



# The Pelican News

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## Club Roundup

Happy New Year everyone! What a busy December we had—so much going on it is almost hard to get a grip on it all.

We will try and cover most of it over the next few pages—without trying to bore you all while we are attempting to have some well earned family time.

In short, there were Christmas Trees, Christmas Wrapping. Christmas Toys and our Christmas Party. But added into that mix, we went to the Walk Against Domestic Violence, we sold raffle tickets, food distribution including Christmas cakes continued, and we also helped out at the Bunnings Christmas Fair. And we are also pleased to be sponsoring a student for RYLA this month!

For a very small club, we punch above our weight—and I must say this recent break has been much needed.

We'll meet next week in the Boardroom of the Mingara Club for our first meeting for 2024, which is a Club Assembly. Come along with your ideas of what we are doing well, and what could be improved.



**Rotary**

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

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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?



# Christmas Trees

2-3 and 9-10 December

With a huge number of trees to be sold, we pulled out all the stops and declared All Hands on Deck! Thanks to all the Club members, family members and Rotary Supporters who turned up to help on the first day and many days thereafter we managed to sell 409 trees under quite difficult circumstances, as it played out.



Rain on the first selling day limited the sales, as it's not so nice to take the kiddies to select a tree from under an umbrella. Nevertheless we did sell a record number that day, despite the wet conditions.



The second day dawned fine and calm, and found us back in the Mingara carpark with a steady stream of customers. Until suddenly there weren't. Those of us there could not fathom the drop off, until we realised that the Mingara Christmas Fair which opened at 10am, had traffic at a gridlock for a good kilometre in each



direction, and no-one in their right mind would be pushing through the standstill to carry away a tree! Regardless, we managed to sell 278 the first weekend—although had to return some to the Gosford depot unsold. And then some of our members helped



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saw the bottoms off the leftover trees so they could be held over.

Feeling fresh on the following weekend, we certainly started off well on the Saturday — until it got hot! Really hot! 38 degrees hot! We stuck it out until after 1pm, selling the odd one here and there. Certainly not ideal.







The Sunday was kinder, and we managed to sell another 131 trees for the weekend. Not the overall total of 500 we had hoped—but not due to lack of effort!

Our base price for trees was \$120, but we averaged nearly \$135 using Clive’s Ribbon System—where silver, gold and purple ribbons were tied to the top of the better trees, and these were sold for \$135, \$150 and \$175 respectively. We did have three totally stand-out trees—so we tied some red and white tape around these, which sold between \$180 and \$200.

We had great respect for those clubs who offered to sell leftover trees on the third weekend.

Well done everyone! The result for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren from our club alone is \$6009—and from all the clubs on the Coast it is almost \$25,000.



## Walk Against Domestic Violence



On 6th December our club were well represented at the Walk against Domestic Violence, held in Gosford, where over 250 participants walked from the Police Station in Mann St to Kibble Park, where there was some entertainment. This was organised by the Central Coast Domestic Violence Committee. Their members and others supporting them were wearing orange—but the Rotarians from many coastal clubs were wearing their purple domestic violence shirts—and there were plenty of them there!









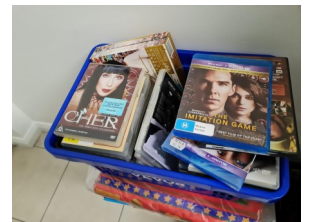
## Bunnings Community Night

Over the last few years we have been invited to take part in the Bunnings Community night—a night of fun and entertainment put on by Bunnings for their customers. Each year the format is a little different, but this year Clive, Anthea and Robin went along to help with one of the games.

Bunnings always rewards their helpers with vouchers, which we will probably use for next year's raffle prize.



Joe was given a large number of books, movies and CDs on 14th December through a contact. They were given to given to the Entrance Co Op shop.



Some of the books were collector's items and signed by the authors. A quarter of the cds and movie still in their original wrappings.

Joe said it was one of the best hauls of goodies that he ever got and should have made a lot of people happy.



"Best Christmas feeling ever to have such a donation."



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Don has passed over another **40 Bags of Kindness to the HoTS Team** on 9th January. He was sad to hear that Joel has resigned. His passion and enthusiasm will be hard to replace. We send our very best wishes to Joel from Rotary The Entrance.





## Christmas Toy Drive

Our Club is fortunate to be paired with Ray White , Berkeley Vale. We thank Ian & his team for their continuing support for our Christmas Toy Drive.

We are also grateful for the generosity of members & partners of both the Entrance & Erina Rotary clubs for both the Kris Kringle presents & also the residual cash from the Christmas Dinner. Thanks particularly to those who gave presents or vouchers for the older children

### Samaritans, Bateau Bay

it has been a time of change for samaritans at Bateau . Sophie has moved on & we welcome Janet as the new team leader . The number of families and children under their care programs is well down on past years although they expect it to bulid up again in 2024 . They gave us a detailed breakdown by child with age & sex & even some sug- gestions for toys . With only 10 children under 10 to cater for we were able to meet many of those requests. (We did warn them that with larger numbers such a specific pairing would be difficult to achieve)

### Challenge Foundation

Danielle is still the team leader & she gave us a broad breakdown by age & sex. We were able to meet the toys for under 10s, some for 10 -12s and the balance of the older children by vouchers—largely Cinema (two tickets), Rebel Sport and Westfield

**Bateau Bay Neighbourhood Centre** With a surplus of toys for the younger age groups (particularly under 7) we were able to give BBNC a total of 35 toys. We have been supporting them with fruit & veg deliveries every Tuesday this year (principally due to donations of 6 to 15 boxes from Wamberal Fruit & Veg) and have been made aware that demand for some of their services is up by up to 500% they run a toy library as well as a Christmas gift program. Whilst they receive toys from many sources they were very appreciative of our dona- tion.

**Both Challenge and Samaritans said they would be willing to help with Rotary fundraisers in the future, in particular the Christmas Tree Sale and the Bunny Hunt.**

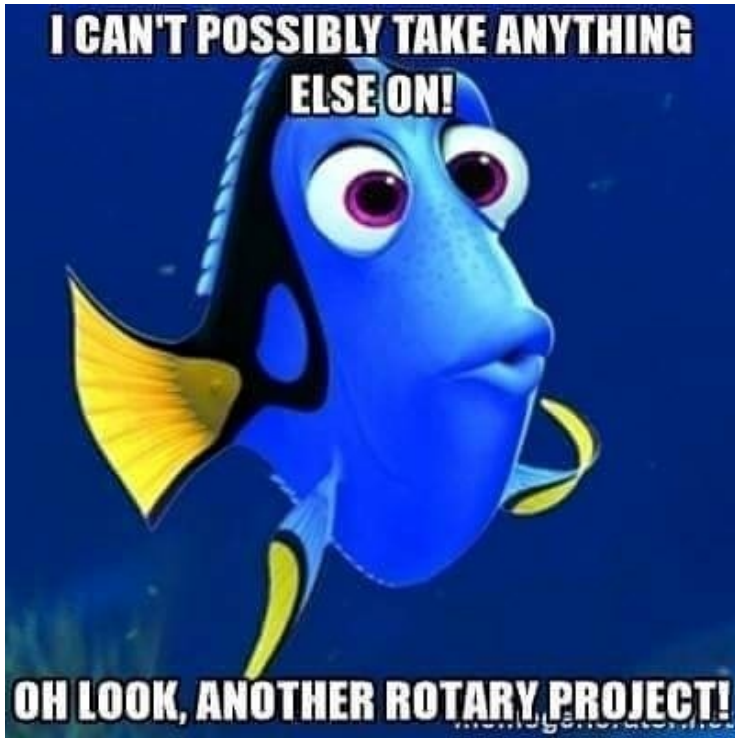


*Clive Denmark*

### Christmas Toy Collection & Distribution 2023

Collection	Toys	Vouchers	total
<b>Sources</b>			
Ray White Berkeley Vale	65		65
Kris Kringle (RTE, Erina)	16	4	20
Club Donation	2	7	9
Residual Dinner monies	7	9	16
<b>&amp; club top up</b>			
	<b>90</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>110</b>
<b>Distribution</b>			
Samaritans	10	4	14
Challenge Fostercare	45	16	61
Bateau Bay N'hood Centre	35		35
	<b>90</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>110</b>





I was afraid this would happen...



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youth  
exchange







# Certificate of Appreciation

Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) would like to recognise

## Entrance Rotary Club Raised \$8,645.56

for outstanding support in improving services for children  
on the autism spectrum and their families.

*Jacqui Borland*

Jacqui Borland  
Chief Executive Officer



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!



# Upcoming Program:

## Programme January to June 2024

### January

16/01/2023	Tues	Board Rm	Club Assembly	
23/01/2024	Tues	Social Night		???
28/01/2024	Sun	Bunnings BBQ		
30/01/2024	Tues		???	

### February

3/02/2024	Sat	Spin & Win	Bateau Bay	
4-5/02/2024	Sat-Sun	Raffle pickup	Mingara Foyer	
6/02/2024	Tues	Guest Speaker	<b>Danielle Ghilardi</b>	Challenge
10-11/02/2024	Sat-Sun	Raffle pickup	Mingara Foyer	
13/02/2024	Tues	Board Meeting	Zoom	
17/02/2024	Sat	Spin & Win		
18/02/2024	Sun	Bunnings BBQ		
20/02/2024	Tues	Club Speaker	<b>Joey</b>	Returned Exchange Student
27/02/2024	Tues		Raffle Draw	Mingara

### March

2/03/2024	Sat	Spin & Win		
5/03/2024	Tues	Guest Speaker	Benny Agius	Words on the Waves Writers Festival
12/03/2024	Tues	Board Meeting	Zoom	
6/02/2024	Sat	Spin & Win		
19/03/2024	Tues	Board Rm	Club Speaker	
24/03/2024	Sun	Bunnings BBQ		
26/03/2024	Tues	Social Night		???

### April

2/04/2024	Tues	Guest Speaker	<b>Amanda Corton</b>	Paratus Clinical Research CC
6/04/2024	Sat	Spin & Win		
9/04/2024	Tues	Board Meeting	Zoom	
16/04/2024	Tues	Club Speaker		
20/04/2024	Sat	Spin & Win		
23/04/2024			No Meeting	
30/04/2024	Tues	Board Rm	???	

### May

4/05/2024	Sat	Spin & Win		
7/05/2024	Tues	Guest Speaker		
14/05/2024	Tues	Board Meeting	Zoom	
4/05/2024	Sat	Spin & Win		
21/05/2024	Tues	Club Speaker		
28/05/2024	Tues	Social Night		

### June

1/06/2024	Sat	Spin & Win		
4/06/2024	Tues	Board Rm	Guest Speaker	
11/06/2024	Tues	Board Meeting		
15/06/2024	Sat	Spin & Win		
18/06/2024	Tues	Tasman Rm	Changeover	
25/06/2024	Tues	Board Rm		



February - Phil 16th Shirley 21st Greg 25th Julie 27th





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