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ROTARY CLUB OF GOSFORD

The meeting on 15 October was a good night with attendance at 79%. As a bonus for this meeting, we were joined by extra guests including a member of the Rotary Club of Canterbury U.K. Maxine Blades, her friends Judith & Carolyn Crayford, as well as returning guests Jorome & Irdzra Bennett. A good evening was had by all!

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

The International Toast was to the Rotary Club of Boston 7, Massachusetts, USA. This was because a 6-month regimen of an experimental drug for the hepatitis B virus (HBV) has "functionally cured" 39% of people in two efficacy trials, meaning they can naturally control that virus without any further treatments. The results, published in *The New England Journal of Medicine* in Boston Massachusetts and presented at Europe's largest meeting on liver health, are from people whose chronic HBV conditions were well established, however its effectiveness in other populations that are more challenging to treat, remains unknown. The findings are "remarkable" and "a major step" forward for the field, hepatologist Anna Lok of the Harvard Medical School wrote in an editorial although she cautioned it was far from a solution to a major global problem. In January, Glaxo, Smith, Klien had announced that its drug, called bepirovirsen (bepi), had positive results in two phase 3 efficacy trials that involved more than 1800 participants in 29 countries, but the company did not report any details. Many researchers report that the results are cautiously more impressive than first indicated & bring "exciting news," including an endorsement from Nickolas Walsh, epidemiologist at Australia's

Monash University who is a world leading specialist in hepatitis diseases. "This will certainly bring much needed attention to HBV and should accelerate further efforts to find a cure, which indeed needs to be urgently rolled out". There's hope!

FUN TIMES

Heads & Tails was won by PHF Graham Lindsay while The Card Draw was won by PP PHF Don Wiseman, who could only find the 10 of Hearts. Joker Jackpot now stands at around \$50

SERGEANTS SESSION

The Sergeant's Session was conducted by Jack Hayhurst. Jack chose a number of general knowledge questions this week which had everyone "on their toes", due to the variation of topics! However there were some very sharp responses from the floor & a surprising number of the questions were answered. I'm certain that the reason isn't that Members are getting smarter. Perhaps Jack just felt a twinge of sympathy, due to the low number of correctly answered questions in the recent past! A cross fine was provided by Don Wiseman!

GUEST SPEAKER

Our guest speaker this week was Michal Imielski. Michal is an award winning Australian writer, director & composer, working across film, theatre & opera. Although born in Poland, Michal has been based in Sydney for over two decades.

His multidisciplinary style is built on a diverse

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	7 OCTOBER Don Wiseman 21 OCTOBER Chris Foster	26 OCTOBER Neta Vincent	12 OCTOBER Dennis & Jenny Allen 16 OCTOBER Sean & Cheryl Devlin	15 OCTOBER Bob Thomas 27 OCTOBER Geoff Vincent

artistic background spanning classical music, practical illusion, and puppetry. His very dramatic directing style brought him to his debut horror/thriller film called Dead Sunrise, which was released in 2017. If different, it was also entertaining & this bloke is certainly an energetic character & no doubt would be fun to work with! Michal showed us several clips from his future film Library. He was also politely seeking sponsorship! Vote of thanks was provided by PP PHF Lester.



Michal Imielski & PP Lester

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE



22 OCTOBER 2026

NYSF Student Kairavan Selvarajan
Introduction

29 OCTOBER 2026

Cheryl Gzik
Asst. Attorney Ontario & Rotary Experience

NEXT BOARD MEETING

2 NOVEMBER 2026

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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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Help us to serve thee all our days.