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PRESIDENT’S REPORT

FROM PRESIDENT NEV

The meeting on January 22 had a low attendance due to member holidays & some illness among the ranks.

Following Rotary Grace, President Nev provided a toast to The Rotary Club of Ujung Pandang, Indonesia. This was due to the discovery of a cave painting at Ujung Pandang on the Indonesian Island of Sulawesi. The stencilled outline of a hand has been dated back 67,800 years. This eclipses the previous dated record, from Maltarvieso, Spain by 1800 years.

As this was a Club Assembly, many members provided input into matters raised, including the future club involvement in proposed BBQs etc. President Elect, Geoff Vincent advised that due to family commitments, he was forced to withdraw his nomination of Club President for 2026/7. Jim Katrakilis agreed to accept the position of President for that period. All members thanked Jim for his selfless contribution to the Club.

WELFARE

A welcome update from PP Lester Marquet in regards to Brett Torey. Lester advised that though Brett was working very hard out west caretaking a cattle & pig property, he was in

good spirit & health, & was looking forward to returning to the coast in about 6 months!

MOVIE NIGHT

As we know, the meeting on 29 January was cancelled in lieu of us attending the Erina Rotary Movie Night at the Avoca Beach Theatre.

The movie was “Blue Moon”, the story of Writers & Composers, Rogers & Hart. Moreover it was centred around the bar at Sardi’s Restaurant, New York, showing the comings & goings of, & the resultant tragedy of alcoholism & mental health of Lorenz Hart. Not my cup of tea in the end, but several members enjoyed it more than I. There is no denying the skill in the performance of Ethan Hawke!



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BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS CELEBRATED in JANUARY 2026

	<p><u>MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS</u></p> <p>4 February Geoff Vincent 7 February Geoff Vincent 11 February David Boardman</p>	<p><u>PARTNERS BIRTHDAYS</u></p> <p>22 February Margaret Grenfell</p>	<p><u>WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES</u></p> <p>8 February Jack Hayhurst</p>	<p><u>ROTARY INDUCTIONS</u></p> <p>5/2/1975 Max Richardson 29/2/1996 Dennis Allen</p>
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FUN TIMES

Heads & Tails was won by Don Wiseman.
The Card Draw was won by Geoff Vincent, who drew the Jack of Spades. I can advise that the jackpot stands at \$64.00.

SERGEANTS SESSION

Lester Marquet provided another of his "On This Day" Sergeants Sessions. These are always great value & prove very tricky to navigate for even the most ardent of historians among us!

Jim Katrakilis once again got several of the answers correct during the quiz phase.

KOOLEWONG FIRE UPDATE

The Committee is now very close to being in a position to contact all of the "verified" victims of this disastrous fire, to arrange the provision of support funding. This should take place in the next couple of weeks as we are still awaiting the funds raised by a couple of Clubs to "clear" the RAWCS account. The total of all monies from the Rotary Clubs of The Central Coast is around \$60,000.

CENTURIANS

Just a reminder that any members wishing to donate \$100 to the Rotary Foundation,

may do so over the next few months either by cash or Card. Please see Treasurer, David!

GEMMA SISIA VISIT

As we know North Gosford Rotary is hosting a dinner for Gemma on Monday March 2 at the Golf Club starting at 6:00 PM. Dinner cost \$30. At this week's Boards it was decided to give members the opportunity to attend this Dinner. It was decided that if members were keen to attend, then we would cancel the Thursday 5 March Meeting. We will seek a show of hands this Thursday so that we have time to make Arrangements on your behalf.

UPCOMING EVENTS

5 FEBRUARY 2026

JAN PRYOR - DIDI FOUNDATION

12 FEBRUARY 2026

CLUB ASSEMBLY

19 FEBRUARY 2026

TBA

26 FEBRUARY 2026

CAITLAN FEMBOCK

National Youth Science Forum

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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

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.