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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S KEYBOARD



FROM PRESIDENT DAVID'S KEYBOARD.....

At our meeting last week we heard from **Fran Baines**, who volunteers at We Care Connect.

Members were somewhat surprised by the numbers involved in the support given to children, including babies, across the Central Coast by this local group who have identified a need and set up facilities to deal with it in 2016. Has now grown to include a large warehouse in Wyong that provides so much help to children living on poverty. We Care Connect has 150 volunteers who work to make up the packages and bags for children referred to them by local Case Workers.

It is the first year We Care Connect supported 1,300 children, last year it was 10,500. Last year 140,000 items of clothes; 21,000 items of linen; 1,900 nappy packs including 92,000 nappies; 221 bassinets and cots; 272 car seats; 247 prams; 99,945 books and 10,225 toys were given to the children in need. Most of these are rehomed items with a small number of donated new items.

These numbers are staggering and it is tragic that there are so many in need in our society. Our donations over the past 2 years have certainly not been wasted and I will make sure that tickets to this year's Razzamatazz are made available to the group. Drop off points are located around the Coast; they are listed on the We Care Connect website if you have items that would help.



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Don't forget to register for the District Conference on Saturday 22nd March is \$160 which includes lunch. Book on District website rotarydistrict9685.org.au

Head and tails was won by **Chris Foster**, who continued to clean up by winning the Card draw – unfortunately for him, fortunately for us, he drew the 3 of spades. Jackpot now stands at \$79. Toast to another club was made to the Rotary Club of Roxby Downs South Australia.

Tonight, we welcome **John Kitchener** who will talk about his experiences in teaching at Yuendumu, which is located 300klm NW of Alice Springs.

When you get where you are going don't forget to turn back around and help the next one in line

Lori McKenna

President: David Boardman



THIS WEEK

Thursday 23rd January 2025

Presenter: John Kitchener

Teaching in the outback

(Teacher at Yuendumu - 300km NW of Alice Springs)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 26th January 2025

AUSTRALIA DAY 2025

At Dennis & Jenny Allen's

**1021 Wiseman's Ferry Road,
Somersby**

ALL WELCOME

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Thursday 30th January 2025

Presenter: The Glen for Women

Rehabilitation and progress

Monday 3rd February 2025

Gosford Rotary Club Board Meeting

Thursday 6th February 2025

Presenter: Phil Elms

My years of service as a Fire Captain

Thursday 13th February 2025

Max Richardson's 50 years in Rotary

Max and Lovise are looking forward to attending and Lovise says he will make hell or high water to attend regardless of his health

Thursday 20th February 2025

Presenters:

Scarlett Eakin, Ianna Tang and Natalie Gilmore

NYSF and Exchange Student

Scarlett has returned from Argentina and Ianna and Natalie attended the NYSF program in January 2025

Thursday 27th February 2025

NO CLUB MEETING AT GOLF CLUB

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Movie Night at Avoca Beach Picture Theatre to support Erina Rotary Club's fundraising movie.

The movie release will be 'White Bird' starring Helen Mirren

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WHERE AM IN THE WORLD?



ANSWERS NEXT WEEK!

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