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ROTARY CLUB OF GOSFORD

The meeting on 17 September was well attended. Our guests for the evening were Erin Kearns, Jessica Middleton and Coco Sheridan whom our Club sponsored to attend the Winter RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) held at Katoomba in June.

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

Following Rotary Grace, the International Toast was to The Rotary Club of Palmdale California, USA.

Welsh Actor Christian Bale opened a children's foster care village in Palmdale called Together California, the facility is focused on keeping siblings together. Mr Bale and his Wife, Sibi, invested over USD\$40m into the project and have committed to ongoing costs for 15 years. The facility consists of 12 fully furnished housing units across 11,000 square feet on a 4.67acre property purchased by the Bales in 2022. Leonardo diCaprio also donated USD\$7m

The Rotary Club of Palmdale, California, USA, is in District 5300. Chartered in 1950 it has 12 members under President Tina Borzage. They meet on Wednesdays at 6.30pm at Denny's Restaurant, Lancaster. The Club focuses on Youth, Community Assistance and School Scholarships.

FUN TIMES

Heads & Tails was won by President Geoff Vincent. The Card Draw was won by Sean Devlin, who unfortunately drew the Queen of Hearts. Joker Jackpot now stands at \$38.

SERGEANTS SESSION

Sergeant Jack Hayhurst provided a challenging general knowledge trivia session.

Cross Fines were provided by Don Wiseman and David Boardman (not sure too everyone got the punch line!).

BUSY BBQ SEASON

We have the following BBQs scheduled, and will need all members to help when they can if we are to meet our commitments.

3rd and 4th October - Collectables and Antiques sale, Point Clare Scout Hall

8th October - Carer's BBQ at Palmdale

10th October - Clark Rubber, Erina - 80th Birthday celebration - **NOT YET CONFIRMED**

28th November - Bunnings West Gosford - share profits to 16 Days of Activism (DV)

5th December - Borg's Christmas Party, Gosford

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BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS CELEBRATED IN SEPTEMBER 2026

	<u>MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS</u> 20 SEPTEMBER Jack Hayhurst Peter Moore 27 SEPTEMBER Sean Devlin	<u>PARTNERS BIRTHDAYS</u> 5 SEPTEMBER Jenny Allen 28 SEPTEMBER Barbara Hayhurst 29 SEPTEMBER Wendy Marquet	<u>WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES</u>	<u>ROTARY INDUCTIONS</u> 11 SEPTEMBER Jack Hayhurst 27 SEPTEMBER Chris Foster 28 SEPTEMBER Sean Devlin

BOARD UPDATE

At the last Board Meeting it was agreed to sponsor a new student at St Judes. Mershaki, age 13, who will start school soon. The cost in his first year is \$3,240. In addition, \$1,000 was donated to the RAWCS Relief for Rasuwa Nepal flood recovery relief. This is a project of Toukley-Wyong Club.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Our sponsored RYPEN students, Erin, Jessica and Coco (all from St Joseph's College) gave us a great insight into the weekend Winter RYPEN program held 12th-14th June in Kotoomba. The teenagers experienced greatly from the opportunities to develop improved "life" skills, self-esteem and motivation which will help them with life and their future careers. Erin, Coco and Jessica showed us many photos in a powerpoint presentation, of what was involved each day and the various group activities undertaken. Getting up each morning at 6am in Kootomba in June certainly made each day a cold start! They all enjoyed and benefited from the experience.

Erin also told us that after she attended the Science and Engineering Challenge this year, she has chosen Engineering as a subject in her next years at High School. Congratulations!

A Vote of Thanks was provided by Youth Director PP PHF Bob Thomas.



Erin Kearns, Jessica Middleton and Coco Sheridan with PP PHF Bob Thomas

24 SEPTEMBER 2026
Club Assembly

1 OCTOBER 2026
Don Wiseman - European River Cruise

8 OCTOBER 2026
Ladies Night
Marc Loy - Drones and demonstration

NEXT BOARD MEETING
12 OCTOBER 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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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.