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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,

The meeting last week was very enjoyable, upstairs at Xenos Restaurant. The area was quiet, airy, easily spaced and we had white tablecloths! Service and food was excellent. The members present voted to stay with this arrangement until we hear from Norths again. Tony d'Arbon joined us via Zoom. Our guest speaker Senior Sargent Meg Burke was an exceptional speaker who spoke passionately about her job as a recruitment officer for the Police Dept.

It has been suggested that we should have an Indigenous Officer for the club. I think this is an appropriate and great suggestion and so I am asking if someone would take on this role? Someone who could keep abreast of Indigenous policy regarding our community and for us to be aware of projects that we could assist with. Please give this some thought.

You may have read that the new RI President is a woman for the years 22/23. This is great news, the first ever RI woman President!

As we have no speaker next week as they have cancelled due to Covid-19 I would like to take this time to speak about our Strategic Plan for the coming year. Then the following week directors are invited to give a brief description of their roles and projects for the coming year, This is all in preparation for the DG David Clark's visit on the 10th September. So I ask all members to be present next week and to have your say in the Club's plans.

I didn't mention Mal Sharpe receiving a Paul Harris pin last week as I thought it was a surprise as Mal could not attend the Changeover so I didn't mention him. But congratulations Mal you are a much deserved recipient.

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



President's Message: continued

Denis gave me a running sheet for the smooth running of our meetings and each week I forget something! Sorry Lily, I didn't mention apologies etc. I will be on the ball next week!

Lastly I would like to congratulate David Field because next week as we meet on the 13th August David will have been a member for 33 years. I don't think he has missed many meetings over these years. Perhaps a few !

Take care and I look forward to another friendly meeting next week.

Toni Field OAM

Last Weeks Guest Speaker

Last weeks guest speaker was Senior Sargent Meg Bourke who is in charge of police recruitment for NSW.

Meg began her talk with an overview of her time in the NSW Police Force, she described how she had always wanted to join the Police and after being a student at Pittwater House on the northern beaches and then completing her high school, as border at Frensham in Mittagong.

At the age of 19 she applied to become a police person and went to the NSW Police training College at Goulburn. After graduating her first posting was at Mona Vale close to her family home on the peninsular, where she described that she learnt how to be a real police person.

Senior Sargent Bourke has been with the NSW Police Force for the past 31+ years and she described for us how much the NSW Police Force and its members have changed during that time. Every three months 200 recruits enter Goulburn and all but 3% of the class graduate the intensive training course. The average age of recruits now is 24 years of age with 38% female recruits, where as 31 years ago when Meg graduated, there was only 8% female recruits. Now because of the COVID crisis, graduation is a very low key affair with only the graduating students and their lecturers in attendance at the graduating parade.

Senior Sargent Bourke enthusiastically answered all the many questions for our members and we all enjoyed her visit.

David.



A Chat With Samantha Lee

1. Sam tell us about your childhood.

In some respects, you could say I had a double childhood. I spent my first few years of school trying to identify with my anglo-Aussie friends but later, I would be trying to fit in with newly arrived Chinese students as well. While this made playtime at recess and lunch more diverse, I did find myself once or twice needing to bridge the gap by playing the UN in the schoolyard. After-school activities were big in our family. I remember Dad driving me around to gymnastics classes and Mum walking us to our ballet lessons while teaching us to recite Chinese poems.

On weekends we'd play cricket on the street with our neighbours or spend long summer days at whichever neighbour's place had a pool. My parents are explorers by nature so my childhood memories are also filled with many fun family road trips.

2. When and how did you join Rotary?

I joined Rotary in 2009, relatively soon after Jiji and Mum had become members. They helped me see that Rotary was non-political, non-religious, but most of all, that it's 'just' a group of people using their skills to do good in the world. Due to a 2-year stretch working overseas, my official induction date became November 2011.

3. How does Rotary fit into your lifestyle?

Giving back has always been important to me. I think that became clearest in my mind during the bushfires of 1993-94. We wanted to help and ended up as volunteers driving around neighbourhoods collecting household items that people had pledged. We then dropped them off at a local police club where many victims were taking shelter. I can still recall all the mixed emotions of that devastating time.

I have always liked travelling as well. Experiencing different cultures, their food, their people and their lands is what I love so much about it. Harnessing Rotary's global reach allows me to combine these two elements and help people in need around the world.

4. What are your hobbies or favourite things to do?

Travel is probably at the top of my list of favourite things to do, though in this current climate, it looks like I'll need to expand my other hobbies considerably!

I'm also a movie nut... there are just so many good films and tv shows out there now. When I'm not sitting in front of a screen, I like to go bushwalking/hiking and love ending up in a lovely cafe for a cake or three with friends. I also pretend to bake, rock climb, play the ukulele, and read when I can.

5. Do you feel Rotary has a future?

Yes, but only if it can evolve with the changes that future generations are bringing, and only if that evolution starts from the top. Speaking as a younger member, I believe Rotary needs to re-assess their once compelling offering to attract people of succeeding generations to join. Success will involve engaging these generation groups in conversations to understand their need to give back and how they see it working.

6. What do u wish for society in the future?

That's such a big question, I wish for so many things! The following is not an exhaustive list :)

- No more COVID-19, and no more absurd politicians (if you can call them that)!
 - A carefully considered re-vamp of Australia's aged care system.
 - Much more recycling, much less plastic, and better use of our land – we are literally running out of space on our earth to bury our plastic. Plus, it's been proven without a doubt, we are eating microplastic ingested by our seafood.
 - To go back to more wholesome living and all the benefits that flow from that. COVID-19 brought a lot of this back and also showed people what family life, or what life in general, they were missing out on working long days and late nights at the office. Many now want to keep a portion of their work week at home to re-claim that quality time.
 - For people to understand that just because I think one side is right, doesn't automatically mean I think the other side is wrong.
 - And finally, as a precursor to world peace, for people to focus more on what they CAN agree on rather than what they can't.
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Upcoming Events for your diary

Date	Speaker	Subject
13th August	President Toni Field OAM	Her Vision for the forth coming North Sydney Rotary
20th August	Club Directors to present their objectives	
27th August	No Meeting	
3rd September	Anthony Aboud	Australian Stock Market
10th September	DG David Clark	Visits our Club
17th September	Social Meeting after Board Meeting	
24th September	No Meeting	



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

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.

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



Coronavirus NSW: Fears over possible new Sydney cluster

There are fears of a new coronavirus outbreak in Sydney's northwest after authorities issued several ...

News.com.au · 27m

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 9/8/2020

Jurisdiction	Total confirmed cases	New cases in last 24 hours	Deaths
Australia	21,084	404	295
ACT	113	0	3
NSW	3,861	10	50
NT	33	0	0
QLD	1,088	0	6
SA	459	0	4
TAS	229	0	13
VIC	14,659	394	210
WA	642	0	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.



Victoria suffers a record 19 deaths and 322 new coronavirus cases



San Quentin State Prison guard dies from coronavirus



One new coronavirus case recorded in Queensland, restrictions to be lifted on aged care facilities

Upcoming Events for your diary

Next Board Meeting ... 27th August



Visitors & Apologies for 6th August 2020

Visitors:

Sergeant Meg Bourke NSW Police Service

Leave of Absence:

Apologies

Philip Brook

Lily Lee

Ken Pratt

Elaine Newman

Jenny Thomas

Brendan Walsh

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