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**President's Message:** 

Board Members for Rotary year 2020-2021

 President: Toni Field OAM Secretary: Tony d'Arbon Treasurer: Doug Garner

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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.

Dear Rotarians,

At our last meeting we heard from Jeff McDougal and his endeavours you teach and re teach seniors to drive . He explained the reasons some seniors needed some extra tuition to pass the driving test. Lack of confidence and deafness is often a cause for failing a test. It was a very interesting talk.

Our club has donated \$700 towards Polio Now with thanks for the \$500 donation from an ex member.

I am progressing with the flag initiative and will meet with Nth Sydney Council next Tuesday . They are very keen to assist with the project.

I have issued 6 Rotary Certificates of Community Service to local schools and hopefully more will take up the offer in the next few weeks of term.

The President's Zoom meeting last week emphasised the need for everyone to take responsibility to introduce more members and to have a health check on ones club to make sure it is up to date and spontaneous for new members. I can say that we as a club have an excellent report card.



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"For Good Food, Good Fellowship and the Opportunity to serve through



Rotary, we give thanks".

### Presidents Message continued...

Giving a bottle of wine to our guest speakers has become a little onerous as it seems it is the same persons donating the wine. At the Presidents meeting it was suggested that wine not be given as this encourages ' drinking ' !!!! Anyway I am purchasing boxes of chocolates from club funds to give as a gift for the following months . I hope you all are happy with this.

I hope you enjoy the focus on Lilly Lee this week and we look forward to hearing Lily speak at next weeks meeting.

Welcome home Elaine and we may hear from Norths soon in relation to meeting back there soon.



## Focus on Lily Lee

### 1. Tell us about your childhood.

Before ten I lived in a remote county in China. I still have vivid memories of my native place and the occupation by the Japanese. Went to Hong Kong and studied there before moving to what is now Malaysia. Moving around make me not holding on to one place and adapt to new environment easily.

### 2. What studies have you completed?

I completed Chinese style high school in Hong Kong and Malaysia, went on to university in Singapore and majored in Chinese language and literature, after which I went to the US for graduate library school. I did a PhD at Sydney university after migrating to Australia.

### 3. What did you do in your work life?

I worked at the university library and taught at the Chinese Department at Sydney Uni. In addition to teaching I researched and published on Chinese women's history. Dedicating most of my working life to the compilation of a four volume Biographical Dictionary of Chinese Women from 1600BC to the 20<sup>th</sup> century, I also wrote books (including *Women of the Long March*) and articles about Chinese women. The Dictionary was published in English first and now in Chinese (still working on two volumes).

### 4. What is your favourite way to relax?

I love traveling and going to the farm. I also keep a few plants on my balcony. Watching TV thrillers and reading in the same category.

### 5. Why did you join Rotary?

I joined Rotary when helping Jiji to raise funds for her charities. We feel since Rotary helped us send funds to Qinghai, we should reciprocate by being part of it. We find Rotary a good channel through which to realise our wish to help others.

### 6. How do you see your place in Rotary?

I am retiring from most active work and will continue to support the work of others in the Club.

Lily

Lily Xiao Hong Lee Honorary Associate University of Sydney



## **Carlingford Community Online Art Show**

https://soundcloud.com/user-410080704/carlingford-community-online-art-show-23-oct-2020? fbclid=IwAR2sCNjg6lUyG3PanETNYGmgcJ9AROq6S-5dKK9tL9AEJx8cfdkMS9FZI0U

A great way for artists to showcase their talents, for art lovers to browse the gallery and purchase unique art works for their enjoyment or as gifts. We meet Trudy Stevenson from Carlingford Rotary Club who explains how the idea came about, how to enter, the different categories, the prizes and the judging process. Chief judge is celebrated Australian artist and national living treasure, Ken Done OAM. An online art show, a creative way to celebrate art and to support two essential charities dealing with domestic violence. www.carlingordcommunityartshow.com.au

As always grateful for your help in sharing this with your members. And please let me know if there are activities of your Club which would interest the wider general public to help spread the word about Rotary.

Cheers

### IAN STUART Presenter

## **Rotary Matters**

On air Friday 3pm -4pm www.rotarymatters.org

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# Upcoming Events for your diary

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Date	Speaker	Subject	
29th October	Lilly Lee	The role of women during the Chinese Great March	
12th November	ТВА		
26th November	ТВА	Includes Board Meeting	
10th December	ТВА	Includes Annual General Meeting	

## Unless advised all meetings will be held at the Xenos Restaurant Crows Nest.





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.		

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## Next Board Meeting ... 26th November

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

### Visitors & Apologies for 15th October 2020

### Visitors:

Jeff McDougall	Guest Speaker
AG John Zhang	Rotary Club of Chatswood International
Chung Lee	Guest of Lily Lee
Alacoque Welsh	Rotary E-Club of Greater Sydney

### Honorary Member:

Brendan Walsh

<u>Zoom:</u> Tony d'Arbon

Leave of Absence:

We are grateful to: Rotary Club of North Sydney Supporters



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### **Apologies:**

Philip Brook Lily Clarke Jiji Lee Samantha Lee Peter Lulic Elaine Newman

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