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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

FROM PRESIDENT GEOFF

The meeting on August 27 had good attendance. Our guest speaker for the evening was Edgar Adams who provided an excellent update on business activity in & around Gosford, & also his retirement from the Central Coast Business Review.

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

Following Rotary Grace, the International Toast was to The Rotary Club of Redwood City, California, USA. This was because in August 2026, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has officially approved a groundbreaking, first-in-class oral pill called **Rasonque (daraxonrasib)** that nearly **doubles the survival time** for patients with advanced, metastatic pancreatic cancer.

Developed by Revolution Medicines of Redwood City, California, this once-daily targeted therapy represents a historic shift away from traditional, gruelling chemotherapy for treating one of the world's most aggressive and lethal malignancies.

In a large Phase 3 clinical trial involving 500 patients, Rasonque extended median overall survival to **13.2 months**,

compared to just 6.7 months for patients receiving standard chemotherapy. It reduced the overall risk of death by **60%**. The drug targets the **RAS/KRAS gene mutation**, which drives more than 90% of all pancreatic cancers. For decades, the structural shape of this mutated protein made it impossible for drugs to bind to it, earning it an "undruggable" reputation until now.

FUN TIMES

Heads & Tails was won by our guest, Edgar Adams. The Card Draw was won by PP Lester Marquet who drew the King of Hearts.

SERGEANTS SESSION

Jack Hayhurst provided an excellent Sergeants Session which was based around "Australiana" subjects. From the "get go" all members were totally absorbed, if not impressed by the very informative questions that Jack issued forth to the rank & file! It seemed to the writer that these sessions from Jack suddenly appear to be an education session, rather than a "do you know" type event. Nonetheless, it was obvious that every member was happy to hear the answers to the questions that we couldn't

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answer. I place the Sergeants on notice, that all members shall start to brush up on this line of questions for future robust responses!

A Cross Fine was provided by Don Wiseman!

GUEST SPEAKER

The Guest Speaker for this week was long time friend of Rotary & pro-active supporter of the development of the Central Coast, Edgar Adams. Edgar began by explaining that he had recently retired from the Central Coast Business Review, after many, many years. He is still, however, an active member of the Central Coast Chamber of Commerce. It was great to hear Edgar's views on the potential happenings regarding some major Private & Council Projects on the Coast. As has always been the case, Edgar provided a presentation of exceptional depth & highly valued insights.

A Vote of Thanks was provided by PHF Jack Hayhurst.



UPCOMING EVENTS

3 SEPTEMBER 2026

Julie Harris - Wesley Foster Care

10 SEPTEMBER 2026

District Governor Visit

17 SEPTEMBER 2026

RYPEN Students - Coco, Jessica & Erin

NEXT BOARDS

7 September 2026

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The Four-Way Test

(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

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We thank thee for our daily food.
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways,
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OUR WORK IN ACTION

President Geoff, PP David & PP Nev had the great pleasure of attending the official opening of the Healing Haven at The Central Coast Community Women's Health Centre on Thursday morning 27 August, 2026. It was lovely to see the completed works at the new addition to this wonderful & valued Womens' space on The Central Coast. The Staff recognised the contribution made by The Rotary Club of Gosford & the design & finish of the Healing Haven is truly amazing. It is such a calming space which one would not believe is in the middle of a busy part of our city. Central Coast Community Women's Health Centre (CCCWHC) CEO Sara Foster, gave a powerful speech at the opening & sincerely thanked the Members of The Rotary Club of Gosford for their generosity & continued support of the Centre. Head of Partnerships for the CCCWHC, Alison McLeod, also provided a passionate speech in recognition of the value with which they hold The Rotary Club of Gosford. Alison made mention of the previous works that we had assisted with at the Centre & hoped that we could continue working together into the future.



Group Photos

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Bereavement

It is with sadness that we advise the passing of Margaret Nichols. Margaret is the mother of Past President David Nichols. Margaret's funeral was held on Tuesday at Palmdale.

On behalf of all members, we extend to David, Sharon & family, our sincere condolences!

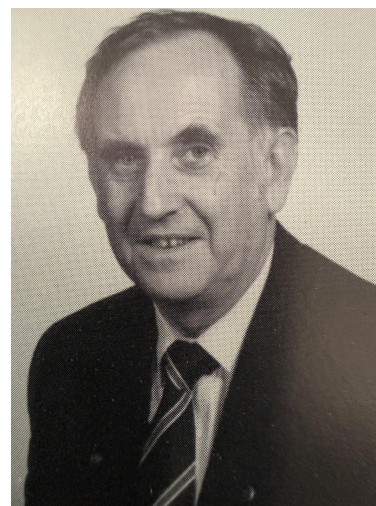
Vale PDG PP PHF Geoffrey Grenfell

Geoff Grenfell, 88 years, passed away peacefully on 25 August in Gosford, NSW, surrounded by his best friend & wife Margaret, & loving family members. Born on 12th November, 1938, at Ryde NSW. The family moved to Erina Heights when he was 4 years old. Geoff attended Erina Heights Primary School as well as Gosford High School & received a scholarship to the University of NSW to study architecture. He graduated in 1964. Geoff pursued a fulfilling career as an Architect & commenced the firm of Grenfell Fraser & Associates in Erina Street Gosford in 1967. He was widely respected for his dedication, mentorship, and professional achievements. Many of the buildings & landmarks in & around Gosford were designed by the firm of Grenfell Fraser & Associates. Beyond professional success, Geoff was defined by his warm personality, infectious but quiet sense of humour, & generous spirit. He spent much of his free time working for the

betterment of the Community, & was best known for his amazing contribution to Rotary, where he was a Past District Governor (9680), Past President of The Rotary Club of Gosford & received the distinguished Paul Harris Fellow Award on five separate occasions. He also made incredible contributions to the Scouting Movement. Geoff received an OAM in 2016.

Geoff's greatest joy, however, was his family, and he cherished every moment that he spent with them.

A celebration of Geoff's life will be held on Friday, 4 September at 2 PM, at the Holy Trinity Church, Serpentine Road, Terrigal NSW. An Afternoon Tea will follow the Service.



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