

# Rotary

## The Entrance



Rotary International

District 9685

**The Rotary Club of The Entrance Inc.**

**54th**

# ***Annual Report***

***Changeover Dinner***

***23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026***

***Mingara Recreation Club***



**Outgoing**

***Joint Presidents 2025-26***

***PP Clive Denmark***

***PP David Waterhouse***



**Incoming**

***President 2026-27***

***Julie Glover***

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# 1 Current Membership as at 24/6/26

## Full Financial Members

- 1 BEATON Lenore
- 2 BENNETT John
- 3 CAMPBELL Duncan
- 4 CANNINGS Don
- 5 CRAWFORD, Gordon
- 6 DEAN, Anther
- 7 DENMARK, Clive
- 8 GLOVER Julie
- 9 HEARDER, Robin
- 10 LIGHT Pam
- 11 MALONEY Greg
- 12 PAUL Louise
- 13 WARD, Peter
- 14 WATERHOUSE David

## Family Members

HEARDER Judi  
KEMP Sue  
WATERHOUSE Dianne  
GLOVER Phil  
BEATON Wendy

## Friends of Rotary The Entrance

TERLATO Corinne  
SCOTT Cole  
MANGION Paul

## Honorary Members

CLIFFORD George  
HAMMOND-PARKER Stephen  
McBRIDE Emma  
SLEEMAN James

## 2 Outgoing Board

President (Joint)	<b>Clive Denmark</b>	Community Service	<b>Clive Denmark</b>
President (Joint)	<b>David Waterhouse</b>	Club Administration	<b>David Waterhouse</b>
Imm Past President	<b>Gordon Crawford</b>	Vocational Service	<b>Anthea Dean</b>
President Elect	<b>Julie Glover</b>	Youth Service	<b>Gordon Crawford</b>
Secretary	<b>Greg Maloney</b>	International Service	<b>David Waterhouse</b>
Treasurer	<b>Julie Glover</b>	Public Image	<b>Greg Maloney</b>
Membership	<b>Don Cannings</b>	Director	<b>Louise Paul</b>
Foundation	<b>Clive Denmark</b>	Public Officer	<b>David Waterhouse</b>
Web Master	<b>Julie Glover</b>		

## 3 Incoming Board

President	<b>Julie Glover</b>	Community Service	<b>Pam Light</b>
Imm Past President	<b>David Waterhouse</b>	Club Administration	<b>David Waterhouse</b>
Imm Past President	<b>Clive Denmark</b>	Vocational Service	TBA
President Elect	<b>TBA</b>	Youth Service	<b>Gordon Crawford</b>
Secretary	<b>Greg Maloney</b>	International Service	<b>David Waterhouse</b>
Treasurer	<b>Peter Ward PDG</b>	Public Image	<b>Greg Maloney</b>
Membership	<b>Don Cannings</b>	Director	<b>Louise Paul</b>
Foundation	<b>Clive Denmark</b>	Youth Protection	<b>Greg Maloney</b>
Web Master	<b>Julie Glover</b>	Public Officer	<b>David Waterhouse</b>

## 4 Presidents Report

Welcome to the Presidents' Annual Report.

This year our club had its first Joint Presidency. Clive and I have shared the job of president by having Clive take over the reins when I have been overseas and it has worked very well.

We have managed to keep the club on an even keel with our membership, family members and friends of Rotary finishing with the same number as last year.

The club has started a DCaf during the year, thanks to the great work of Julie and her team. I also must give a big thank you to Stacey from PCYC who offered us the PCYC premises at Bateau Bay. Although it was a bit noisy at times, we were able to adapt. The DCaf project has been a great way to interact with members of other clubs on the coast.

Another new project associated with PCYC is a project where their staff, including members of the police force, have been going into local primary schools to run courses to improve the attitude toward authority of girls who have been nominated by school staff. The outcomes of these courses has been very promising. Thanks to Gordon, who managed to get a *District Grant* to help cover the expenses for this program.

Because of our limited number of members covering shifts on the large volume of projects we run in our club, Clive has been able to obtain volunteers from outside organisations to fill in, particularly at our Bunnings BBQ.

If our number of full members does not increase soon, we may have to look at some of the projects we run to ensure we do not have burnout in our membership.

In saying that, our club is in good shape and with Julie taking on the presidency for the 2026-27 year looks good for the future

Yours in Rotary

PP David Waterhouse PHF & PP Clive Denmark PHF  
Joint Presidents 2025-26

## 5 Treasurer's Report 2025-26

With such a difficult year and most families doing it tough, it is little wonder that the effects flow through to us. Most noticeable to me has been at the Bunnings BBQs, where we see so many people face to face, and we often hear “Just a sausage darling, Mummy’s got water in the car.” Families are trying many ways to stretch their dollar, and buying the sausage might be possible but the whole package is not. This has not affected the bottom line for BBQs as we make more profit on sausages, and having BBQs most months means that Bunnings is still a great fundraiser for us.

Unfortunately, the Christmas Tree Sale was another story. We don’t know specifically why the sale was so disappointing, but people just didn’t come after the first day. Our costs went up because we had to double handle and store trees which we had expected would be gone. And the bottom line was half of last year’s.

The other side of the coin is the sense that we should be concentrating on giving where it is needed most – specifically the Neighbourhood Centres. Fortunately, Bateau Bay NC has some younger and fitter people than we have, and we have found a way to profit share with them when they help us at a BBQ. So although the donations do not reflect it, we are delighted to note we have helped them raise an additional \$700.

Despite the difficult financial climate, we expect to be able to support an equivalent number of charities as last year, and our donations to both our local community and those further afield will likely be in excess of \$74,000.

Julie Glover

Treasurer

### 5.1 Operating Account Balances

- Club Account: \$7,414.90
- Project Account: \$23,843.23
- Float for Projects: \$280.00

### 5.2 Reserve Account Balances

- Account 1: \$2,886.32 – Reserve for insurance excess liability
- Account 2: \$1,440.89 – Club account reserve
- Account 3: \$1.00 – Additional board-agreed year-end disbursement

## 5.3 Financial Report as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026

### Financial Report as at 31st May 2026

<b>Club Account Income</b>		<b>Club Account Expenditure</b>	
<b>Retained Funds</b>	<b>\$ 5,143.07</b>		
Administration fee	1,475.76	Office and admin expenses	586.89
Donations to club activities	A\$348.90	Meeting expenses	322.12
Interest Income	66.90	Rotary International Dues	1,978.04
Membership income	4,675.00	Rotary District Dues	1,485.00
Social nights	11.04	Rotary Down Under	585.00
Changeover	885.00	Changeover Expenses	20.00
Uniform and Public Image income	78.00	image	310.29
	<b>\$ 12,683.67</b>		<b>\$ 5,287.34</b>

<b>Project Account Income</b>		<b>Project Account Expenditure</b>	
<b>Retained Funds</b>	<b>\$ 15,165.71</b>		
Bunnings BBQs	28,257.35	BBQ expenses	11,337.92
Christmas Toys Donations in	1,090.00	Christmas toys	1,110.00
Christmas tree sales	59,817.06	Costs for Christmas Trees	47,599.56
Community Raffle income	42,054.44	Community Raffle	41,327.30
DCaf	396.87	DCaf costs	865.48
Donated funds	993.98	Community Donations	17,536.36
Rotary Grant	1,250.00	Major Annual Project	5,000.00
Interest income	2.26	MHERV	1,090.00
Spin and Win	2,555.22	Spin and Win	267.72
		Youth - RYLA, MUNA, YEP	2,355.67
	<b>\$ 143,957.78</b>		<b>\$ 127,700.01</b>

## 5.4 Disbursements and Commitments

- Rotary Foundation (Annual Fund and Polio):  
Paid \$3,500
  - RAWCS Libby Bleakley: \$1,000
  - Australian Rotary Health: \$1,000
  - Corinne's Books for PNG: \$500
  - St Jude's Tanzania: \$1,000
  - Lenore's African Charities: \$1,000
  - RAWCS Nepal School: \$1,000
  - The Entrance Neighbourhood Centre: \$1,000
  - Camp Breakaway: \$500
  - Berkeley Vale Neighbourhood Centre: \$500
  - Central Coast Kids in Need (additional): \$2,000
  - Women's Community Shelters: \$1,000
  - Yarran Early Intervention: \$2,000r
  - Bateau Bay Neighbourhood Centre: \$1,000
  - DG's Partner Project: \$1,000
- Still to pay out: \$14,500

## 6 Membership

Over the past year we have given a priority to gaining new members. It has become very clear when rostering for Barbecues, Spin & Win and Christmas Trees, we don't have the number to meet the tasking.

The main attempts at recruiting new people have been at Spin& Win. This tactic has the floor that we get busy filling the requirements of Spin & Win and don't have the time to sit and talk to people. This has the result that people will put their name down to come to a meeting but don't show on the night.

However, we have Duncan as a member of our club. He is an experienced Rotarian and an asset to activities he has attended.

We have Corinne who approached us for help with her project to get books for children in PMG. She has proven to be a great help on any project she attends.

To the future. We have got the impression from the people we meet at the shopping centre that Rotary does not hold the respect as it once enjoyed. After talking to people, we believe we should be promoting the thing we do in the community. After some inspiration from the Bobby Video on DCaf and promotion video produced to promote a recent coinsurance, we have agreed to create information video explaining our clubs' efforts in supporting our community.

At this time, we have broken into group to look at tasks to work towards the creation of a video that can be broken into section and distributed through social media.

Don Cannings

## 7 Public Image

The year offered multiple public image opportunities, with great support from local media outlets including Coast FM, Central Coast Newspapers (CCN) and NBN.

### June

Photo op for Central Coast Newspapers at Shoebox Revolution handover of tote bags, which was submitted and subsequently published.

### July

Sought and achieved agreement from the owner of The Entrance Amusement Park to switch off their music broadcast for the duration of the Busking Comp.

Sent press releases to CFM, CCN and NBN re the Busking Comp.

Organised an interview with NBN re Busking.

### August

Organised an OB with Coast FM for the Busking Comp.

### September

Erected Busking Comp banners at McDonalds (Mingara) and Bateau Bay Catholic School (on the major roundabout).

### October

Press releases sent to media outlets re Xmas Tree sales.

Organised for a phone - video of the unloading of the Xmas trees at Randbuild, together with supporting notes and sent to NBN for the production and televising of the story.

Produced Certificates of Appreciation for Coast FM, Crowne Plaza Terrigal, CCN and NBN.

### November

Emailed 300 past customers of Xmas Trees as a reminder of this years' sale.

### January

Circulated press releases re the MHERV day in February.

### May

Contacted Emma McBride advising her of her elevation to Honorary Membership and produced a Certificate for presentation at the Changeover.

Greg Maloney

Director – Public Image

## 8 Club Administration

During the Year we have had a number of interesting speakers

### EXTERNAL SPEAKERS

- |                    |                                    |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| • Stacey Chant     | PCYC Bateau Bay                    |
| • Mand dos Santos  | Children's Community Garden        |
| • Sam Altuneg      | RYLA                               |
| • Andrew Humphreys | Salv's Red Shield Appeal           |
| • Sarah Grah       | Grandparents Raising Grandchildren |
| • Ken Druery       | Salvation Army Youth in Crime      |
| • Jason Miller     | Meals on Wheels                    |
| • Ros Smith        | The Entrance Regional Hub          |
| • Carolyn Dhu      | Wesley Mission Care finder         |

### MEMBER SPEAKERS

- |                         |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| • DG Michele Ellery     | District Matters |
| • David Waterhouse      | Nepal            |
| • Regionalisation Video |                  |
| • Lenore Beaton         | Zimbabwe         |

### SOCIAL EVENTS

- |                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| • Christmas Party    | Trojans |
| • The Captains Table |         |
| • Mingara Trivia     |         |
| •                    |         |

David Waterhouse Admin Director

## 9 Community Services

### Community Service and Fundraising

#### 9.1 Bunnings Barbeques –

This has been a regular monthly fundraiser on the last Sunday of the month for most of 2025-26. We cooked 9 BBQs YTD April generating revenue of \$22k and profits for the Project account of some \$14k. We also generated a small admin fee for the club account to cover costs like Insurance. We have a final club BBQ in May and a joint BBQ with Trojans booked for June.

Thanks to all club members who have helped and also friends Dianne, Corinne, Cole and Paul. We would have struggled without you. We also acknowledge support from Brett Keenan, representing Central Coast Kids in Need (CCKIN) and Peter and Joanne from Bateau Bay Neighbourhood Centre (BBNC) and John, Elaine and Jamie from Trojans.

Finally, thanks to Greg and Robin for helping me run the BBQs.

PP Clive Denmark



#### 9.2 Bucket Collections and Spin and Win (SAW).

A move to the Woolworths end of Bateau Bay Square has proved beneficial, as has the judicious use of bucket drives as an alternative to SAW. Bucket drives have proved to be financially rewarding especially when there has been a well-publicised environmental event such as a bush fire, flooding and most recently a cyclone. We also ran bucket drives for some of our local charities which worked particularly well when representatives of those organisations worked alongside us, as was the case with CCKIN, BBNC and PCYC. We also did one for Shoebox Revolution. At key times of the year we sold tickets in our Community Raffle with the aim of covering the cost of printing. We still did some SAWs and the Easter one with trays of eggs was particularly successful with eight spins on the day. Total monies raised from these activities at Bateau Bay Square totalled over \$4,600 ytd May 2026. Most importantly Don and his team continue to make contact with members of the public of all ages and try to encourage them to join the club as a member or friend.

Don Cannings

### 9.3 The Christmas Tree Sale –

Having had a bumper year's sales in 2024 making \$24k we "came back to earth" in 2025. We sold over 400 trees but were left with some 65 trees left unsold, gave 10 of them to BBNC for families in need but 55 trees sadly had to be dumped. We still made \$12k profit, the same as 2023, 50% of which was donated to Grandparents raising Grandkids and the balance was left to help fund other service activities and donations. Having trees left over both on the first weekend and on the Saturday and Sunday of the second weekend made for a lot of extra handling. We had planned for and received plenty of help from younger, fitter helpers from both community and family members at the unloading and loading at Ranbuild on the Thursday evenings and for the busy early shifts on Saturdays. We are particularly grateful to Brett Keenan from CCKIN, John, Elaine and Jamie Hennessey of BBNC, Mike and Mila (13) Domladovac, Todd Maloney and Rob, Caroline, Greg and Evan (11) Denmark.

Next year we plan to recruit enough younger, fitter helpers to cover all the shifts on the 3 evenings (load /unload) and the four days of the Sale

With hindsight, it was still a good club activity with most member and friends heavily involved, and it still raised a good dollar for some worthwhile causes but at the time it was very tiring!

Clive Denmark

### 9.4 Christmas Toys –

We are again indebted to Ian from Ray White at Berkeley Vale for supporting us and providing about half of the toys we donated, the balance being provided by kris kringle presents from club members. Toys or vouchers for older children were given to Challenge Fostercare at Tuggerah and Samaritans at Bateau Bay with a small residue of surplus toys given to BBNC. Thanks to Gordon for donating the money for Cinema Vouchers and Rebel Sports vouchers given to the older children and to Don and Shirley for organising the collection and delivery and buying the vouchers and some top up toys.

PP Clive Denmark



## 9.5 The Men's Health Bus (MHerv)

Having donated the profits from our Bunnings BBQ in September to help fund MHerv for the next 12 months we were pleased that the bus with a registered nurse and helper were able to schedule visits in February 2026 to The Entrance Neighbourhood Hub and to Bateau Bay Neighbourhood Centre (BBNC) both for the second time. MHerv was started as a means of providing health checks for farmers and other men in regional locations who found it difficult to source medical services that are more accessible in metropolitan areas. Over time the service has been expanded to cover women and visits to lower socio-economic areas where people, especially older people, are reluctant because of cost or simply embarrassment to get their health checked. In both of the locations above Don and Pam have worked with local community Groups such as The Entrance



Neighbourhood Centre, Shoebox Revolution and The Benevolent Society and Bateau Bay Neighbourhood Centre with the aim of getting their regular attendees to think about having some basic health testing done. This year the adverse weather impacted attendance at The Entrance but over 30 people attended Bateau Bay. Kim and Rick from the Centre helped on the day and a number of those tested were referred on to local medical

centres (who bulk bill) for further treatment. The Registered Nurse on the bus and her husband were great to deal with and were taken out for tea that evening by members and partners before driving further down the South Coast the following day  
Don Cannings

## 9.6 PCYC.

During a talk by the recently appointed Manager of the PCYC at Bateau Bay, Stacey Chant it became apparent that whilst funding for programs to help disadvantaged boys was available that there was no assistance for any program to assist girls. It was decided that this would be a suitable project for which to seek a matching grant. Gordon pulled a grant application together seeking to match \$2500 of our funds with \$2500 from the Rotary Foundation.



Stacey and her police supports have developed a program pitched at girls in year 4 and 5 at local primary schools. It aims to develop life skills and promote self confidence. The first course was run at Brooke Road Public School, a second course at Bateau Bay Public school is underway and a third is planned next term at the Entrance Primary school

PP Gordon Crawford

## 9.7 The Dementia Café

The Dementia Café (DCaf) is a local Rotary project, with ours being the fourth on the Central Coast. Having had some experience of the DCaf in Terrigal, I was keen to commence a local café run by our club. Club members were concerned that we didn't want too big a personal drain on our own volunteers, so I called a local meeting in October, in line with a Dementia Australia Coffee day, to gauge the need and interest in our community.



This was successful with 35 people attending, many of whom put up their hands to help, so from our commencement in February, we have had a wonderful mix of people including members of four Rotary Clubs who are on the roster to help when needed.

We were fortunate to be offered a ground floor room at the local PCYC, largely because of the other project we are funding for them. But it is a wonderful marriage, as the room is rarely used during school hours, and has good parking and access for our guests. The community have been made aware by an extensive drop of flyers to pharmacies and medical centres, and through social media.



Since February I have been contacted by nine carers of people living with dementia, and eight of them have spent some time with us. We should be proud that we have significantly helped several who were at their wits ends, by introducing them to the Dementia Nurses in our



community, and others are enjoying a free cuppa and some activities and light exercise in a safe environment.

Moving forward this project will hold the profile of our club in the community's mind, while costing very little, either financially or in volunteer hours. Thank you to all the people who regularly come along to help.

**Julie Glover**

## 9.8 Busking Competition

### Central Coast Heat – Australian National Busking Championships 2025

This year, The Rotary Club of Erina ran the Central Coast Heat of the Australian National Busking Championships on 28 September 2025 at Memorial Park, The Entrance, with significant support from The Rotary Club of The Entrance. The event showcased talented street performers across adult, secondary and primary school categories, attracting families, visitors and community support during the Spring school holidays.

The event celebrated Australian music and street performance culture while providing opportunities for emerging performers to develop and progress to the national finals in Cooma. Funds were also raised to support Central Coast families impacted by domestic and family violence through the popular People's Choice voting initiative. This year approximately \$2,000 was raised, which is going towards 'District 9685 - Respectful Relationships', helping children impacted by Domestic Violence, to remain engaged in education.

Yet again, winners and participants from the Central Coast Heat (Denim, Maverick Leslie-Fitch, Hunter Harding and Eric Dakid) went on to win at the National Finals. Denim won overall, bagging the first in the open section and winner of Best Duo. Maverick came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Secondary category, while Eric Dakid came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Primary.

Supported by the Central Coast Council and local businesses (Bendigo Bank, CoastFM, Gosford signs, Kwik Kopy Gosford and BAX Audio) and various Rotary Clubs and volunteers; the event continued to enhance cultural engagement, support local artists and strengthen community connections across the Central Coast and beyond.

Louise Paul



## 9.9 Community Raffle-

### **Community Raffle - 42<sup>nd</sup> year.**

The Community Raffle is an annual fundraising initiative run by the Rotary Club of The Entrance, designed to help local community groups, clubs and organisations raise valuable funds in a simple and low-cost way. Participating organisations receive raffle tickets to sell within their networks, with all proceeds from ticket sales going directly back to their club or organisation.

This year's raffle featured seven prizes, including a \$4,000 cash first prize (kindly donated by Mingara), making it an attractive and easy sell within the community. Tickets are \$2 each, with sales running from October to through to February 2026.

The raffle provides clubs with an excellent opportunity to raise funds for projects, equipment, community programs or general operating costs, while also being part of a long-standing and trusted community fundraising event. Rotary manages the administration, prize structure and draw process, helping make participation straightforward and well organised for all involved.

This year we raised approximately \$35,000 and covered the cost of running this project. The 39 Clubs that benefited this year included such organisations as Wyong Family History Group, Central Coast Bridge Club, Lions Club of Wyong, Aspect Central Coast School, Rotary Club of Woy Woy and Central Coast Figure Skating Club.

Thanks go to our sponsors (Mingara, Crown Plaza Terrigal, Gem Designs The Entrance, Ming Dragon Mingara and Bunnings), without whom, none of this would be possible.

Louise Paul

## 9.10 Support for Shoebox Revolution-

Shoebox Revolution do a terrific job in supplying lunches and supplies of food and toiletries for homeless people and those doing it tough. The club continues to supply them with beanies knitted by the ladies from Tarragal Glen and responds to requests for bags to complement their shoeboxes. Gordon and Don have also tried to assist Sheridan in seeking financial support from Council.

PP Gordon Crawford

# 10 International

## 10.1 Zion Foundation Zimbabwe

Early Childhood Development Project Completion Report:

Mvuthu BH11 by Luminous Organisation PVO 60/25 (Formerly Zion City Foundation).

The Early Childhood Development (ECD) Project in Mvuthu BH11 has now been successfully completed. This milestone marks a significant achievement for the children, families, and the entire community. The project was undertaken with the objective of improving access to safe, quality, and child-friendly learning facilities for young children in the area. Through the generous partnership and support received, the vision of establishing a fully functional ECD learning centre has become a reality.

The classroom block has been fully completed. Construction works include roofing, plastering, and painting of the entire structure, resulting in a safe and conducive learning environment for children. In addition, modern toilet facilities were successfully completed to improve hygiene and sanitation standards for learners and staff.

To ensure sustainability and functionality of the centre, a water system and solar power system were installed and are currently fully operational. The availability of running water and electricity has greatly transformed the learning environment.

Furthermore, all classroom furniture has been delivered and properly installed. Learning materials and educational resources are now fully in place, ensuring that the children have access to a complete and supportive educational environment from the beginning of their learning journey.

This development represents a massive transformation for Mvuthu BH11 and the greater Kachechete Ward. For many years, the community faced challenges related to inadequate educational infrastructure and limited access to proper early childhood learning facilities. The completion of this project now provides children with dignity, safety, comfort, and improved opportunities for early learning and development.

The project is expected to have a long-term positive impact on educational outcomes, child development, and community empowerment. It stands as a symbol of hope, progress, and commitment toward investing in the future of children and the community at large.

Luminous Organisation PVO 60/25 extends its sincere and heartfelt gratitude to RAWCS, the Rotary Clubs of Entrance and Rotary club of Victoria Falls for the invaluable partnership, and unwavering support throughout the implementation of this project. The contribution has made a lasting difference in the lives of the children and the wider community of Mvuthu and Kachechete Ward. Most of all, we appreciate the generosity of our funding partner who has made all this possible.

The successful completion of this project demonstrates the power of collaboration and shared commitment toward community development and educational advancement. The people of Mvuthu BH11 remain deeply grateful for this life-changing investment in their future. Looking forward, a strong foundation has been laid and we are looking forward to continuing to build on it and we are glad we continue to have support from each and everyone.

Procedure Chikosi Luminous Organisation

PP David Waterhouse

## 10.2 School Uniforms Nepal

Dianne & David Waterhouse are about to embark on their 21<sup>st</sup> trip to Nepal to continue a project that has been ongoing with the Rotary Club of Kathmandu for the last 6 years. This program distributes School uniforms and school supplies to disadvantaged students in and around Kathmandu and the Sindhuli District.

In some schools we distribute one meal a day to disadvantaged students

The Club has contributed \$1000 to the project



The Meal



Distributing the uniforms



The uniform and A Nepali Thank you

David Waterhouse