



The Pelican News

Hello everyone—we do hope you've all had a wonderful Christmas with family and / or friends. And that you are all enjoying a well earned rest!

This will be a fairly quick summary of December, much of it told in pictures!

On the 2nd December David Waterhouse spoke on his most recent trip to Nepal. We loved the photos of both him and Dianne.

On 9th December we held our AGM, also at Mingara. President –Elect for 2026-27 is Julie Glover, supported by Greg Maloney as Secretary and Peter Ward as Treasurer. The usual group of Directors have put up their hands, and we are confident it will be a good team moving forward.

Those of you have put up your hands for it will be gathering at Bunnings on New Year's Day to cook a few sausages. We normally find this a good day with people in happy moods, so this should be a fun one.

Coming up in January will be our first meeting on Tuesday 20th January at Mingara. And please don't forget that memberships are now due for those who didn't pay in full in July.

Don't forget the training day for those wanting to participate in the Dementia Cafe. Please remember to advise Julie if you are wishing to attend—partners also very welcome to participate. This will take place on 27th January during the day —time and venue yet to be determined.

A summary of our December activities follows—see you all in the New Year!

EACH ONE
BRING ONE



COME, JOIN ROTARY

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Meetings are held on 1st and 3rd
Tuesdays (and sometimes 5th)
at the Mingara Club at 6:00 for
6:30

Board meetings on the 2nd
Tuesday on zoom and social
nights on the 4th.

Attendance and apologies to
David: 0450 068887

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Christmas Trees 2025

We're used to the rush—but the line before we opened on the first morning beat all expectations!



Gotta make sure to bring a big enough car!

Profit was nearly \$12,000 with half of that already gone to Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.



Christmas Toys

And while all the Christmas Tree sales were going on, we were looking after our smallest Coasties, collecting and distributing Christmas Toys.

We thank Ray White Berkeley Vale for again collecting toys for us, and for one of our members who donated \$1000 towards the vouchers and cinema tickets we gave the bigger kids for Christmas.

Pictured members collecting toys from Ian Boyle and Joanne Elliss from Ray White, Berkeley Vale.

Beneficiaries were Samaritans, Challenge, Benevolent Society and Bateau Bay Neighbourhood Centre.





We have sponsored Sam Altuneg from Terrigal to attend RYLA during January. He came along and met us in December, and we were very happy to support his application.

Sam is 21, and is nearing the end of his university degree in Construction Management. He is hoping that RYLA will help him to make decisions about his future.

In his spare time, Sam works at the Athletes Foot.

Challengers Bowlers for their Presentation and Christmas Party.

Once again we sponsored this event! There was a total of 87 trophies and 58 medals. Each bowler gets a trophy.



Neville & Ty won the teams in Challengers 2 for the year.

Wendy, Belinda & Emma showing off their medals.



Combined Christmas Party with Erina RC

This year we went to Trojans at Terrigal—a great choice with an affordable menu, great view, reasonable parking—and the room out the back was not too nisy, although with the good attendance we were stretching that just a little. A wonderful way to finish off the year—thank you to David and Dianne for organising it! And a big sorry to those sitting at my table—I forgot to photograph you!



Save the Date

Sunday March 8, 2026

International Women's Day
High Tea

Raising critical funds to underpin the
Rotary District 9685 Educational Scholarship Scheme
for Domestic and Family Violence Survivors

Rotary Club of Wahroonga
Community Bank Lindfield
Bendigo Bank
HORNSBY RSL CLUB
WWS
Rotary 9685
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Rotary Districts 9660 and 9685 presents...

TOGETHER FOR TOMORROW
a combined conference

FRIDAY 20TH and SATURDAY 21ST MARCH 2026
NEWCASTLE CIVIC THEATRE AND CITY HALL

Discover the Rotary of tomorrow with visionary speakers and inspiring performances. Register at www.togetherfortomorrow.com.au

Rotary Districts 9660 and 9685

Rotary
The Entrance

If you are caring for a loved one who is living with Dementia, a Rotary D-Caf is for you both.

A Dementia Café is a group which gathers for morning tea twice a month, providing suitable activities for those with dementia, while offering an opportunity for carers to talk amongst themselves, learning and sharing experiences—or indeed a friendly ear should they just need to offload and discuss with caring people.

We are offering a new D-Caf in the PCYC at Bateau Bay, commencing in February 2026, and being run by members and friends of Rotary The Entrance. This is a free service to our community.

Where: Bateau Bay PCYC—ground floor
When: first and third Tuesdays from 10am to noon
Commencing Tuesday 3rd February 2026

If you are interested in attending, places are limited, and you should register your interest with Julie by text to 0427 426393, or email weetaliba@bigpond.com

Rotary District 9685

DG MICHELE ELLERY PARTNER PROJECT
Australian Rotary Health Funding Partner PhD Scholarship
Investigating Mental Health Research 0-12 years
prevention and promotion in a New South Wales University
Scholarship valued at \$35,000 per year
(Rotary District 9685 in partnership with ARH and the university for 3.5 years)

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Researching mental health in children aged 0-12 years is crucial because mental health challenges often begin in childhood and can have long-term consequences if left unaddressed. Early intervention and prevention strategies are vital for improving lifelong mental health and wellbeing, as well as reducing disparities in mental health outcomes for vulnerable children.

Donations can be made individually or as a club to support this project

Donations to be made directly to Australian Rotary Health

Banking Details:

Australian Rotary Health
BSB 112 879
Account # 065 433 595

Reference: (Club Name first) e.g. LowerBlue FPP

Email: admin@arh.org.au to advise of the donation to the Funding Partner Project and for receipt details. Multiple names and amounts need to be advised.

Tax Deductible receipts sent to donors

Australian Rotary Health – PO Box 6161, Norwest NSW 2154 Phone: 8837 1900

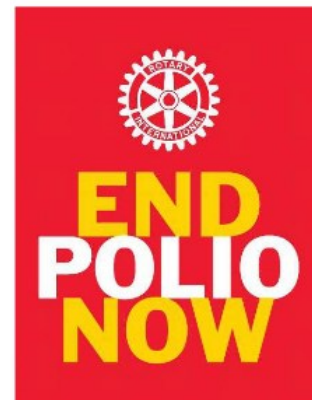
Together we say
NO to DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE
and
YES to RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Upcoming Program:

This is approximate only—has not been run past David during this holiday period!

Please take this as an indication only!

January			2026	
1st	Thurs	Bunnings BBQ		Tuggerah
6th	Tues	No Meeting		
13th	Tues	No Meeting		
20th	Tues	TBA		Tumbi Umbi
27th	Tues	Dcaf Training	TBA	
27th	Tues	Social	TBA	
February			2026	
2-3rd	Mon-Tues	Mherv Van		Entrance /BB
3rd	Tues	Dcaf	PCYC	Bateau Bay
3rd	Tues	TBA	Mingara	Tumbi Umbi
8-9th	Sat/ Sun	Raffle returns	Mingara	Tumbi Umbi
10th	Tues	Board Meeting		Zoom
8-9th	Sat/ Sun	Raffle returns	Mingara	Tumbi Umbi
17th	Tues	DG Visit	Mingara	Tumbi Umbi
22th	Sunday	Bunnings BBQ		Tuggerah
27th	Tues	Social	TBA	





Better food today
A better world
tomorrow

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and partners, appearing
throughout this Bulletin.




Wyong Leagues Group


Bringing Communities Together



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!

MEMBERS		Partner	landline	Mobile
	BEATON, Lenore	Wendy Beaton *		0422 212 170
PP PHF	BENNETT, John	Linda Trewern		0433 945 050
PHF	CANNINGS, Don	Shirley	4339 9093	0421 838 504
3PP PHF	CRAWFORD, Gordon	Sue Kemp PHF *		0412 133 700
	DEAN, Anthea			0423 366 799
3PP 3PHF	DENMARK, Clive	Jenny		0400 425 210
PHF	GLOVER, Julie	Phil PP PHF		0427 426 393
3PP 3PHF	HEARDER, Robin	Judi *	4333 8087	0404 160 548
	LIGHT, Pam			0407 483 355
PHF	PAUL, Louise			0410 241 491
PHF	MALONEY, Greg	Ros		0414 389 590
2PP 2PHF	WATERHOUSE, David	Dianne PHF		0450 068 887
PDG 4PP 6PHF	WARD, Peter	Anne Cantrill	4385 1277	0414 321 773



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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?

* Family members