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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

FROM PRESIDENT GEOFF

The meeting on July 23 was a little down on the numbers of the previous week due to members being away on holiday. However a spirited bunch enjoyed a great evening of camaraderie, great humour, good food & very active discussion for the Club Assembly.

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

Following Rotary Grace, the International Toast was to The Rotary Club of San Juan, Puerto Rico. This was because the wreckage of a Pan American Airways plane has been found 74 years after it plunged into the Atlantic Ocean in a crash that prompted mandatory airline safety briefings.

The Clipper Endeavor was found 2,000ft (610m) below sea level off the coast of Puerto Rico with a sonar-equipped drone. It went down on 11 April 1952 following multiple-engine failure shortly after take-off.

Everyone onboard survived the impact - but passengers struggled to locate life vests and rafts as the plane rapidly sank.

Of the 69 passengers and crew onboard, just 17 survived.

The disaster led to sweeping reforms in aviation safety, including compulsory pre-flight safety briefings on every commercial flight.

The expedition to find the wreckage was led by the Air/Sea Heritage Foundation in partnership with the Discovery Channel's Expedition Unknown show and several other organisations.

Last month, explorers discovered the ruins of the Douglas DC-4 aircraft using an autonomous sonar drone that detected the aircraft's fuselage and tail.

FUN TIMES

Heads & Tails was won by President Geoff. The Card Draw was won by Peter Moore, who drew the Five of Diamonds. Surely, it must be won soon! The Jackpot now stands at around \$200

SERGEANTS SESSION

PP Lester yet again enthralled the minions with his "on this day" theme! From 1579 when Francis Drake departed San Francisco aboard The Golden Hind to cross the Pacific Ocean. 1798 when Napoleon

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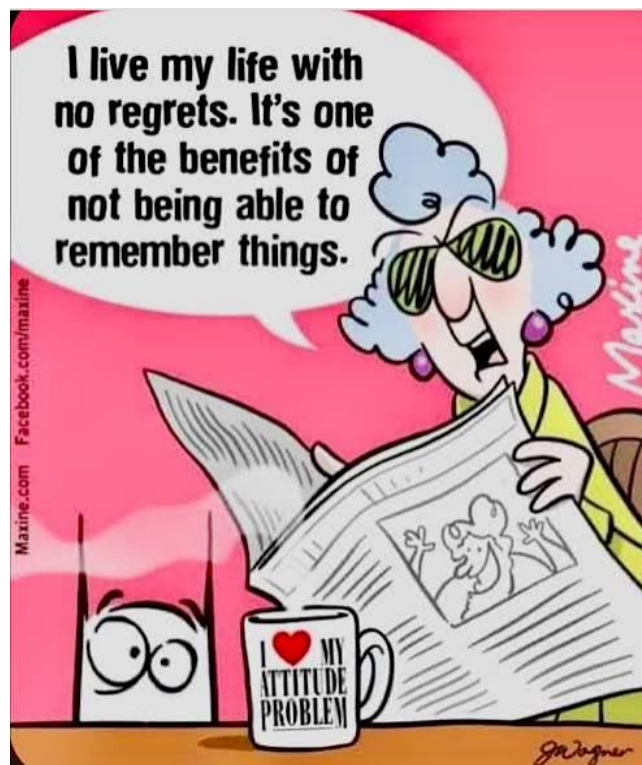
conquered Alexandria, beginning the French Campaign in Egypt. 1829 William Austin Burt patented the first typewriter known as the Typographer. 1966 Frank Sinatra's album Strangers In The Night hits Number 1. And finally 2010 when English Boy Band, One Direction, was formed in London.

A Cross Fine was provided by Don Wiseman!

CLUB ASSEMBLY

Due to the gravity of the subject, most of the assembly was taken up with information presented by PP Barry surrounding the meeting with Central Coast Council, regarding the Memorial Park & Rotary Park Masterplan. PP Barry informed members of the matters arising as a result of the meeting with Council representatives on July 21. At this stage, due to the volume of detail presented of previous action taken, there is no further action required by us until the Masterplan is presented to Council around November 2026. We believe that we have done all possible to ensure a favourable result in this matter. Members thanked PP Barry for his diligence in managing this project on behalf of our Club & his professional approach in this regard.

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE



UPCOMING EVENTS

30 JULY 2026

TBA

7 AUGUST 2026

TBA

14 AUGUST 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**?
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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.