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President's Message:

Dear Rotarians,

Last week's introduction to the Square functionality was very interesting. Thank you to John Gidney from the Northbridge Club for sharing. I would like to see how our club could use this for the future. The District President's cluster meeting last week was informative. Much discussion re how to celebrate the 100 years of Rotary in Australia and ideas for celebrating on Australia Day. The group were not too forthcoming with ideas! Could I ask **all directors** to have their reports available for our Board Meeting this **Thursday**. We will have lunch and then the meeting will follow. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The **AGM** will be held on the 10th December and all positions except President will be vacant. Please send a nomination to Tony D'Arbon by Dec 3rd. Please also think about nominating for President elect. You may like to try a different role. Nominations can be accepted from the floor. Treasurer, Secretary, Administration, Community Service, Public Relations, Membership, Cogs, Youth, Youth Counsellor, Foundation, Conference, International Service.

This is also **–Foundation Month** and you may wish to donate to the Foundation.

Let us also consider a Christmas get -together. I look forward to your responses.

Take care

Toni Field OAM

Sam, Toni and John Gidney



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".



Guest Speaker John Gidney on 12th November

Guest Speaker: John Gidney – Using Square for Electronic Payments

Last week, we had the pleasure of having John Gidney, the Treasurer of Rotary Club of Northbridge, share his club's experience with Square. What is Square? According to the company's website, the Square reader is the "smallest, most mobile and most affordable card payment reader" in Australia.



Looking at the one John brought along to show us, it is literally a small, white, square device that accepts payments with a tap of a credit card, or a mobile device using Apple Pay or Google Pay. Multiple bank accounts can be connected to a Square reader, and a free app is provided which allows a business to manage these accounts - including directing funds between accounts, reporting on payments collected and issuing receipts.

John also pointed out that the Square offering is the cheapest option on the market today at \$59 for the reader plus 1.9% transaction fees. Alternatives include: PayPal Here, Tyro (and others that require monthly payments), and card readers from major banks.

Although this device seems like a very good fit for our Rotary Club activities, John warned us that Square may not be taking any new not-for-profit customers - something to be investigated.

Nonetheless, it was a very informative talk which showed us how this technology has expanded the range of payment solutions available in the market.

Samantha Lee



From left: President Kevin Tattrie (Rotary Club Northbridge), Sam, John Gidney and President Toni

Upcoming Events for your Diary

Date	Speaker	Subject
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
8th 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.

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Visitors & Apologies for 12th November 2020

Visitors:

John Gidney	Rotary Club of Northbridge
P Kevin Tatttrie	Rotary Club of Northbridge
Alacoque Welsh	Rotary E-Club of Greater Sydney

Apologies:

Philip Brook
Lily Lee
Geoff Pritchard

Honorary Member:

Brendan Walsh

Zoom:

Tony d'Arbon

Leave of Absence:

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