ROTARY CLUB OF GOSFORD

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CHRISTMAS 2024 NEWSLETTER

I extend a warm welcome to members and guests to the Rotary Club of Gosford annual Christmas Party. I trust that you will all enjoy a happy evening with your friends to celebrate the birth of Jesus and Christmas as we come to the end of 2024.

As I look back over 2024 our Rotary Club can be proud of its many achievements in both the local and international communities.

Highlights for 2024 have included the 24th annual Children's Festival Razzamatazz that entertained over 1,000 local children and families enjoyed for free; the 24th annual Science and Engineering Challenge for school students looking towards STEM subjects; and the 3rd Age of Rock Concert held at the new Gosford RSL which magnificently entertained the room.

Also, this year we have hosted, with Umina Beach Club, a Youth Exchange Student, Justin, from Switzerland; plus, sponsored Scarlett to Argentina for a year. Not to mention the continued sponsorship of Brenda at St Judes School in Tanzania which is of tremendous benefit to both her family and her country.

Community groups supported this year include Coast Shelter, Central Coast Community Women's Health Centre, Point Clare & East Gosford Girl Guides, We Care Connect, Kids in Need, Riding for the Disabled, Bloomfest, and the National Highland Dancing competition held at Niagara Park. Donation of 5 defibrillators to local groups will make a difference.

We were also able to sponsor three local school students, Harry, Charlotte and Mia to attend the National Youth Science Forum for a week which was a very enriching experience for them.

I wish all a very Merry Christmas and a great New Year with your families. Stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all again in 2025.

Our Club will take a 3 week break and next meeting will be on 16th January 2025 when Helen Barker from We Care Connect will be our guest speaker.

I have included a few photos of members and their efforts overleaf.

David Boardman

President