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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

FROM PRESIDENT NEV

Our year end Christmas Dinner on 18 December was a fantastic event! We had what all described as "a delicious meal".

Following Rotary Grace, President Nev toasted The Rotary Club of Sondrio, Italy. It was reported that over 20,000 Dinosaur footprints were discovered in the Italian Alps near the Swiss border. 'Prosauropod' tracks dating back 210 million years have been uncovered & photographed in the Stelvio National Park between Sondrio & St Moritz, whilst work is continued around the site of the 2026 Winter Olympics. Chief Palaeontologist, from the National Museum of Milan, Dr. Christiano Del Sasso, describes the discovery as "reality surpassing fantasy".

FUN TIMES

The Card Draw was won by Jack Hayhurst, who drew the three of Diamonds. I can advise that the jackpot stands at over \$50.00.

SERGEANTS SESSION

PP Lester Marquet went to a lot of effort to ensure that we were well entertained as he exceeded the fun time 'intertable' Trivia Competition. This provided some revealing outcomes on the competitiveness of many of our members, & their family members. Lester, assisted by Jack Hayhurst handed out some tasty treats for several of the winning teams.

GUEST ENTERTAINER

Our Christmas 'songstress' was none other than our YIPA Sponsorship recipient, Megan Hansard!

Megan joyfully sung some beautiful Big Show pieces which concluded with a few Christmas Carols, presented with skill & professionalism, whilst 'roadie mum' Kerry ensured that the technology was well behaved. Once again, we were all very impressed with this incredible local talent!

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BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS CELEBRATED in JANUARY 2026

	<p><u>MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS</u></p>	<p><u>PARTNERS BIRTHDAYS</u> 21 January Lorraine Boardman 26 January Sharon Nichols</p>	<p><u>WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES</u> 14 January Graham Lindsay 17 January Jim Katrakilis 27 January Neville Barrett</p>	<p><u>ROTARY INDUCTIONS</u> 1/1/1970 Geoff Grenfell 10/1/1996 Don Wiseman</p>
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Wishing all Members & their Families a safe, healthy & prosperous 2026.

UPCOMING EVENTS

15 JANUARY 2026 RETURN MEETING & BARRY HENWOOD S & E 25 Year Presentation

22 JANUARY 2026 CLUB ASSEMBLY

29 JANUARY 2026 BLUE MOON AVOCA BEACH THEATRE

3 FEBRUARY 2026 BOARD MEETING

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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.