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President's Message:

Our Guest Speaker this week was Kevin Ford.

For the last ten years Kevin has been specifically involved with the refugees who were arriving by boat in large numbers from various countries in the Middle East and Asia. He has represented asylum seekers who arrived in Australia claiming protection and seeking a protection visa from the Australian Government and he assists them to prepare their claims for protection on the basis that they would be persecuted if they returned to their country because of their political opinion, nationality, race, religion or membership of a particular social group.



He often joined deployments to Christmas Island, Darwin, and other centres in isolated areas of Australia. He worked for a private Migration Agency that was contracted to provide those services to the Government. He pointed out that our onshore policies have been marked by being a punitive deterrence model under both political parties. They are marked by long processing times, temporary protection visas only for three or five years – with no family reunion in Australia, following which you may be able to apply only for another visa in certain circumstances.

Off shore policies followed the deterrence/punitive model in Manus Island and Nauru, where the local people didn't want the refugees and the refugees didn't want to be there. Unfortunately, the Governments in both those places cannot provide enduring solutions as far as resettlement in those places is concerned.

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



Guest Speaker continued...

On the Political front in Australia, things are happening – the Government is withdrawing and allowing/forcing Private Aid organization to take more of the load. The current Government does not want to be seen to be doing anything against its longstanding deterrent policies. Hence the Amendment to the Medivac legislation aimed at preventing/delaying asylum seekers being Medivacked to Australia.

The fact is a lot of these people have been living in these camps for about seven years and still have not had their protection visa claims assessed and we see the results of these delays every day and what long term damage is being done by them living in these refugee camps for such long periods.

Seniors Christmas Party – Wow what a Great event !



Seniors Christmas Party





A very warm heartfelt THANKS to all our Firefighters and Volunteer Firefighters.....

Words cannot express our gratitude for the wonderful work you do in saving lives and property.



Christmas is coming.....Let's not forget people in the recent bush-fires across Australia



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President's Message: Continued

Christmas is coming.....Lets not forget our Farmers



While the Government has announced a rescue package, you can help in the following ways:-

Buy some of your Christmas presents from:-

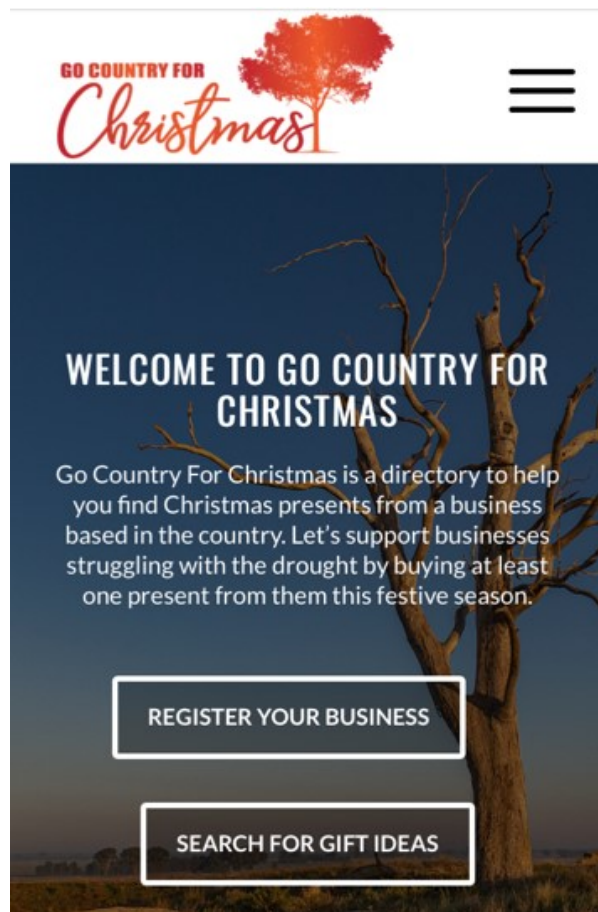
Website ...buyfromthebush.com.au. This campaign hopes to encourage people to support small rural businesses struggling in the severe drought.

Websitensw.gov.au/buyregional

Support for regional businesses hit by the drought.

Plan a trip to a drought effected area – stay in the accommodation, spend your money in their local businesses and help keep the town economically viable and alive.

www.gocountryforchristmas.com.au



Upcoming Events for your diary

Date	Speaker	Subject
12th December	Geoff Pritchard	Discussing his latest cruise to Europe's far north including Iceland and other interesting ports
19th December	Christmas Lunch with Meeting	No Guest Speaker only good cheer and hearty



Date	Birthdays	Date	Anniversaries
15th December	Doug Garner		
22nd December	Robert lau	29th December	Lilly and Chung-Hou Lee

Date	Front Desk & Room Set Up Attendance Required from 12:00pm
12th December	David & Toni Field
19th December	Peter Lulic



Crows Nest Markets – Saturday December 21st

Come along and support all the great stalls !



Last Minute Christmas shopping

Rotary Market at Ernest Place, Crows Nest is held on the third Saturday of each month from 9:00am till 4:00pm and has stalls mainly consisting of arts, crafts, food, giftware, jewellery, timber items, plants and clothing.

Organised by The Rotary Club of North Sydney.



Next meeting: Meeting No 3 Monday, December 16th

Two representatives from each Rotary Club of North Sydney,

North Sydney Sunrise and Crows Nest, Denise Ward from the Crows Nest Community Centre and Fiona Jenkins will meet to discuss and formalise a structure aimed at the inaugural opening the Rotary DCaf North Shore on Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Representing The Rotary Club of North Sydney is Geoff Pritchard and Ross Waugh.

Upcoming Events for your diary

Rotary Youth Exchange

Our meeting on Thursday December 19 will also be our Christmas Lunch. We will be presenting Henry with his jacket on this day.



Next Board Meeting Thursday February 20, 2020

Guest Speakers

Thursday December 12 AGM

Thursday December 19 Christmas lunch and Presentation of Jacket to Henry. Last meeting for 2019
Rotary meetings resume Thursday January 16, 2020

Thursday February 6 PDG Harold Sharp Chairman ROMAC

The Operations of ROMAC

Thursday February 20 PDG Bruce Larkin Rotary Foundation Chair

Presentation of Banner – Award for being in Top 3 Clubs for total giving last year



Courses are run at the District Office
3/7 Sefton Road, Thornleigh

Contact RLI Coordinator Ian Scott

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\$75 includes all materials, tea breaks and lunch.

Dates for 2020

RLI 56 Saturdays February 22nd and part on March 7th

RLI 57 Weekend May 2-3

RLI 58 Weekend May 30-31

Western Desert Nga

February 29, 2020 -
District support day for
Purple House.....more
details will follow soon



The Purple House story begins with some magnificent paintings...

Thirty years ago, Pintupi people from the Western Desert of Central Australia began leaving their country and families to seek treatment for end-stage renal failure in Alice Springs or Darwin. Far from home, they suffered great loneliness and hardship, and weren't around to pass on cultural knowledge in their communities.

So they decided to do something about it.

In 2000 Papunya Tula artists from Walungurru and Kiwirrikurra developed four extraordinary collaborative paintings which were auctioned at the Art Gallery of New South Wales on 11 November 2000, which along with a series of other work, raised over \$1 million. That money started the Western Desert Nganampa Walytja Palyantjaku Tjutaku Aboriginal Corporation, now called Purple House, which developed a new model of care based around family, country and compassion.

Run from its headquarters in a suburban house in Alice Springs, [Purple House's mission](#) is 'Making all our families well'. Flexibility and cultural safety is at the centre of everything we do. It's the 'Purple House way'.

Saturday March 7th, 2020

Fundraising Chinese Banquet Dinner for our International Project

.....More details to follow soon





Sunday, 29th March, 2020

The Bobo Bobbin Head Cycle Classic commenced 9 years ago and has raised \$800,000 for charity partner Lifeline and other selected charities. Their target in 2020 is to break the \$1 million fundraising milestone. 4 routes to choose from according to your riding abilities. Serious cyclists challenge themselves on the longest rides and social Cyclists enjoy shorted routes. Some 2,500 riders are supported by around 450 enthusiastic volunteers.

All cyclists and volunteers welcome to participate in this great event.

More information available from:

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Bobbin Head Cycle Classic organised

by



The Rotary Clubs of
Ku-ring-gai, St Ives, Turramurra &
Wahroonga

Wollongong – March 20 – 22, 2020



June 6-10, 2020 Rotary International Convention

Visitors & Apologies for 5th December 2019

Visitors

Kevin Ford Guest Speaker
Denila Correia

Apologies

Denis Booth
Doug Garner
Jiji Lee
Lily Lee
Samantha Lee
John Taylor

Leave of Absence:

Robert Lau

We are grateful to: Rotary Club of North Sydney Supporters



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The People Who Care’**