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## President's Message:

WE'RE IN THE HOME RUN NOW......

## Your vote is important..... Voting closes August 15, 2019

Jacqui and I met last Tuesday to recap on our progress to date and ensure we have given this Project our best efforts. We continue to source votes from anyone who is eligible,

Please join us in our goal to get more votes from eligible residents in the Willoughby Electorate. Voting closes next Thursday, August 15, it's the last few days of the competition.

Winners of the Community Projects to receive funding via the Grants will be announced in September.



- \* Connect our community by improving youth mental health & helping kids flourish!
  - \* Vote for our project by logging into mycommunityproject.nsw.gov.au
- \* You will need to register for an account if you do have one already and a Medicare number to validate your vote.
  - \* Voting is open to NSW residents aged 16+ living in the Willoughby Electorate.
  - \*Voting is open Monday 15th July- 15th August. Winners announced September.

VOTE FOR OUR COMMUNITY PROJECT TO HELP US BRING THE GREATFULNESS PROGRAM TO 500 PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ON THE LOWER NORTH SHORE!

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"For Good Food, Good Fellowship and the Opportunity to serve through Rotary, we give thanks".



#### President's Message It's Time To Vote cont.....

#### How to vote

Log onto your MyServiceNSW Account and provide your Medicare card details and your residential address. Using your MyServiceNSW Account and Medicare card ensures each person can only vote once. By entering your residential address your vote verifies you are in the applicable electorate and your Medicare card details verifies you are over the age of 16.

If you live in the Willoughby electorate in any one of the following suburbs you should be eligible to vote: Artarmon, Cammeray, Castlecrag, Castle Cove, Crows Nest, Chatswood, Chatswood West, Lane Cove North, Middle Cove, Naremburn, Neutral Bay, Northbridge, North Cremorne, North Sydney, Roseville, St Leonards and Willoughby.

Please ask all your friends and family to vote for us.

It's time to Vote, please take the time to vote and support our Community Project - Greatfulness.



## This Weeks Speaker 15 August

Rod Lewis has been active as a member of the Elder Law & Succession Committee, Law Society of New South Wales, a Casual lecturer in Elder Law, at the University of Western Sydney, foundation director of Elder Law at UWS, Chair, COTA (Council on the Ageing) NSW Legal Response Committee and a member of governing board, Public Interest Advocacy Centre, Sydney. His current projects include seeking legal means to reduce the incidence of unlawful restraint in aged care in Australia, and a project promoting an Elder Justice Law, criminalising elder abuse.

## **Guest Speaker from 8th August**

Dr Michael Bendon spoke to us on the Australian Troops in Greece in the two World Wars. Michael related his history of teaching in Japan for many years before visiting Crete where he accidently found an underwater wreck. His effort to find more about the wreck led him to find the skipper of what was a Royal Navy vessel sunk in the Second World War, John Digby Sutton. This led him to develop a passion for historical military paraphernalia, on land and underwater, specialising in the area round Greece in both World Wars.

Michael's enthusiastic and inquisitive approach has given him a unique position in collating a pictorial image of what actually happened, especially in the Greek islands of Lemnos in World War One and Crete in WWII. Photographs, posters and letters to loved ones allowed Michael to draw a vivid picture of life for two generations of Australian troops far from home. Lemnos was a



holding camp before the Anzacs invaded the Dardenelles in 1915 and 646 Australian troops lost their lives when German paratroopers invaded Crete in May 1941.

Michael's presentation was an excellent insight into the vagaries of war and it is a pity that he doesn't have more opportunities to show off his collection to a wider audience in this troubling time.

It's our Birthday

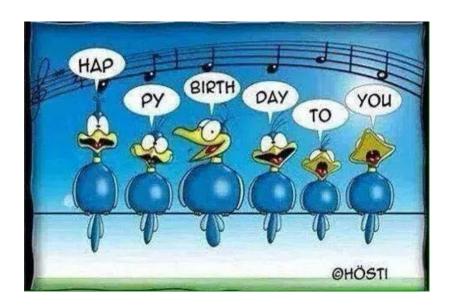




Friday August 16 – Rotary Club of North Sydney 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday

# Upcoming Events for your diary

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Date	Speaker	Subject
15th August	Rod Lewis	Elder Law & Succession Committee, Law Society of New South Wales
17th August	Crows Nest Markets	
22nd August	Kalma McLennan	District Governor's Visit
29th August	No Meeting	
5th September	Glenn O'Rourke	NSW Rural Fire Service The Largest Volunteer Fire Service in the World
20-22nd September	Regeneration NZ/AUS Conference	Christchurch NZ
23rd September	Dinner Hosted by RI President Mark Maloney	Direct bookings are essestial. Registrations close 15/9/19
6th November	North Shore Business Awards	Sponsored by our Club. Kirribilli RSL



Date	Birthdays	Date	Anniversaries
	Nil	14th August	Philip and Wendy Brook

Date	Front Desk & Room Set Up Attendance Required from 12:00pm
22nd August	Peter Lulic
29th August	No Meeting

# Upcoming Events for your diary

# Crows Nest Markets are on again on Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup> See you there!



Visit our website: www.northsydneyrotary.org.au

Please see website www.rotarydistrict9685.org.au for details on the following events:-

September 20-22 - REGENERATION NZ/AUS CONFERENCE, CHRISTCHURCH, NZ

Monday September 23 Dinner hosted by RI President Mark Maloney

Direct bookings are essential. Registrations close 15/9/19

Thursday October 24 Join the Train Ride to End Polio

Sunday 27 October, 2019 Graffiti Removal Day

March 20-22 Reasons Conference 2020 - Wollongong for District 9675 & 9685

# Upcoming Events for your diary continued..

## June 6-10, 2020 Rotary International Convention





### **Visitors & Apologies for 8th August 2019**

**Visitors** 

Michael Bendon - Guest Speaker

Costa Vrisalis

**Charles Prince** 

Mike Afras

Clare Afras

Alacoque Welsh - E Club Greater Sydney

Leave of Absence:

Robert Lau

#### **Apologies**

Peter Lulic

Jeff McDougall

Jiji Lee

John Taylor

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## **Humour by Geoff Pritchard**

A woman's husband had been slipping in and out of a coma for several months, yet she had stayed by his bedside every single day.

One day when he came to, he motioned for her to come nearer.

As she sat by him, he whispered, eyes full of tears:

'You know what? You have been with me all through the bad times.

When I got fired, you were there to support me.

When my business failed, you were there.

When I got shot, you were by my side.

When we lost the house, you stayed right here.

When my health started failing, you were still by my side...

You know what Martha?'

'What dear?' she gently asked, smiling as her heart began to fill with warmth.

'I'm beginning to think you're bad luck...'