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President's Message:

Current News Headlines: Fire Warnings for NSW & Qld as we experience an unusually hot start to



Glenn O'Rourke, from the NSW Rural Fire Service was our guest speaker this week. Glenn, a resident of Cammeray, has a holiday home at Wollombi, and visits most weekends where he is the Deputy Fire Chief. He explained with the help of several, very explicit videos, the situations which can occur in this brown and very sunburnt land.

Berrigan had the first rural fire brigade in 1896 and there are now over 2000 separate stations in New South Wales operating on a 24/7 basis, making it the largest organisation of its type in the world. Covering 95% of NSW with 72,00 volunteers and 900 full time staff, with headquarters at Olympic Park in Sydney. With the state now 98% in drought and low rainfall forecast, the coming summer does not look good. The last summer was the hottest on record and the last winter the third hottest. Climate change is certainly a reality. Glenn mentioned that 1500 fires has been reported in August this year alone.

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



President's Message cont.....

Using the frightening videos as material, Glenn explained the problems caused by lightning on dry ground and the dangers of embers causing conflagrations when associated with strong winds. Recent innovations such as using aircraft to drop fire retardant ahead of a fire and the new introduction of a converted Boeing 737 airliner to drop up to 15,000 litres of liquid at a time have helped, but the situation is not stable. It was noted that 179 people lost their lives in the Victorian fires, with most dying near their homes.

The lecture was a real eye-opener to us. It showed how much we owe to the many thousands of the men and women of the NSW Rural Fire Service who give their time to protecting this vast state from this ever-present danger in the bush. Many thanks to Glenn for making us more aware of the constant need for increasing financial and moral support to such a worthy cause.



Glenn O'Rourke, Louise Clarke and President Lily



Wollongong – March 20 – 22, 2020



President's Message cont.....

PARTNERSHIPS ARE IMPORTANT!

Congratulations to Denis Booth and Samantha Lee

We are pleased to report that our close relationship with Norths Club has resulted in a number of joint initiatives to promote our Rotary club coming to fruition. With the kind co-operation of Robert Lopez (Marketing Promotions & Entertainment) at Norths we hope to benefit from exposure on TV monitors around the Norths club and a half page feature in the winter edition of the Club magazine.

We have also been invited to contribute to Norths own Community page on their website.

Sam & PP Denis were pleased to be primarily responsible for the scripting and design of the artwork in liaison with Robert Lopez.





President's Message cont.....

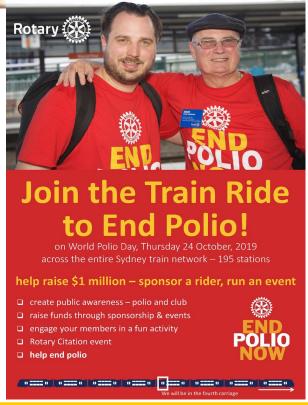
Crows Nest Markets – Saturday September 21

Come along for a day of fun!





World Polio Day – October 24, 2019 Lets join the Train ride......



Upcoming Events for your diary

Date	Speaker	Subject
12th September	Elaine Newman	Connecting Disadvantaged Youth to Opportunities.
19th September	Pauline Vamos	Superannuation & the Royal Commission
20-22nd September	Regeneration NZ/AUS Conference	Christchurch NZ
23rd September	Dinner Hosted by RI President Mark Maloney	Direct bookings are essential. Registrations close 15/9/19
26th September	No meeting	
6th November	North Shore Business Awards	Sponsored by our Club. Kirribilli RSL



Date	Birthdays	Date	Anniversaries
13th September	Ross Waugh	10th September	Peter & Millie Lulic
21st September	Jenny Thomas		
29th September	John Taylor		

Date	Front Desk & Room Set Up Attendance Required from 12:00pm
12th September	Geoff Pritchard
19th September	John Taylor

Upcoming Events for your diary

Next Board Meeting September 12, 2019

.....please send your Agenda items to Tony D'Arbon



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

Wednesday November 6, 2019 Gala Presentation Evening
2019 North Shore Local Business Awards at the Kirribilli Club

March 20-22 Reasons Conference 2020 - Wollongong

June 6-10, 2020 Rotary International Convention



Email to Club: Subject: Soar n Roar 2019: 8 December 2019: Seeking your Clubs support.

Dear Community Service Directors and Club Presidents,

I am writing to seek your Club's assistance later this year in support of the **Soar and Roar Festival**, which is being held to aid Special Olympics Australia (SOA).

Rotary have again been approached by the Special Olympics team to assist with this year's – SOAR & ROAR Festival - which is being held on **Sunday 8 December 2019**. https://www.soarandroar.com.au/

As per last year, SOA are seeking our support in hosting two key starting venues:

- Luna Park (Porsche); and
- Broughton Street Lookout (Lotus), Kirribilli

Last year, several of the local Rotary Club's were able to assist – and did a fantastic job! We would again like to seek your support in obtaining a couple of volunteers from your Club to help us out again on the day. A couple of volunteers from each Club helps us spread the participation.

Whilst it is still early in the organising of the event, we expect the format, timing and procedures to be somewhat similar to last year – except that Cars (not Bikes) will be leaving from Lunar Park.

Below is a preliminary 'basic' outline of what our involvement entails.

Basic Outline of what the event entails:

Site setup and pack down

- i. Kirribilli (Car Site) -
- Lotus
- 1. Volunteers need to arrive at 6 AM (latest)
- 2. Cars arrive at 6:30 am

Passengers arrive at 7 AM

- ii. Luna Park (Car Site) -
- Porsche

- 1. Volunteers need to arrive at 7:30 AM (latest)
- 2. Cars arrive at 8 AM onwards
- 3. Passengers arrive at 8:30 AM
- b. Athlete and car driver meet and greet (registration)
- c. Provide all drivers and passengers with food packs (to be delivered)
- d. Speeches / Hat Presentation
- e. Send off

2. The requirement for Each Site

- a. 6 people are required (but a couple of extra volunteers is an advantage).
 - i. 2 people will be on the Registration Desk
 - ii. 2 people will be coordinating the cars/bikes as they arrive;
 - iii. 2 people to manage the positioning of Flags

I have attached a post event report of last year's event fyi.

It would be great if we could secure your Clubs support with this joint Community Service project.

Can you please discuss it with you Club Members and, preferably, indicate how many of your team we can count on for assistance.

We will be seeking to confirm our support with Special Olympics Australia over the coming weeks and so would be happy to cover off any questions that Clubs may have, if any.

Looking forward to working with you on this project.

Many Thanks Regards Rob Coote

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Visitors & Apologies for 5th September 2019

Visitors

Glen O'Rourke, NSW Bush Fire Brigade Service Guest Speaker

Sally McIntosh

Wilfrid Chee

Leave of Absence:

Robert Lau

Photos from Glenn O'Rourke's Presentation





Apologies

John Taylor

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