



President's Message



ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children) is a programme supported by Rotarians across Australia and New Zealand and worthy of our individual and Club support:

MISSION STATEMENT:

To provide specialist treatment for children, from developing countries, in the form of life saving and/or dignity restoring surgery not accessible to them in their home country.

OBJECTIVES:

- Provide hope and restore dignity to transform a child's life.
- Provide the best possible surgical and medical expertise.
- Engage Rotary and the community at all levels to fund and
- support the ROMAC cause.

*To maintain and improve the quality of the management

- process and ensure high quality governance of the ROMAC
- programme.

ROMAC commenced in March 1988 out of the actions of an Australian Rotarian who, with a group of surgeons, visited Lambasa in Fiji.

They found the child mortality rate as high as 25% in some places and quickly identified the lack of medical and surgical facilities and skills for children of the island nations, was a major cause.

Rotary faced the challenge to assist an 18 year old Fijian girl whose right leg was threatened if immediate surgery was not performed.

During the next four years, eight children were brought to Australia for major, often lifesaving surgery.

Soon 20 Rotary Clubs were caught up in the success of each case and assisted in various ways.

ROMAC quickly went about harnessing assistance from medical experts, hospitals, nurses, physiotherapists, pathology and radiology services, airlines, sponsors and other supporters. ROMAC was making a difference. ROMAC was Giving Life to children who had no hope.

Today ROMAC is Giving Life to around 50 children every year-they are making a huge difference in the lives of those children who live in the small island nations. A great example of how Rotary goes about "Doing Good in the World"

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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?

New Zealand News

Sue and Don are seen here researching the way Wanaka Rotary organise their book fairs.



Photos with Peter from Wanaka Rotary

We must ask them the outcomes from their research at our next meeting

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.

Last Week

Our speaker last week was Christine Vale, the President of the Woy Woy Little Theatre.

Introducing her Fiona said that Christine is the reason why the Theatre has been so successful in putting on a wide range of performances.



Christine started by telling us about her background and the way in which she went from playing boys' parts at a Catholic Convent girl's school to eventually musicals and stage productions. She sang a few lines Sound of Music with a variation on the words which proved her talent.

After her mother had put a stop to her acting career she became a teacher but working with kids she put on a large number of productions. Some of them with Primary School and some with High School pupils.

She then moved to Albury Wodonga (an exciting place) and became involved with an amateur theatrical company called "Bats". The first production she became involved with was "The Amorous Prawn" in which she joked that she was the prawn. It was followed by a spoof on Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

She regaled us with tales of the various shows in which she had a role in their production.

She also told us of some of the theatrical disasters that happen from time to time - such as when the cast forget their words and, even worse, jump to a much later point in their role and miss out important parts of the plot so that everyone else has to adjust what they say so that the plot can evolve.

A most entertaining presentation that brought the house down and was enjoyed by all.

New Member – Jill Colwell

In introducing Jill, Charles Brock started by saying that Jill was a previous member of this club and that one of her attributes, that Charles was familiar with, was her sheer determination like many other members of this club. He said that she started her studies in the country with Blackfriars correspondence school because there was no school bus. Some years later she was fortunate to go to Tamworth to complete her high school studies. After school she studied accountancy and became a chartered accountant. (At this point Neville acknowledged his new compatriot.)

Charles said that Jill took a liking to taxation and utilised computerised applications.

Jill joined the Rotary club in 1994 and held roles on the board of the club including International Director. Jill changed jobs becoming a teacher and moved away from our area. She joined the Rotary Club of Nyngan where she was the first lady member. More recently she has moved back to Ettalong and reapplied for membership.

President Russell then formally inducted Jill into the club.



Charles Brock with Jill and President Russell

Errors in the Pinion

Yes even the world's best editor makes the occasional mistake. I seriously believe that Deepwater Plaza would be better named Edgewater Plaza and I tried it out twice last week. Thank you to all those who spotted my error.

But I deliberately changed November to Movember in recognition of the month when men's health is the focus by growing a Mo. Quoting from the Movember website

"Men and women alike can embrace the sweaty Mo this Movember by being active. It's what we like to call MOve. Set a distance goal at the start of the month, and walk, run, cycle, swim or row your way to achieving it.

Men die on average six years earlier than women. But you can be the difference, and help us change this startling statistic."

If you want to find out more go to:

<https://au.movember.com/?home>

The Editor

White Ribbon Breakfast

A White Ribbon breakfast is being held at Mingara on Wednesday 6th December. The breakfast is hosted by Central Coast Community Council, and we received this flyer as part of the Rotary Club of Erina support for the event. The focus is on getting young men in particular to be aware of their behaviour and consequences of their actions; hence the tickets are priced to encourage such attendance.

The flyer came from Annona Pearce and you are asked to pass on the information to appropriate young men.

If you would like more information please contact:

Annona Pearce

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Hat Day Photos

Here are a few photos of the Hat Day event held at the Republic Café in Ettalong.



In support of **White Ribbon**

White Ribbon Breakfast 2017

Help support our young people in raising awareness of violence against women and children

Wednesday 6th December
7:30am - 9:30am
Mingara Recreation Club

Leading with Impact
10 Guiding Leadership Principles for Men and Boys to address Gender Inequality

In this thought-provoking and insightful presentation, psychologist, executive and women's coach and international leadership development specialist, Caryn Walsh, will share relevant research and aspects of her vast experience both in leadership and working with domestic violence.



Adult tickets are **\$31.40** and include 2 free tickets for an accompanying 15-19 year old

Free tickets also available to women with lived experience

To book: ccwrb17.eventbrite.com.au

For more info contact Central Coast Community Council on 4333 4401 or email marketing@thecooc.org.au

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Thank you all those involved in making Hat Day a success.

CALENDAR

14 Nov Mayor Jane Smith, Central Coast Council

NOVEMBER

Sat/Sun 18/19

RAWCS Eastern Region meeting at Diggers,
The Entrance, hosted by District 9685

Mon 20 Board Meeting

Tue 21 Clarence Ormsby, Veteran Suicide Prevention

Tue 28 Barefoot Bowls and BBQ, TBC

DECEMBER

Tue 5 Chris Masters, Journalist

Tue 12 AGM, TBC

Fri 15 Club Christmas Gathering, Brisbane Water Cruise

Tue 19 TBC

Tue 26 NO MEETING

JANUARY 2018

Tue 2 NO MEETING

Tue 9 Club New Year Gathering, Prawn and Oyster
Night, Umina Beach Surf Lifesaving Club, TBC

Tue 16 TBC

Tue 23 TBC

Tue 30 TBC

February 2018



Bookings closing soon – Final Call

The **ROTARY FOUNDATION DINNER** is being held at Blacktown Workers Club on **Monday 20 November** with an outstanding speaker, Past RI Director Jennifer Jones from Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

It should be a great night in an excellent location.

55 Campbell St,
Blacktown, 2148
6:30pm

To book visit:

<http://rotarydistrict9685.org.au/Stories/foundation-dinner-20-november>

SERGEANTS

Nov 14 Trevor Walker

Nov 21 Don Tee | Nov 28 Sue Tee | Dec 5 Peter Mote

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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The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

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