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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 and emerging.

President's Message:

Hello Rotarians.

Well, this has been a very interesting and busy couple of Rotary weeks for me. Having just spent two weeks at Tumbarumba where I attended two Rotary meetings. It is amazing the amount of activity for a club within such a small community. Also during the two weeks I attended a BBQ that the club has annually to welcome new residents to the area and introduce them to the many activities available to them and The Breakfast Club which is held every Wednesday morning at the Primary School where the children are given food and drinks, quite often after having left home early from outlying properties with little time for breakfast.

While I was away MUNA was held for our district at Ardern College at Epping. Our club sponsored a team from Shore School under the guidance of their very enthusiastic English teacher Fiona Reid. The Shore team were chosen to represent South Africa and from all accounts put on a very formidable performance in the debating competition. Following is a report and photos from the event.

As you read this COGs the Rotary International Convention is being held in Melbourne. Rotarians from all around the world have gathered there and we can look forward to glowing reports in the next few weeks.

Following on from the RI Convention Joan and I will be hosting a Rotarian husband and wife from America for a few days over this weekend. Although I know little about them, apparently the husband is the Democratic candidate in the upcoming Senate election for the State of Wisconsin. More interesting news about them next week. What a co-incidence that they will be here during Vivid.

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



At the request of current DG Mina and incoming DG Christine I had a meeting on Friday with Angelo Raveane from Crows Nest Club and it appears to me that the merger that we have been discussing is a 'no-goer'. More about this at our meeting on Thursday. Let's throw ourselves back into the activities that NS Rotary is known for and move onwards and upwards.

Following is the report from the Shore debating team at MUNA.

Below is the report that one of the students, Tom Ellis prepared. I hope you can share it with the Rotary Club. Thank you so much for the opportunity.

It was the 20th of May. On a blisteringly cold morning, the Shore MUNA Squad arrived at Arden High School, ready to dominate the 'competition'. MUNA, or the Model United Nations Assembly, is an annual, international competition which aims to test the debating skills, knowledge of the country applicable to certain issues and national dress of students, who represent a selected delegation. The country of South Africa had the pleasure of being represented by Lucas Gillespie, Will Nugent and Tom Ellis. We arrived decked out in our South African costumes, trying to represent all aspects of the culture. The morning brought about excited discussion between each delegation, with conversation ranging from potential alliances, to who wore the most outrageous costume. Day 1 saw the discussion of four resolutions, being:

- McDonald's as a world food
- Action on climate change
- Borders and national sovereignty

Exploitation of space

It was obvious from the get-go that Shore was a school that was not to be messed with, a number of great speeches made by our team.

The Shore team arrived on day two of MUNA to seal the deal, with a total of two resolutions to be debated over the 5 hours. Alliances were further strengthened, but bridges were also burnt. The delega-

tion of Russia was dealt with the challenge of even speaking at this point, as they struggled to provide an amendment to given resolutions without severe clamour from the NATO delegations. Although the Shore team did not place in the top 3, we knew where we truly belonged - back home. It was truly an unforgettable experience. As a non-debater myself, getting used to 'the lingo' took some time, but was worth it by the cessation of the resolution. I'd like to congratulate my fellow delegations on their outstanding performance.

I'd just like to say thank to North Sydney Rotary for allowing me, and my friends, to participate in MUNA 2023. I honestly cannot thank you enough for the opportunity, as it has been one of the best and most rewarding experiences I have had at Shore to date! Not only did I learn more about South Africa, but I felt like I became more confident in the art of debating, and I thank you for that.

President Geoff Pritchard OAM



Upcoming Events for your Diary

Date	Speaker	Subject
1st June	Club Fellowship	
17th June	Crows Nest Markets	
29th June	No Meeting	





Date	Birthdays	Date	Anniversaries
5th June	Denis Booth		Nil

Date	Front Desk & Room Set Up Attendance Required from 12:00pm	
	Meetings at Norths	

Visitors & Apologies for 18th May 2023

Guest Speaker:

Philip Brook

Apologies:

Toni Field

Jiji Lee

Samantha Lee

Peter Lulic

Geoff Pritchard

Mal Sharpe

Honorary Member:

Visitors:



Crows Nest Markets Saturday 17th June Start Time 10am See you there!