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## From the President's Desk

On Saturday I attended the Presidents' Elect Training Day at Baulkham Hills.

The session was much more of a workshop than presentations and enabled us to get a better feel on how other clubs organise themselves.

Three things came to the fore.

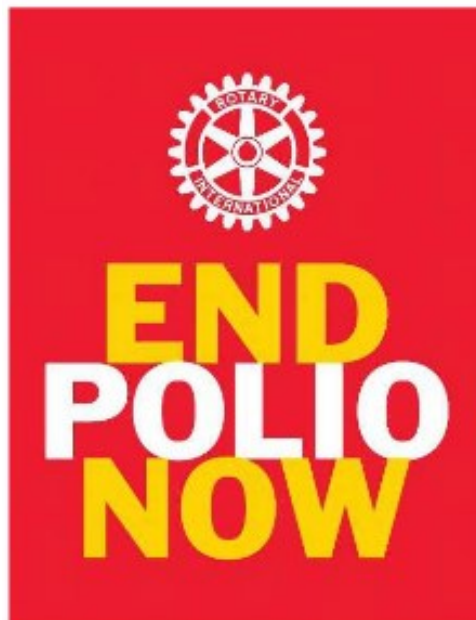
Regionalisation will commence as a pilot from our new Rotary year in July. This will enable and encourage a higher level of inter-club activity, projects, and goals. We will have the support of a Regional Community Leader and a number of RC specialists.

We set a mission last year to be a club working with the Community for the Community. We do this well and I would like to continue with that mission. As a life-long goal setter, I would like us to come up with 3 or 4 SMART goals so we can have clearer direction and monitor our success.

We should also have a budget and once again measure our success against the budget.

This month we found ourselves a new member, Julia who joins us with a project which is totally aligned to our mission. The 'Rolling to Victory' event is a major challenge in an incredibly short timescale. I trust we will all give as much support to Julia to help Neville compete in the disabled world snooker championships in Hull.

Congratulations to the Community Raffle Team for raising a near record sum, helping many community groups to fund their activities.



**Rotary**

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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?

# Community Raffle Draw 2024

27th February 2024

The night of 27th February saw the fortieth drawing of The Entrance Rotary's Community Raffle, by Twynette Dickinson, representing Mingara. As always, Mingara Recreation Club were the major sponsor, donating \$4000 as the first prize.



This year we had forty four participants, selling \$36,174 worth of tickets, and then we sold \$3,128 ourselves. So in round terms there were 19,650 tickets in that big tub we use! As someone said on the night—we've got to get a bigger "boat"!

We had only two people from participating clubs who came to watch the draw—Sandra Bowden, President and Coach of the Mingara Rebels Softball Club, and

Trish Fortier of The Humour Foundation (Clown Doctors).

The full results are published on the next page, but imagine the excitement when the first prize was pulled out, and the winning ticket had been sold by Mingara Rebels, and the winner was in Sandra's squad! So when our phone call to the winner was unanswered (as it often is...who answers an unknown number these days?) we prevailed upon Sandra to put her phone on speaker so we could all enjoy hearing her telling Hayley the great news!



Our raffle could not go ahead without our fantastic sponsors. The club's sincere thanks go to Mingara, to new sponsor The Crowne Plaza for donating a night's stay with breakfast, Gem Design who have supported us for many years, Ming Dragon who support is in more ways than this, and Bunnings. We also need to mention McDonalds, who have a voucher on every ticket sold.





**RESULTS OF THE 40<sup>th</sup> Annual COMMUNITY RAFFLE 2023-24**

- Draw was held on 27th February 2024 at 6:45 PM
- Where: at Mingara Recreational Club 12-14 Mingara Dr, Tumbi Umbi NSW 2261
- Drawn by Twynette Dickinson. Sports & Community Manager, Mingara Club,

**RESULTS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize :** \$4000 Cash Donated by MINGARA RECRATIONAL CLUB Ltd.

Winning Number .....17517.....

Winners Name ..... ..Hayley Kent... ..

Ticket sold by Mingara Rebels Soft Ball Club

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:** One night Accommodation with Breakfast Crowne Plaza Terrigal Pacific Ph 4384 9114

Winning Number .....10861.....

Winners Name ..... ..Cath Davis..... ..

Ticket sold by 1<sup>st</sup> Ourimbah Scout Group

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:** \$150 Voucher Gem Design Jewellers, The Entrance Ph 4334 2333

Winning Number ... .....21863.....

Winners Name .....John Haymes ... ..

Ticket sold by Rotary The Entrance

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**4<sup>th</sup> Prize:** \$100 Voucher The Ming Dragon Restaurant Ph 4349 7838

Winning Number .....05999.....

Winners Name ..... ..Graham Williamson... ..

Ticket sold by Central Coast Bridge Club

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**5<sup>th</sup> Prize:** \$100 Voucher Bunnings Tuggerah

Winning Number ... ..20944.....

Winners Name ..... ..Lil Bennetts... ..

Ticket sold by Rotary The Entrance

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**6<sup>th</sup> Prize:** \$100 Voucher Bunnings Tuggerah

Winning Number ... .....181801.....

Winners Name ..... ..Dr Howard Oxley... ..

Ticket sold by Wyong Drama Group

*Signed : PP David Waterhouse Project Manager*

# Graham Maxwell

## Gosford Bulk Water Brigade Rural Fire Service

5th March, 2024

We met Graham through our Community Raffle, as they sold tickets this year. Graham came along to explain to us what the Bulk Water Brigade does.

He started by telling us that the NSW Rural Fire Brigade is the biggest volunteer organisation in the world, with 70,000 volunteers in NSW and only 940 paid workers. It takes an army of people to keep one person on the front line!



There is more to the RFS than hoses! Amongst other specialist brigades are the Communications Brigade ("Coms"), catering brigade which can use either a mobile kitchen, or operate out

of local halls, a remote area brigade (using helicopters to gain access) and there is even a trail bike brigade based at Kariong. They have buses to move people, and a chinook helicopter to move equipment. There are even some 30 fire boats—five of which are based on the Central Coast.

But Gosford is the only brigade which is solely Bulk Water.

The aim of the Bulk Water Brigade is to be able to ensure that the guys on the front line have enough water. They drive large tankers, which have the ability to refill several smaller tankers. They are responsible for sourcing water from dams, creeks and hydrants, and even storing water in temporary dams



made with buoy walls, sometimes big enough to refill firefighting helicopters. They keep a semi on the central coast, as well as several other tankers of various sizes. One has hoses so it can fight fires as well as topping up water. They service pretty much all of NSW to the north of Sydney—there are other tankers kept south of Sydney, and others kept in various places throughout the state as well.

Four or five of the local members have their semi-trailer licence, and most of the rest have their heavy rigid truck licence.

Graham spoke of the *Marie Bashir* – a 737 which spreads fire retardant. It is based at Richmond but also works out of Coffs Harbour. They use volunteer drivers to deliver the fire retardant ("pink stuff") where necessary, and some regional airports have tanks as well.

We were reminded that the RFS don't only respond to fires. Other emergencies like the Lismore floods have called in many volunteers to assist—which needed not only the catering brigade but also accommodation setup for many people.

The RFS is 70% funded by insurance companies, and the remainder of the costs is shared between the state and local governments. Graham mentioned that it is not the responsibility of the rural fire service to organise hazard reduction burns.

It is the responsibility of the landholder—and in the case of government land, it is mostly the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

Graham was a very interesting speaker, and we thank him for coming along.



**What a fabulous opportunity it was for our members to attend the district conference locally—no need to book motels! Nearly half our membership took advantage of the close proximity, and we had a fun time!**

## **District 9685 District Conference 2024**

**Terrigal and Erina**



First cab off the rank was the Domestic Violence walk which attracted 100 participants. We walked along the Terrigal foreshore, up the hill a bit (NOT The Skillion—that may have been too challenging for many of the walkers) and then back, gathering in the bar at the Crowne Plaza for a drink and drawing of the raffle prize. The walk was a great opportunity to talk to other participating Rotarians. I spoke to members of the Greater Sydney e-Club and Upper Northern Beaches. The \$2000 raised from entry fees will go to establishing a scholarship to help the victims of domestic violence and their children. Later in the evening the raffle held at the dinner contributed a further \$6000.



Following that was the Crowne Plaza Beach Party which was fully booked with 320 attendees. The guest speaker, Brad Baker, posed the question “Do you want to be Famous?” and went on to talk about many famous people he had met personally, and talked about their quiet achievements, amazing things done for their communities or others overseas, mostly unseen by the public. These other activities were the reason they had remained in his thoughts—not the original reason they were famous.



Afterwards the loss of the dance floor to additional tables was not a problem as many revellers bopped between the tables anyway once the musicians started playing music from the Beach Boys, as well as other fun tunes from days gone by!



Saturday morning found us at the EV Church in Erina, which was a fantastic venue for a conference! The auditorium could have coped with more, and the morning tea and lunch was served in the building up the hill, which also housed the Rotary Showcase, where you could see the many projects being run in the District, and speak to people who were involved.

Jannelle Craig from RC West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook did a great job as MC for the day. The range of speakers was impressive. We learned the difference between genomes and genetics, and how this might better define who we are; we learned how many obscure minerals go into the technology we take for granted, and how Australia might be able to benefit from being able to source these.

We heard from some of the current batch of Inbound Youth Exchange Students, as well as an update on Regionalisation. We heard about the development of a program for RYLA alumni, ensuring that they continue to develop their leadership skills.

With so many inspiring speakers it is hard to pick a standout—but for me it was Gemma Sisia and the story of the school she established in Tanzania. She had with her two graduates of her program who were impressive in both their achievements and what they are giving back.

And who couldn't be impressed with Greg Page (original yellow Wiggle) explaining how an AED machine saved his life—before making us all do Hot Potato Hot Potato!



**Julie Glover**

## Rolling to Victory

On 5th March Julia Heckenberg attended our meeting looking for help with her project of supporting Neville Helou, a member of the Mingara Snooker and Billiards Club, who has been invited to attend the World Disability Snooker Championships to be held in Hull, UK during May. She is concerned to be able to assist Neville with his costs, in particular plane tickets to take Neville and his wheelchair to the UK, and perhaps a support person. She is in the process of organising an afternoon function at The Entrance North Surf Club, with a High Tea, Kariaoke and a silent auction. Her aim is to charge \$150 and sell 100 tickets to the event.

She is looking for a not-for profit organisation which might be able to handle the “depository” of the funds, so that the collection and distribution of the funds would be transparent. She also indicated her willingness to join the club.

*Julie*



### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March

At our last meeting the club agreed to support Neville Helou, a wheelchair snooker player, to compete in a disabled snooker championship in Hull UK in May. New member Julia Heckenberg invited Neville to the meeting to provide some personal background.

Neville contracted polio overseas when he was quite young & lost the use of his legs. In 1993 he played in a wheelchair snooker competition at Stoke Mandeville in the UK and was placed 4<sup>th</sup>. Following that his circumstances prevented further involvement for an extended period. He has been working for Spinal Cord Wheelchair Australia co-ordinating Taxis, which provides only minimal income and thus his need for financial assistance. He took up snooker again about 18 months ago and has been playing at Mingara Snooker Club . Neville also said If snooker is reintroduced to the Olympics, the Paralympics may be considered for inclusion, for which he would be keen to represent Australia

President Gordon spoke briefly about the fundraiser planned for Sun 7<sup>th</sup> April at North Entrance SLSC . He said after due consideration the ticket price for the main function has been reduced from \$150 to \$100 per head but also that some steps had been taken to try to reduce the cost of the trip. An approach had been made to Rotary in the UK which had resulted in an appeal on Rotary Radio UK. A request had been made to see whether a Rotarian in Hull might be prepared to host Neville for the duration of the tournament.

Julia also asked if anyone knew of a person or business that would be prepared to donate a silent auction or raffle prize for the fundraiser on April 7th

*Clive*



# ROLLING FOR VICTORY GALA EVENT

**Together let's get local hero  
Neville Helou and his wheelchair  
to the Hull International Open &  
Champion of Champions UK  
World Disability Snooker  
Tournaments**

## WHEN

**SUNDAY APRIL 7 2024**

**1PM – 4PM**

## WHERE

**North Entrance SLSC**  
75 Hutton Rd, The Entrance

## TICKET LINK

**<https://events.humanitix.com/rolling-for-victory>**

**Donations welcome BSB 633 000 ac 168 700 482**

## FUND RAISING GALA

## TICKETS

**\$100pp 18+  
High Tea, Karaoke,  
Silent Auction and  
more**

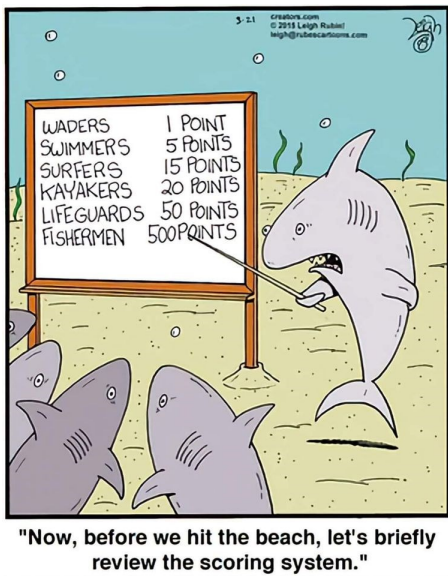
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For members who might wish to see what happens at Razzamatazz, the showtimes on 17th April are 11am, 2pm & 6pm.



## HAPPY EASTER FROM US ALL!

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!



Stopping Abuse in Families Everywhere



# Upcoming Program:

April				
2/04/2024	Tues	Guest Speaker	Mingara	Amanda Corton
6/04/2024	Sat	Spin & Win	Bateau Bay	
9/04/2024	Tues	Board Meeting	Zoom	
16/04/2024	Tues	Club Speaker	Mingara	?????
20/04/2024	Sat	Spin & Win	Bateau Bay	
23/04/2024	Tues	Club Speaker	Mingara	Danielle Ghilardi
28/04/2024	Sun	Bunnings BBQ	Tuggerah	Challenge Community Services (Foster Care)
30/04/2024	Tues	Volunteer Meeting	Waterhouses'	

May				
4/05/2024	Sat	Spin & Win	Bateau Bay	
7/05/2024	Tues	Guest Speaker	Mingara	Pete Little
14/05/2024	Tues	Board Meeting	Zoom	Radio Station 96.3 FM
18/05/2024	Sat	Spin & Win	Bateau Bay	
21/05/2024	Tues	Guest Speaker	Mingara	????
26/05/2024	Sun	Bunnings BBQ	Tuggerah	
28/05/2024	Tues	Social Night	???	

June				
1/06/2024	Sat	Spin & Win	Bateau Bay	
4/06/2024	Tues	Guest Speaker	Mingara	?????
11/06/2024	Tues	Board Meeting	Zoom	
15/06/2024	Sat	Spin & Win	Bateau Bay	
18/06/2024	Tues	Change Over	Mingara	Tasman Room
23/06/2024	Sun	Bunnings BBQ	Tuggerah	
25/06/2024	Tues	???	Mingara	





**In April:**

Gordon 2nd,  
John 16th,  
Anthea 24th





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and partners, appearing  
throughout this Bulletin.



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A better world  
tomorrow



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