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THE PROGRAM THIS WEEK

MEMBERS' NIGHT

ROTARY.ORG and OUR CLUB WEBSITE -

AN INTRODUCTION ON-LINE

GUEST SPEAKER: David Firth
Chairman: President Kaye

President's Corner

Hi everyone

We saw a bevy of interesting hats last Wednesday when we participated in Mental Health Hat Day. And, this coming weekend on the 24th, is World Polio Day.

Last Wednesday, we were thrilled to welcome our latest new member, Anoop Sud, and meet his lovely wife, Neeru. Already, he is a strong participator in our club events, and has invited us to a pre-Diwali lunch on Sunday 31 October. We also heard from the CEO of RAWCS, Andrew Woodward, of all the amazing work that organisation is involved in.

As the DG alluded to in his last newsletter, we are planning on being extra positive about serving the community as we emerge from hibernation, and we are ready to engage with our communities, especially for Diwali, and connect with our projects, our current trailer raffle, and welcome more new members.

Our social activity to Picton is ready and set to go on Sunday, 14 November, after the restrictions lift to regional areas. Please see the details in Spokes.

How's your 'October' coming along? I'm well on the way to becoming a centurion! Also, you haven't long to put in your order for a Christmas cake and/or pudding by 24 October, to raise funds for Moree East Public School.

A reminder that we anticipate meeting face to face in the golf club from Wednesday 3 November (a pizza night) and will need to abide by the club's double vaccination requirement. Meeting on zoom will also be available.

Take care and stay safe.

President Kaye



MEETING REPORT

Sergeant Ida Shi opened this Zoom meeting on behalf of President Kaye Carter then tested our foreign language skills from her hotch potch circle of welcomes. Welcom was readily interpreted from John Ellis' knowledge of double Dutch. Last Sunday was World Mental Health Day, recognized in Clubs with Hat Day. President Kaye's request for hats led to some chatter arising on member's choices. Ida welcomed Andrew Woodward, our guest speaker, Ak Marya, a visitor from the RC of Delhi and friend of Anoop Sud, and Stephen de Plater from RC of Newcastle Enterprise. Following her Welcome to Country, Ida gave us apologies from Jack Reid, Claude Rigney and Jason Terry then handed over to President Kaye. **The President then inducted Anoop Sud to our Club.** Anoop is a former member of the RC of Bombay, having joined as recently as 1989. Anoop mentioned he had received a welcome from John Fenessy, our District Membership chap. Kaye's report included her visit to a workshop for Easy Care Gardening and zooming in to a Carlingford meeting where they reported their Club Vision with their AG. She reported that Newcastle Enterprise has had their first face to face meeting for some time, a social gathering at West Mayfield. Wahroonga will continue to Zoom for the remainder of this year. Kaye will have a Presidents' meeting tomorrow.

Pat Parker gave us the latest with the trailer – he and Terry Pankhurst have collected about \$800 worth of items from Bunnings at Dural and Terry will bring the trailer to Pennant Hills on Saturday, 16th. Pat has discussed the Tree of Joy with Thornleigh. Ida Shi brought us up to date with our Picton excursion scheduled for Sunday 14 November. We plan to meet at the Picton walk at 11:30 and lunch will follow the strenuous walk Ida has planned for us.

Theo Glockemann introduced our speaker, **Andrew Woodward**, CEO of RAWCS, opening with his reminder that our Club has had a RAWCS project in East Timor since 2008 and that RAWCS has made \$26 M available to some 400 Rotarians with overseas projects. Andrew took up his RAWCS role last February and opened with RAWCS being registered as a charity and his aim in the chair is to enhance the focus of RI support for Rotarians with overseas projects and those higher profile service projects. There are three divisions of RAWCS. The first, Rotary Overseas Aid Fund with 375 projects, accounts for 70% of funds. The second, the Rotary Australia Benevolent Society with 150 projects, takes the remaining 30% of funds. The Rotary Australia Relief Fund has six appeals for funding. Andrew gave bushfire and flood relief as examples of the Benevolent Society's work. He went on to explain the source of funds. The Government, philanthropists, the corporate sector and Rotary Clubs all donate to RAWCS. Andrew is aware of Australian companies and their policies for community support and gave an example, Drought and Community Outreach, where eligible families could receive \$500 and some local communities could be supported. Compassionate grants of up to \$15 k could go to those requiring support following illness and accidents. Last year there were 185 such grants and Dick Smith often matched such support. Some \$2 M is still going out to those in trouble following the last bushfires and 113 farmers received \$1.7 M for fodder following the last drought. A recent project, Rotarians against Malaria, had raised \$12 M. RAWCS has also sought to improve environmental and social matters with repurposing items often destined to land fill. Overseas RAWCS has been supporting 112 teams of 486 volunteers in 40 countries. These countries are local, that is in the Indo-Pacific and SE Asia. These volunteers have trained 1,146 people in the respective countries. In all, RAWCS has a history of collaboration to do good in the world through education, maternal health and to engender peace, reduce conflict, prevent disease and improve access to clean water.



Andrew opened up for questions. From questions he explained that RAWCS covers travel insurance for volunteers and has moved in to the new office space in Norwest with RI, Rotary Health and RDU. Donations in Kind is ongoing. He has a data base of 2,000 Australian companies and has a knowledge of their community support policies. RAWCS prepares reports on projects at six months and on completion and the Eastern Region of RAWCS has quarterly meetings on all projects.

Theo G then thanked Andrew for making time for us and said he had noted the improvements in administration over the years he has had involvement. Club announcements followed – David Firth covered the raffle team for this Saturday at Pennant Hills. Pam Hudson suggested ways that the trailer might be accompanied by a screen displaying some Rotary projects. We should plan to have promotional material for prospective members. Jim Fraser reported that most members have ordered a Club shirt and that he will place the order this Friday. Kaye, in a hurry to have the RAAF Band strike up, was reminded by Ida that the Lucky Door had been overlooked. Daisy Huang will have a knock on her door soon. And so with RAAF strains in our ears the meeting closed at 8:20.

Reporter: John Ellis

Photos from Last Week

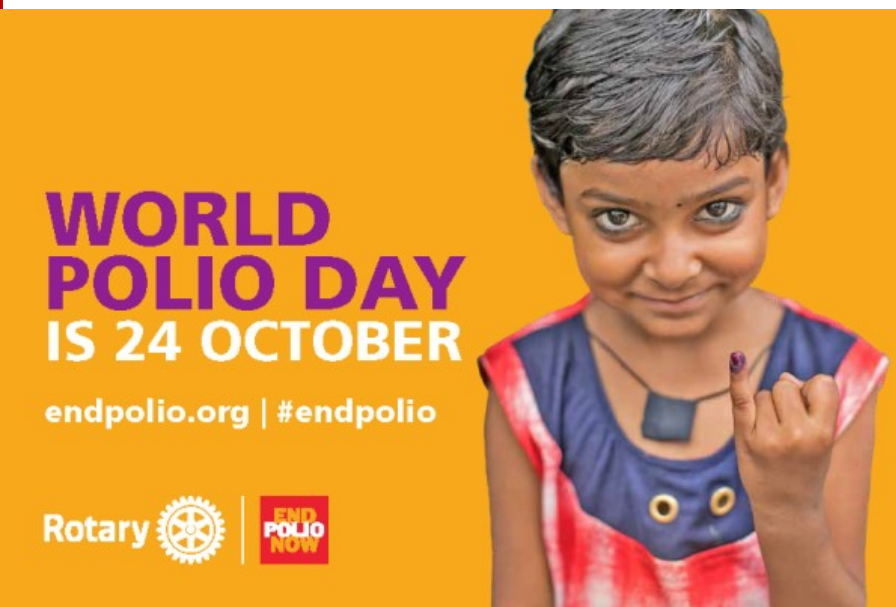


President Kaye extending the right hand of fellowship to our newest member, Anoop Sud, on his induction on Zoom last Wednesday evening.



A screen shot of the assembled gathering last week

Note that the assorted headwear was in aid of the ARH Hat Day!



24 October is World Polio Day!

As World Polio Day approaches, the Rotary community is getting ready to amplify our message about eradicating polio to protect the world's children from this devastating disease.

Together, we've made tremendous progress. Now it's time to intensify our fight to make polio the second human disease ever to be eradicated. Last year,

the World Health Organization's African region was certified free of wild poliovirus, showing that eradication is possible even in very difficult circumstances. The wild poliovirus remains endemic in just two countries: Afghanistan and Pakistan. We can use World Polio Day to advocate for the support we need to end polio in countries where it still paralyzes children.

Zone 8 Polio Chair, PDG Bob Aitken AM (Lower Blue Mountains) is asking every Rotarian to consider donating \$10 to Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

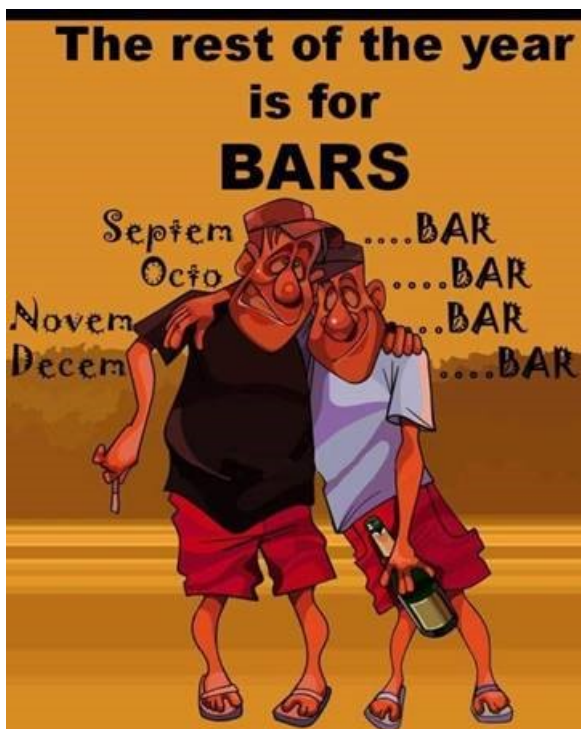
Diwali Lunch Invitation

Anoop and Neeru Sud warmly invite members and their spouse/partner to a pre-Diwali lunch on Sunday, 31st October from 11.30am.



You will be treated to some delicious home-cooked Indian food/curries of chicken, lamb, fish and vegetables. You are requested to email Anoop directly to let him know if you (and your guest) are attending by **Wednesday 27th October** at the latest. Anoop's details are as follows:

anoopsud@yahoo.com



This cartoon above was submitted by Anoop Sud, our new member. It seems rather appropriate given our president's promotion of the 'OCSOBER' project!

CHRISTMAS TRAILER RAFFLE 2021

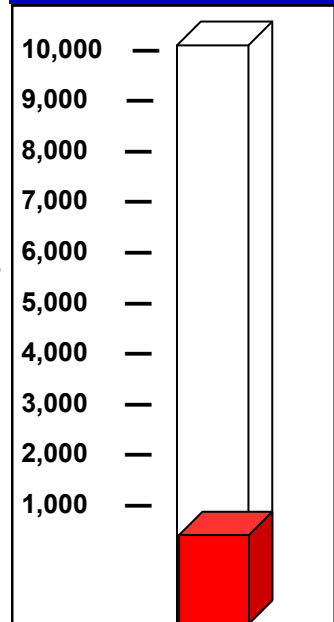
Our major fundraiser got away to a good start last Saturday at Pennant Hills Market Place. Our morning shift comprised Pat Parker, Jack Reid and Theo Glockemann. Due to his return to hospital, Terry was unable to come so his son-in-law Andrew McDonald and grandson James delivered the trailer having finished loading it and attaching the security cage.

The afternoon shift was John Ellis, Phil Stanton and David Firth.

The result of the days efforts was a total of \$815.00 from sales of 252 tickets. This is a nice increase on last year's first day result at the same venue.

Next week at Thornleigh we have 4 on the morning shift and 3 on the afternoon shift.

2021 CHRISTMAS TRAILER RAFFLE PROGRESS - Week 1



Social Activity Sunday, 14 November 2021

The district is rich in Aboriginal and European history. A colourful tapestry interweaves the Dreamtime legends of the Gundungurra, Darug and Dharawal people on a backdrop of gorges, ranges and plains with a rural patchwork created by the white settlers who followed the first fleet's famous straying cattle to the Cowpastures.

Picton is one of the earliest European settlements. It was 'discovered' when a number of cattle went missing in the early days of the colony and were found in 1795 by a convict near the Nepean River.

The valuable herd, which had increased in number, were allowed to remain and breed in a sealed-off area stretching from the Nepean to the Bargo River.

This became known as Cowpastures and then Stonequarry until 1841. The name Picton is believed to have been chosen to honour Sir Thomas Picton, an old soldier friend of Governor Brisbane.

In the 1860s the railway system came to Picton and created a building explosion. The area was proclaimed a municipality in 1895, and in 1939 Wollondilly Shire Council (then centred in The Oaks) and Picton Municipality amalgamated to create the Shire that we have today.



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visit the locations below.

Wollondilly Shire Council

Menangle Street, Picton

Open: Mon - Fri 8.30am - 5.00pm

Wollondilly Library

Menangle Street, Picton

Open: Mon-Fri 9.30am - 5.00pm

Sat 9.00am - 12.00pm

NSW Rail Museum

Barbour Road, Thirlmere

Open: Mon-Fri 10.00am - 4.00pm



Here are the details:

It will take around 45 minutes to drive to Picton down the M5.

Meet in Picton at **11.30am** at the **Rotunda**.

Parking is available at Davidson Lane car park off Menangle St West.

If coming from the Hume H'Way, you will arrive in town right at the main intersection (look for the clock tower on the Old Post Office). Go straight ahead into Menangle St West then turn left into Davidson Lane car park. This is very central to everything & we can use the toilets at the Hotel Picton.

There is a Rotunda on the edge of the car park/ cemetery which has seating & as it's raised, we can see each other easily.

You can start the day off with a coffee at one of the cafes ('Picton Social' is very central and has toilet facilities). <https://www.pictonsocial.com/>

President Mark Hardacre (Picton Rotary and Lyn (Secretary) will aim to meet us at the Rotunda depending on their other commitments.

12.00pm - Historical walk around Picton village & St Mark's Cemetery (audio tour is available at extra cost)

1.00pm - We can have lunch at George IV Inn - Stonequarry Grill, recommended to book for the verandah. If it's wet, there is plenty of undercover areas & inside dining. Menu is traditional pub style with light or full meal options. Or -we can lunch at the Botanical Gardens (can get food in the main street – bring own chairs).

2.30pm – make way back to Sydney (or wherever)

On the way out, you might like to have a look at the Stonequarry Viaduct which you can drive to on Picton Avenue - plenty of parking area & The old Mushroom Tunnel.

Please Note:

Daisy Huang is the person to contact to advise your attendance at our Social activity. Please let her know at/by our Rotary meeting 10 November.

Members from other Rotary clubs are warmly welcomed to join us.

WHAT'S ON

Muir- fielde2 021	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	5 - minute interview	Meal status + extra info	
Oct 20	Members' Night By Zoom	David Firth		Jim Fraser	Adrian Bell & Anoop Sud	Oct 24th World Polio Day	
Oct 27	My Favourite Convict By Zoom	Bob Selinger (District Indige- nous Matters)	Theo Glockemann	Pam Hudson	Pat Parker		
Oct 31	Social Activity	Diwali Lunch at Anoop & Neeru Sud's home					
Nov 1	BOARD MEETING By Zoom						
Nov 3	A Writer's Story 1st Night back at the Golf Club	Steve McGregor Author			Jim Fraser	Pizza Night Diwali Nov 4	
Nov 10	Members' Night				David Firth	Plated meal	
Sunday Nov 14	Social Activity	Historic Walk around Picton and lunch to follow					
Thurs Nov 11	Remembrance Day Lay Wreathes						
Nov 17	Working in the Environment	Simran Talran Wqhroonga Rotary				Pizza night	
Nov 24	Poetry in the Park					No meal in the club	
Friday Nov 26	Social Activity	Dinner at Jimmy's, Muirfield Golf Club					Chinese Banquet

Last Week's Meeting

Attendance - 78.9%

Apologies:

J Reid, C Rigney, J Terry

Guest Speaker: Andrew Woodward

Rotarian Guests: Stephen de Plater - RC of
Newcastle Enterprise; Marya Ak - RC of Delhi Ridge

LOA: P Stanton

Anniversaries & Birthdays

Birthdays:

Terry Pankhurst - October 3

Phil Stanton - October 3

Maureen Pankhurst - October 25

Heather Hopping - October 31

Anniversaries:

Jack & Ruth Reid - October 1

Induction Anniversaries:

Adrian Bell - October 9

Kaye Carter - October 15