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President's Message:

Dear Rotarians,

Thanks to Denis the Club now has an updated Constitution and By-laws. I hope you have had time to peruse the documents. Please forward any comments to me so we can amend if necessary before a vote is taken in the next few weeks to accept the documents.

Congratulations to Sam and Jiji for receiving a grant application for the International Project in Nepal. Great news and Jenny has put forward a Community Project to raise funds for a large screen for the Senior Citizen's Community area so that movies can be shown for this audience.

It was great to see the markets up and running last week and hopefully more stalls will enter next month. Ross and Jenny did a superb job in making sure the markets were Covid-19 safe for all. October is Rotary Polio Month so at the next two meetings I will ask for individual donations so that we can contribute to the event on the 24th October. Your generosity will be appreciated.

I attended the District President's Cluster Meeting where we discussed interesting ideas for future projects. Crows Nest and Nth Sydney Sunrise Clubs are still meeting on-line but Northbridge are meeting like us in face to face meetings. They were very keen on my flag idea to celebrate 100 years in Rotary in Australia and wish to be involved too! So a very elaborate plan is being forged. I will tell you at this week's meeting.

Jilly Gibson, Mayor of Nth Sydney is our guest speaker this week so I look forward to seeing you all.

Take care

Toni Field OAM

Board Members for Rotary year 2020-2021

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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".**



Focus on Denis Booth

1. Tell us about your childhood and growing up .

I spent the first 15 years of my life growing up in a home situated no more than 100m from Dee Why Beach. It was my grandparents' holiday house and had become my parents' residence post World War 2. Built in 1915 it was a weatherboard week-ender with an outside toilet. One other negative was it was still considered to be the week-end summer destination for any one of Dad's brothers & sisters (Dad was the youngest of seven) and their families who would just 'pop in' unannounced and organise a day at the beach. We had no telephone in those days! At times my mother was not overly impressed with the 'invaders'!

On Grandpa's death the house had to be sold and in 1964 we moved to the Dee Why/North Curl Curl headland, a home with great views over Dee Why beach to Long Reef/Collaroy. My parents never owned or drove a motor vehicle so family vacations were sadly non-existent. My two brothers & I were close and enjoyed the beach, riding bikes, Saturday afternoon movies at Dee Why Theatre and playing cowboys and indians in the sandhills. Also, we had two wonderful border collie/kelpie-cross dogs, firstly Toby, then Rex.

2. What was your first job and where did that lead you to in the workplace ?

Having started school early (being a June birth baby) I was not yet 15 years of age in 4th year (this was the last year of the 1-5 year Wyndham Scheme prior to the School Certificate being introduced) when I learnt from the Manly Boys High School Career Advisor that the National Bank (other Banks too) were looking to recruit staff. I took the opportunity of a job and started with the National Bank at 66-68 Walker Street North Sydney Branch in mid 1964. I worked my way through the ranks reaching Senior Management level and retiring 44 years & 5 months later, ironically at North Sydney.

I virtually grew up in the Bank, quickly learning to work in a team environment, being guided by older and wiser staff and serving customers from all walks of life. Later, My Bank Manager position allowed me into the lives of many people e.g. judges, other professionals, TV personalities, crooks etc., quite a wonderful experience when I look back. Just being able to assist people no matter their vocation or stage in life with their home loan or business loan gave me great satisfaction.

3. Do u have any special interests you could share with us?

I developed a liking of all sports, but particularly cricket and baseball and spent almost every summer and winter playing in Saturday afternoon competitions. This extended for about 65 seasons in all (not necessarily consecutively), 30 cricket & 35 baseball (winter). During my cricket career I found myself as team captain about 60% of the time which I thoroughly enjoyed. You won't be surprised to learn Jan & I were married in early April 1974 i.e. in between cricket and baseball seasons! I have been a member of the SCG for over 30 years. I am still a keen follower of Manly Rugby League & Manly Rugby Union teams despite moving out of the area over 30 years ago. I am also an avid music lover with a special interest in the period 1960-1975 when some of the best popular music was created. I enjoy any music played well, in particular attending live concerts.

4. When and why did you join Rotary ?

I joined Rotary in September 1991 following an approach by the one and only Harry Fieldhouse. I am not sure who gave Harry my name but do have someone in mind (no longer a member). Harry got his man! I joined with business development plans as I was the Senior Business Banking Manager at North Sydney looking to grow the Bank's business. As I soon discovered Rotary is more about what good can be done in the community and fellowship, rather than networking. I have no regrets.

5. Is Rotary effective in today's society?

Rotary has a definite place in our society. The relaxing of outdated rules and meeting protocols has been a major step forward over recent years. I strongly believe that Rotary should promote itself more via the media to increase public awareness and boast about our achievements. Centralising membership enquiries to a professional contact area run by Rotary HQ for vetting and subsequent referral to the most appropriate Rotary Club to follow up might be worth a try as we search for new ways to find new members.

More Photos From the Farm Day Out







Upcoming Events for your diary

Date	Speaker	Subject
1st October	Jilly Gibson Mayor North Sydney	
15th October	Jeff McDougall	Being a safe senior driver and keeping your drivers license
29th October	TBA	



Date	Birthdays	Date	Anniversaries
6th October	Samantha Lee		Nil

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.

Upcoming Events for your diary

Next Board Meeting ... TBA



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Visitors & Apologies for 17th September 2020

Visitors:

Zoom:

Tony d'Arbon

Honorary Members:

Leave of Absence:

Apologies:

Philip Brook

Lily Clarke

Elaine Newman

Geoff Pritchard

Jenny Thomas

Brendan Walsh

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