



President's Report

Special thanks to our Vocational Director Bobby Redman for organising our first Vocational visit for 2017 to Green Central last Tuesday. I have to admit that I was not aware of the facility at Kariong before last week and so was very surprised to learn of the establishment that, almost on our doorstep, caters for those students who have issues that interfere with normal school attendance.

We were initially taken on a site tour by Umina Beach Rotarian Pat Lewis, who told us that the site is owned by the State Government and that regretfully the Central Coast Regional Development Corporation has put the 8 acres up for sale by expressions of interest. He is hoping the YC Group will be able to continue on the site.

The site has school classrooms, but as many of the pupils do not learn well in the classroom environment they spend significant time gaining knowledge and experience in the outdoor learning spaces on the site. They have a media centre where they can create programs for Coast FM and where other local schools can attend to make videos, as part of Entertainment Studies. The site is also available for conferences and has air-conditioned rooms and a café.

Currently there are 66 students at the school from Year 9 to Year 12 who on the whole have not been successful in the normal educational system. The students are referred by schools, parents, Juvenile Justice, Headspace and even by self referrals where they realise that they have need of an education. It is the objective of the team to work with the students and help them to overcome their issues in a sympathetic and understanding way. They recognise that each pupil has really great qualities and they aim to draw those qualities out. Staff has the highest expectation of the pupils. For example last year 15 students graduated from Year 12. In the standard education system these students would never have reached this level of learning.

Later in the evening Claudia Devlin, the CEO, told us that at the core of their operation are the people they serve.

Youth Connections has been renamed the YC Group. A new strategic plan has been launched and a strong, professional brand created, with a new logo. Under Claudia's guidance the operations of the individual business units within the



President Vic with YC Group CEO Claudia Devlin and Pat Lewis

Group have been identified and each has to be viable in its own right. Claudia made the point that when referring to Youth Connections in meetings with stakeholders and others she now describes it as a "business delivering welfare services".

Highlights in 2016 included serving 6433 individuals. At present YC Group is still 80% reliant on Government funding. They employed 113 staff, as at June 2016.

Claudia showed us a short video to further describe their services and the people they serve. Their mission developed from a meeting where a staff member suggested that they changed "I can't" to "I can" and therefore finally to "I did". A statement that makes the point that the organisation aims to change the attitude of their pupils from one of expectations of defeat, to one of expectations of success.

Claudia and Pat were thanked for a most informative session on the services they provide at the YC Group for the needy young people of our community.

Vic Deeble | President 2016-17


THIS WEEK'S GUEST SPEAKER

PATRICK BRENNAN
Conductor, Central Coast Chamber Orchestra

SERGEANT | DON TEE

ROTARY GRACE

O Lord and Giver of all good, we thank You for our daily food. May Rotary friends and Rotary ways, help us to serve You all our days.

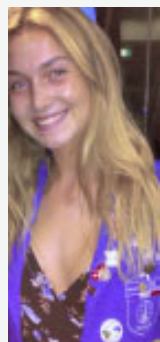
 **STOP PRESS** - Read the latest news coverage of Rotaract Club Central Coast, NSW and Rotary Club of Woy Woy
<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/central-coast/central-coast-rotary-looking-to-youth-with-first-rotaract-club/news-story/de8f37558851e8f8ee6d135674a82a7d>

Vocational visit Green Central



Don and Bill helping Bruce along ... carrying his chair

Hello Rotarians!



After 6 really good weeks of holidays I came back to school 3 weeks ago.

Since I came back to school I had time to come back to the pool with Bill, having diner with

Arthur, see my exchange student friends and doing a road trip in Kangoorou island with my host parents and my good friend Zoe.

It has been really hot the last few days. I never use to live with 46 degrees. I don't miss the 2 degrees in France.



I'm really glad to go to the Parlement next week. It's gonna be a really good experience to compare the French and Sydneys Parlement.

I hope you're all gonna have a good week.

Louise Lejeune / France

Rotary Fellowships

Rotary Fellowships are independent, social groups that share a common passion. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world.

How do I join a fellowship?

Fellowships are open to Rotarians, family members, and program participants and alumni. You can contact a fellowship directly by using the information listed in the Rotary Fellowships directory. Or search our discussion groups to find Rotary and Rotaract members with similar interests.

How do I form a fellowship?

Start by finding others who share you interest.

Join a discussion group or start a new one. It's a great way to share your interest with other members.

Use Rotary's presence on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn to promote your idea.

Ask your district Rotary Fellowships chair for assistance. Reach out to district Rotary Fellowships chairs in other countries to build membership by emailing us.

Be sure you meet the criteria for a fellowship and apply for official recognition.

- 4x4 vehicles
- Amateur Radio
- Antique Automobiles
- Authors and Writers
- Beer
- Bird Watching
- Bowling
- Canoeing
- Caravanning
- Chess
- Computer Users
- Cooking
- Convention Goers
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Cricket
- Cruising
- Curling
- Cycling
- Doll Lovers
- Draughts (Checkers)
- E-Clubs
- Editors and Publishers
- Educators
- Environment
- Ethics
- Esperanto
- Fishing
- Flying
- Genealogists
- Go
- Golf
- Health Professionals
- Home Exchange
- Honorary Consuls
- Horseback Riding
- Internet
- Italian Culture
- Jazz
- Latin Culture
- Lawyers
- Magicians
- Magna Graecia
- Marathon Running
- Military Veterans
- Motorcycling
- Music
- Old and Rare Books
- Past District Governors
- Photographers
- Police and Law Enforcement
- Pre-Colombian Civilizations
- Quilters and Fiber Artists
- Railroads
- Recreational Vehicles
- Rotary Global History
- Rotary Heritage and History
- Rotary Means Business
- Rotary on Pins
- Rotary on Stamps
- Rowing
- Russian Culture
- Scouting
- Scuba Diving
- Shooting Sports
- Singles
- Skiing
- Social Networks
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Total Quality Management
- Travel and Hosting
- Wellness and Fitness
- Whisk(e)y
- Wine
- Yachting

Explore Rotary fellowships

Interested in a particular subject? Visit the group's website or email it to learn more.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/more-fellowships>

#MakItHappen

Central Coast International Women's Day

EXPO

Be Bold for Change

Saturday 4 March

10am – 3pm
The Hive, Erina Fair

Celebrating Women on the Coast
Women, Men & Children Welcome

Find us on
Facebook

Entertainment
"Be Bold for Change" Panel
WOW Wisdom Circle

Information Stands
Interactive Displays

Our Supporters



FEBRUARY

- Tue 21 Guest speaker: Patrick Brennan, Central Coast Conservatorium of Music – Role of the Conductor
- Tue 28 Youth Night: RYLA and RYPEN participants

MARCH

- Mon 6 Rotary Youth Driver Awareness commences
- Tue 7 Presentation by Alicia Karton – returning Rotary Youth Exchange student
- Sat 11 District 9685 Conference, Panthers, Penrith
- Tue 14 Club Visioning Forum
- Tue 21 Guest speaker: Liesl Tesch, six-time Paralympian
- Wed 22 Rotary Youth Driver Awareness ends
- Sat 25 Opera at the Arboretum (sold out)
- Tue 28 Post Visioning Club Assembly

APRIL

- Sat 1 Toast the Coast (RC Gosford City event)
PETS - President Elect training
- Tue 4 Vocational Visit – Aldi – Point Clare
- Tue 11 Guest speaker: Margaret Pearce
Chair, Elsie's Retreat Palliative Care Committee
- Tue 18 Opera Sponsors Thank You Dinner
Guest speaker: District Governor Bruce Lakin
- Sun 23 District Assembly - Incoming Board training
- Tue 25 No meeting. Anzac Day Dawn Service

MAY

- Tue 2 Guest speakers: Susan Ward and Karen Barber, Inner Wheel Club of North Gosford - Comfort Bags for Children at risk on the Central Coast
- Tue 9 Pride of Workmanship Awards Night
- Tue 16 Club meeting
- Thu 18 Model United Nations Assembly
- Tue 23 Club meeting
- Sun 28 Red Shield Appeal Collection Day
- Tue 30 Club meeting

JUNE

- Tue 6 Club meeting
- Tue 13 No meeting
- Fri 16 RCWW Changeover Dinner
- Mon 19 Science and Engineering Challenge
- Tue 20 Club Meeting
Science and Engineering Challenge
- Sat 24 District Changeover

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE ON 3 MARCH -

Come along and enjoy a day of fellowship on **SATURDAY 11 MARCH** with members of our club and other Rotarians. For the day sessions alone with food and drinks it is \$100 and if you stay for the evening entertainment it is \$150.

REGISTER NOW!

http://
www.conference2017.rotarydistrict9685.org.au/

ROSTER

DATE	SERGEANT	GRACE	TOAST	HOST TO SPEAKER
21/2	Don	Colin	Bob	John G
28/2	Sue T	Jayne	John R	Arthur
MAR				
7/3	TBC	TBC	John G	Arthur

CONTACT

➔ MEETINGS / VISITORS / ATTENDANCE

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

To advise non-attendance (members) or attend a meeting (visitors), please contact

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