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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S KEYBOARD



FROM PRESIDENT DAVID'S KEYBOARD.....

Despite the lower number last week, we all enjoyed the meeting with a few amusing stories told, to go with the sometimes-dull AGM.

Nevertheless, the following Board was elected for 2025-26

*President: PP PHF **Neville Barrett**
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*PP PHF **Barry Henwood** will continue as our webmaster.*

The role of President Elect (for 2026-2027) is open for nominations. Please consider nominating. Our Club cannot just recycle the same group, and new blood is always welcome on the Board for new energy and new ideas.

*Thank you to PP PHF **Lester Marquet** who will step down from Foundation Chair this year after holding that position of many years. His commitment to the role is appreciated.*

***David Griffiths** won the head and tails, and President **David Boardman** won the card draw but could only draw the 4 of clubs - Joker goes back in this week! Jackpot grows to \$66 tonight.*


*Next week will be our 2024 Christmas Party and Kincumber Club will be joining us. YIPA performer, **Charlotte Gardiner** who will be appearing in the Gosford Musical Society show, Popstars, has a great show organised. Please let Secretary **Peter Moore** know should you be bringing along guests – all are welcome.*

*President: **David Boardman***

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THIS WEEK

Thursday 19th December 2024

Christmas Party 2024



A WORD OF WARNING ONLY

12 DAYS

(OR APPROX 2 SHOPPING WEEKS)

TO CHRISTMAS 2024

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FIRST MEETING FOR 2025

Thursday 16th January 2025

Presenter: Helen Barker

WE CARE CONNECT

Thursday 23rd January 2025

Presenter: John Kitchener

Teaching in the outback

(Teacher at Yuendumu - 300km NW of Alice Springs)

Sunday 26th January 2025

AUSTRALIA DAY 2025

Thursday 30th January 2025

Presenter: The Glen for Women

Rehabilitation and progress

Dear All at Rotary Club of Gosford,

Greetings from The School of St Jude.

The ninth cohort of Community Service Year (CSY) volunteers has successfully completed their volunteering and are now heading to higher education institutions across Tanzania. We are thrilled to inform you that Brenda has been accepted into the Institute of Accountancy Arusha, located in Arusha, and will be pursuing a Bachelor of Tourism and Hospitality with Apprenticeship.

This year, all 131 of our volunteers made a significant impact in their communities. Out of these, 93 volunteers taught over 22,000 students across 38 secondary schools in the Arusha and Manyara regions, while the rest worked in various departments at St Jude's. Before heading off to university, Brenda shared her reflections on the CSY experience, which you

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can find in the attached document. Additionally, you can watch a special video [here](#) highlighting Brenda's journey throughout the past year.

Last month, we celebrated the end of CSY for the Class of 2023 with a special event where the volunteers had the opportunity to debrief. They shared the challenges they faced during their service year and how they overcame them through teamwork and determination.

This event also served as an introduction to higher education! Keynote speakers, including Beyond St Jude's (BSJ) scholars from various universities, offered valuable advice on what to expect in the next phase of their journey. Topics such as academic expectations, building friendships, social life, and managing finances were discussed to help prepare the volunteers for university life.

Looking ahead, the Beyond St Jude's team has been traveling across the country throughout November and December to visit all of our first-year scholars. We want to ensure they are settling into university life and not feeling overwhelmed. During these visits, we will gather updates, photos, and stories, so you can

look forward to reading about Brenda's new experiences in your first update next year.

We are excited to continue sharing Brenda's progress with you as she embarks on this next chapter of her education.

All at Rotary Club of Gosford, thank you so much for being an integral part of Brenda's higher education journey. Your support has made this dream a reality.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Kind regards, Fausta Eugene



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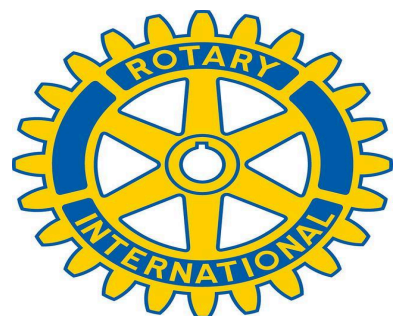
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SOME THINGS TO PONDER OVER THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON - ENJOY!

10 Epic One Liners!

1. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting a tomato in a fruit salad.
2. Children: You spend the first two years of their life teaching them how to walk and talk. The next sixteen? Spent telling them to sit down and shut up.
3. He who smiles in a crisis has found someone else to blame!
4. Politicians and diapers have one thing in common. They should both be changed regularly and for the same reason!
5. If I agreed with you, we'll both be wrong.

6. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism - to steal from many is called research!
7. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
8. A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk I have a work station!
9. A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kick boxing!
10. War does not determine who is right. It determines who is left!



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