



President's Message



Following on from last week's message regarding prompt payment of fees - perhaps you might like to know where your money goes. Our Club has an obligation to pay both Rotary International Fees and District Dues together with our compulsory subscription to Rotary Downunder. In total this amounts to approximately \$10,000 per annum which equates to what we collect in Club dues each year. This year there has been a \$US4 increase in RI Dues as approved by the Council on Legislation in 2016. This was thought necessary to meet members' growing needs for improved products and services from Rotary.

Because of this increased funding Rotary has been better able to serve members in a more comprehensive, technology driven way. Below are some of the ways these funds have already been used to invest in Rotary membership:

- * The reconfiguration of Rotary.org to make it more intuitive, easier to navigate, and provide direct access to resources.
- * The complete overhaul of Rotary Club Central so it is faster and easier to use, streamlining the process for clubs to track their yearly goals, even on mobile devices.
- * The simplification of the process of completing and tracking a global grant application.
- * In the Back Room RI has improved customer service support, expanded automation efforts, increased compliance to changing security and privacy regulations, and invested in new technology.

Plans for the future include more enhancement of Rotary products and tools like improving the functionality and speed of My Rotary, introducing a new financial system with greater data integrity and security, and making it easier to contribute online to The Rotary Foundation.

All members are encouraged to log-on to RI website to use and experience what is happening in Rotary around the world with a view to making Woy Woy Rotary Club an even better Club than it already is - it is true to say Knowledge Breeds Success.

Your President will be absent for the next four meetings returning on 27 February - in the meantime enjoy Rotary as you serve the community.

YIR

Russell

Russell Grove | President 2017-18

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

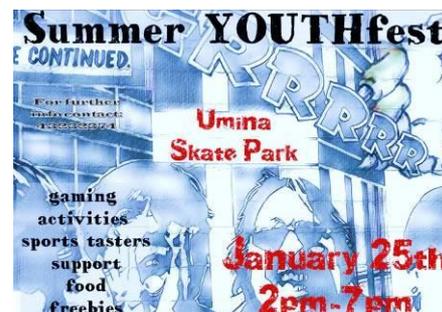
We acknowledge the Darkinjung and Guringai people who are the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to Elders both past and present.

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?

YOUTHfest 2018 this Thursday

As our first Community Service activity for 2018 the Rotary Club of Woy Woy is running the BBQ for the Summer YOUTHfest - this coming Thursday 25 January between 2 and 7pm near the Skate Park at the Umina Beach Recreation Precinct.



The event is being co-ordinated by Regional Youth Support Services.

This is an important local youth activity and a terrific opportunity for the Club to promote itself and be a partner with other community groups.

If you have volunteered, please put a reminder in your diary. Everyone else is invited if they find they have the time to come and join in the activity.

Support Sue and Don on this project.

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See you there!

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 – Gabby Greyem

In introducing Gabby, President Russell said that Gabby was a candidate for the Central Coast elections last year and, while she was not successful, she demonstrated her continuing commitment to the community in her efforts to improve the security of the Umina beach precinct. This includes the training of young people in barista skills which she has been performing at her own expense.



Gabby with Bill and President Russell

Gabby started by saying that she moved to the coast from Sydney in 1999 and being the daughter of a vegetarian chef with the middle name Jasmine that was the reason she runs a healthy food outlet under the name of Jasmine Green. Her parents had two vegetarian restaurants and thus she grew up with the motto “you are what you eat” and this led to her own interest in healthy eating.

Prior to coming to the Central Coast, she was employed as a consultant in the sustainability area and became passionate about the preservation of our heritage buildings and the impact of climate change.

For a while she lived in Tonga and started her family prior to coming to Umina and opening Jasmine Greens initially as a purveyor of healthy foods in the district and then as a café in 2013.

The café employs 20 staff and regards the business as one promoting social justice rather than profit. One that invests in the community and in the recent two years has won six business awards and has been a finalist in the NSW small business awards.

The café is run on sustainability lines with electricity supplied by solar panels on the roof, with only organic products provided over the counter in bio-degradable packaging. Food and drinks are carefully sourced from farms in the local area.

The business has policies and procedures that enable the staff to be inducted and thoroughly trained and so that the café is well organised and efficiently run.

One of the issues she did not expect was that the business in the first three years had 30 break-ins. In January 2015 there were 13 in that month alone.

The problem is caused by both boys and girls ranging in age from 14 to 25.

While there are cameras in the park there has been no footage of use for catching the culprits. The lights are not turned on at night.

As many as 80 youths have congregated outside the café with cases of alcohol, and even climbed on the roof to drop bottles onto the ground below.

Her car was broken into twice.

In the present conditions she believes it is not safe to open the restaurant in the evenings for customers or staff.

On Sunday mornings at 6am she often goes in early to clean up the remains of parties that are scattered around her restaurant – bottles, glass and other waste.

She believes that it is important to have a social conscience and, so she is putting the effort in to improve the lives and prospects of these young people.

This holiday period she is running for them classes in cooking. The courses are heavily overbooked and currently she has 150 registered. Last year she had to turn away over 300 applicants.

She also has a program that she runs in conjunction with local high schools where she trains those youths that are in danger of dropping out of school in the skills of making coffee. They also learn certain aspects of the café business and get a certificate at the end.

She says that Jasmine Greens is about positive community engagement.

President Russell thanked Gabby and expressed the hope that the club would be able to assist her in some way in the future.

A spirited discussion followed.

A True Story from Neville

“On Wednesday 10th January at about midday I decided to visit the underpass at Point Clare. I loaded paint and rollers etc and turned up at the crime scene, unloaded the bits and pieces and checked to see if there was any more handiwork since yesterday and decided to make a start. I found I could not get the lid off the paint as it had hardened since last visit, so I put it all back in the boot and returned home where I cut the tops off the containers and transferred the paint to a new pot. I had a bit of lunch and decided to return to underpass at about 2 pm. This I did and unloaded all the bits and pieces and took them down the steps, when I realised that the small graffiti near the bottom of the steps had disappeared and was also amazed to see that what was an unsightly alleyway at midday had become a pristine walkway two hours later.

I do not generally believe in miracles, but there before me was one such miracle. Some divine intervention had occurred while I was having lunch. I suspect it was the work of one of the Gods of my Scandinavian ancestors, one JONVIC the god of restitution. There can be no other explanation!

Had I removed the lid off the paint pot, I might even have seen him at work.”

Neville

(Ed. Well done John Greenway and Vic Brown)

INTERNATIONAL PROJECT UPDATE - UGANDA

It's always nice to hear how the projects we sponsor use the funds provided.

For the new Divine Mercy Primary School in Buwampa, we provided funds for school furniture and school uniforms.



The furniture made locally is almost finished – just some more varnishing to do.

Our Pure Joy women have worked very hard and made close to 300 uniforms. We also funded tailoring for the sewing ladies and the trainer Winnie, from Katuuso, who will visit to inspect the garments before they are given to the students.



The uniforms are glorious shades of purple and lavender, for boys and girls – the students will look so smart, and for most of them these uniforms will be the first new item of clothing they own.

(Ed. Sue O'Neill loves the colours.)

Construction of the school is 95% complete. Railings and a wheelchair ramp have been installed, painting is continuing, and walls will be raised around the latrines.



Photo shows the school's present appearance.

The countdown is on with big preparations underway for what promises to be a very colourful official opening which Sue O'Neill will attend, along with local government officials.

Joan Redmond: International Service Chair

100 YEARS REMEMBRANCE OF THE BATTLE AT VILLERS - BRETONNEUX.

The Rotary Club of Gosford is planning a special event to take place at the Gosford Golf Club on the 26th April. 5.30pm for 6pm.

Current plans at this stage include:

- A multi-screen presentation.
- The sounding of Reveille and Last Post.

Representatives of Gosford RSL Sub Branch and Brisbane Water Branch of Legacy will make contributions.

The beneficiary of the function will be the Brisbane Water Branch of Legacy. A two-course meal will be provided at a cost of \$30pp (to be confirmed.)

Further information will be in the Pinion as the event approaches but put it in your diary now.

Australia Day - February 3

This wickedly funny new comedy from Jonathan Biggins was inspired by his own experiences as an Australia Day Ambassador. After several tours of duty in regional NSW, Jonathan Biggins' initial scepticism about celebrating the national day melted like a Lamington in the mid-day sun. It showed him the warmth, dedication and quiet patriotic pride of the organisers and the towns they served. The experience also whet his appetite to write a comedy that takes aim squarely at another hallowed institution - The Committee.

A social gathering and some Aussie Tucker is being organized at the Motes prior to the Woy Woy Little Theatre play commencing at 5:00pm. In true Aussie fashion could you please bring your own chair and esky to the Motes. The play commences at 8:00pm. Tickets from Marie are \$30.00 each. Join us for a fun and social evening.

CALENDAR

Tue 23 Bobby Redman and AGM

JANUARY 2018

- Tue 23 AGM and Bobby Redman -
Better Understanding of Dementia
Thu 25 Umina Beach Recreation Precinct-BBQ 2 to 7pm
Tue 30 Dave Byrnes-Cyclist and Adventurer

FEBRUARY 2018

- Sat 3 Woy Woy Little Theatre - "Australia Day"
Tue 6 Ken Tough-Bush Poet (TBC)
Tue 13 Charles Mackay FAA - Research in Immunology
Sun 18 Sanitarium Kids TRYathlon (Bobby Redman)
Tue 20 RYPEN participants
Mon 26 BOARD MEETING
Tue 27 Jackie Pearson - Journalist (TBC)

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
Sat 24 Opera in the Arboretum
Tue 27 Vocational Service and Pride of Workmanship
Awards evening

SERGEANTS

- January 23rd Trevor Walker
January 30th Don Tee
February 6th Sue Tee
February 13th Ted Crawley

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

The Rotary Club of Gosford North invites us to this upcoming event on the 26th of February.

A doctor, lawyer, and a Rotarian in charge of fundraising all die and arrive at the Pearly Gates about the same time. St. Peter tells them they may each have one thing to take with them to Heaven.

The doctor is first, and asks for \$1 million. This is given and proceeds to enter Heaven. The lawyer, not to be outdone, asks for \$2 million. "Very well," says St. Peter and opens the gate to heaven again. Finally it is time for the Rotarian, who had just finished a fundraising project for The Rotary Foundation. St. Peter asks him what he would like to take to Heaven. The fundraiser moves up very close to St. Peter, and in a soft voice asks, "It it's not too much trouble, could I just have the names of those two people who were ahead of me?"

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