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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### FROM PRESIDENT NEV

The Meeting on 11 December had reasonably good attendance.

Following Rotary Grace, President Nev toasted The Rotary Club of Tallinn, Estonia. This was due to The Foreign Minister of Estonia, Margus Tsahkna, stating that now, it was more important than ever for NATO members to stand together, in the face of continued aggression from Russia, & sincerely hoped that a peace plan could still be enacted!

### FUN TIMES

Yet again, Heads & Tails was won by David Boardman (Ho Hum). The Card Draw was won by Jack Hayhurst, who drew the four of Hearts. I can advise that the jackpot stands at \$50.00.

A door prize was held by the Club with PP PHF Jim Katrakilis, once again donating some very good wines which proved most popular. These fundraised over \$60. A vote of appreciation was provided by President Nev.

### SERGEANTS SESSION

Jack Hayhurst made a return to the Sergeants Session, with some excellent questions &

topics. Jack has the happy knack of asking questions that have us knowing the answer just a few seconds from when time runs out! However there were some members who answered within the allotted time limits. Jack then finished with a "cracker" of a story! Cross fines were provided by Jim Katrakilis.

### GUEST SPEAKER

The special guest speaker for the night was our very own Don Wiseman. Some weeks ago Don did a presentation regarding his working life & lightly touched on his time working for The Bus Company in Birmingham! At that time, Don asked if we'd like him to provide a presentation of this period of his working life. That had to be an offer not to be refused. We were game for that to take place!

I have to say that we were not disappointed. Only Don Wiseman could relate a very sincere story in a way that had us all listening intently to his every word, some trying to understand, others trying not to erupt into laughter, too loudly!

In Don's progression from a Conductor, to Driver, to Inspector, he had us all totally enthralled in the twists & turns of daily routes that sometimes altered inexplicably, depending on the whim of the driver. One could only imagine seeing your bus number coming towards your stop, you waiting to get on, only to see the route number change on the front of

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# BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS CELEBRATED in DECEMBER 2025

	<p><u>MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS</u></p>	<p><u>PARTNERS BIRTHDAYS</u>  <b>26 December</b>                  Lorraine Lindsay</p>	<p><u>WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES</u>  <b>13 December</b>                  Lester Marquet</p>	<p><u>ROTARY INDUCTIONS</u></p>
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the bus at the last minute & that very bus just passing you by, & going off into the sunset!

The true reason for everyone's interest was in the way that Don told the story, of this there's no doubt. Vote of thanks came from PP David Boardman.



## CHRISTMAS DINNER

December 18 is our Christmas Dinner. There are around 25-30 of us to celebrate, enjoy each other's company & to share all of the special meaning that the Christmas Season brings to us. I'd like to share with you a summary of what the Club has achieved in this calendar year.

- The purchase of a vehicle for The Glen For Women Shelter
- Funding for ten (10) solar water purifiers for Kenya
- Scholarship for YIPA Student, Megan Hansard
- Sponsorship for University Student in Tanzania
- Fund yearly costs of a horse for "Riding for The Disabled" (3rd year)
- Sponsorship CC Highland Dance Group
- 3 X Digital Renal Observation Units for Gosford Hospital
- \$30,000 to complete the roof & security area of the "Healing Haven" for children, at the CC Community Women's Health Centre
- Celebrated Max Richardson 50 Years in Rotary

I think that this is outstanding for a small group of determined Rotarians!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**15 JANUARY 2026 RETURN MEETING**

**29 JANUARY 2026 BLUE MOON AVOCA BEACH THEATRE**

**3 FEBRUARY 2026 BOARD MEETING**

**APOLOGIES to PETER MOORE** before noon Tuesday to [amoore@bigpond.net.au](mailto:amoore@bigpond.net.au) or phone **0408 079 761**  
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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.