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#### 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.

# President's Message:

Fellow Rotarians,

Last week's speakers from the Clontarf Foundation were extremely interesting and I loved how passionate they were about their work. Thank you JT for giving us such an insightful report. Thank you too for those members who donated \$ 20 towards the money tree raffle. Thanks to Jenny and Geoff for your organisation for the ChangeOver lunch and for your donation of a dozen bottles of wine Jenny and from JT an afternoon on the harbour with JT as the captain and champagne. So bring your wallet and join in the fun!

Could members please arrive about **12.10pm** as everyone will need to sign in and then sit down. This may help to alleviate a long queue. May I remind everyone that there is **no mingling before during or after the function. The Covid 19 restrictions are to be respected.** 

Sam and Jiji are working on an International project idea and we look forward to hearing about this soon.

Denis and Jan, Jenny, Ross, Geoff, David and mysef attended the District ChangOver lunch at Castle Hill RSL on Sunday. It was very enjoyable but due to restrictions not much mingling with other clubs was permitted.

Kalma handing over to David Clark at the District Change Over

I have a District Manual to distribute to all members when we meet next.

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



### President's Message: continued

Now someone at the meeting last week suggested I focus on myself this week as it is fitting to introduce myself since the ChangeOver is occurring. So I will share some of my life story with you.

Take care!
Toni Field OAM

Hand & Denis Booth at the District Change Over



#### 1. Where did I grow up?

I grew up in Drummoyne with my parents and an older brother and younger sister. I attended an all girls Catholic college where the nuns were feminists before the word was coined! They told us we could do anything and we did. Growing up in the fifties was fantastic. We played outside until it was dark and played cricket in the street. We went north or to the south coast for holidays in the car and had meat and three vegetables every night plus dessert. My mum was a stay at home mum and looking back worked jolly hard everyday.

#### 2. What about higher education?

When I left school in 1964 the only options were hairdressing, nursing secretarial work and teaching. No one suggested anything else so I accepted a Teachers' Scolarship. and that was the beginning of a fantastic career in teaching. I have taught in Canada and Singapore and after a second degree moved into Teacher Librarianship I have had a dream career working with so many talented teachers and of course enjoyed my love of literature on the way.

#### 3. Why have you joined Rotary?

Well David has been in Rotary for 33 years and I have accompanied him to many functions and met many interesting people at District Conferences as well as at this club but I have always felt it was his club and his time for enjoying life without me.

But now that we are both retired and doing more things together he suggested I join. And thankfully the response from the club was accepting.

David and I were married in 1969 and we have 3 daughters and 8 grandchildren. We are very lucky.

#### 4. Where have you been a volunteer?

I have been involved with my daughters HS Monte Sant Angelo, Northern Suburbs Netball, The Mater Hospital and The Children's Book Council of the NSW Branch. All very satisfying.

## 5. How do you see Rotary in the community today?

Unfortunately there are many pressures on family life today and volunteering is not as popular due to many things. I know in sport most coaches umpires etc are paid. In fact everyone wants to be paid. It is more difficult to fundraise and without volunteers and sponsorship fundraising is very difficult. Therefore I guess Rotary needs to stand up and shout and be seen more.

## 6. What would be your special plans for the Rotary Club of North Sydney in the future?

I would like us to be more present in the community. I would like to bring in more members. I would like to erect the national flag in St Leonards Park, give Citizenship Certificates to recipients in our local schools, and to have a regular column in the local papers showing and telling how our club works and the community involvement of the club. But especially I would like to foster friendship and fun within and with our members.

## Guest Speakers Report Meeting 16th July.

## The Clontarf Foundations - Improving Indigenous Education Outcomes.

At last Thursday's meeting we heard from Brendon Maher and Jole Parsons from the NSW office of the Clontarf Foundation.



Starting from humble beginnings at the Clontarf School in Perth 21 years ago, it's founder Gerard Neesham recognized the motivational link between sport training and education in the then dysfunctional indigenous boys school. Gerard's discovery was a breakthrough in transforming the approach to indigenous education.

The change of behavioral attitudes was dramatic and within 5 years Gerard had established Clontarf academies (indigenous learning centres within an existing school) in Kalgoorlie, Geraldton and the Kimberly extending out from their head quarters in Perth.

The Federal, State and private sectors gradually recognized the success of the program and backed it with financial support - con-

tributing approximately 33% each.

Fast forward to 2020 and Clontarf have 116 academies operating across six states and territories training, educating and mentoring more than 8,000 young men.

For me, the one of the impressive takeaways was the modesty of not only the two presenters but of the whole organization. They don't seek publicity for what they do, they simply get recognition from what they have achieved. This in turn builds corporate partnerships with such organizations as Rio, Wesfarmers, Transurban and Sydney Airport.

Last financial year their operating expenditure was \$52 million with an average cost per participant of \$6,500. While this might seem high, their long term track record in solving the indigenous education problems is unmatched. I encourage you to read more about their great work in their 2019 annual report via Google.

John Taylor



# Upcoming Events for your diary

Date	Speaker	Subject
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
	Lily will do all other dates and will ask a member if she is going to be absent.

NSW Health on Sunday urged people to avoid non-essential travel and social gatherings and consider wearing masks if they cannot socially distance as the rate of community transmissions rise.

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



Source: Department of Health, States & Territories Report 19/7/2020

Jurisdiction	Total confirmed cases	New cases in last 24 hours	Deaths
Australia	11,802	381	122
ACT	113	0	3
NSW	3,568	18	49
NT	31	0	0
QLD	1,071	0	6
SA	444	0	4
TAS	228	0	13
VIC	5,696	363	38
WA	651	0	9

Source: Department of Health, States & Territories Report 19/7/2020

Source of Infection	Cases	%
Overseas	5059	42.9%
Locally acquired - contact of confirmed case	3662	31.0%
Locally acquired - contact not identified	1582	13.4%
Under investigation	1499	12.7%

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# 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 16th July 2020

## **Visitors:**

Brandon Maher Guest Speaker
Joel Parsons Guest Speaker

Noeline Donovan Guest of Toni Field

Leave of Absence:

# **Apologies**

Philip Brook Lily Clarke

Tony d'Arbon

Jiji Lee

Lily Lee Sam Lee

Elaine Newman

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