



The Pelican News

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**ROTARY CLUB OF THE
ENTRANCE INC.**

**Chartered 26th April 1972
District 9685**

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Christine Owen**



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Meetings are held on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays (and 5th) at the Mingara Club at 6:00 for 6:30 Board meetings on the 2nd Tuesday and social nights bi-monthly on the 4th.

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Club Roundup

November has been a quiet month, although perhaps you could say, it's the calm before the storm!

Our face to face meeting in week 1 we heard from David Waterhouse on his visit to Nepal at the time of the massive earthquake. On April 25th 2015 a magnitude 7.8 earthquake killed 9,000 people and many thousands more were injured, and more than 600,000 structures in Kathmandu and other nearby towns were either damaged or destroyed. David and Dianne were in the country during both the initial quake and the aftershock on May 12th, a magnitude-7.3 aftershock which struck 76 km northeast of Kathmandu, killing a further 100 people and injuring nearly 1,900. David showed us photographs of the devastation and recounted the aid efforts both locally and from neighbouring countries.

We had a successful Bunnings BBQ on 11th November, and have been selling raffle tickets at Bateau Bay Square over several Saturdays.

December will be busy with Christmas Trees on the first two weekends, Christmas wrapping on the 10th at Tuggerah Westfield, toys are being collected at Ray White Berkely Vale for distribution to the Samaritans and the Challenge Foundation In the leadup to Christmas.

Members are reminded to lodge their nomination forms for election to the board prior to our AGM on 5th December, and to have money into the club account for the Christmas party by 30th November, please.



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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?

Scatter Meeting Discussion

During the week of 16th—20th October our club rose to the challenge made by District Governor Christine Owen to experience attending another club. Our own meeting was cancelled, and members looked around for another club to attend.

Some members had been eager to attend Terrigal and Erina Clubs, but unfortunately neither club had a meeting we could attend that week. However some members attended Kariong Somersby, Kincumber and Northlakes-Toukley, and some members had attended Brisbane Water earlier in the year. We met on 31st October to see what we had collectively learned.

What was apparent was that there is now an interesting mix of traditions across the Central Coast. Some clubs are still having fine sessions and have printed placemats with the Four Way Test, some meet at breakfast time, which does deliver a time constraint which might be seen as a good thing. Many clubs alternate their activities, meeting on two nights a month (as we do) but maybe incorporate morning teas or other activities on the other weeks. Some meet regularly online.

Suggestions of ideas we could consider ourselves included:

Asking each member if they are OK?

Say something you are grateful for this week

Say the Four Way Test together every week

Propose a toast to the club of a visiting member

Play inclusive games—like heads and tails

Have interesting guest speakers—use technology to reach interesting speakers

Propose a toast to a club overseas—research a bit about the club and its activities



This year's Christmas Tree Sale

This year's Christmas Tree flyer has already appeared in the last two editions of The Pelican News so all readers should be aware that we are again selling Christmas Trees at Mingara Sport & Recreation Club on Sats 2nd & 9th and Sundays 3rd and 10th of December.

Christmas tree sales on the Coast have been occurring for some 10 years, Kariong Somersby Rotary & Northlakes Toukley Rotary kicked it off as a fundraising effort to assist "Grandparents Raising Grandchildren" & the Rotary Clubs of Erina, Kincumber, Woy Woy and ourselves (for the last two years) have expanded the number of sites, trees sold & funds raised. 50% of all profits still go to "Grandparents Raising Grandchildren" who, we believe, support up to 100 families on the coast. The balance of monies raised are used by clubs to support their own charities & community groups.



Last year on the first weekend the truck collecting Rotary Trees from a site in Country Victoria got bogged and we were left with no trees to sell that 1st weekend. It was with heavy hearts that we turned up at Mingara to tell families looking to buy "that special tree" that we had none to sell and could they come back the following weekend when we hoped to have plenty of good looking trees to sell. The second weekend's sales went well but trees were in short supply so we could not get many extra trees to make up for the 1st weekend's shortfall. As a result, sales were

little more than half the previous year's and funds raised for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren and for the local charities & community groups we support were down as well.

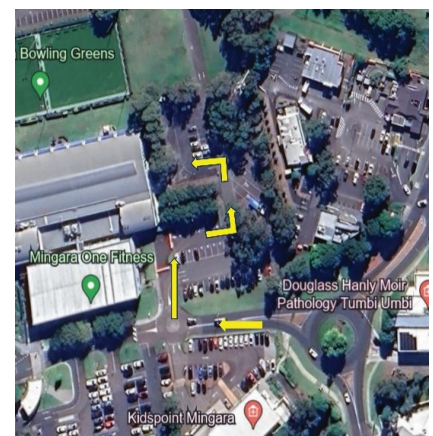
This year we have been promised the supply of excellent quality trees, including plenty of the large & bushy trees which we select to fill our Silver, Gold and Purple Ribbon categories



One major change this year is that Northlakes Toukley Rotary Club who have been selling from a site in Bateau Bay near the Golf Driving Range & Ten Pin Bowling Lanes & a second site in Lakehaven have decided not to sell this year & we have been offered their trees. The club made an early decision that we did not feel we had the resources to sell from 3 or even 2 sites so we have advertised at those sites that we will only be selling from Mingara. Joe, supported by the Christmas Tree Committee of Greg, Don, Julie and Clive have used flyers and will use radio, facebook & targeted emails & text to past customers to publicise the sales as broadly into our local community as possible.

Change of position at Mingara.

Unfortunately, the Athletics Field is unavailable to us this year, as is the area surrounding. So those of you who know where we have been previously should be able to find us at the opposite end of Mingara, near where the monthly markets are held. Entry will be via the main roundabout on Mingara Drive, and then proceed by turning right at the small roundabout before you reach the gym building. Follow the signs to reach our new selling position – where you will find us on all four days of our selling period.



Getting ready for the Sale.

Over 1000 trees are being brought up to Gosford from Country Victoria on a semi-trailer and are planned to arrive at Ranbuilt Sheds off Manns Road Gosford from mid-afternoon on Friday 1st December. The trees have to be unloaded, dragged or carried to one of three “Pantechs” that we have hired locally & then loaded head to tail across the truck to ensure we fit as close to 100 trees in each truck. It was recognized by Joe that this would require more helpers and particularly young, fit helpers. So as well as seeking club members Joe has put feelers out to groups we have helped during the year. We have had an encouraging response & this is an early opportunity to thank Central Coast Kids in Need, Bateau Bay Neighborhood Centre and the sons and daughters of members who have offered to help

The trucks will then be driven to Julie’s property near Mingara where the trees can be watered, stored overnight & then driven on Saturday morning to Mingara by 6.00am

Saturday morning will be hectic as we have an hour or less from 6.00 am to unload the trees and place them upright in a display position. One of the challenges is to spot the larger & bushier trees, denoting those Special Trees that will command Premium Prices. We also have to put up gazebos and set up positions for cash and credit sale . We will also be erecting fencing, barriers or roped off areas so that we can encourage queueing & implement a fair “first come first served” system.



Then from 7.00 am, or just before if possible, the sale will start and the first batch of buyers, some of whom may have been queuing since 6.00 am will be let in and the search to find “that special tree” will begin!!! Thankfully families have different ideas as to what that is and hopefully most will go home happy!



Pricing

(premium trees denoted by coloured ribbons)

Standard tree	\$120
Silver tree	\$135
Gold tree	\$150
Purple tree	\$175
Stands	\$45

Volunteers are requested to bring their own Christmas Hats, should they choose!

Clive Denmark

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Christmas tree Sales 2023

SATURDAY 2 DEC SATURDAY 9 DEC
SUNDAY 3 DEC SUNDAY 10 DEC
7am until SOLD OUT

LOCATIONS

**LISAROW
TERRIGAL
WEST GOSFORD
GREEN POINT
TUMBI UMBI
WOY WOY**

**PRIMEWEST LISAROW PLAZA - PARSONS ROAD
ROTARY PARK - TERRIGAL DRIVE
ANACONDA PARKING LOT
GREEN POINT CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
MINGARA RECREATION CLUB - 12 MINGARA DRIVE
RAILWAY COMMUTER CAR PARK**

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**SUPPORTING GRANDPARENTS
RAISING GRANDCHILDREN
& OTHER ROTARY
COMMUNITY PROJECTS**





Christmas Toys

Once again Ray White Berkeley Vale are supporting us in helping to deliver toys to children who might otherwise have none.

Toys can be dropped off to the Ray White office during December, and will be collected by our members on 15th December, and again on 21st—allowing just enough time for Santa to deliver these toys to our friends The Samaritans, who have twenty children in need, and the Challenge Foundation, who are seeking help for 60.

These toys will be combined with our own club Kris Kringle, supported also by members of Erina Club. Any additional funds from our joint Christmas Party will be used to purchase cinema vouchers for teenagers, to make their holiday season a little brighter as well.

We sincerely thank Ian Boyle and the staff at Ray White Berkeley Vale in helping to brighten our local children's Christmases!



Last year's generous donations

Everybody deserves to smile this Christmas

RayWhite.

Drop a present into our office from 1 December and we'll make sure it gets to a deserving member of our community.

We are supporting Rotary Club - The Entrance, because everyone should receive a gift this Christmas.



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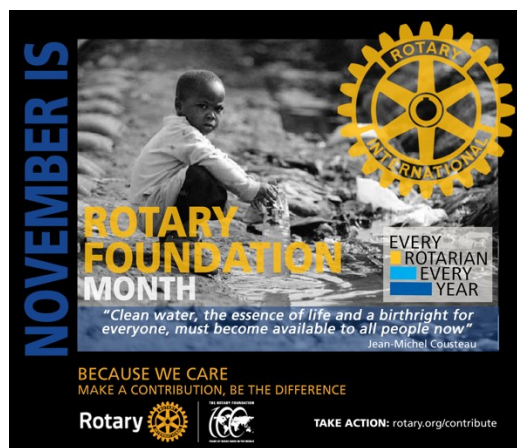
Rotary will be joining the Central Coast Domestic Violence Committee's Walk Against Domestic and Family Violence



Gosford Police Station to Kibble Park on Wednesday 6 December 2023 starting at 10am



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rotary youth exchange



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Members and friends are invited to the
Joint Christmas Party
of
The Rotary Clubs of
The Entrance & Erina
Tuesday 12th December, 6:00pm

hosted by Julie and Phil Glover
17A Hicks Lane Tumbi Umbi

BYO drinks - cost \$40 per person

Kris Kringle gifts as usual

(per couple 2x \$10 gifts for teens or 1 X \$20 for kids marked with suitable age and sex)

RSVP by 30th November

Deposit to Bendigo Bank RC The Entrance

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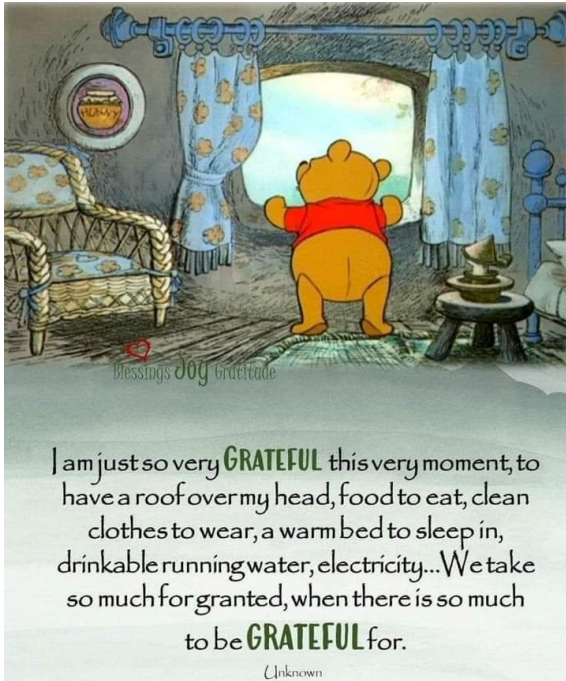


Stopping
Abuse in
Families
Everywhere

Reminder, our "3R's" apply to any form of abuse to women, men, children and our elderly:

1. **Recognise** signs of abuse
2. **Raise** your concerns "safely"
3. **Refer** victim to one of the many family violence agencies OR Make the call yourself!

TOGETHER WE SEE A WORLD
WHERE PEOPLE UNITE AND TAKE ACTION
TO CREATE LASTING
CHANGE ACROSS THE GLOBE
IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND IN OURSELVES



Upcoming Program:

November			2023	
28th	Tues	Club Speaker		Mingara Board Rm
December			2023	
1st	Fri	Pick up Christmas Trees		
2-3rd	Sat / Sun	Sell Christmas Trees		
5th	Tues	AGM		Mingara Board Room
8th	Fri	Pick up Christmas Trees		
9 - 10th	Sat/Sun	Sell Christmas Trees		
10th	Sunday	Christmas Wrapping	all day	Tuggerah Westfield
12th	Tues	Social Night	Christmas Party	Julie's place
15th	Friday	Collect and distribute Toys		Ray White BV
19th	Tues	No Meeting		
21st	Tues	Final Toy Collection		Ray White BV
26th	Tues	No Meeting		



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