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Meetings are held on 1st and
3rd Tuesdays (and 5th) at
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From the President's Desk

Welcome to our first newsletter for June and is common for this time of year and mentioned in my past president reports, we are very close to the point, preparing ready for the new committee to take on new challenges and what I am sure will be an exciting year ahead.

While this is happening we are close, but not quite there and still a busy month with two annual events before the year ends. First is a night we share with the Rotary Club of Erina for the Community and Pride of Workmanship awards. The recipients and awardees are organized, a venue booked. The other (second but not least) is the Changeover Dinner and can I say as a club, a special night. Thank you to everybody in the club for all the hard work and efforts with the organization etc. to make both these events what I am sure will be great nights.

At our regular meetings, we had visit from PDG Harold Sharp and PDG Gina Growden, where Harold gave us an insight on his experience and his continuing journey in regard to what it takes to receive and nominate for an order of Australia award. I believe we were all left no doubt, that Harold is a very worthy recipient and great ambassador for awards.

Fund raising for the month has been busy, we had the opportunity to run a couple Spin and Win raffles at Bateau Bay with a good turnout and a chance to get a number of raffles across the line. Not to be out done, from our other regular fund raising, we were given an opportunity to run two Bunnings BBQ's. This kept Clive on his feet and a big thank you to all from our club and to our regular helpers, who are always there to offer help and assistance.

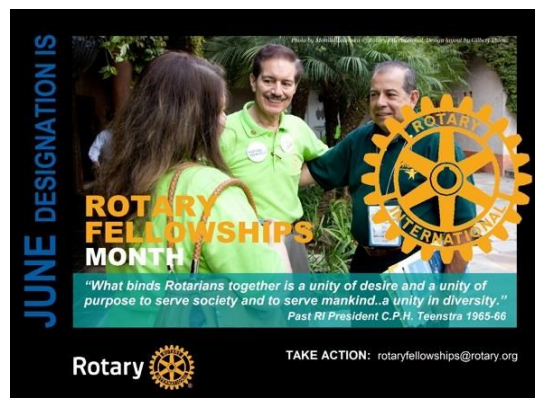
On the district directory for domestic violence, printing is now fully completed and books have started to be handed out and distributed and well received. Thank you to Joe for the hard work and effort and also a big thank you to all who have helped and supported over the length and time of this project.

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

John

I can confirm that our Community Awards and Pride of Workmanship evening did take place on Tuesday. A great night was had, and a full report will be in the second Pelican for June.

Editor



Incoming President Gordon Crawford

Club Speaker 16th May

Gordon's earliest memories are of war-time Glasgow. Within reach of bombers from Europe, food was short, and everyone was poor. When he was six, after the war, his family moved to London. The cockney accent was very different! He clearly remembers climbing the steps of St Paul's Cathedral and being able to see in every direction for miles. Everything had been bombed, and these bomb sites became children's play areas.

In 1951 on his eighth birthday, Gordon joined cubs. He moved up through the scouting movement until at 14 he became a patrol leader and took a group of young scouts on camp. He had to work out how to feed them and keep them busy – but without a watch he had everything done by 2:30 in the afternoon. He was still involved with scouts until he was 25.

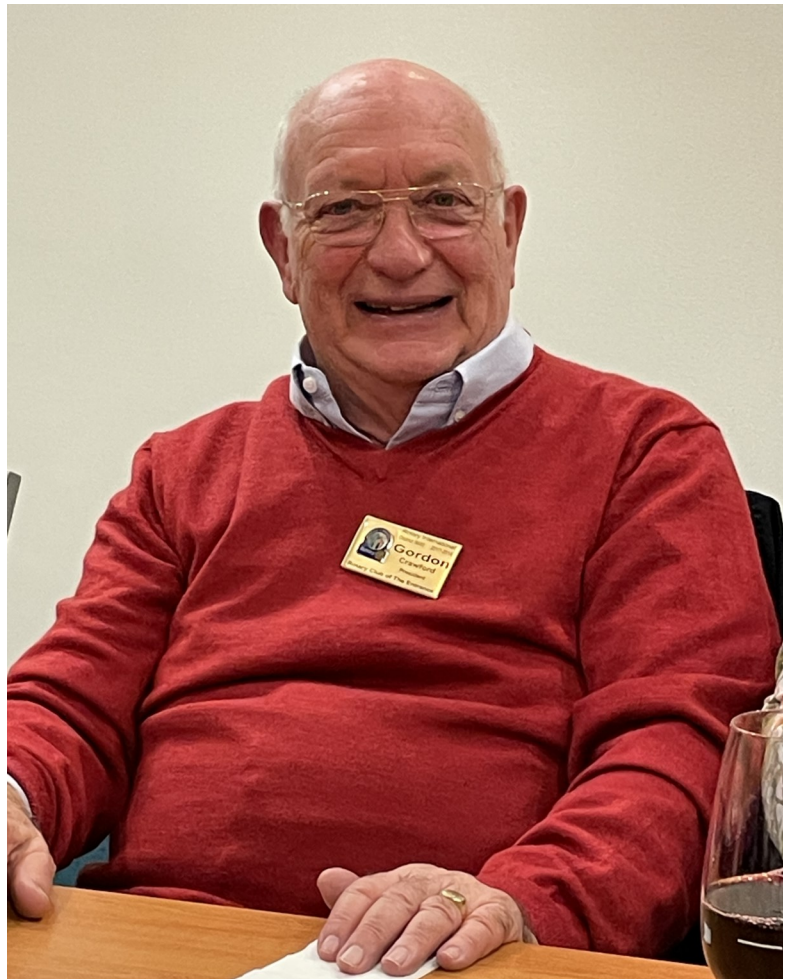
In 1959 he joined the Army Cadets. It was the centenary of the cadets, and Gordon helped form a guard of honour at the Tower of London. There he met the Duke of Edinburgh who went out of his way to speak to everyone.

By 1962 Gordon had realised that educated people were not likely to be poor, so he enrolled in the London School of Economics, doing Accounting Law and Economics. It had the best course of its kind in the world, and graduates were nearly always guaranteed jobs. He finished in 1965, and married, becoming an accountant with Hampshire County Council in Winchester. Within a year he had moved to Lincoln with a new job and was able to buy a 2-year-old detached bungalow.

In 1968, after two miscarriages they welcomed their first son. They moved to London and bought a detached house in Stanmore, with Gordon working for Smith Industries as a systems analyst. This job was intense, but Gordon stayed there for ten years. Their second son was born in 1972.

After a third miscarriage in 1972, the couple realised that their plan for a large family would not come to fruition. Instead, they decided to foster for short term and emergency placements. It took 18 months from the application to finally have their first experience – an 11-year-old boy and 9-year-old girl in moral danger, who arrived 20 minutes after a late-night phone call. They found this worked surprisingly well, as the older children played with and cared for their own younger kids. Over time they fostered 16 children.

In 1978 Gordon was promoted to sales manager, and by 1980 had been headhunted by a competitor, working on artificial



intelligence and the beginnings of the internet. This was followed by a job selling housing systems. In 1982 he was contacted by the NSW Housing Commission in Sydney, which resulted in his first world trip to New York, Sydney, Melbourne, Hobart and Singapore – while in Sydney he met Neville Wran. Many other trips followed. This new luxury lifestyle, however, resulted in his divorce in 1985.

He decided to leave his job when Sue assumed he was drunk when he was actually jetlagged.

Gordon realised the travel had taken its toll, and moved to Sydney with Sue in 1986, becoming National Sales Manager. He was paid out of his position in 1988, joining a recruitment company, before setting up his own Recruitment business. After 9 years he changed the business into Strategic planning and CEO mentoring. After 34 years they will probably close their business on 30th June 2023.

Gordon is now enjoying the fun things in life – watching, acting and directing theatre, playing keyboard and of course Rotary.

Gordon's mission statement is "To be Happy and Effective in Business and Balanced in Life."

And he happily confirmed that he is no longer poor!



PDG Harold Sharp OAM

Nominating people for Order of Australia recognition.

30th May

Our club welcomed Harold back to speak to us about the Order of Australia, and the nomination process. Harold is now Convenor of the Order of Australia on the Central Coast, which has 83 awardees. They have get togethers ever few months for morning tea.

He recounted his own experience. He was advised that he was being considered by email, which was nearly two years after he had been nominated. Once he had been accepted, he was told he could tell no-one (as Gina had been doing for that whole time prior!) and could talk to the press two weeks before in preparation for the announcement. He couldn't believe it himself when he saw it in the paper, and the telephone rang until 8pm. It being during covid he was only allowed to have two guests at Government House when he was presented with his medallion and badge. They had canapes on the lawn later.

Most people know little about the award, and certainly not how to nominate someone. You have

to be an Australian citizen to nominate someone, and the person nominated must also be one. Awards are given for outstanding service – not long service. Usually the person has contributed in more thn one area, and they will require 3-4 referees, who should all be able to speak strongly for the person. It is particularly effective if they are all speaking about different achievements, and it is advantageous if their involvement in each is about 12 years. About 75% of the people who are nominated actually get awards, and the assessors meet twice a year to determine who should be acknowledged.

Those who are not accepted should wait 3-5 years before they try again.

Harold also explained the difference between the awards. The AC or Companion of the Order is the highest award, and about 35 are awarded annually. Then the AO (Officer of the order) usually has 140 per year, and then the OAM (Order of Australia Medal) has about 340 recipients in a year.

If you wish to nominate someone for this highly prestigious award the details are on the website



<https://www.gg.gov.au/australian-honours-and-awards/nominate-someone-award>

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The Entrance

President John Bennett &

President-Elect Gordon Crawford

invite you to the

Annual Changeover Dinner

at

Mingara Club - Tasman Room

Tuesday, 27th June, 2023

6.30pm for 7.00pm

Cost: \$55 per head

Dress: Smart Casual

Entertainment: Tim Ward

RSVP – 13 June

Greg Maloney – 0414 389 590

Email: gregmaloneymarketing@outlook.com

Mingara is wheelchair accessible

Please advise any dietary requirements.

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



tinyurl.com/directoryCC

SNIPPETS FROM THE BOARD MEETING HELD 9TH MAY

Julie requested all communications relevant to the Board meeting be distributed by 4pm on the day.

All Directors have been asked to submit their **budget requirements** for activities for next year, by the end of May, to Julie. The budget will be presented at the next board meeting. The \$5k community grant for the Community Directory has been received, as has the second half of the Rotary Grant for the HoTs project.

The next **Bunnings BBQs** are scheduled for the 28th May (Sunday) and the 16th June (Friday).

Bunnings Community Networking event, Wednesday 31st May, 6pm, Tuggerah. Volunteers sought.

Change over Dinner – The invitation list is being finalised shortly. The cost for each meal is to be confirmed and alternative drop was discussed, as this raises the cost by \$10 per person, to \$55.

Community Directory Update – The directories have been printed and are ready for distribution, with 42 boxes having been delivered. Other members will be contacted in a couple of week's time to assist with the distribution. A key member of APM Graphics Management team had gone above and beyond to make last minute changes. Joe would like to see this formally recognised.

Joe encouraged members to **support two newly acquired business** (Modern Organic and the former Glass Onion Society) as they donate surplus food.

It was agreed that David remains the main Rotary contact when dealing with Mingara. **All contact with Mingara** is to go through David.

Kathleen reported on Joey's Amazon experience. Our inbound exchange student Rafa returned to Brazil in late April.


Don confirmed that the \$3 Spin and Win ticket cost and the \$40 Coles voucher has been accepted by the local community. Robin requested that the float be increased, in order to buy up to 4 x \$40 Coles Gift Vouchers in advance.

Vocational and Community Service Awards on Tuesday 6 June in combination with Erina Rotary Club. John is the contact for this.

Louise gave feedback following the Ken Duncan presentation at a meeting for The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water, which Julie also attended.

Gordon confirmed the Theatre event on Saturday August 12th and the Woy Woy Peninsula Theatre, for 'The Perfect Murder'. 124 seats at \$45 per head, with sponsors to be sought for tickets / food / champagne. This event will need to be publicised on Facebook.



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THE FOUR-WAY TEST
of the things we think, say or do

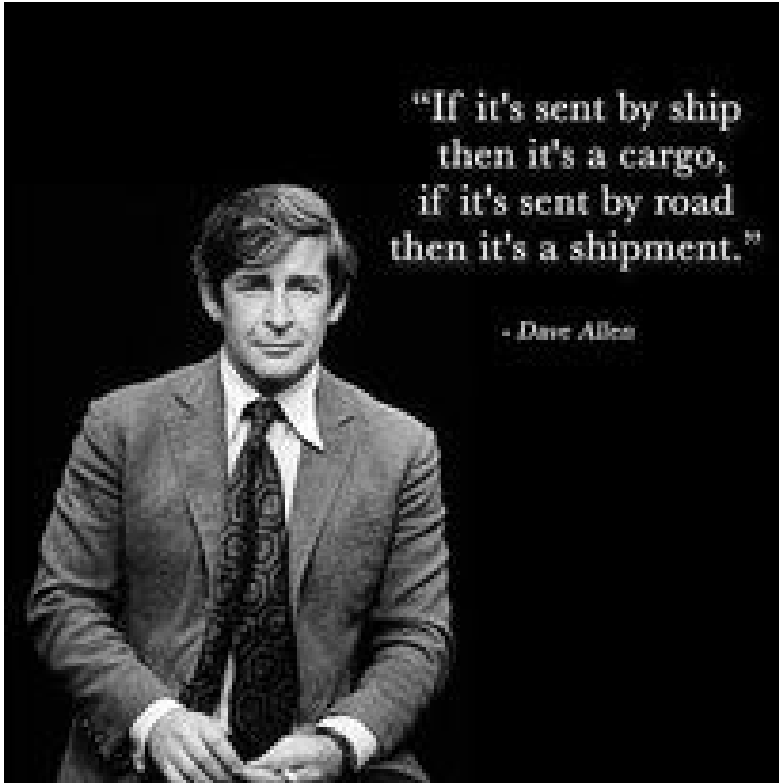
I. Is it the TRUTH?

II. Is it FAIR to all concerned?

III. Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?


IV. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?


For all those members who think I don't put in enough jokes:




Upcoming Program:

June			2023	
13th	Tues	Board Meeting	Zoom	
17th	Sat	Spin & Win		Bateau Bay
20th	Tues	Social Night		???
27th	Tues	Club Changeover	Tasman Room	Tasman Room Mingara
July			2023	
1st	Sat	Spin & Win		Bateau Bay
1st	Sat	District Changeover	12-4pm	Rydges Northwest
4th	Tues	Board Meeting		Zoom
11th	Tues	Rotary Foundation	Peter Ward	Mingara Board Rm
15th	Sat	Spin & Win		Bateau Bay
18th	Tues	DG Official Visit	DG Christine Owen	Mingara Board Rm
25th	Tues	Club Speaker		Mingara Board Rm
30th	Sun	Bunnings BBQ		Tuggerah
August			2023	
1st	Tues	TBA		Mingara Board Rm
5th	Sat	Spin & Win		Bateau Bay
8th	Tues	Board Meeting		Zoom
15th	Tues	TBA		Mingara Board Room
18th	Fri	Theatre Night Fundraiser	"The Perfect Murder"	Woy Woy Little Theatre
19th	Sat	Spin & Win		Bateau Bay
22nd	Tues	Social Night		TBA
29th	Tues	TBA		Mingara Board Rm

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



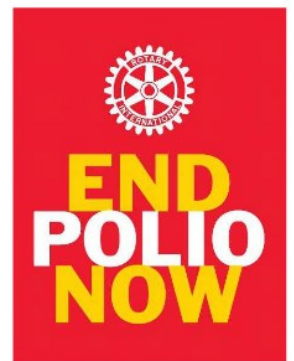
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June birthdays:
Don 13th, Louise 14th, Dianne 23rd

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