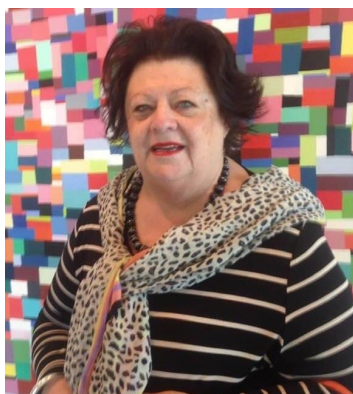


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### *Acknowledgement of Country.*

*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:

Dear Rotarians,

Lily Lee gave us a fascinating talk on the Women of the Long March at last week's meeting. This was a part of history I had no idea about. I find that many of our own members are the most interesting guest speakers.

This week we return to Norths after an enjoyable few weeks at Xenos Restaurant. We have been lucky to be able to have had face to face meetings while many clubs are zooming their meetings or are not meeting at all.

We will continue meeting every two weeks until the New Year.

I have had many emails from DG David Clarke, many of which I have passed on to you all.

1. Celebrating 100 years of Rotary on Australia Day
2. Donating to the Rotary Foundation
3. Nominating for the DG's position committee for 22/23.
4. Organizing our club's president elect
5. Resolutions for Rotary International
7. World Polio Day
8. Gina Growden ...Rotary's Public Image

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the Opportunity to serve through  
Rotary, we give thanks".**



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### Presidents Message continued...

Our District cluster presidents' meeting is this Thursday night and I am sure I will hear about many other activities within the District.

Jenny tells me she is working hard on the Tree of Joy preparations. Please offer your assistance if you have the time.

Please also think about our President Elect position. I would like to organize a Christmas get-together and some form of fundraising. So come with some ideas please.

I look forward to seeing you all back at Norths ready to start our meeting at 12.50pm

Take care

Toni Field OAM

Lily Lee with President Toni



### Guest Speaker Lily Lee on 29th October

Our own member Lily Lee gave us an excellent talk about THE LONG MARCH which began on the 16th of October 1934 and ended in October 1935 focusing on the 35 women who accompanied Mao Zedong's Communist Party of 86,000 troops and 35 women across China during war against Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalists which covered some 6,000 miles.

Only 4,000 troops completed the journey which was the longest journey by foot in the history of warfare. Mao's 2nd wife gave birth to a child while on the long march only to have the child taken from her and given to a local family so there would be no delays.

When THE LONG MARCH ended at the end of 1935 the Japanese invaded China and that invasion ended when Japan surrendered on 8 September 1945. Four years after the end of the war against the Japanese Mao proclaimed the PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

Thank you Lily for giving us a glimpse of 20th Century history that we were not familiar with !

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## Focus on John Taylor

### 1. Tell us about your childhood.

I was born in Sydney and went to South Cronulla primary. Aged 12, the family moved to Adelaide as Dad got a job at a teacher's college there following two years living in New York in 1963 & 64. That was an incredible experience for a 7 year old. Although I was not a good student I managed to get an Economics degree from the University of Adelaide between working and sailing. From Adelaide I moved to the Gold Coast and stockbroking which took me to HK for 9 years where I married Jackie and had Robert and Laura.

### 2. What was your first job and where did it lead you?

I have always wanted to be self employed and found repairing things intuitive. I did a letterbox drop around our neighbourhood and managed to get a job as the handyman for Cottage Homes in Adelaide - an aged care organization. At the same time I bought a run down house in Eastwood for \$5,000 with Dad lending me \$1,000 and going guarantee on the mortgage. It was 1973 and houses were not so expensive relative to incomes. It was a great introduction to the real world and property investment.

### 3. Tell us about your passion for sailing . When did you start?

Just before we moved to Adelaide the family bought a half share in a 12 foot sailing dinghy with our neighbour who also introduced us all to sailing. After moving to Adelaide we joined Brighton and Sea-cliff Sailing club, bought our own sailing boat and learnt lots very quickly by many capsizers. The school sea scouts also gave me an opportunity to crew on larger boats, leading to my first Sydney Hobart in 1973.

### 4. Why and when did you join Rotary?

1989 in Hong Kong. I wanted (and still do) to give back to the community and the less privileged.

### 5. How do you see Rotary in today's society?

The world has moved on considerably in the way we work, live and communicate since I joined Rotary. I believe there are just a many community minded people now as there was in the 1990's however their engagement is much more dynamic than the traditional Rotary platform.

Here's what I think Rotary should be considering : Much shorter time commitments - project based for weeks or months and flexible time commitments say one or two social gatherings per month and much of the community work done by zoom / emails and web based platforms.

Rotary's image needs modernizing so young professional feel comfortable to join and invite others.

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## Upcoming Events for your diary

Date	Speaker	Subject
12th November	Social Meeting	Held at Norths
26th November	TBA	Includes Board Meeting
10th December	TBA	Includes Annual General Meeting

Unless advised all meetings will be held at Norths.



Date	Birthdays	Date	Anniversaries
16th November	Lily Clarke		
22nd November	Brendan Walsh	27th November	Brendan & Christine Walsh

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 ... 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 29th October 2020

#### Visitors:

Alacoque Welsh      Rotary E-Club of Greater Sydney

#### Honorary Member:

#### Zoom:

Tony d'Arbon

#### Leave of Absence:

#### Apologies:

Doug Garner  
Peter Lulic  
John Taylor  
Jenny Thomas  
Brendan Walsh

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