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PRESIDENT’S REPORT

FROM PRESIDENT NEV

The meeting on February 5 ended up having a very good response. We also had the lovely surprise of visitors from Norway! Following Rotary Grace, President Nev provided a toast to The Rotary Club of Beijing China. It was revealed this year that despite the Chinese Government easing the one child policy in 2016, China’s population had been surpassed by India in 2024. India's population is now 1.505 Billion, outnumbering China by 5 Million. Not only had China’s total number been overtaken, but marriages in China had reduced yearly from 8.78 Million to 5.45 Million in 2024. Statistics show that Chinese couples are choosing Pets over Children, & the overall pet industry had a year on year average increase of 67%.

FUN TIMES

Heads & Tails was won by Sean Devlin.
 The Card Draw was won by Jack Hayhurst, who drew the Three of Hearts. I can inform that the jackpot stands at over \$65.00.

SERGEANTS SESSION

Jack Hayhurst provided another of his “Tricky Little Devil” Sergeants Sessions. These are

always great learning curves from Jack who keeps the challenges coming.

Members & guests alike truly enjoyed this segment.

CENTURIANS

Just a reminder that any members wishing to donate \$100 to the Rotary Foundation, may do so over the next few months either by cash or Card. Please see Treasurer, David!

GEMMA SISIA VISIT

As we know North Gosford Rotary is hosting a dinner for Gemma Sisia, of Tanzania’s School Of St Jude on Monday March 2 at the Golf Club starting at 6:00 PM. Dinner cost \$30. We have given the names of all Members who agreed to attend, to the North Gosford Club.

CANCELLED WEEKLY MEETING

Due to the attendance at the Dinner for Gemma Sisia, the meeting for 5 March has been cancelled.

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GUEST PRESENTER

Special Guest Presenter was Jan Pryor, Past President Northlakes Toukley Rotary Club, Eastern Region RAWCS Coordinator & founder of The Didi Foundation. The Didi Foundation does amazing work in Nepal.

They have created, developed, provided & supported women, children & communities who are facing hardship, with the resources, training, facilities & tools to assist them in having a sustainable future. Jan provided a presentation that captured all present in the "spell of commitment" that she has, & engenders into her team on the ground in Nepal, whom she visits a few of times a year.

The results of Jan's work speak for themselves, & I'm certain that I was not the only attendee who felt a little humbled by the incredible results that Jan has managed to achieve since 2011.

The Vote of Thanks was provided by PP PHF Barry Henwood.



JAN PRYOR & PP PHF BARRY

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A very special surprise came to us all this evening, when we were thrilled by the arrival of some lovely guests, Bjorn & Greta from Norway. Bjorn & Greta have been "host" family to students from every corner of the globe, & in fact, had opened their home & their hearts to Students on no less than thirteen (13) occasions! They were accompanied by Louise Green, who is a teacher at Henry Kendall High School. Louise was responsible for arranging to bring our guests to dinner. Not only this, but Louise had been a guest of Bjorn & Greta in Norway, in 1988, when she was a student "home stay" from Coffs Harbour! What a wonderful thing to be able to do, this must have been for Louise. It was a shame that we didn't have more time to spend with our guests from Norway, as they were very open & had a good command of English!

UPCOMING EVENTS

12 FEBRUARY 2026

CLUB ASSEMBLY

19 FEBRUARY 2026

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Regionalisation Update

26 FEBRUARY 2026

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National Youth Science Forum

5 MARCH 2026

NO MEETING

ALL OF THE GUESTS



PP BARRY-JAN PRYOR-GRETA-LOUISE & BJORN

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