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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

FROM PRESIDENT GEOFF

The meeting on August 6 had good attendance. There was much expectation because PP Warren Bolton was providing another of his special "this is your life" presentations. There was plenty of guessing taking place & even some "leaked disinformation" around the group prior to the meeting commencing. However, the subject of PP Warren's presentation turned out to be none other than President Geoff!

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

Following Rotary Grace, the International Toast was to The Rotary Club of Glasgow, UK. This was because it cost the Victorian taxpayers \$220M for it. Others may say that it is a waste of time. But no matter what your view is, Australia absolutely blitzed the medal count at the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. From the pool to the track, to the field, to weightlifting, boxing, netball etc. the medals kept coming & the records kept tumbling.

Our athletes including para athletes showed the way in record breaking

numbers that had all other countries wondering what happened!

With 171 medals including 70 gold, which totalled almost as many golds as England, Canada, Scotland, India & New Zealand combined, Australia's medal tally was nothing if not total domination! Well done to all of our athletes who made the country proud & held up the spirit & will of competitiveness & never say die attitude, that is in-built, & upholds the achievements of our teams of the past!

FUN TIMES

Heads & Tails was won by our guest, Mark Vincent. The Card Draw was won by PP Nev Barrett, who drew the Joker. The Jackpot finally went off. PP Nev's shout!

SERGEANTS SESSION

Jack Hayhurst gave an enlightening Sergeants Session based around questions to do with "Australianna" themes. Out of the mulga came some very tricky questions. Whilst some members answered correctly, all questions were of great interest to every member. This was

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	09 AUGUST Warren Bolton 26 AUGUST Bob Thomas		14 AUGUST Barry & Anna Henwood	

another informative & well planned session, & enthusiastic appreciation was shown by the group at the conclusion! Well done Jack.

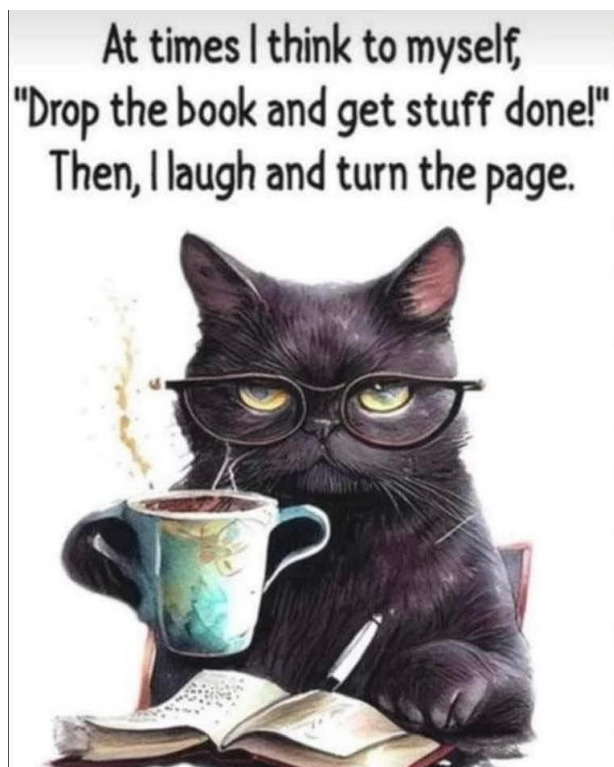
A Cross Fine was provided by Don Wiseman!

THIS IS YOUR LIFE

As mentioned above, PP Warren Bolton placed President Geoff under the microscope in what was described as one of the best segments of this type that we have heard. President Geoff was asked questions about his childhood. His favourite early life memories of his mum, dad & family. The type of early childhood life that he experienced. What brought about his family's move to Australia. What was his work experience both in India & in Australia? In all cases President Geoff provided sincere & open hearted answers. This turned out to be a really interesting segment, & everyone has a better understanding of President Geoff, of this there can be no doubt.

All of this took place in front of our special guest for the evening. President Geoff's son Mark, joined us for dinner & we hope that he is considering becoming a member of the Rotary Club of Gosford.

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE



UPCOMING EVENTS

13 AUGUST 2026

Chris Lord - Model Trains

20 AUGUST 2026

Nev Barrett - St. Petersburg to Moscow

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7 September 2026

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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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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.