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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

FROM PRESIDENT GEOFF

The meeting on 3 September had good attendance. Our guest for the evening was Julie Harris from Wesley Foster Care.

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

Following Rotary Grace, the International Toast was to The Rotary Club of Milwaukee Wisconsin, USA. This was because Milwaukee landlord Timothy Dertz was cleaning out after a tenant had left, and found a striking depiction of a man behind a door in the 2nd bedroom. "A very odd placement for such a piece of art," he thought at the time, according to local news.

Dertz brought it to an antique dealer to see if there was any indication it might be valuable: the Picasso signature in green crayon seemed to be a good place to start.

The two men then dug deeper and found an identical piece by Picasso; an etching made by the artist in 1949, called *Torero*. Moreover, the piece was reported stolen from a Milwaukee art gallery in 2018 where it was valued at between \$55,000 and \$70,000. Anxious he would somehow become associated with an unsolved criminal act, Dertz wasted no time in bringing it to the police station and recounting all he had learned. In late August 2026, Milwaukee police contacted Mr. Bill

DeLind, owner of the art gallery, from where the piece was allegedly stolen. He confirmed it was the real deal, & was extremely happy that the stolen piece had been located.

FUN TIMES

Heads & Tails was won by PP Don Wiseman. The Card Draw was won by PP Graham Lindsay, who drew the 3 of Spades.

SERGEANTS SESSION

PP Lester Marquet provided a Sergeants Session which was based around his "on this day" theme. This session was another interesting one! From 36 BC in the battle of Nauchlous, Octavian Admiral, Marcus Agrippa, defeated Son of Pompey, Sextus Pompeius, to end Pompeian resistance to the Second Triumvirate. 590 AD when Roman Nobleman, Gregory 1, began his reign as Catholic Pope. 1189 when Richard The Lionheart was crowned King at Westminster Abbey. 1752 when Britain & The British Empire adopted the "Gregorian Calendar", causing people to riot, claiming that the Government had stolen 11 days of their lives. And finally in 1916, when American President Woodrow Wilson signed the Adamson Act, establishing an 8 hour work day for interstate rail workers, averting a National Strike! A Cross Fine was provided by Don Wiseman!

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The funeral last Friday was attended by around 100 mourners which filled the Holy Trinity Church in Terrigal. Margaret, and his two children, Alison and Michael and their families attended and spoke about his life, including his extensive Rotary history. Geoff's community service spirit certainly showed. A guard of honour was formed by all Rotary members who were able to attend as the hearse left the Church.

GUEST SPEAKER

Guest Speaker Julie Harris thanked Members for their continued support of the Foster Carers BBQ. She further presented some troubling facts on the numbers of children on The Central Coast who require urgent placement in caring environments. Also, The Hunter Area, which also falls under Julie's remit, has very similar requirements. It was very disturbing to hear that there are 140 child placements on The Central Coast & Hunter areas that are turned away from ongoing care every month!

A Vote of Thanks was provided by PP Don Wiseman.



President Geoff, Julie Harris & PP Don

UPCOMING EVENTS

10 SEPTEMBER 2026

District Governor, Michele Ellery Visit

17 SEPTEMBER 2026

RYPEN Students - Coco, Jessica & Erin

24 SEPTEMBER 2026

Club Assembly

NEXT BOARDS

12 OCTOBER 2026

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(Of the things we think, say or do)

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?"



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ROTARY GRACE

Oh, Lord and Giver of all good,
We thank thee for our daily food.
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways,
Help us to serve thee all our days.