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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S KEYBOARD



Last meeting, Gary Jackson, from Youth in Performing Arts joined us for a presentation about YIPA, where it came from, and what is happening now.

In 1991, Graham Morris of Gosford West Rotary Club, suggested that the Club could sponsor a program whereby youth, on the Central Coast, with talent in the performing arts could showcase this talent in a series of concerts. The club adopted this as a part of its youth program. The first series of concerts was held following the Queen's Birthday Holiday weekend in June 1992.

Financial assistance, in the form of scholarships, for youth with talent and interests in the Performing Arts are granted

each year. This year our C2lub is providing a \$1,000 scholarship.

Gary got involved with YIPA following his retirement from the Police force through his talented daughter and has been the main person leading the group for a number of years – tried to retire again last year, but is back again!

This year the YIPA concerts will be held at Laycock Theatre over 4 nights from 21st May. I propose that we cancel our club meeting for Thursday 22nd May, and attend the concert as a group.

Auditions are being held, now and 30 acts for each night will be selected. Gary said that expects around 450 young performers will audition.

I attended the District Conference last Saturday in Penrith, and heard a number of interesting and inspiring presentations. One that caught my eye, was a project in Kenya

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(although would work also anywhere), run by Castle Hill club, for provision of clean water to villages and families where clean drinking water is not readily available. For \$230 a solar powered tank (about the size of your carry-on luggage) that purifies water through the ultra violet light killing the micro-organisms in the dirty water and thus making it safe to drink.

Another notable initiative was the Fit for Purpose project, where 53 schools across the District entered a competition to devise something to improve the environment. Both primary and secondary schools entered and the Central Coast team from St Joseph's Collage at East Gosford reached the finals with their vertical garden idea. It must have been daunting for Primary School age students to address the 600 in attendance. Two interesting winners, were safe shark nets, and another was the simple idea to put a basketball hoop on school trash bins for

students to playfully throw away their rubbish instead of littering the environment.

Dr Alan Finkel, former Chief Scientist for Australia spoke about the issues of energy, with intermittent wind and solar, hydro where no government seems to want to fight the tree huggers and commit to the huge cost, and nuclear where there is ban in Australia at present.

Also, Lucy Hobgood-Brown was presented with a Service About Self Award, only 150 of these are given out across the world each year – there are over 1.4 million Rotarians – so it was an outstanding recognition for Lucy. She was surprised by her husband who flew from USA to be there to see Lucy accept the award.

Last Head and Tails was won by PP PHF Lester Marquet. PP PHF Don Wiseman, having missed out on winning H&T three weeks in a row, won the card draw, but could

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not find the Joker (drew 9 hearts). Jackpot now stands at \$129.

Tonight, is a Club Assembly and the Directors will be updating us on their various projects. In addition, final arrangements for sale at Point Clare this weekend will be completed. Volunteers are needed.

Next week we have an intriguing presentation from PP PHF Lester Marquet, titled "There is a crow on the bird table, get the gun sir".

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 29th March & Sunday 30th March 2025

Sale of various items and donated goods to be held at Scout Hall - Point Clare

Thursday 3rd April 2025

PP PHF Lester Marquet

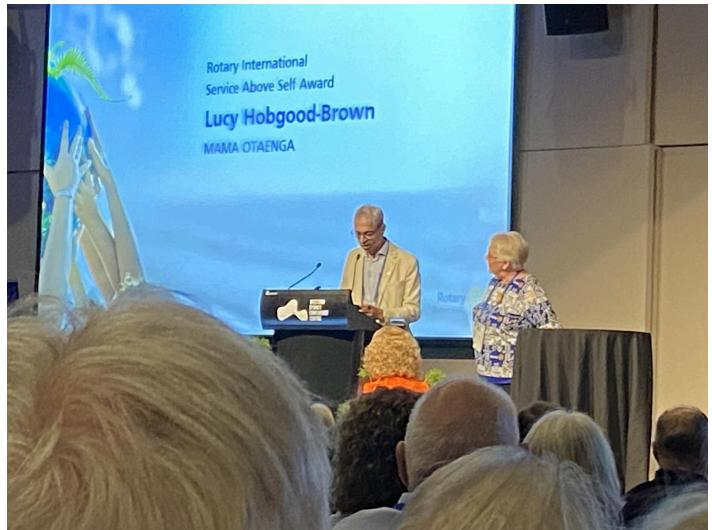
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Saturday 5th April 2025

9685 District Assembly

Tuesday 8th April 2025

Gosford Rotary Club Board Meeting



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