing going wrong! He joined Sigma Data in 1978, which was bought out by US company DataPoint. Soon after he and Anne decided to move to Perth, which they loved because it was a young city with good work and good music – until they realised there was no hope of promotion there.

Peter decided to work overseas, and was away quite a bit. He went to many countries and even had a stint stateside with DataPoint in San Antonio for 3 months. But eventually he decided he needed a stable job and moved back to Sydney, working for Solution 6 in marketing and doing his MBA, and learning about merging and buying companies. They were living in Epping but realised they were spending much of every weekend at the beach, so they moved to the Central Coast, with their eldest son, and

their second is a true Coastie! He worked for NCR for 12 years starting in organisational design, and even worked in buying and selling Asian real estate for a time. He has an impressive list of companies that he has been involved with!

Peter was pleased when he found a company which allowed him to work only ten minutes from home. He has realised that “C” level jobs (CEOs) come with a lack of lifestyle.

He discovered Rotary because he didn’t want to be bored – he tried Lions and other Rotary Clubs, and chose The Entrance. He was inspired by the impact Rotary has both overseas and at home. **“The scale of Rotary creates larger conversations.”** He was interested in the business side of Rotary, which was the reason he became an AG, to learn what different clubs were doing. He said he has learned to appreciate the value of people, and has been impressed on a global level at the quality of people involved. People have kept him in Rotary.

Peter now works for Telstra – full circle from OTC which was one of the businesses which became Telstra. He no longer manages people in his position, just sales. He is currently handling an \$85 million contract for Qld Health.

His interests outside work include sailing, motor bikes, amateur radio, and sailing. He has sailed to Hamilton Island, and from New Zealand to Australia. His long service leave was spent in a campervan going around the top of Australia.

Peter finished up his presentation by commenting: **“Everything starts with one person’s idea.”**



Larry Trudgett - Bara Barang

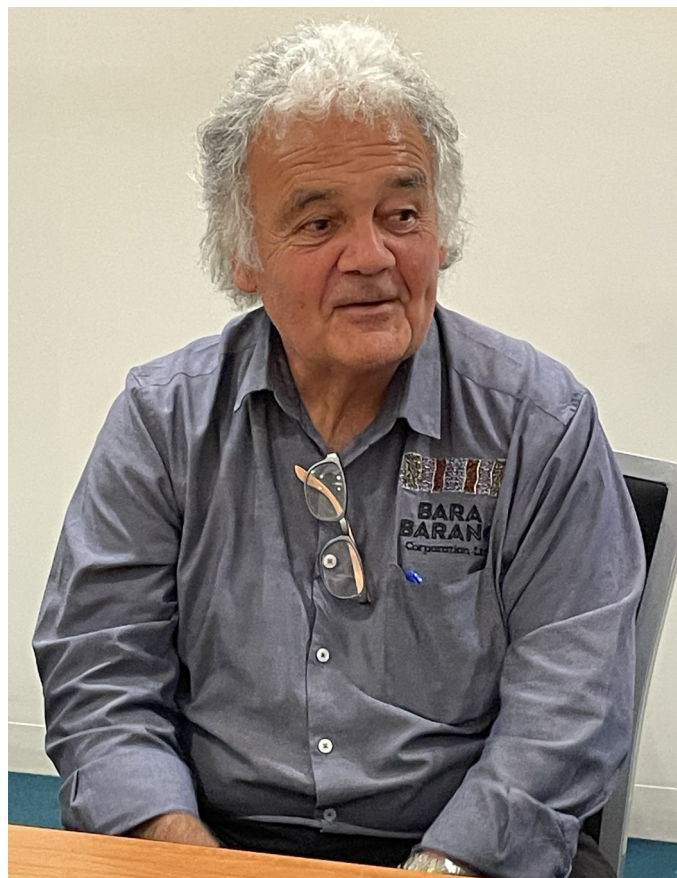
Wiradjuri Man 4th April

Larry is a Team Leader with Bara Barang Corporation. Bara Barang means “make tomorrow” in Darkinyung language, which they do by ensuring young people have the best possible chance at employment in a job which suits them. Larry was particularly looking for volunteers to teach driving to young disadvantaged people, in the cars which the corporation have for the purpose. He stressed that his attitude is to appreciate and utilise volunteers, not abuse them. This is only one of the programs offered, including Dream Builders which he runs in five local high schools, getting year 11 and 12 students ready for work. The programs are inclusive (ie not necessarily for aboriginal people) and include workplace and employer mentoring and education as well as cultural understanding.

Larry’s own story is both interesting and inspiring. He grew up in the housing commission area of Warren NSW and moved to Dubbo to find work when he left school. At age 26 he began his own freight company which he ran for 12 years, and he has three children who have attended university and have good jobs. He originally moved to the Central Coast to find good education for his children - ***“It is the responsibility of a parent to give his children more opportunity than he had himself.”***

He worked for a while with DOCS as a senior strategy officer – he worked in many areas such as the The Block in Redfern, but he found that the regular changing of governments made it difficult to reach KPIs. He stressed that community welfare should be regardless of culture.

Eventually he moved back to Warren, and took great pride in taking over the Clubhouse Hotel which he ran for 6 years. One of two pubs in the town, in his childhood it was a place his family were not allowed to attend. He wanted to show the community that inclusiveness was the path to follow, and welcomed all to his establishment – parties, meetings, gatherings, even Rotary meetings! – and the other pub closed with



the strong competition. He referred to his pub as the “Community Centre” where all were welcome, and commented that the opposition to his project came solely from his own people, who he canvassed often on a Sunday for their support. Drink was never a temptation to Larry as his family never drank or smoked. He would pull up a barstool with a coffee at the end of his shift in the pub.

When he decided to retire he moved to Lake Macquarie because he liked the Central Coast – but realised retirement was something he was not ready for. He was approached by Bara Barang, and accepted the job because the General Manager is not indigenous. His experience with wholly indigenous groups is that people have a tendency to work for themselves rather than the community, and it does not encourage inclusiveness.

Larry believes we need to be working towards social justice for one humanity. He believes no-one should be denied access to their own children, and that what comes from a child’s mind is their parents’ thoughts. It is important in trying to convince and change people that you go along with them at their own pace.

Larry was an engaging and inspiring speaker.



Easter Bunny Hunt Family Day

Can you find the 10 Easter Bunnys hiding in Long Jetty by following the footprints and answering the rhymes and riddles?

Date: Saturday 08 April – 9.00am to 1.00pm

Time: Registration **8.30am – 11.30am** with the major prize draw at **12.00pm**

Cost: \$5 per child (including a showbag with a chocolate Easter Bunny
Drinks and chips provided at the finish line)

Place: Near the boat ramp - corner of Tuggerah Parade, Long Jetty

Bring along a picnic lunch to enjoy with the family and don't forget the camera!

Every entrant has a chance to **win vouchers and passes** from our sponsors

There will be lots of fun activities and a visit from a Berkeley Vale Rural Fire Service truck & crew with gifts and a special visit from the **Easter Bunny!**

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The Entrance

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
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- ⊕ 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?

Report from Rafa

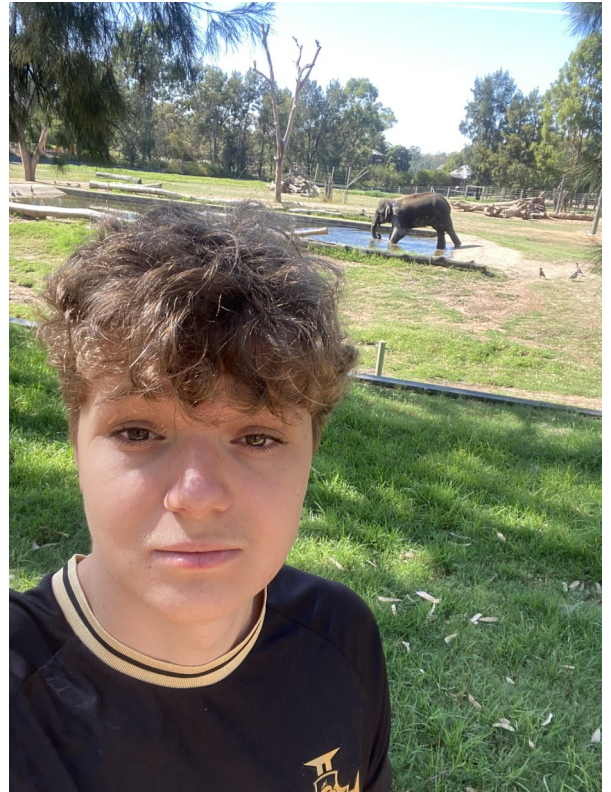
My experience so far:

In these last months in Australia I had a lot of fun. I hangout with my friends, went to the beach and mainly did activities with Rotary.

Rotary took me camping, first we went to Cowra to see the Rotary Conference. In this conference we had delicious meals, dances, music, standups but mainly the speeches about the world problems right now and what we can do to solve them.

After that we went to Dubbo Zoo where we saw lots of animals and camped there as well

In the next week I went to Sydney to help with the Bobbin Head bike race. There I helped making PowerAde's and snacks for the bikers.



Did I read that sign right ?

TOILET OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW.

In a Laundromat:

AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT.

Ole Geezer... 🤔 😏

An old physician, **Doctor Gordon Geezer**, became very bored in retirement and decided to re-open a medical clinic.

He put a sign up outside that said: "**Dr. Geezer's Clinic**. Get your treatment for \$500 - if not cured, get back \$1,000."

Doctor **Digger Young**, who was positive that this old geezer didn't know beans about medicine, thought this would be a great opportunity to make \$1,000. So he went to **Dr. Geezer's** clinic.

Dr Young: "**Dr. Geezer**, I have lost all taste in my mouth. Can you please help me?"

Dr Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from the box 22 and put 3 drops in **Dr. Young's** mouth."

Dr Young: 'Aaagh! -- This is **Petrol!**'"

Dr Geezer: "**Congratulations!** You've got your taste back. That will be \$500."

Dr Young gets annoyed and goes back after a couple of days intending to recover his money.

Dr Young: "I have lost my memory, I cannot remember anything."

Dr Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in the patient's mouth."

Dr Young: "Oh, no you don't -- that is **Petrol!**"

Dr Geezer: "**Congratulations!** You've got your memory back. That will be \$500."

Dr Young (after having lost \$1000) leaves angrily and comes back after several more days.

Dr Young: "My eyesight has become weak --- I can hardly see anything!"

Dr Geezer: "Well, I don't have any medicine for that so, "Here's your \$1000 back" (giving him a \$10 note).

Dr Young: "But this is only \$10!"

Dr Geezer: "**Congratulations!** You got your vision back! That will be \$500."

Moral of story -- Just because you're "Young" doesn't mean that you can outsmart "old Geezers".

***Remember:** Don't make us old people mad. We don't like being old in the first place, so it doesn't take much to piss us off.

ENJOY YOUR DAY!!!

P.S. Written in large print for old **Geezers**



Upcoming Program:

April			2023	
8th	Sat	Bunny Hunt	9am to 2pm	Long Jetty
11th	Tues	Planning Meeting	6-9pm (order dinner before 6pm)	Mingara
15th	Sat	District Assembly	9-12 Incoming Officebearers	Epping Boys High
18th	Tues	Board Meeting	Zoom	
22nd	Sat	Spin & Win		Bateau Bay
25th	Tues	No Meeting	ANZAC DAY	Mingara
May			2023	
2nd	Tues	David Waterhouse	RAWCS Nepal	Mingara
6th	Sat	Spin & Win		Bateau Bay
9th	Tues	Board Meeting	Zoom	
16th	Tues	Rafael Lebedenko		Mingara
23rd	Tues	Social Night		
27th to 31st		World Convention 2023		Melbourne
28th	Sun	Bunnings BBQ		Tuggerah
30th	Tues	Speaker TBA		Mingara
June			2023	
3rd	Sat	Spin & Win		Bateau Bay
6th	Tues	Club Speaker	Gordon Crawford	Mingara
13th	Tues	Board Meeting	Zoom	
17th	Sat	Spin & Win		Bateau Bay
20th	Tues	Social Night		???
27th	Tues	Club Changeover	Tasman Room	Mingara



April birthdays:
 Gordon 2nd,
 Anthony 11th, John 16th,
 Anthea 24th, Kathleen 30th



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