



President's Message



It was a pleasure and privilege to induct three new members into the Rotary Club of Woy Woy last Tuesday. We offer a warm welcome to Maria Ramos, Mark "Herbie" Fuller and Mitch Gordon to our Rotary club. Both Maria and Mitch bring with them previous Rotary experience having been President of their earlier Clubs - it is good that they know how Rotary works. Mark has lengthy experience in the Water Polo organisation on the Central Coast having served as President and in other positions. They all have skills and talents which will bring strength to our Club to allow us carry out our important Community Service.

It is vitally important that we all make our new members feel welcome and needed. Please make the effort to get to know our newer members - invite them to sit with you at meetings so they feel included and can get to know as many of us as possible. We shouldn't take the easy way out and just sit with your friends - we have six other days of the week to do that. Membership retention is a big issue for Rotary - the reality is that most new Rotarians leave within the first two years of membership - let us work to see that this does not happen in Woy Woy - we have been fortunate this year with growth in our Club so let us utilise the skills and talents and enthusiasm that these members bring.

Remember it is the responsibility of all members to keep an eye out for potential new members - keep searching and promote the benefits of Rotary membership.

YIR

Russell

Russell Groves | President 2017-18

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

We acknowledge the Darkinjung and Guringai people who are the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to Elders both past and present.

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do ...
Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

This Week Dinner with John Germ

Do you remember this poster?

District 9685
Rotary
Central Coast Clubs

CENTRAL COAST COMBINED ROTARY CLUB'S DINNER
John Germ, Immediate International Past President will be our Special Guest Speaker.
"Youth - Our future Lifeblood"

John F. Germ is a member of the Rotary Club of Chattanooga, in Tennessee, USA and served as Rotary's World President in 2016-17.

As 81 President John stated for Rotary to thrive members must face current and future challenges and opportunities with "passion, enthusiasm, perseverance, and above all, integrity." John encouraged Rotary to boldly and creatively engage the issues of public education, membership and identity issues, strengthening clubs, working with youth - our future lifeblood, and the creation of critical, strategic partnerships, "and posed the question: "What is one should ever hope to see, "What is Rotary?"

John has been a Rotarian since 1976, and has served Rotary as Vice President, Director, Foundation Trustee and Vice Chair, Chair of Rotary's US200 Million Challenge and 81 President's club. He is a recipient of Rotary's Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award and both John and his wife Judy are members of the Tech Memphis Society.

WHEN
7th March
6 for 6.30pm.

WHERE
Breakers
Country Club
64 Dover Road,
Wamberal.

COST
\$35
2 course meal

RSVP
26th February

Book on line
<https://www.krybookng.com/347845>

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Well the time has come to go to **Breakers** for the Combined Rotary Clubs of the Central Coast dinner. Note that this is on **Wednesday the 7th of March at 6 for 6:30.**

If you have already booked with Marie or paid on line, there is no need to pay again.

This will be an occasion to meet with other Rotarians on the coast and to hear our past International President speak on youth issues.

A unique event, in an up-market venue, not to be missed!

MISSION

The mission of Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

Jackie Pearson – Last Week’s Speaker

Jackie was introduced by Fiona.

Jackie has worked as a journalist, editor, managing editor and consultant since 1987. In the past she was deputy editor of Choice Magazine and then, when they went digital, became executive producer of their money and rights' content online. She currently provides journalist input for the Peninsular News.

The theme for her presentation to the club was - the importance of independent journalism and its interrelationship with the community and service organisations such as Rotary.

Jackie said that she moved to the Central Coast in 2001 and raised her three children here and has been working for Central Coast Newspapers since April 2015 and she loves it.

In earlier times, 1984, Jackie worked with typewriters and compositors who assembled the lead letters onto trays. She considers herself lucky to be still employed in this profession as many competent journalists have been superseded by technology.

She said that truth in publishing has taken a knock over the past two decades – e.g. “Fake News”. The internet has been a revolution, but it challenges the filter between the writer and the reader. Sometimes we are not sure of the competence of the writer, or whether what is written is the truth.

Jackie asked the following questions: “How do we bring back our ownership of the truth in the public interest? How do we get fairness, equity and truth? How do we get and grow and protect good journalism?” The answer she has found is to embrace community journalism that is not answering to a large corporate publishing house.

Jackie concluded by saying that she is dedicated to building strong communities based on an attitude of openness and caring. She wants to serve Rotary by helping us to tell our stories, ethically and professionally, and thereby advance the causes we are following.

After a series of questions from the members, President Russell thanked Jackie for a most interesting and thoughtful presentation.

Our New Members

Last week we inducted three new members to the club.

Maria Ramos is a past Rotarian who comes from the Rotary Club of Urdaneta where she was President in 2012-13. As President she received an award, in the individual award category, for achieving the highest membership growth while taking on a number of projects such as implementing a solar bulb made from plastic water bottles. Another noted project in which her club participated was the feeding of undernourished children in schools. Currently Maria jointly owns the BBF Café with our next inductee Mark.

Mark (Herbie) Fuller is employed as a Contract Manager. He has been heavily involved in Woy Woy Waterpolo for around 30 years and has had over many years the roles of

Secretary and President. He has also been Secretary of the Woy Woy Junior Rugby League and a committee member of that for 5 years.



President Russell with Mark, Maria, Mitch and Peter Mote.

Finally, we inducted Mitch Gordon who in 2014 was President of Bulli and Northern Illawarra Rotary club and has been a regular visitor to our club over the past two months. Mitch, a health care worker and former director of New South Wales' AIDS Council was supported and accompanied by Maureen Hodge, a prior member of our club.

We are indeed fortunate to have gained these fine new members who bring with them considerable expertise and enthusiasm. Please welcome them warmly to all our gatherings.

Celebrating East Gosford’s 50th Birthday

On the 16th of February Marie, Di, Marylyn and Bobby danced the night away at the Central Coast Leagues Club, helping the Rotary Club of East Gosford celebrate their 50th Birthday. They are pictured here in the attire that they usually wear to club meetings - even though they assured the editor that they dressed up for the occasion.



Suzanne from East Gosford with Di and Bobby

Meal Numbers – 13th of March

The Tees will be away fishing on the 13th of March, but Peter Mote has volunteered to collect numbers for the meal, so make sure you let him know if you will be absent.

Youth TRYathlon

On the 18th of February, John Greenway and Bobby Redman represented the Club at the Central Coast's Weet-bix Kids TRYathlon. They took on several tasks including registering and numbering the 1300 participants, marshalling the events, hydrating the kids and handing out medals at the finish line. Lucy Wicks came down with some of her team, at our request, which pleased Sanitarium, the organisers, who were happy to receive support from the local council and politicians. A hot day, but great to see so many Central Coast families out enjoying activities.



An Opportunity to be a Community Coach - Max Potential Youth Personal Leadership Program

The following message was received from David Mylan of RC Terrigal.

2018 will be my third year as a Community Coach with the Max Potential Youth Personal Leadership Program <http://maxpotential.com.au/index.php>

As a community coach I have encouraged and supported a young adult through the exciting and challenging leadership program.

The participant is typically a Year 11 student from a Central Coast High School who has self-nominated, and in many cases been selected from a pool of interested students, to participate in the program. The student typically possesses existing leadership experience and or academic success and most noteworthy is they have unrealised potential on which to build their future being Year 12 and beyond.

I have, as a community coach, learnt new skills and received insights that are invaluable to my continued

wellbeing and living a meaningful life. It is a privilege to contribute to the future proofing of our local and international communities by growing leaders for tomorrow.

The program is very well supported by professional coaches. The skills and knowledge gained through the provided coach training equip a coach to be an effective partner in a young adult's program experience. There is certainly the opportunity to identify as a Rotarian and there will be occasions to talk with the young adult about what Rotaract and Rotary offers.

Members please consider participating in this rewarding program. Contact David in the first instance to get more information:

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Rotary Club of Terrigal
Telephone number 0411 878 854
Email david.mylan@bigpond.com

Our support to Nepal

The following message and photo came from Rabi Baral, Bobby's Rotarian friend in Nepal who handed over our donation of US\$600.

*Dear Bobby
Namste!*

It is my pleasure to inform you that I handed over the a/c payee cheque received from your home club RC Woy Woy to the President of RC Pokhara Newroad. The club is going to use this money to provide support to Mahendra Secondary School, Gharmi. Thank you all for your kind support to promote the quality of education in Nepal.

YIR
Rabi Baral



Meeting Times

Please arrive early for our meetings to help us order the correct number and type of meals for those who have come. Late arrival means delays to the start of cooking and hence our meeting. Be ready to sit down at 6:20pm and the meeting will commence punctually, and we will be able to finish on time.

CALENDAR

Wednesday 7th of March – PRI President John Germ at Breakers – 6 for 6:30pm

MARCH 2018

- Tue 6 **NO MEETING**
Wed 7 CC Rotary Dinner-Breakers - PRI Pres John Germ
Tue 13 Joan Patrick - Local Historian
Mon 19 Board Meeting
Tue 20 Dinner Girl Guides Hall – DGE Susan Wakefield
Sat 24 Opera in the Arboretum
Tue 27 Vocational Service and Pride of Workmanship Awards evening

APRIL 2018

- Tue 3 Jenny Wilder – GUST – Grow Urban Shade Trees
Sat 7 PETS (President Elect Training Session)
Tue 10 Jill Colwell – Western Access Program – Delivering Distant Education
Mon 16 Board Meeting
Tue 17 **NO MEETING**
Wed 18 Soup Night - Pearl Beach - Paul Harris Birthday
Tue 24 Legacy Representative (TBC)
Wed 25 ANZAC DAY
Sun 29 District Assembly

MAY 2018

- Tue 1 Bobby Redman -A Better Understanding of Dementia
Tue 8 Sponsors' Night
Mon 14 Hawkesbury River Postman Ferry
Tue 15 Dennis van Someren - Shine for Kids
Mon 21 **BOARD MEETING**
Tue 22 Joint Meeting with Umina Beach Rotary Club.



SERGEANTS

- Tues 13th Mar Ted Crawley
Tues 20th Mar Sue Tee

JOIN US

We meet on Tuesday 6.00 for 6.30pm at Everglades Country Club, Dunban Road, Woy Woy.

MEMBERSHIP

Enquiries to Peter Mote | M: 0400 001 205

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS - Advise Sue Tee of non-attendance
VISITORS - If you would like to attend a meeting, please contact Sue Tee by 10am Monday

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<https://web.facebook.com/Rotary-Club-of-Woy-Woy-378382585634923/>

WEBSITE

<http://www.woywoyrotary.org.au>

THIS 'N' THAT NEWS

Di and Sue O'Neill are off to Uganda this week and will be continuing the club project at Divine Mercy School. The next task is to enlarge the school to cater for Years 4,5 and 6 plus teacher accommodation.

The Rotary Club of Kariong/Somersby is running a 90min seminar on "Planning for Older Age" on the 17th of March 6:30 for 7:00pm at Phillip House, 21 Old Mt Penang Road, Kariong. \$10pp in support of Meals on Wheels. Includes refreshments at the conclusion.

Also, the Rotary Club of Gosford West is hosting a Charity Comedy Night on Saturday the 10th of March. There will be two comedians for your entertainment. Tommy Dean and Sean Woodland. All proceeds on the night will be going to the Cystic Fibrosis patients at Gosford Hospital – a very deserving cause. Tickets are only \$40.00 per person. Use this link for tickets:

<http://tix.yt/gosford-west-rotarys-comedynight>

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INVITES YOU TO COMMEMORATE



THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF
**THE BATTLE OF
VILLERS-
BRETONNEUX**
MARCH/APRIL 1918

WHEN: THURSDAY APRIL 26TH 2018
WHERE: GOSFORD GOLF CLUB @ 5.45 - 6.00PM START
COST: \$30.00 PER PERSON
RSVP: JIM KATRAKILIS ON 0414 777 748 BY NLT 19TH APRIL 2018

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