



President's Message



Last Wednesday Central Coast Rotary Clubs gathered at Breakers Country Club to welcome Immediate Past Rotary International President John Germ and to hear his observations on his year as President and the future of Rotary. Of the 140 Rotarians and friends present Woy Woy Rotary Club had 23-it is a shame that number could not have been larger given the event replaced our normal meeting night. The emphasis of John's presentation focused on the importance of partnerships in the success of Rotary and the need to plan for the future.

Thank you to Jayne and Peter Mote, Bobby Redman, Marylyn Whitwell, Kaye Walker who with Frances and I attended our District. Conference at Leura in the Blue Mountains last weekend. It was a good venue with a number of showcase exhibits from various Clubs and Rotary Projects. The list of guest speakers was impressive and inspiring. One could not but be impressed by their enthusiasm and dedication. The Saturday evening social gathering was enjoyable. The after dinner speaker was Dr Jill Hicks, a survivor of the London Bombers back in 2005-a powerful and thought provoking presentation.

The next District Conference will be held in Newcastle on 29,30 and 31 March 2019-register now for \$200 early bird. Hopefully the Rotary Club of Woy Woy will be well represented-put it in your diary now for a weekend away.

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Russell

[Russell Grove | 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?

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.

Meal Numbers – 13th of March

The Tees will still 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.

Meeting Times

Please arrive for our meetings early to help us order the correct number and type of meals. 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 finish on time.

Gone Fishing



Don and Sue are in New Zealand catching a few trout for the fish eaters here in the club (we wish). Don seems to be stretching his specimen. Perhaps they caught these beauties at the local fishmongers? Time will tell!

Rotary Clubs of the Central Coast Dinner Last Wednesday

At the Combined Clubs' dinner our club was heavily involved in the organisation. Jayne, Peter and John Regan were very visible. Thank you team.

John Germ Immediate Past Rotary International President was introduced by Past District Governor Bruce Lakin and spoke on the topic of "Change".

John Germ joined the Rotary Club of Chattanooga in 1976. He has been Club President, District Governor, RI Director, RI Vice President, Rotary Foundation Trustee, Foundation Vice Chair, Foundation Chair of Polio Plus, Chair of 200 million Dollar Challenge, Chair of the Council on Legislation, RI President 2016-17.

He has received many awards, notably, Service above Self; the Citation for meritorious service; the Distinguished service award; the 2013 White House Champion for Change Award.



Before he spoke he was serenaded by a quartet singing "Chattanooga Cho Cho".

John Germ started by recounting how a club in Kansas had recently commenced and repeated the original Paul Harris start up with a rotation around members' homes and offices. They quickly added members and have become a successful club. People still want to do good in their community. The message he emphasised was that, following changes in 2016 to the requirements of



attendance, it is now possible to hold meetings fortnightly, in person or over the internet, and at a range of locations to suit the lifestyle of members. Rotary needs to adapt to the changing environment in which it exists. He drew attention to the use of a mobile phone by a previous speaker for displaying notes for his speech. Something that he had not seen before. He also used the demise of fax machines to emphasise his point.

He said that unless we change we will fade away. He researched our District and found the following statistics:

Year	Clubs	Members	% under 40
2013	79	2158	1.32
2017	72	1964	1.63

We need to ask young people to join us. Young people who have been through RYLA, Rotaract etc. They are the future of our organisation and we need to get them involved in the running of activities rather than using them as people to do the legwork. A Rotaract group in Korea, identified that there was a feeling that Rotary saw Rotaract as the hired help; to park cars etc, that Rotary did not ask them to become an equal partner in activities. A partnership is required. He gave an example of a club that attracted younger members that met twice a month, once in person and once on the internet.



DG Peter Ward with PRI President John Germ

The key to membership he emphasised is "asking" people to join Rotary. ASK ASK ASK.

He concluded by saying that we should be seeking young people with talent. We need to be relevant and to change with the times. We need the young people of today as they are the future leaders of our society and the future leaders of our clubs.

After a question and answer session he was thanked for his presentation by District Governor Peter Ward.

An informative and highly enjoyably social evening with many of our friends from other clubs. Thank you to all the organisers for such a well-run evening.



Jayne with some of our members

District Conference 2018

Our reporters at the District Conference sent back these photos of the event.



The opening ceremony



Getting down to business

Rotary Woy Woy full page feature in latest issue of RDU

Our club features in a full-page on volunteering in the March issue of Rotary Down Under. If you have not access to the hard copy here is the link to the page: <http://rotarydownunder.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Pages-from-RDU603-P50-1.pdf> A special recognition to Sue, Di and Joan for their contribution that has put our club firmly in the public eye.

BWSC Interact Donates to Divine Mercy School in Uganda



Sue receiving a cheque for \$500 from Lorilee, Logan, Guy and Jorden

Brisbane Waters Secondary College Interact club gives students in Years 7 to 9 the opportunity to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of Service Above Self. Annette mentors and guides our Interactors as they carry out projects and develop leadership skills.

Interact clubs organise at least two projects every year, one that helps the school or community and one that promotes international understanding, goodwill and peace.



The 2018 Interact team and Rotarians with the cheque

In 2017 BWSC Interact Club raised \$500 for their International Project supporting the Divine Mercy School in Buwampa, Uganda. Sue O'Neill will use this money to purchase educational and sporting equipment for students to use in their new School.

A big thankyou to Annette for her dedication to these young people and their development. We also congratulate teachers and students of BWSC Interact, well done to everyone involved in making this project a success.

CALENDAR

Tuesday 13th of March – Joan Patrick - Local Historian

MARCH 2018

- 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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THIS 'N' THAT NEWS

We have been invited to the Pride of Workmanship and Community Awards evening of the Rotary Clubs of Terrigal, Erina and Kincumber to be held by Erina Rotary on Tuesday 27th March at the Erina Leagues Club. Unfortunately, as you will note, it clashes with our own Awards evening on the same day.

GOSFORD ROTARY CLUB

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

The Rotary Club of Kincumber invites you to a workshop by TERRY O'CONNELL OAM on Monday 16 APRIL, 6.30 for 7.00pm, \$30/hd pay at the door. Terry will be speaking on "Restorative Practices".

Terry as a veteran of the NSW Police Force, recognised the serious limitation of the Criminal Justice system when dealing with young offenders and did something about it. In 1991 he developed a radical approach to juvenile crime that involved bringing offenders, victims, families and friends together. Terry's script is now standard practice wherever restorative processes are used throughout the world.

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