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President's Message:

Fellow Rotarians,

I was sad to hear of Anne Golan's death this past week. Ken Pratt alerted me to the funeral notice and of course Ann was the first female member of our club and our club's first female President. Anne was involved in Charity Administration and founded the Nadow Training Program. She left the club in the late 90's when she relocated to Lake Macquarie. Our condolences to Ann's family.

Doug has requested all club members to please pay their dues so that he can complete the budget and make payment to various accounts. I have set aside the meeting on the **20th August** for all directors to give an account of their activities. Please be ready to present information on this day so that we can plan for the coming year.

Could you also give your name to Jenny if you would like a new badge. It would be great if everyone wore the same badge each week and to our functions. Then we will look like a serious Rotary group!

I hope you enjoyed Dr Davies last week. He is such an interesting historian. David and I travelled through the Somme and Normandy with his directions. Such an awakening!

Don't forget to bring a bottle of wine to supplement the speaker's gift each week. Thank you to those who so far have donated. I hope you are all coming to the Change Over lunch, please send your payment to Jenny asap.

I also asked if each member could donate a **\$20 note** to be used for the **Money Tree** which will be in the raffle prizes for the Change Over lunch. Many thanks in advance for this donation. All present at last week's meeting accepted this request.

This week I have focussed on Geoff Pritchard and what an interesting life he has had!

Take care!

Toni Field OAM

Board Members for Rotary year 2020-2021

President: Toni Field OAM **Secretary:** Tony d'Arbon **Treasurer:** Doug Garner
Administration: Ross Waugh **Youth Counsellor:** David Field
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International Service: Samantha Lee & Jiji Lee, **Youth Service:** Peter Lulic
Vocational Service: Geoff Pritchard OAM **Speaker Program:** David Field
District Conference/Verification Officer: Denis Booth **Bulletin Editor:** Mal Sharpe

Acknowledgement of Country.

The Rotary Club of Nth Sydney acknowledges the Cammeraygal people on whose land we meet each week and continues to foster friendship and service to the community. We pay our respect to past and present elders.

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



Guest Speakers Report Meeting 9th July.

Dr Will Davies noted historian, author and one of Australia's leading documentary film makers returned to our club to discuss with us a little known fact about WWI – THE FORGOTTEN, the 250,000 Chinese labourers known as the CLC who were sent to France and England to help clean up the war zones of unexploded munitions and assist in the cleaning up of the rubble left by the battles and load and unload boats and trains during the final times of the war. Thousands of them died from European diseases that they had never been exposed to and many died while clearing mines.

They came to Europe via Canada, arriving in Vancouver then travelling by train for 5 days and nights across Canada to depart from Halifax to France and England.

Dr Will also discussed our Chinese Australian ANZACS who distinguished themselves at Gallipoli and the Somme including sniper Private 'Billy' Sing DCM who at Gallipoli is credited of shooting over 200 Turkish soldiers. The 3 Langtip brothers, Henry, Leslie and Bertie to name just a few.

After the meeting an old school friend of mine, a past Rotarian for the Sydney Club, Vic Edwards who lectures at UNSW in Chinese history and Lily Lee led a brief discussion on today's China as a result of their experiences with the west during the 19th Century.

David Field



A Chat with Geoff Pritchard OAM

1. Where did you study to become a Pharmacist Geoff?

I studied at Sydney University and graduated in 1965 and then went to London for further study, returning to Sydney in 1967.

2. When did you join Rotary?

I joined the Rotary Club of Newtown in 1981 which then merged with RC of West Sydney to become the RC of Sydney Inner West in 1995. I was President three times!

3. Where did you grow up? (I might be getting older but I refuse to grow up).

In Bass Hill and I went to Homebush Boys High School. I'm a westie from way back. I don't remember going across the harbour bridge until I was about 25.

4. What Rotary activities have you been associated with?

When I was younger I was involved in many fundraising activities and I was on the selection committee to elect District Governors including the first two lady DGs. From 1995 Joan and I have been Counsellors for Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars. We have kept in touch with most of them and many have become leaders in their various countries. It was very pleasing to have been involved.

5. How do you think Rotary is viewed in the community today?

Well, years back we were more social and involved in many activities when clubs were 3 or 4 times the size they are now. Of course now that I am older and living much of the time in the country it's not as easy to participate. I believe that mentoring is a wonderful way to support individuals and I would like to see more of this in today's Rotary.

A Chat with Geoff Pritchard OAM continued..

6. What is one thing that has enhanced our lives today ?

Well that has to be technology. Communication is so much easier and important in our lives and bringing women into Rotary.

7. What changes in Rotary have you liked?

Women in Rotary was a great step forward. There have been some excellent women Presidents and District Governors.

8. Looking back what are a few things that you have really enjoyed with Rotary?

The internationality of Rotary, particularly through my involvement with Ambassadorial Scholars. I have made up in Rotary Clubs all around the world and have had many overseas Rotarians and/or their families stay with us here in Sydney.

Being co-opted into the RC of Cap Martin-Roquebrune during the years we were living on and off in Monaco.

And, being involved with a great group of members at North Sydney who may be fairly quiet but are always willing to lend a hand.

9. What other activities have you been involved in outside of Rotary?

- Working in a drug addiction clinic in West London for 2 years.
- Co-owner of a Rolls Royce and Bentley service centre in Newtown for 3 years.
- Restoration of countless old English sports cars in a large workshop at our house in Kangaroo Point, Sydney, mainly MGs, Healeys, Sunbeam Tiger, Jags, Volvo P1800, etc.
- In 1968 studied real estate courses at the Real Estate Institute and became a licensed real estate agent and auctioneer for about 10 years.
- Created many subdivisions on the NSW south coast.
- In 1978 after the death of Elvis Presley in 1977, and during the renovation of Gracelands, four pharmacists (one of which unfortunately was me) brought the Elvis Presley Museum to Australia and showed it in all the capital cities. (It was a disaster).
- After the introduction of generic drugs in Australia I spent 18 years running continuing education for pharmacists in NSW for the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia. I said I would do it for 6 months after selling my last shop in Newtown.
- Spent 11 years on the Pharmacy Board of NSW, the disciplinary and regulatory body for pharmacists.
- Chairman of the Newtown Chamber of Commerce.
- Licensee of the NSW Rugby League for 5 years manufacturing and importing RL memorabilia from HK and Taiwan.
- Director of the Sydney 2000 Olympics (for which I received my OAM).
- Lived on and off for 7 years in Monaco after the Olympics.
- All this while running pharmacies in Newtown. I was never home.
- Thank you Geoff.. a full life indeed!



Upcoming Events for your diary

Date	Speaker	Subject
16th July	Brendan Maher	The Clontarf Foundation
23rd July	Club Changeover Lunch	Note: Strictly Bookings Only Northbridge Golf Club
30th July	No Meeting	
6th August	Sargent Meg Bourke	NSW Police
13th August	Karen Smith	The Cammeraygal People
20th August	Club Directors to present their objectives	
27th August	No Meeting	



Date	Birthdays	Date	Anniversaries
12th July	Peter Lulic		
18th July	Mal Sharpe		No Anniversaries this Month
26th July	Ken Pratt		

Date	Front Desk & Room Set Up Attendance Required from 12:00pm
16th July	Geoff Pritchard
	Lily will do all other dates and will ask a member if she is going to be absent.

Stay safe as restrictions are slowly lifted and we are out and about more.

You can now download the COVIDSafe App which has been designed to quickly trace outbreaks of the virus.

Downloading the App is completely voluntary. Check the website for full details



Total COVID-19 cases and deaths by states and territories

This table shows the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases and deaths reported in each state and territory since 22 January 2020. State and territory totals reflect where a person has been tested and undergoing public health management, this may differ from their normal place of residence.

Source: Department of Health, States & Territories Report 11/7/2020

Jurisdiction	Total confirmed cases	New cases in last 24 hours	Deaths
Australia	9,553	227	107
ACT	113	0	3
NSW	3,474	7	49
NT	31	0	0
QLD	1,070	2	6
SA	443	0	4
TAS	228	0	13
VIC	3,560	216	23
WA	634	2	9

On 03 July, 189 historic cases reported in crew members on board a ship were classified as Australian cases and included in NSW totals.

Source: Department of Health, States & Territories Report 11/7/2020

	Source of Infection	Cases	%
	Overseas	5016	52.5%
	Locally acquired - contact of confirmed case	2763	28.9%
	Locally acquired - contact not identified	1081	11.3%
	Under investigation	693	7.3%

Thank you to all our medical and support staff who have worked so hard to keep us safe.

Upcoming Events for your diary

Next Board Meeting ... 27th August



The recipients of this years Pride of Workmanship Awards will be presented at the official Changeover

Ceremony – date 23rd July

Visitors & Apologies for 9th July 2020

Visitors:

Dr Will Davies Guest Speaker
Vic Edwards Guest of David Field

Leave of Absence:

Apologies

Philip Brook
Lily Clarke
Tony d'Arbon
Doug Garner
Jiji Lee
Sam Lee

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