



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

I was delighted this week to hear from DG Michele Elery that our club has been acknowledged as a supporter of the Rotary Foundation. We gave the equivalent of over \$US100 for each member of our club in the last financial year.

We donate to many causes, but it is important that we realise that as members, we are custodians of one of the most highly respected charities in the world. The Rotary Foundation is one of the main moving forces behind the eradication of Polio world wide. Since 1988 nearly three billion children (not a typo – that is a B!) have been immunised by Rotary and our partners, and we are still working towards total eradication with only two countries left in the world with wild polio.

But the Foundation is important for much more than that. Our support of PCYC last year was half funded by the Rotary Foundation as a District grant. Other one-time grants we have secured have supported the Aspect School, and provided an ECG machine for the HoTS team. The money that we give to the foundation this year becomes available to our district in a few years' time – but in the meantime it will be used to fund other things.

Global grants fund large-scale international activities with sustainable, measurable results that support Rotary's areas of focus. The Rotary Foundation funds eight Peace centres, where scholars from 140 countries have studied to become leaders within their countries, and hopefully the world. There are Disaster Response Grants, and Programs of Scale Grants.

Many of these grants are supported by other wealthy sponsors (like the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation) but the initial funding and support from the members is crucial to the ongoing success of these ventures.

Our \$US100 per person was made up of our club's direct donations to Rotary Foundation, and the personal contributions made by our Centurion members.

Julie

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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



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?

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ROTARY CLUB OF THE ENTRANCE INC.

Chartered 26th April 1972
District 9685

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Olayinka H. Babalola

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CREATE LASTING IMPACT



Apex was a young man's service club which at its peak in the 1970s had 1000 clubs and 20,000 members.

Jamie recalled that Apex was started by 3 architects after their rejection from Rotary which at the time restricted membership in its clubs to one person per job or profession

It started as a young men's club for those up to age 30 which was later extended to 40.

Clive was a member in the 80s and had dealings with Jamie's Blacktown club which provided manpower for carparking for open days run at the Landfill and Recycling centre that Clive was running at Erskine park.

Jamie recalled that Apex provided manpower for "It's a Knockout" which was a televised program where contestants did activities dressed in oversized foam costumes. It also ran a lot of cash a can recycling cages.

As more females started to work fulltime and house prices rose less young men found the time to join service clubs, membership declined and clubs, especially in Metropolitan areas closed. Apex eventually opened membership to women and extended the age to 45 but the decline continued. Jamie was instrumental in getting changes through the constitution that allowed clubs to set their own age at which their members must retire. Blacktown Apex is 65

At its peak Apex ran a number of National service schemes which had a significant impact. One charitable organisation which it helped to found (raising funds through the "help a kid make it" campaign) was The Children's Cancer Institute which is now one of the major charities involved in children's cancer. They were also involved in the early days of the Flying Doctor Service and Guide Dogs for the Blind. They also established three respite facilities, the "Magic Castle" at Smiggins in the NSW snow fields and "The Shack" on the south coast as well as 5 units on the Copper Coast in South Australia. The Apex Foundation was established in 1976 and looks after these 3 facilities and a number of trusts set up to support ventures like Craniofacial surgery (similar to Rotary's Romac.)



It is worth mentioning that Aspect School at Terrigal for which our club helped provide playground equipment and laptops in 2 separate projects takes groups of autistic kids down to the snow and stays at the Magic Castle. The three facilities have hosted over 40,000 visitors since they were opened.

Jamie finished up by saying that Rotary was instrumental in getting him started in community service when he was invited as a very wild 18 year old to go to RYLA at Springwood. He is currently the Chairman of the Apex Foundation

Jamie is the husband of PP Maggie Vincent (Terrigal R.C) who is also the convenor of their D-Caf.



We are pleased to announce a change to our monthly programme for November. DG Michele has offered to come and present the Foundation Award on 10th November. This would normally be a zoom Board Meeting, but we have agreed to this date and would like members (and partners if they wish) to attend an in person Board Meeting and normal meeting dinner at Mingara on this day.

Join us in Mudgee!

2027 ROTARY DISTRICT 9685 CONFERENCE

Friday, 12 March - Sunday, 14 March 2027

PARKLANDS RESORT, MUDGEE

— Conference Highlights —



FRIDAY— CONNECT

Reconnect with fellow Rotarians and friends.



SATURDAY – COLLABORATE

A full day of ideas, learning and shared experiences.



SATURDAY AFTERNOON – COUNTRY FAIR

Enjoy local artisans, food and wine in a relaxed country setting.



EVENING BUSH DANCE

Prizes for the best decorated table, plus a Boot Decorating Competition.



SUNDAY – CELEBRATE

Celebrate Rotary, friendships and the year ahead.

— Join Us —



DISTRICT 9685 GOVERNOR
MICHELE ELLERY
AND HUSBAND DAVID

Book Now



TICKETS AND PRICING

Early Bird Conference - \$345
Available until 30 September 2026

Full Conference - \$395
Available until 28 February 2027

For accommodation options and special deals, visit the conference website:
rotarydistrict9685.org.au/page/conference

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER BY THE END OF THE MONTH – EARLYBIRD TICKETS ENDING!! SAVE \$50

Louise Paul - Club Speaker 15th September



FROM DORSET (UK) TO THE NSW CENTRAL COAST –

LOUISE'S JOURNEY

It's not every presentation that takes you from a small Dorset village, through horticulture, Supermarkets, Jaguar Cars, Vienna, Australia, Airbnb and finally to a Medieval corner of Southwest France — but Louise managed it.

Louise began by taking us back to her childhood in Yetminster, Dorset, where she grew up in Gable Cottage, a beautiful old English house complete with all the character, history and old timbers you would expect from a property built in 1445.

From those rural beginnings, Louise's working life took several interesting turns. After a Degree in Food Science, then a Master's in Marketing, her career moved into the commercial world, including time with Safeway, Waitrose and Jaguar. Each chapter brought new experiences, opportunities and, inevitably, a few unexpected changes of direction.

Eventually, the next adventure arrived, facilitated by a relationship and subsequent marriage to a Kiwi; life in Vienna (Austria) then Adelaide, Sydney and the NSW Central Coast, Australia. Her working life transitioned from Marketing Manager at UniSA, Adelaide, to Real Estate Sales in Sydney.

However, every cloud has a silver lining, and Louise's story is entered another chapter. Following the end of her marriage, a business was born out of necessity. With a four bedroomed house, a granny flat and the need to replace a second income, Airbnb was the answer.

Today, Louise calls the NSW Central Coast home, where she has built Sunflower Property, her short-term holiday rental and Airbnb management business. Louise is appreciative of all the property owners, cleaners, tradespeople and booking platforms that make all of this possible.

Normally, August is Louise's opportunity to escape the Australian winter and spend time with her mother in France. Her 84-year-old mother lives independently in the beautiful countryside of Southwest France, close to Monflanquin, surrounded by rolling countryside and the wonderful medieval bastide towns and villages that give this part of France its distinctive character.

Through photographs, memories and a couple of ghost stories, Louise's presentation was ultimately a story about home, family, change and adventure.

If there was one message to take away, it was surely this: life rarely follows the route you planned — but that's often what makes the journey so interesting.



Recent photo of Gable Cottage, that used to be covered in Virginia Creeper, as per the picture below. Louise and her sister, sitting on the wall outside Gable Cottage, Yetminster, 1975.



Upcoming Programme

September			2026	
27th	Sun	Bunnings BBQ		Tuggerah
29th	Tues	No meeting		
October			2026	
3rd	Sat	Spin & Win	Raffle Tickets	Bateau Bay
6th	Tues	Amanda Gray - Assisted Dying	Combined with Erina	Mingara
6th	Tues	The Entrance DCaf	Julie's home	Tumbi Umbi
10-11th		Raffle Distribution	Foyer Mingara	Mingara
13th	Tues	Board Meeting Zoom		Zoom
20th	Tues	Member speaker - Anthia		Mingara
20th	Tues	The Entrance Dcaf	PCYC	Bateau Bay
25th	Sun	Bunnings BBQ		Tuggerah
27th	Tues	Social postponed to 3rd November		
November			2026	
3rd	Tues	Social Meeting	Preview Restaurant TAFE	Ourimba
3rd	Tues	The Entrance DCaf	PCYC	Bateau Bay
7th	Sat	Spin & Win	Raffle Tickets	Bateau Bay
10th	Tues	Board Meeting in Person and DG	All Welcome	Mingara
17th	Tues	Internal Speaker		Mingara
17th	Tues	The Entrance DCaf	PCYC	Bateau Bay
24th	Tues	Social Meeting	???	
28th-29th	Sat-Sun	Christmas Trees		Mingara
December			2026	
1st	Tues	The Entrance DCaf Christmas	PCYC	Bateau Bay
2nd	Wed	Christmas Party with Erina		
5th-6th	Sat-Sun	Christmas Trees		Mingara
8th	Tues	AGM	Mingara	Tumbi Umbi
15th	Tues	Maybe pre-Christmas Social?		
22nd	Tues	No Meeting	???	
29th	Tues	No Meeting		





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Bringing Communities Together



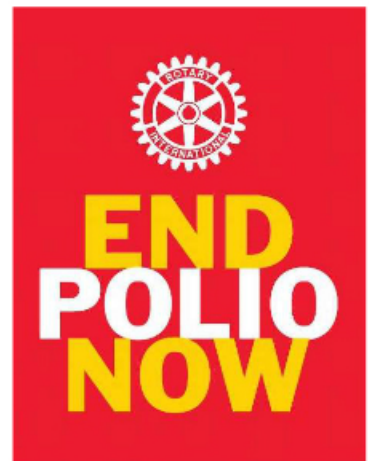
Stopping
Abuse in
Families
Everywhere



Better food today
A better world
tomorrow

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!



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	BEATON, Lenore	Wendy Beaton *		0422 212 170
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	LIGHT, Pam			0407 483 355
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PDG 4PP 6PHF	WARD, Peter	Anne Cantrill	4385 1277	0414 321 773



Judi – 4th October

*Family members

STOP PRESS!! Social at The Woodport on Tuesday!



I was asked what happens to the photos.
Well guess what folks – here they are!

