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(Please Note: No meeting on the last Thursday of each month). ISSUE NO 4057 Thursday 8th April 2021



## Board Members for Rotary year 2020-2021

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### *Acknowledgement of Country.*

*The Rotary Club of North 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,

Last week's meeting was like an intimate luncheon date! 8 of us enjoyed spirited conversation while enjoying our fish n chips.

We discussed that perhaps next year we delete this Thursday before Easter as many of you are away on holidays.

We also discussed the 100 Centenary celebration by this club as we unveil our plaque on the 29th April . So as this is not a meeting day we decided to cancel the meeting on the 15th and have the 29th v as our 4th meeting of the month.

Please diary this information.

Please also diary the International Lunch on May 1st. We need everyone to participate and make this function a great success. More information from the Lee family will follow.

I hope everyone enjoyed the Easter break and that the Easter Bunny visited .

David and I were lucky to spend Sunday with daughters, grandchildren family members and nieces. In fact so very lucky. Family time is indeed so precious.

Take care

Toni Field OAM

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



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## FOCUS on Elaine Newman ..OUR NEWEST MEMBER.

1. I was born in Birmingham, England. I have two sisters and a brother and was born nine months after my father returned from the war! My father was an eccentric and talented pianist and organist, in the music business. We moved around a lot until I was thirteen, when we moved to Cambridge and settled somewhat. I had a great education there and was able to enjoy all the advantages of being in a University city, until I went to Liverpool to do my teacher training. Here again, it was a great place to be, with the Cavern, Blue Angel and other famous venues of the Liverpool sound, poetry and literature. The college was amazing and we were actually taught how to teach! My three years there, was a very formative and influential period of my life.

I had a very happy childhood. My mother was an angel and my father a great personality!

2. My first job was at St Vincent's Girls Secondary in Victoria, London. I taught Geography, English, Remedial Maths and was head of Physical Education! This was in 1968 and swinging London was the best place to be in the world! I lived ten minutes walk from the school which was run by The Sisters of Charity. It was above the convent and just behind Westminster Cathedral. I learnt so much from the Nuns, the girls and the other staff. It was a wonderful and realistic start to my teaching career.

I have been involved in many aspects of education and taught at all levels in England, New Zealand and Sydney. Helping students with learning and behaviour problems, has been a focus of my teaching life. I was head teacher of a Residential school in Auckland for very disturbed and sometimes violent young people. We had a skilled team of teachers, psychologists and close care supervisors to try and get these at risk and damaged youth, back to school or find them work. It was here that I learnt my communication skills!

Since 2001, I have been involved in many different projects, teaching adults across many areas and work places, being based at Petersham TAFE. I have found these opportunities truly enriching and they have added greatly to my overall teaching experience. In recent years I have been part of a team helping young Aboriginal students get an electrical apprenticeship. This has been a privilege and a very fulfilling and worthwhile end to my teaching life.

3. My passion has always been teaching. I have never got up in the morning and not wanted to go to work! I have tried to keep abreast of new research and innovative ways of facilitating learning, especially with students who have learning difficulties and are disadvantaged.

Another passion is my family and now especially my grand children. My husband remains a passion! Finally, I have never stopped loving Rock and Roll Music and dancing.

4. I joined Rotary, to become involved and to help people. As I have recently retired I very much needed to contribute to and support something, and my friend Lily Clarke, a recent president of the North Sydney branch, encouraged me to come to a meeting and that was it!

5. I think I am still learning where our branch fits into the local community. Before I read the Rotary Magazine I was unaware of all the amazing projects, globally, that Rotary is involved in. I think our branch is aware of how important fund raising and communication is, and how we can help our community with initiatives such as the dementia cafe, helping seniors and support services, and also, a local presence through Crowsnest Market. It has been a difficult year with Covid, to see the extent to which our branch 'services' our local community. There is always discussion, relevant speakers and a recap of what is going on for members to become involved in, at our weekly luncheons. I have been very happy to become part of this branch.

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## Red Shield Appeal 2021

The COVID Virus has caused a great interruption to many plans and activities, and on one in particular in which the Rotary Club of North Sydney has a close interest, is the Annual Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal.



The Appeal and organisation is up and running for 2021.

### The Appeal Date is Sunday 30 May

A Committee from the Club has been formed and a basic strategy, based the success of previous years is being developed. The resources of ACU will be available but because of the impact of the virus we are working on a short timeline this year.

Our Salvation Army liaison is Captain Joycelyn McIver and the Club Committee is Ross Waugh, Geoff Pritchard and Tony d'Arbon. We have already had one meeting by Zoom (Joycelyn was operating from Melbourne at the time) and we will keep members posted of progress and needs.



Rotary Club of North Sydney

presents...

## CHINESE BANQUET LUNCHEON

in Support of

### NEPAL'S COVID-19 RESPONSE

Please join us for this special fundraising  
luncheon to give  
Nepalese communities

**CONTACTLESS HAND WASH STATIONS**



Date: Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup>  
Time: 12 for 12:30pm  
Cost: \$55  
Location: King Dynasty Restaurant,  
Level 6 Westfield Chatswood

RSVP  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April  
samfylee@gmail.com | goneznepal@yahoo.com  
Register early, seats are limited.

**RAFFLE & AUCTION PRIZES TO BE WON**

Benefiting Nepal COVID Response and other Rotary Club NS International Service Projects

## Upcoming Events for your Diary

Date	Speaker	Subject
8th April	District Conference Highlights!	
15th April	No Meeting	
17th April	Crows Nest Markets	
28th April	Dementia Café	See Advert
29th April	TBA	
30th May	Red Shield Appeal	
4th July	District Changeover	Castle Hill RSL Club – 12noon for 1230pm



Date	Birthdays	Date	Anniversaries
14th April	Tony d'Arbon	6th April	Denis & Jan Booth
21st April	Geoff Pritchard	6th April	Jiji & Darjeeblack Tasi
28th April	Philip Brook	12th April	Elaine & Laurie Newman

Date	Front Desk & Room Set Up Attendance Required from 12:00pm
18th March	Lily Clarke & Elaine Newman



## Visitors & Apologies for 1st April 2021

### Visitors:

Alacoque Welsh Rotary eClub of Sydney

### Honorary Member:

Brendan Walsh

### Via Zoom:

### Leave of Absence:

### Apologies:

Philip Brook

Lily Clarke

Doug Garner

Jiji Lee

Samantha Lee

Lily Lee

Geoff Pritchard

John Taylor

Jenny Thomas

Crows Nest Markets – Saturday 17th April 2021

Come along and support all the great stalls !



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‘Keep It At Kennards,  
The People Who Care’



***New in 2021 the Rotary Clubs of Crows Nest, Northbridge, North Sydney and North Sydney Sunrise invite you to:***

## **A monthly café especially for people living with dementia, their families and carers**

Enjoy gentle exercises, hear from guest speakers, try your hand at a game or puzzle, chat over a morning cuppa and share your experiences with others who understand.

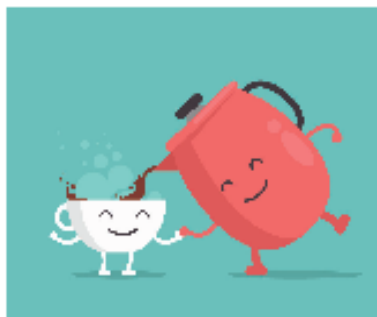
### **4th Wednesday of the month\***

28 April, 26 May, 23 June,  
28 July, 25 August, 22 September,  
27 October and 24 November

*\*Subject to COVID safety requirements.*

**Time: 10am to 12 noon**

**Venue:** Crows Nest Centre  
2 Ernest Place, Crows Nest



### ***Bookings are essential***

**Contact:** Valerie Willemsen,  
Community Support Manager

Please feel free to discuss any special needs including help with transport.

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