



Co-Presidents' Corner

What a laugh we all had on Monday night with our Social Night – Truth or Lie. Rotary's 4 Way Test went out the window as 8 members shared their entertaining stories and challenged us to decide whether their story was truth or lie. The feedback from several members confirmed the night's success... 'We all had a good laugh- something we all need during our lockdown.' 'It was a great idea and a lot of fun, so no doubt there will be requests to do that again.' And 'It was so much fun and much needed.' It was wonderful to have 24 members join our online fun! Hopefully we will be able to hold another 'Truth or Lie' again sometime in the future.

The stories are summarised here:

<p style="text-align: center;">Trevor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tried to make a penny and halfpenny into a shilling and 2 shillings - Used mercury from a thermometer to cover the brown coins in silver - Tried to use the 'silver' coins to buy fish and chips at the local shop - Threatened by the shopkeeper that the police would be called - Trevor ran off! 	<p style="text-align: center;">Monica</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Camping in Yosemite National Park with Geoff and 2 young children - Heard noises in the night – a Bear? - In the morning, discovered a bicycle against a tree, an empty sleeping bag, lots of blood - Reported what they had seen to the park office - Left Yosemite straight away - Never found out what really happened
LIE	LIE
<p style="text-align: center;">Susie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Owns land near Tea Gardens with only a garage on the property - -garage has a roller door - Susie went to the property to stay, with her mother-in-law - Pulled up the roller door and a snake fell on her - Susie shrieked and a 2 metre python slithered away - Mother-in-law a country woman was not fussed - Now Steve has to pull up the roller door 	<p style="text-align: center;">Peter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At age of 17 years, Peter took his mother's Datsun 1600 without her knowledge, to go to a Crusaders' Meeting - Had a driver's licence at the time - Peter had a friend with him in the car – none other than Peter Garrett! - They rolled the car - No injuries, some damage to the car - No one saw the incident and called the police - Mother not impressed - Not allowed to borrow her car again - Parents bought him his own car
TRUTH	TRUTH
<p style="text-align: center;">Bob</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contractors called to a 3 storey block in Epping to work on a roof - Had been a leak in the ceiling of a unit - Contractors used a ladder to get to the roof to do their work - Gust of wind blew the ladder so the contractors couldn't get down - Luckily one of them had a mobile phone - One of them phoned a friend who had to drive over and put the ladder back in place - They got off the roof safely! 	<p style="text-align: center;">Ian</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When he was born, Ian was born with an extra finger on his left hand – polydactyly - It was taken off straight away, through the process of strangulation of the finger which then drops off - Can't be seen where the finger was but Ian can feel something was there - -in Asia having an extra digit is good luck and don't remove them

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<p style="text-align: center;">Bruce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1986 on Long Service Leave - went to UK and Europe - Went to British Golf tournament at Turnberry - Greg Norman was tipped to win - Befriended Richie Benaud – followed the golf together - Richie invited him to join him and Bob Hawke for drinks after the tournament - Had ½ hour- 45 minutes chatting - Bruce put \$15 on Greg Norman to win at 12-1. He won approx. £150 	<p style="text-align: center;">Alan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Went to China on business 15 years ago - Was in the area of China situated near Vietnam border, and famous for mushrooms – 100 different kinds - Alan went to a lunch where plates only of mushrooms were served - 1 kind of mushroom is toxic - This mushroom needs to be cooked for 90 secs - Alan, as guest of honour, had the honour of eating the 'toxic' mushroom - By the time Alan had sampled the local potent alcoholic beverage, he didn't care! - He didn't die!
LIE	TRUTH



Article on our Community Garden

Congratulations to Trevor for his article on the Community Garden, From Dirt to Delicious – A Rotary Tale, in the September issue of Rotary Down Under magazine. Please take a read of the attachment accompanying this RIM. It is an entertaining piece of writing about the birth of the community garden at North Epping Public School.

Walkathon Update

Monday 20th September marks the official end of our fundraising Walkathon. As of Wednesday this week, \$4677 has been raised. All donations need to be sent to the Community Trust account by 27th September for our final tally. If members would like to make a donation, please go to :

Account Name: Community Trust Account
 BSB: 633000
 Acct: 145327151

Next week's meeting

Lynette Ison from Beecroft Inner Wheel will be our speaker at next Monday night's meeting. She and her husband have had a long-term association with Inner Wheel and Rotary. Lynette has held positions at both the Club and National levels and next Monday will talk to us about the Inner Wheel organisation, the changes over the past years, its membership and its projects. I hope you will be able to join us. Partners are invited to attend.

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What is Coming Up

Date	Venue	Organisation	Speaker
20th September	Zoom	Inner Wheel	Lynette Ison
27th September	Zoom	Destiny Rescue	Rachel Dunwell
4th October		Holiday	
11th October	Zoom	DG visit	Lindsay May
18th October	Zoom	Shelterbox	Johanna Johns
25th October	Zoom	The Men's table	David Pointon/Michael Lofaro

North Epping Community Garden Update

The Community Garden Shed has finally arrived!!

Thanks to the efforts of both The Shed Company and the Principal of Epping North PS, Ms Goldhagen a way was found to allow the shed to be delivered and constructed.

The COVID restrictions meant that the shed had been in warehouse storage for over a month and had to be removed.

So early on Saturday morning 4 September the truck arrived and the workmen completed the task in less than 2 hours.

As you can see the shed looks like it was made to fit there as part of the ENPS Community Garden Project. The shed will now be fitted out with storage shelving so that all the gardening equipment will be accessible to the students working on the garden beds.

My thanks for the assistance of Glenn Gallagher from ENPS and Trevor McAlister from Rotary for their work and support.

I am looking forward to the veggies growing and being looked after by the students once they are back at school after Lockdown

Peter Garrard
Community Director



Gordon McInally – Rotary President 2023-24

Gordon R. McInally, a member of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry, Lothian, Scotland, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2023-24. Gordon R. McInally, a member of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry, Lothian, Scotland, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2023-24. He will be declared the president-nominee on 1 October if no challenging candidates have been suggested.

McInally lauded Rotary's ability to adapt technologically during the COVID-19 pandemic, saying the approach should continue and be combined with the best of our past practices as Rotary seeks to grow and increase engagement.



"We have learned there is a willingness within communities to care for one another," he says, "and we must ensure that we encourage people who have recently embraced the concept of volunteering to join us to allow them to continue giving service." McInally says that senior leaders' ability to communicate directly with club members online will be one positive legacy of the changes Rotary has had to make. But, he adds, "face-to-face meetings remain important, as they encourage greater interaction." The best way to increase membership is engagement, according to McInally. To better support clubs, he says, Rotary International, regional leaders, and district teams all need to engage with them. Engagement through social media will reinforce Rotary's brand and showcase the opportunities that come with it. And, he says, engagement with governments, corporations, and other organizations will lead to meaningful partnerships.

With better engagement, McInally says, "We will grow Rotary both by way of membership and in our ability to provide meaningful service."

He adds, "Membership is the lifeblood of our organization. I would encourage the use of the flexibility now available to establish new-style clubs that would appeal to a different demographic."

McInally, a graduate of dental surgery at the University of Dundee, owned and operated his own dental practice in Edinburgh. He was the chair of the British Paedodontic Society and has held various academic positions. He has also served as a Presbytery elder, chair of Queensferry Parish Congregational Board, and commissioner to the church's general assembly.

A Rotary member since 1984, McInally has been president and vice president of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland. He has also served Rotary International as a director and as member or chair of

several committees. He is currently an adviser to the 2022 Houston Convention Committee and vice chair of the Operations Review Committee. McNally and his wife, Heather, are Major Donors and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation. They are also members of the Bequest Society.

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