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District 9685

The Rotary Club of The Entrance Inc.

51st

Annual Report

Changeover Dinner

27 June 2023

Mingara Recreation Club



John Bennett

President 2022-23



Gordon Crawford

President 2023-24

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Outgoing Board 2022-23

President	John Bennett	Club Administration	David Waterhouse
President Elect	Gordon Crawford	Community Service	Joe Scicluna
Secretary	Louise Paul	Vocational Service	Don Cannings
Treasurer	Julie Glover	Youth Service	Kathleen Trott
Membership	Clive Denmark	International Service	David Waterhouse
Foundation	Peter Ward	Public Image	Peter Ward/Louise Paul

Incoming Board 2023-24

President	Gordon Crawford	Club Administration	David Waterhouse
President Elect	TBA	Community Service	Joe Scicluna
Secretary	Louise Paul / John Bennett	Vocational Service	Don Cannings
Treasurer	Julie Glover	Youth Service	Kathleen Trott
Membership	Clive Denmark	International Service	David Waterhouse
Foundation	Peter Ward	Public Image	Greg Maloney

1 Current Membership

Financial Members as at Changeover 27/6/23

Ordinary Members

- 1 BENNETT John
- 2 CANNINGS Don
- 3 CRAWFORD Gordon
- 4 DEAN Anthea
- 5 DENMARK Clive
- 6 GLOVER Julie
- 7 HEARDER Robin
- 8 MALONEY Greg
- 9 MANGION Paul
- 10 McBRIDE Emma
- 11 PAUL Louise
- 12 SCICLUNA Joe
- 13 SMITH Calvin
- 14 TROTT Kathleen
- 15 WARD Peter
- 16 WATERHOUSE David

Family Members

- GLOVER Phil
- HEARDER Judi
- KEMP Sue
- TROTT Anthony
- WATERHOUSE Dianne

2 Presidents's Report Year 2022-23

Welcome to my report as President for the Rotary Club of the Entrance for the year 2022-23.

When I started as club president, I did not know what the next 12 months would bring or even how it would work. Gladly with the great support and endeavors of our club members and the many families, friends and others who support us time and time again, I am glad to say what a great year we have had, as I am sure you will read from and in the other director's reports in the following pages.

As the year progressed, we had many chances to come together and support the many worthy causes that support our local and bigger community in the Rotary way. Some of those events are noted following:

Joe continued as in the last few years with his food drives, which seem to be more in demand than ever before, as well as arranging and organizing our club participation in the selling of Christmas trees for a second year.

Clive and Robin as always stood up with the organization of annual Christmas presents to those in need and a special thank you to Louise for all your contacts and efforts for this great cause. Not to be out done, add to all this something new, we had the opportunity to set up a stall and assist with gift wrapping, some extra fund raising while a great chance to interact with the public.

Don continued for another year as the main contact for Coast and Country Primary Care - HoTS team and put in all the effort to continue supporting the team with the much-needed bags used for helping the homeless.

Another new event, the Club with the help and in partnership with the Rotary Club of Erina, enjoyed a day at the Entrance with a busking completion. Weather gods assisted, and the community had a great day listening to some very talented buskers.

David got our community raffle off and running for another year and thank you to Robin for assisting while David and Dianne were away. As we hoped at the beginning of the year, it would be a milestone year, I can proudly say as a club after 39 plus years of raffles, we managed to cross over and pass the million-dollar amount going to and benefiting our local community. A great achievement for our club and one as a member I am very proud of.

Big Thank you to Kathleen for all your efforts over the last 12 months, not only as the youth director during the time, which we have an exchange student in Joey Ducarme overseas in Brazil but for as well organizing the Bunny hunt with the assist of Don for the second year running. It turned out to be a great day and well supported and enjoyed by the community as a whole.

Thank you to Julie who has worked tirelessly over the last year, not only as our club treasurer but has the added joy of editing and putting out our regular fortnightly newsletter.

Thank you to Emma McBride MP's office and staff, who have constantly supported our many projects.

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A special mention, a community endeavor that was kicked off a couple of years ago, Joe's idea and foresight for a much needed directory of groups providing assistance to those in need in our community. This which can be used to assist those who need to find the help they require, has finally come to fruition this Rotary year. Proudly all the hard work put in by Joe, club members and others has finally paid off and the directory has been finalised, printed, and is being distributed out into the community.

Our fund-raising event for the year of course includes the spin and win raffles every second week and the Bunnings BBQ when we can get a spot and opportunity. Thank you to Don, Clive, and David for organizing and making for a smooth run event.

As in other years, club members had a chance to go to the district conference, which a couple of our members enjoyed and to add to this we had the extra opportunity to also visit the international conference held this year in Melbourne. Club member Peter Ward made the trip and by all accounts had a great time.

Again, as we have enjoyed in past few years with shared the community and vocational awards night with Rotary Club of Erina. Our club put up 5 nominees and congratulations to all the worthy and well-deserved winners.

It doesn't seem that long ago, that as a club we had an important decision to make whether to continue or hand in our charter, thankfully we choose to continue and moving forward I believe the club is in great shape to progress and ready for new challenges and exciting times ahead. Looking forward to these happening under the guidance and direction of President elect Gordon Crawford.

I would like to take the opportunity as well to thank the board for the support and great comradery we have enjoyed during the past year.

My final words as president for this term, I want to specially congratulation everybody for the hard work and efforts over the last 12 months, and you have made my time as president effortless and enjoyable.

Thank you!

John Bennett

President 2022-23

3 Treasurer's Report 2022-23

This has been a very successful year financially for the club. Flagship project has been the Bunnings BBQs, which have brought in more than \$23,500 and netted our club over \$12,500. As well as being a comfortable earner and allowing us to spend time working together with other club members, it has given us the opportunity to support Central Coast Kids in Need and, through the Mini Car Club, the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

Most disappointing project had to be the Christmas Trees, which failed to arrive on the first weekend due to weather problems in Victoria, but nevertheless with a few extra trees the second weekend we still made over 65% of budget. However not the big earner we had been hoping for.

Our new project in conjunction with Erina RC was the Busking Competition, which unfortunately made a significant loss of \$842. I put that down to inexperience and shortage of lead time – it was the dud year we really had to have. I have high hopes for our second attempt as other Rotary Clubs make quite a bit of money from this activity – although sponsorship seems to me to be the key.

The Community Raffle should certainly rate a mention, having reached the 1 Million dollar mark in its 39th year. But what was actually exciting for our club was that between member sales and sales in shopping centres, we took in over \$4000 ourselves in ticket sales, allowing us a club profit after costs of \$2500. This was an easy way for us to make money, as the work had already been done. And Spin and Win has also raised over \$4000 net in addition to those sales – a mammoth effort by club members every fortnight.

Another first time project was Christmas wrapping at Tuggerah Westfield. With no outlay, just manpower, we made \$1119. And it was fun seeing what people had bought each other for Christmas. And this year the Easter Bunny Hunt was well supported and netted \$813.

During the year we have donated an MRI machine to the HoTS Team, with the support of a Rotary District grant. We also sponsored CCPC's Mental Health Art Show, donated \$500 towards food for the homeless, \$200 to a little girl with a health condition, and augmented Christmas with toys and Christmas cakes to the value of \$390. We have released a Central Coast Community Directory of services for disadvantaged people, where the launch and printing costs have been covered by sponsorship (including \$5000 from the Central Coast Council) with very little financial input from us.

If you take into account the \$27,000 which passed through our hands on its way to the community for the raffle, the \$1,897 donated to Grandparents Raising Grandchildren from the Christmas Tree sales, and our year end giving of \$15,000 our monetary contribution to our community (and a bit going overseas) was just over \$57,000 – not bad for a small club.

Financial Report as at 14th June 2023

CLUB ACCOUNT - INCOME

Retained funds	\$2,573.68
Member subs income	\$4,350.00
Change over Dinner income	\$375.00
Meetings donations	\$287.20
Social night dinner income	\$2,114.00
Bank credit	\$24.28
Sundry misc. income	\$1,670.00
	\$8,820.48

CLUB ACCOUNT - EXPENDITURE

Rotary International expenses	\$1,674.91
Rotary District 9685 expenses	\$1,400.00
Rotary Down Under expenses	\$547.25
Badge, shirt & banner expenses	\$1,657.65
Website expenses	\$396.00
Social night dinner expenses	\$2,082.00
Meeting dinner expenses	\$417.14
Changeover expenses	\$200.00
Other misc. expenses	\$751.20
	\$9,126.15

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PROJECTS ACCOUNT - INCOME

Retained funds	\$8,753.74
Rotary Foundation income	\$2,500.00
Gift wrapping	\$1,119.11
Christmas tree project income	\$12,821.82
Spin & Win income	\$5,840.12
Bunnings BBQ income	\$23,581.34
Community raffle - club income	\$4,191.44
Community raffle – sponsor’s income	\$4,000.00
Community raffle - Charity organisations income	\$27,092.10
Donations general income	\$712.22
Bank credit income	\$1.77
Easter Community Hunt income	\$1,401.54
ROMAC personal donations	\$180.00
Sundry income	\$9,850.00
	\$93,291.46

PROJECTS ACCOUNT - EXPENDITURE

Community Raffle - Costs	\$5,590.00
Community Raffle - refund to Charities	\$27,092.00
Community Directory	\$8,890.00
Easter community hunt expenses	\$588.39
Spin 'n' Win expenses	\$1,745.90
Bunnings BBQs expenses	\$10,888.21
Rotary Youth Exchange	\$1,179.54
HoTS project expenses	\$5,214.14
Christmas trees expenses	\$10,910.14
Awards Dinner costs	\$502.18
Rotary Foundation	\$1,500.00
RYLA/MUNA	\$350.00
Busking Competition	\$842.46
Donations & Disbursements - General	\$1,663.00
Sundries	\$162.50
	\$77,118.46

Operating Account Balances

Club Account \$ 3,680.12

Project Account \$24,926.74

Float for Projects \$310.00

Reserve Account Balances

Account 1 \$2,785.11

Reserve for insurance excess liability

Account 2 \$1,440.54

Club account reserve

Account 3 \$ 1.00

Additional Board agreed end year disbursement

Rotary Foundation (Polio Plus)	\$1000
Australian Rotary Health	\$1500
ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children)	\$1000
Rotary Australia World Community (Nepal School)	\$ 500
Camp Breakaway	\$ 500
Central Coast Kids in Need	\$2500
Yarran Early Intervention	\$2000
Joe’s Food Donation	\$ 700
PCYC Bateau Bay	\$ 500
Berkeley Vale Rural Fire Brigade	\$ 300
Shelter Bags	\$1000
Angel Flight	\$1000
Singleton Bus Crash Appeal RAWCS	\$1000
Allawa House Gosford	\$ 500
Coast Shelter	\$ 500
	\$15,000

Julie Glover

Treasurer

4 Membership

We started the year with 9 members
and 3 family members (plus 3 partners)
A total of 12 members

During the year President John inducted 4 (four) new members:

Anthea Dean, Greg Maloney, Calvin Smith & Paul Mangion

Anthea & Paul started as friends of the club and stepped up to being full financial members.

No members left during the year so we finished with 16 members, 3 of whom were family members

Friends of the Club.

There were a number of people who supported the club participating in various activities which qualify them as “friends of Rotary the” in 22/23

Cole Scott (has been a stalwart at our Bunnings BBQs)

Karen Millen (helped with our HoTS food bags & helped prepare two sections of The Community Service Directory)

Simon Pierce (who did much of the laying out of The Directory)

The Ducarme family (Joey is the club’s current outgoing exchange student)

Tilly & her parents (Tilly is keen to go on exchange & with her mum Melissa helped at a BBQ & at the Bunny Hunt including a cameo as “the Easter Bunny “.

Lorraine Churchill & Rhonda Doyle from Central Coast Kids in Need who stepped in and helped at most of our Bunnings BBQs, whenever we had gaps in our roster.

Clive Denmark

Membership

5 Foundation

The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty. Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects.

The seven areas of focus for our Foundation are:

- ♥ Promoting peace and conflict resolution
- ♥ Fighting disease
- ♥ Saving mothers and children
- ♥ Providing clean water
- ♥ Supporting education
- ♥ Growing local economies
- ♥ Protecting the environment

Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for over 35 years, and our goal of ridding the earth of this disease is in sight. Rotary started in 1979 with vaccinations for 6 million children in the Philippines. Today, Afghanistan and Pakistan are the only countries where polio remains endemic.

Our club's financial contributions to the Rotary Foundation contribute to support the many current and future activities that the Foundation sponsors.

In return, our club has again received a District Grant from the Foundation to support the work of the 'Heath on The Streets' outreach program conducted by Central Coast Primary Care. Our club received a grant of \$2,500 which was matched dollar for dollar by our club to provide additional resources to extend the health outreach services to homeless people sleeping rough on the Central Coast NSW.

In addition to club contributions to the Foundation, a number of our members make personal contributions to the Foundation via the Centurion Program.

We can be proud that our Rotary Foundation is recognised as one of the best and well-run Foundations in the world. It can be viewed as our charity and rewards our support through the many programs it enables Rotarians to deliver around the world to change lives.

PDG Peter Ward

6 Public Relations

It has been a standout year for Public Relations and promotion by our club.

Our Busking Competition in September provided many opportunities to extend our public relations and promotion locally in The Entrance and throughout the Central Coast; ranging from personally visiting nearly every business in The Entrance CBD to ask support for the event, through to radio, Facebook and newsprint promotions.

Through the provision of the ECG machine to Central Coast Primary Care (CCPC) we received extensive promotion generated by CCPC – to access, visit these web sites.

<https://ccpc.com.au/rotary-donates-life-saving-equipment/>

<https://coastcommunitynews.com.au/central-coast/news/2022/11/rotary-helps-out-hots/>

Our club also sponsored a workshop and an Emergency Services category award at CCPC's Mental Health Art Works event. This promoted our club to all attendees of the exhibition plus to the attendees of the well-attended awards presentation.

Our Easter Bunny Hunt was another great success both in PR and for the community and demonstrated the power of using Facebook to promote our activities.

The work behind the scenes by Joe Scicluna to create the content for the Directory of Community Services, to source funding, to print and distribute the books and to launch the directory indirectly created a huge PR follow on for our club and Rotary. As does Joe's again behind the scenes efforts in sourcing and delivering food packs.

Our joint Pride of Workmanship and Community Services Awards evening held with Erina Rotary Club was another well attended opportunity to promote who we are and what we do.

It is in times of challenge that people and organisations demonstrate what they are made of. I commend the Christmas Tree team that faced the public when trees were not available to explain the situation. Aside from being the right thing to do it was PR at its best and I'm sure has left a lasting impression on our customers.

In many small ways our PR has evolved over the past year – the conversations held during events, the flyers and materials we are sharing and so forth. We are building good momentum.

Thanks particularly to Julie, Louise, Joe, Greg, Kathleen for the impact you have made on the club's public relations this year.

PDG Peter Ward

7 Club Administration Report 2022-23

Having now got out of the COVID 19 restrictions, the club has settled into a routine of each month having 2 speakers, one external and one from our club, the second week is our board meeting via zoom and the third Tuesday a social night. This format seems to work and we will continue this into the coming year.

We have had a mix of external speakers together with club members giving us some insight into where they came from and interesting snippets into their lives. I would like to thank all those members who have come up to the plate to deliver their talents at a meeting.

Following are some of the activities in the program this year: -

- **Bruce Davies from Coast Community Connection**
- **Gary Blanschke from The Disabled Surfers Association**
- **Harold Sharp on ROMAC**
- **Richard Weller talking on Climate Future**
- **Roger Baker from The Mini Club**
- **Larry Trudgett (Bara Barang)**
- **Christine Owen and Liz North on Rotary Update**
- **Harold Sharp on Order of Australia Association**
- **Mina Howard (DG Visit)**

Club Speakers

- **Greg Maloney**
- **Peter Ward**
- **Gordon Crawford**
- **David Waterhouse (RAWCS)**

Outings and occasions

- **Preview Restaurant**
- **BBQ @ Kathleen's**
- **Directory Launch**
- **Raffle Draw**
- **Planning Meeting**

David Waterhouse

Administration Director

8 Community Service Report Year 2022-23

8.1 Annual Community Raffle.

The Central Coast Million Dollar Rotary Club

(The Rotary Club of The Entrance)

Over the last 39 years The Rotary Club of The Entrance have been running a Community Raffle where local charities sell raffle tickets to raise money for their own organisations. This year the total raised over the 39-year period has passed the one-million-dollar mark at \$1,002,625, with 36 charity and community groups taking part during the year, raising over \$30,000 for the local community.

The Rotary Club procures the prizes and pays for printing the tickets. They then invite local charities to sell the tickets over a 20-week period with the Raffle draw being held in mid-February. After the draw the Rotary Club donates back the value of all tickets sold to participating organisations. The beauty of this project is that it enables small local groups to sell tickets, knowing that every ticket they sell will result in the money they raise coming back to them. And although the administration can be onerous, the club is able to direct significant funds into the community.

The club's first Combined Community Raffle was conducted in 1985-86, being the brainchild of a Rotarian, Merv Harvey who wanted to do something to help local charities. Merv ran the raffle for five years turning it over to Con Bartsos in 1988 who ran it for the next 26 years. In the inaugural year, the first prize was a trip to Fiji; it is now \$4,000 thanks to Mingara. Local community groups participated and received from the club an amount equal to the value of tickets sold. The principle of 100% return to participating organisations was part of the original formula. In its second year, eighteen community organisations sold tickets, with 13500 tickets printed. Money raised was \$9,408.

This is the longest running project for a Rotary Club on the Central Coast winning the 1991 Sydney Morning Herald Community Service Award for the Wyong Shire, having by that time raised \$100,000. In 2002, the club's 30th year, the "30-30-30" goal for the club's Community Raffle was achieved: a \$3,000 prize and \$30,000 raised and breaking through the \$300,000 mark in total funds raised by community organisations since the inception of the project.

Over the period 214 local charities have participated ranging from Scout groups, Surf lifesaving, Ronald McDonald house, Historical societies, softball and football clubs, bush fire brigades to Neighbourhood Centres. Some organisations have been participating for up to 20 years and have made the raffle their main means of fundraising. Current Raffle organiser David Waterhouse commented "For instance, over the last 39 years, clubs such as 1st Kanwal Scout Group raised almost \$20,000, Wyong Family History Group \$37,300, the Berkeley Vale Rural Fire Service raised \$31,00 and the Special Olympics Central Coast Region raised about \$31,000, just to name a few."

Special thanks must go to James Sleeman and his staff from Sleeman Optometry at Chittaway Bay for the distribution and collection of tickets from their shop over many years. This is now done by club members in the foyer at Mingara.

In 2019 the captain of the local Rural Fire Service decided to buy all remaining tickets from books sold by the members of the brigade. On the night of the draw, we were amazed when his name was on the first and second tickets drawn from the barrel!

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During COVID, our club depended on the raffle as our major fundraiser raising approximately \$6,000 in 2020-21

Last year the club celebrated its 50th Anniversary. During the proceedings, long time Raffle Organiser Con Bartsos, was acknowledged with a Paul Harris Fellowship for the work he had done in keeping the raffle running over 26 years. This project is our most important annual activity.

The club is very grateful to our wonderful sponsors, who year after year provide at no cost to us the prizes for the Raffle. Mingara Recreational Club has been providing the cash prize, this year increased to \$4000. This year's other sponsors were Helloworld Travel Bateau Bay, Gem Design Jewellers, The Entrance, Ming Dragon Restaurant, Mingara and Bunnings Warehouse Tuggerah. All tickets have had a popular two for one McDonalds voucher on them thanks to Saronbell Pty Ltd.

Participating Organisations 2022-23

1st Berkeley Vale Scout Group	\$	680.00
Brisbane Water Historical Society Inc	\$	160.00
Ronald McDonald Family Room Gosford	\$	1,520.00
Mingara Rebels Softball Club	\$	826.00
Wyong Family History Group	\$	1,000.00
Inner Wheel Wyong Inc	\$	520.00
Central Coast Family History Society Inc	\$	1,110.00
Central Coast Potters Society	\$	2,180.00
Better Hearing Australia CC Inc	\$	200.00
Beateau Bay Mens Shed	\$	800.00
Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts Centre	\$	1,500.00
Alison Homestead Museum	\$	148.00
Decoys Softball Club	\$	700.00
Inner Wheel Club of West Harbour Inc	\$	400.00
Berkeley Vale Neighbourhood Centre	\$	660.00
Kincumber Mens Shed	\$	200.00
Wyong Operational Support Brigade	\$	470.00
Rotary Club of Gosford City	\$	1,000.00
Aspect Central Coast School	\$	1,800.00
Kulnura & Dist Garden Club	\$	1,000.00
1st Kariong Scout Group	\$	336.00
Terrigal 50+ Leisure and Learning Centre	\$	700.00
Rotary Club of East Gosford	\$	290.00
Inner Wheel Club of Tuggerah Lakes	\$	252.00
Central Coast Kids in Need	\$	1,600.00
Rotary Club of Umina Beach	\$	980.00
Long Jetty Christian Fellowship	\$	100.00
Leo's Northlakes High School	\$	400.00
The Humour Foundation (ka Clown Doctors)	\$	800.00
Camp Breakaway	\$	80.00
Teraglin Village Social Club	\$	560.00
Berkeley Vale Touch Football	\$	340.00
Mary Mac's Place	\$	900.00
Rotary Club of Kincumber	\$	1,340.00
Care4Coast	\$	1,360.00
East Gosford Community Garden	\$	180.00
	\$	27,092.00
Rotary Club of The Entrance	\$	3,774.00
Total	\$	30,866.00
David Waterhouse		

8.2 Spin & Win

Projecting to the end of the Rotary year there will have been 16 Spin and Win Saturdays for the 2022/2023 year. Remembering that five Spin and Win days were given over to selling Community Raffle tickets. It is also projected that we will have had about 75 spins in this time.

I am happy to see the number of spins is increasing since we changed ticket price from \$2.00 to \$3.00. Which then increased the price value from \$30.00 to \$40.00.

Over the later period of this time, we have trialled several different prizes. From meat vouchers to Easter Eggs and then Coles Vouchers. It is not the prize that our customers respond to, and it made very little difference to sales. Instead, I think the shock of the cost-of-living increases took time to be accepted. On my last experience of Spin and Win I did note that people were selling themselves up more when offering \$5.00 they then rounded it off to \$6.00 to purchase two chances. Regardless I note a much happier crowd with that happy benevolence towards our effort to raise money for the community. As opposed the sense that the only thing was for them to win a prize.

There is no doubt that Spin and Win remains the face of Rotary in the community, with many our customers saying they participate to support Rotary. It is a place where we raise our profile and explain what we do with the money we raise. I also believe that it is great place to invite new members to join us, even if they are not interested, they receive the offer in a good light and with a sense of good will.

I think if we have members that are happy to give up their Saturdays for Spin and Win, it will continue as a Rotary project. I would like to thank all the members that have supported Spin & Win over the past year.

Don Cannings

Spin & Win Coordinator

8.3 Bunnings BBQ

Bunnings BBQs were again our main fundraiser for the year

In the period to April 30 the club ran 6 (Six) BBQs in our own name , and partnered with C.C.K.I.N to run 2 (two) in their name & with The mini club of NSW/Make a wish to run 1 (one) in their name

Whether they helped us or we helped them we organised the supplies & monies but then split the proceeds pro rata according to the man hours spent by our respective teams.

We raised about \$9000 net from those BBQs in those 10 (ten) months and hope to raise a further \$1000 plus from a BBQ booked for Sun May 28th

In addition CCKIN's prorata share was worth over \$2000 and the Mini Club raised over \$1000 for The "Make a Wish" foundation

A big thank you to all members & friends who worked on the BBQs during the year & a special thank you to David & Diane Waterhouse and Robin Headerd who helped run them.

Clive Denmark

BBQ Co-ordinator

8.4 Community Directory

Directory of Community Services Central Coast

We started the exercise to put this directory together. We are trying to support and empower people through their journey no matter what type of adverse life event they are experiencing – bullying, domestic & family violence, elder abuse, homelessness, mental health challenges, poverty, prejudice, etc.

This Directory is a resource for our community that provides the details of services that are active on the Central Coast, whether for a person who is seeking help or is a service provider. This Directory represents available services (*such as locating shelter or food, etc.*). Each service listed, will have contact details & a short description.

Our aim is to assist people in finding the support they require by informing them of what is available. It is often difficult to find info on where or how to seek help & when they need it most. Hence, we are trying to make it easy to seek suitable help by not having to navigate through complex websites.

Our aim is to provide and maintain this directory. Please note that this directory covers the whole of the Central Coast.

The Flyer:

- Printed in **normal paper** and distributed to Rotary, Lions, pharmacies, doctors' surgeries, school counsellors, hospitals, everyone on the directory, etc. The flyer will be in A5 size. Emma McBride printed 3000 copies of this already.
- Printed in **plastic with sticky side** and targeting to install at the back of females' toilet doors with one copy in the male's toilet. We had 2000 copies of this printed at a cost of \$5,000 and the Central Coast Freemasons donated all the money for this.

The Directory:

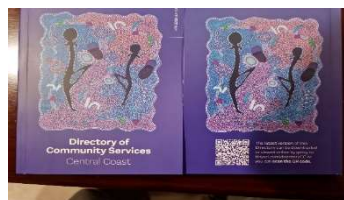
- This is in A6 and have about 106pages. We printed 5000 copies of this and we had \$11,000 donated to us from – CC Council (\$5,000), Emma McBride (\$2,200), Mingara Club (\$1,000), The Entrance Food Hub (\$1,000), Rotary Wyong (\$1,000), Rotary Woy Woy(\$500), FMS (\$500), Bateau Bay and Berkeley Vale Neighbourhood Centres (\$250), Rotary Gosford (\$250), Rotary The Entrance (\$250), San Remo Neighbourhood Centre (\$200).
- Both the flyers and the printed books are being distributed for free.

Launch

- We had the official launch at Mingara Club that was attended by about 60 people, mainly from the organisations mentioned in the Directory.

This Directory can also be download from the below connection:

<https://issuu.com/apmgraphics/docs/ccservicesdirectory2022>



Joe Scicluna

8.5 Christmas Trees

We organised the sales of Christmas trees last December, same as we did the previous year. However, we could only sell trees for one weekend as the truck got stuck in the mud when picking the trees for the 1st weekend. This year we only had about 95 trees to sell.

Our total profit was \$3800, half of which was donated to Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.



Joe Scicluna

8.6 Food distribution

This has been another great year for food donations.

Valley Fruit & Grocer Wamboral – the owner, Adrian Wheatley, donated about 10 to 15 boxes of fruit and veggies every Tuesday morning, all year round. This is a minimum of 2,000kgs of food plus other surplus grocery items that they



donate. Thanks also to Karen and her staff that work here. Most of the food is donated to Bateau Bay Neighbourhood centre.



Bakery Delight – Bateau Bay Shopping Centre – This bakery donates a minimum of 8 loaves of bread and 30 bread rolls every Wednesday night, all year round. That's a minimum of

400 loaves (meaning 3200 sandwiches) and 1500 bread rolls over the last year. I butter these, add different meats, cheese, lettuce and / or vegemite or pickles, turn into individually wrapped sandwiches. This food is distributed between The Entrance, Bateau Bay and Berkeley Bay Neighbourhood Centres.

MasterFoods – We have been lucky to get 2 loads of food from Masterfoods in Dec 2022 and June 2023. These have been distributed between The Entrance, Bateau Bay and Berkeley Bay Neighbourhood Centres and the Entrance Food Hub.



Anytime Fitness The Diggers – This gym organized 2 food collections and Christmas presents. The food was given to the Entrance Food Hub. Christmas presents distributed to our local community.



Norro's Bakehouse – We collected pies and sausages from this bakery over a period of six months on Friday and Saturday afternoons. We used to collect 50 pies and 40 sausage each time. This approximated to 1300 pies and 1040 sausages. The food was given to the Entrance Food Hub.



Joe Scicluna

8.7 Bunny Hunt

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 the annual Easter community event on the 8th of April 2023.

There was lots of laughter and smiles as everyone enjoyed hopping through Long Jetty hunting Easter bunnies, answering rhymes and riddles to locate 10 Easter bunnies hidden around the walkways at Long Jetty.

This year's Bunny hunt wasn't only fun, it was educational. There was information about how Easter is celebrated in a variety of countries and thank you to Don Cannings, who also provided us with lots of bunny facts and information.

There were only 200 Easter bags on offer and there were over 130 children pre-registered within the first few days.

If we continue this special event next year we will need more show bags, as there was an overwhelming response from the Central Coast community.

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.

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

Families were encouraged to bring a picnic lunch to eat by the lake. There were drinks available to purchase food as well to buy from Bean Machine Mobile Cafe. There were lots of activities to do, such as 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 guess.

This is what one of our central coast residents said on our Face book page.

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

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 had to be purchased.

There was lots of fantastic feedback 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 scenes. 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

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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 one for their 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.

The Bunny hunt was only specifically organised for the community, to bring everyone together as well as letting the community know who we are as Rotary Club. Any profit made on the day will be distributed back into the community. This special event also demonstrated that Rotary is not only for the older population but also for the younger demographic.



Kathleen Trott

8.8 Busking Competition

CENTRAL COAST HEAT OF AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BUSKING COMPETITION 2022

The Central Coast heat of the Australian Nation Busking Championships 2022 was held this weekend at The Entrance. The beautiful weather on Sunday brought a host of families and holiday makers to experience the talents of the busking competitors and to make their vote in the People’s Choice section of the competition by giving their Favorite busker a token, or two or more!

The Australian National Busking Championships™ (ANBC) is an Australia-wide network of busking festivals, however, this national event has been postponed in recent years due to the COVID-19 restrictions on public events. This annual event celebrates the rich diversity of Australian Music & Street Performance Culture. It was first held in Cooma in 2012 and is now held in 9 locations around the country, culminating in the national finals in Cooma each year where the winner of the grand final is given the title of Australian National Busking Champion along with substantial prize monies.

The Rotary Clubs of Erina and The Entrance worked together to host the Central Coast heat, held at Memorial Park and saw a huge range of performers showcase their talents and their street performing skills as well as attracting over 400 people. Prizes totalling \$4000 were sponsored by local businesses, Rotary Clubs and individuals to support the recognition of individuals who devote their time, energy and enthusiasm as performers in the Central Coast region. Categories included Open section (18+ years), Secondary School aged (14 – 17 years) and Primary School aged (13 years and under). Additional prizes were awarded for the People Choice, Judges Encouragement Award, General encouragement awards and Best Band on the day. The winner of each section will go to the finals being held in Cooma on 26 November to compete for the title of Australian National Busking Champion.

“The theme of this year National Festival is to encourage, mentor, promote and develop career pathways for emerging musicians and performing artists of all ages and all music genres, and it’s apparent that all the participating buskers have made a great impact on their audiences today!” said a Erina Rotary Club member. *“our two Rotary Clubs with the support of Central Coast Council recognised that by hosting a Regional Heat here on the Central Coast we could enrich our communities culturally and economically as part of a national network, the people of the Central Coast are very generous with their support of the buskers on the day and the closing concert, in which all the finalists performed, was a treat for everyone – including the performers who enthusiastically encouraged each other, with cheers and genuine fellowship.*



The Winners “The James Brothers”

PDG Peter Ward

8.9 Bowel Care

Once again our club has participated in the Bowel Care Project run by The Rotary Club of Gosford

As I was overseas when the kits had to be distributed, Gordon kindly offered to do the distribution, Many thanks to Gordon

We have now completed the pick up and I am pleased to announce that from the 15 Pharmacies that we collected from they sold 278 Kits raising the sum of \$5560.00

Rotary Clubs and Pharmacies	Pharmacy Address	
ROTARY CLUB OF THE ENTRANCE -		
Berkeley Village Pharmacy	6/10 Lorraine Avenue	Berkeley Vale
Berkeley Vale Pharmacy	3/252 Lakedge Avenue	Berkeley Vale
TerryWhite Chemmart Chittaway	Shop 4 Chittaway Shopping Centre Chittaway Rd	Chittaway Bay
Your Chemist Shop Cresthaven	Shop 8 161-173 Cresthaven Avenue	Bateau Bay
Bateau Bay Pharmacy	560 The Entrance Road	Bateau Bay
Bateau Bay Road Chemist	99a Bateau Bay Road	Bateau Bay
Toowoan Bay Amcal Pharmacy	96 Toowoan Bay Road	Toowoan Bay
Simply Pharmacy The Entrance	Shop 13-15 Lakeside Shopping Centre	The Entrance
Kuoch Chemist The Entrance	Shop 3 40-48 The Entrance Road	The Entrance
The Entrance Pharmacy	120 The Entrance Road	The Entrance
Long Jetty Pharmacy	395 The Entrance Road	Long Jetty
John's Pharmacy	338 The Entrance Road	Long Jetty
Bateau Bay Wholelife Pharmacy & Healthfoods	Shop 11-15 Bateau Bay Square	Bateau Bay
TerryWhite Chemmart Bateau Bay	Shop 75 Bateau Bay Square The Entrance Rd	Bateau Bay
Chemist Outlet Tumby Umbi	1/7 Mingara Drive	Tumby Umbi

David Waterhouse

9 Youth Service Report 2022-23

9.1 Youth Exchange

Youth Director and Community Events

This year has been an exciting year!

With Youth Exchange opening back up, In January we were excited to receive an outbound student from Brazil, Rafael Lebedenko. Rafa enjoyed attending the local high school, showed off his soccer skills, made new friends and enjoyed going to the gym. Upon his arrival his counsellor and her family showed him around the Central Coast. His host family then gave him a tour of Sydney, He visited Chinatown for Chinese New Year, Darling Harbour, and Sydney Harbour, riding on the Ferry past the opera house and under the Harbour bridge. Rafa and his host family visited a local farm on the central coast where Rafa learnt a lot about Australian Animals, which he was able to feed and pat, including a kangaroo. In the early days, his host family took Rafa to Umina for lunch at a Brazilian restaurant, another host family from Turramurra meet us there. This lunch was enjoyed by all. We were spoilt by the chief as we learnt how the food was prepared and cooked, some people had a tour of the kitchen and Rafa was able to connect and chatted with the chief as they were both from the same area. As Rafa had a love for soccer his host family took him to watch the Matildas play against Spain, which he said he enjoyed.

In March Rafa attended a conference in Cowra and then went to the Dubbo Zoo with the other youth exchange students. Rafa participated in helping with a Bunnings BBQ and was also part of the Bunny hunt. He also enjoyed an Aussie Easter lunch with his host Families, parents, siblings and niece. On 28th April, Rafa's Youth Exchange experience was shortened as the experience wasn't what was expected and Rafa went home.

Kathleen Trott



Joey went to work with André (his host dad) at Genex. They import bull/cattle sperm from different countries to make the best breed for Brazil's weather conditions and what not. Joey said, "learnt a lot about cattle and how to run a farm".



Also Joey went with his host father André to his tree planting group and planted a total of 5 trees together, 40 trees all together as a group. Joey said, "It was good fun being out and about in the nature all morning".

10 International Service Year 2022-23

During the year we donated to the Following Project

67-2017-18 Sindhuli Primary Schools Fund (RAOAF)

Description: To assist with the primary school education of the children of the lower castes in the Sindhuli district of Nepal. The schooling will be provided via the public school system of Nepal. The assistance will be in the form of providing school uniforms, books and those items required for junior schooling. The assistance will also include the provision of one meal per school day.



In February this year, Dianne and I visited Nepal for the 20th Time and worked on the following Project:-

72-2009-10 Sindhuli Rural Technical School, Sindhulimadi, Sindhuli, Nepal

Project Description: To build a technical institute, student & staff accommodation that will provide agricultural, forestry, engineering, health & services educational courses in Sindhuli area of Nepal

This will be our last trip



David Waterhouse

International Director