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Rotary Club Warners Bay – Zoom Club Meeting • 27 July 2020 – 6:30-7:25pm

Attendance: Barry (President), Les (IPPres), Katrina (Secretary), Craig (AG), Ross, Vina (Foundation & Welfare), Toni G (Compliance), Adrian, Ian (Vocational Service), Kate (International Service), Glenys (Club Service) & Steve, Brian, Toni Mc, Gail & Kevin, Helen, Jacqui, Erin, Michael, Julie.

Apologies: Christine (Treasurer) & John, Kerry (Community Service), Glenda (Membership) & Bernie, Jenny, PDG Peter.

Guest: Mr Pat Conroy MP, Federal Member for Shortland.

President Barry welcomed everyone to the meeting, making note that the guest speaker would be joining closer to 7pm,

Christmas Trailer Fundraiser: Barry has delivered 3 letters of request (to BCF, Total Tools and SuperCheap Auto) and is awaiting the response from their respective head offices. Adrian has approached his workplace for the donation of a BBQ. Toni Mc reminded members that it was appropriate to donate “unwanted gifts” that are still brand new and in their original wrapping. She also gave some advice (from experience) about how to pack/display the items in the trailer – to make it look very full and to reduce the risk of theft/pilfering when on display (display the carton/packaging and keep the actual product safely locked away). Vina commented that the donated lawnmower takes up about one third of the trailer and that they have empty boxes to place in the trailer to raise the level of the items on display. Vina has the brochures for *Survivor's R Us* and the file for the letter to be taken to prospective donors. Please contact her for these, while Christine & John are taking some time out on a short vacation.

mherv: Les reported that the commencement date for the next **mherv** campaign is still to be confirmed. The original route for this campaign was to be southward, towards NSW South Coast and Victorian border – which is obviously now not an option. After consulting with NSW Health, a new route (north from Wagga Wagga to the Qld border and west of the Great Dividing Range) has been developed. The team is now awaiting to determine a suitable date to recommence, based on

whether an increase of COVID-19 cases occurs. Michael Weatherall has been overseeing modifications to the van to include screens, and is getting updated COVID-Safe Brochures written and printed to guide volunteer receptionists working with RN Rob on the route. 50% of the inland Clubs have responded positively to having **mherv** return to their area, Les is in the process of providing new dates for these Clubs to confirm. Jacqui has been undergoing a crash course in CANVA, Instagram & FaceBook promotions in preparation for when she can recommence promoting **mherv**. Michael, like the rest of the team, is awaiting confirmation of start date and route before updating the website. It currently shows general information about **mherv**, as well as the video-clip shown last fortnight.

East Lake Charity Ride: President Barry provided an update on the proposed event. Adrian and Peter are seeking ways to involve other Clubs and keep the project alive.

Guest Speaker introduction: Craig introduced the guest speaker. Pat Conroy MP has, since working as a customer service assistant at Coles and completing a Bachelor of Economics (Hons), built an impressive resumé of positions both before and since entering Federal Parliament. After serving the Charlton electorate from 2013, Pat Conroy was Elected to the House of Representatives for Shortland, in 2016 (following electoral redistribution). He must be doing the right thing by his electorate as he was re-elected in 2019. With Rotary announcing the environment as its new area of service, it is a nice coincidence that, among his parliamentary party positions, Pat has been Shadow Minister Assisting for Climate Change since June 2019.

Guest Speaker Pat Conroy MP for Shortland: Pat commenced by thanking the Club for the invitation to speak, stating that he loves being able to talk with service organisations, such as Rotary, because of the immense amount of good work Rotarians (and other volunteers) do in the community and throughout the world.

Pat asked if there was anything specific we would like him to speak on, and Barry asked that he share how organisations such as Rotary can help in the sustainable economic development of the Pacific

nations. Pat shared the many challenges facing the Pacific nations both pre and post COVID-19.

One third of the island nations' populations are living in poverty, defined by UN as “living on less than USD\$1.90 per day”. Isolation, lack of good communication, and very little good medical services are the biggest issues in these nations.

Pat gave PNG as an example, as it is only 3km from the coast of Australia at their closest points. They continue to have outbreaks of Polio (mainly due to an inconsistency in their polio immunisation program), and outbreaks of drug-resistant TB and HIV. With the onset of COVID-19, disease is spreading quickly, due to the lack of clean water. Only 2% of the PNG population has direct access to clean water.

Pat also talked about the very “narrow” economies in many of the Pacific Island nations. 40% of the economy in Fiji & Vanuatu, and 73% in the Cook Islands, is based on Tourism. With the closing of borders around the world, many people in these countries have lost their jobs through tourism shut down. The other main industry for these nations is commercial fishing – which has been affected by both COVID-19 and Climate Change. It is difficult to export the tuna with closed borders and a reduction in international shipping & flights; and the tuna migration routes have changed due to the warming of the waters, making the fisheries further away than previously.

Pat shared his thoughts that there are 3 main avenues for assisting and supporting the Pacific Island nations:



- Assistance during the current Health Crisis
- Support to create a Sustainable economic development
- Rebuild Resilience by investing in the peoples of these nations, to build their skills and confidence for both economic and community development.

Pat stated his concern over the current news of China rapidly becoming the “Partner of Choice” for the Pacific Island nations – this would create a massive strategic impact on Australia.

Pat went on to discuss Climate Change and the need to take it seriously. Many of the Pacific Islands are low-lying, with Kiribati having a maximum height of 1.5m above sea level. They are rapidly losing their fresh water springs as sea levels rise.

Pat shared his concern over the huge economic, as well as community, costs to “not taking action”. He also talked about the benefits of taking action.

Australia has the best solar resources in the world, and excellent wind & wave energy sources. He sees an eventual reduction in the cost of energy by turning to renewables, and taking advantage of other mineral & ore mining, that Australia has in abundance, in which former coal miners could be employed. He believes that many of our resources can be utilised for manufacturing in Australia, as well as exporting to other nations. He discussed how Australia can export electricity to Indonesia, Malaysia & Singapore, and Hydrogen to South Korea & Japan for their production of “green” steel and aluminium.

Pat then fielded questions from members:

Kate requested information on the availability of government grants to assist with Rotary projects internationally – Pat will email her with information.

Monday 10 August, 6:30pm – Zoom link:

If using a computer or Mac, click on the following link at the scheduled time to open the Zoom software and join the meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/964844402>

For this method, you will need a microphone and speakers.

If using an iPhone, iPad or Android phone or tablet: click on the following link to open the Zoom software:

Steve expressed his concerns over the quality of green steel, from his engineering background in the industry. Pat offered to send the material on this development to Steve, as it is in full production in Germany with great success.

There was a lot of discussion around what exactly is “green” steel, and the engineering complexities of using hydrogen as the reductant (instead of coking coal) which can cause “hydrogen embrittlement” in steel.

The question of what can we do to return manufacturing to Australia, rather than exporting raw materials and importing product. Pat talked about the development of cleaner technologies to produce steel and that a plant of this kind in Newcastle was a viable proposition, with the possibility of employing 10,000 local people, not heard of since the “hey-day” of the BHP.

Gail asked whether a Bi-Partisan approach to dealing with Environment and Energy was possible – and Pat commented that the State Governments were making good advances in their policies. He said that the Opposition Leader, Anthony Albanese, had presented a paper proposing a platform for a bi-partisan approach – and still awaiting a response. He is not optimistic about a swift solution.

Pat agreed that there needs to be a clear energy policy and settle on a policy that people can invest in. With good planning and guidance, industries will seek investment in research and development and production of solutions, reducing the need for governments to pay from tax dollars.

The topic of Energy sources (Nuclear, Coal, Wind, Solar, etc) was discussed. Pat told the group about how the costs of producing energy are calculated, based on “Levelised Cost of Energy”. Using those

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Alternatively, you can open the Zoom app and enter the meeting ID; 964 844 402

When asked for the passcode, enter: 2282

figures, currently: Wind/Solar costs \$70 per MegaWatt-Hour (\$50 to produce + \$20 to store for non-production hours); Coal costs \$120-\$150 per MegaWatt-Hour; and Nuclear costs over \$200 per MegaWatt-Hour. With the increase in technology and efficiencies, he could see Wind/Solar costs reducing even further over the next few years.

Brian asked about the production of solar panels, and whether they can be made smaller and still produce the power required. A product called “Solar Paint”, which is more like overhead project film, is being developed at the University of Newcastle, which can be draped over rooves to capture the sun at any time of the day – and not be affected by direction. Pat also commented that 60% of photo-voltaic solar cell development occurred at the University of NSW – but no Australian jobs came out of it, as there was no investment in infrastructure for production.

Everyone agreed that the discussion was interesting and inspiring – and gave everyone something to think about.

Thanks & Close: Glenys thanked Pat Conroy for speaking and let him know that the Club would be donating 3 small books to a local primary school in recognition and thanks of him speaking at one of our Club meetings.

Barry thanked Pat Conroy and all members for participating in 2 very interesting topics. He closed the meeting at 7:35pm

Some information on Kiribati:

<https://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Stories/rotary-returns-to-kiribati>



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From the President's Desk – Barry

It has been a frustrating few days to say the least. As I was setting up for our first face to face board meeting last Monday, I heard that our live-in Newcastle Jet had been sent home from school with cold-like symptoms. So we got him tested (negative), but had to cancel the face-to-face, just in case. Then, having confirmed with Club Macquarie that we were good to meet there on Monday, we had 3 covid cases in Newcastle, with the potential for more, so I cancelled that too. Things do seem to be calming down, and I am hopeful we can meet face-to-face next time!

Due to his need to concentrate on his health, Peter Raynor has had to step back from all things Rotary. He will remain a member of Warners Bay, but that is all. Hopefully sometime in the future he will be able to return to some sort of active role. Peter has been an inspiration to me, and a great help and mentor as I grapple with my new role. I am sure quite sure I am not alone and many others have found his dedication to Rotary and his enthusiasm and energy inspiring. Our thoughts are with him and Margaret as they work through his latest setback, and I am sure we all fervently hope we see him back to his old self soon.

Hopefully, by now you will have seen Les's revision of the club by-laws, which the

Club Welfare – Vina

COVID19 cases have escalated in the past fortnight, resulting in Victoria experiencing their second lock down and a state of disaster has been declared. Cases and hotspots have also been identified in Sydney and the Hunter as well.

Some stores are requesting the wearing of masks such as Woolworths, Coles, K Mart and Bunnings.

You will find wearing a mask strange at first and if you wear glasses you will fog up at times! Fortunately, our club members have escaped the virus but we must stay ever vigilant and obey the health rules to remain safe.

Our thoughts are with all Victorians who are experiencing the spread of this very infectious virus.

whole club needs to vote on and accept. I would like to thank Les for all his work on this and hopefully we can finalise his work on Monday.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a summary of how things are going with the Trailer Raffle. In summary it seems we have got quite a few new donations and I think with one more push we can get the number of items we need to feel happy that we have a good product to raffle.

mherv's next tour has, unfortunately, had to be cancelled, due to Covid concerns out there amongst the Rotary clubs we rely on. A meeting next week will decide where we go from here.

We will hold a meeting with Toronto Sunrise next week, to look into how we might put together a 'fete' type event in Speers Point Park to coincide with a bike ride. We will see if we can come up with something that is doable, given the manpower we have.

Glenda is looking into membership drive possibilities, and also has some ideas which may help with the Mini-bike ride idea I will get around to getting off the ground soon. Just need the days to get a little bit longer and warmer.

I think that is all for now.

Keep well, keep safe and keep doing stuff!

Sadly Peter Raynor has been advised by his doctors to withdraw from all Rotary responsibilities, both in the District and at club level, to give his health the opportunity to stabilise.

He will remain a member of our club and his positive, happy disposition will be missed, as well as his Rotary knowledge. This has been a difficult decision for Peter, as he is a very passionate Rotarian and, over the past 17 years, has given much time and energy to our club and District. We wish Peter and Margaret well, as he relaxes and concentrates on his health issues.

Our thoughts are also with Ian Klein, as Ian has recently been diagnosed with MDS (Myelodysplastic Syndrome) and has been having further investigations in Sydney. We

Rotary Foundation – Vina

Breaking News: A current Rotary Foundation trustee, and member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, **Jennifer E. Jones**, has been nominated to become **Rotary International President for 2022-2023**. This is a ground breaking selection that will make her the first woman to hold that office in the organisation's 115 year history.

Jennifer has been a Rotary member since 1997 and served as: • RI Vice President • director • training leader • Committee Chair • Moderator and • District Governor. She has received two outstanding Awards: namely • The Rotary Foundation Citation for Service and • The Rotary International Service Above Self Award.



will be thinking of Ian and Judy as they negotiate this health challenge.

Gail and Kevin continue to explore and enjoy Queensland country towns.

John and Chris enjoyed their break up the North Coast, walking and cycling.

Glenys has been busy with her grandchildren and craft activities, while Steve is using his skill in converting their gas cooktop to electric. Clever man!

Barry and Toni McLean, as well as Chris, have successfully gathered items for our trailer. Well done.

Continue to stay safe and keep warm in this chilly weather.

Please Note: If you want your news, report, items, articles or photos to get into the next edition of "In the Loop" newsletter, they are to be sent directly to the Editor, Katrina, at hello@katrinahenningham.com by NOON on **Sunday 23 August**, thanks!

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Community Service Report – Kerry

Roster for assisting at “Survivors R Us” breakfast- 2020

Every second Thursday morning.

8am to 10am.

1/3 Ranton St Cardiff.

Wear your Club shirt.

Thank you so much everyone for your support. Please let me know if you are unable to do your rostered day/s.

Kerry • 0417485293

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23 July	Kerry Craig	Helen Jacqui	Vina Katrina	
6 August	Helen Jacqui	Kerry Ross	Jenny	
20 August	Helen Jacqui	Kerry Jenny	Kate Chris	John
3 September	Helen Jacqui	Craig Katrina	Kate	
17 September	Helen Jacqui	Kerry Ross	Kate	
1 October	Helen Jacqui	Craig Katrina	Kerry	
15 October	Helen Kerry	Ross		
29 October	Helen Kerry	Ross Jenny		
12 November	Helen Jacqui (tbc)	Kerry Craig (tbc)	Jenny Katrina	
26 November	Helen Jacqui (tbc)	Gail (tbc) Kerry	Jenny	
10 December	Helen Jacqui (tbc)	Gail (tbc) Craig (tbc)	Katrina Jenny	
24 December	Helen Jacqui (tbc)	Gail (tbc) Kerry	Jenny	



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Warners Bay Markets

Saturday 15 August 2020

The Markets are back on – next Saturday 15 August – and we have been offered a position.

Our stand will be Rehousing Books, DVD's and CD's. If you have any books, CD's or Video's that are in good condition, and that you would like to see rehoused, phone either Adrian Payne on 0425 204 815, or me on 0419 416 599, and we will arrange to pick up.

We are looking for people to assist on the Stand. This will be an opportunity for us to speak to the public about Rotary and what we do. We will have a TV running the new MHERV video and End Polio.

I have created a roster document in Google. To enter your name, click [HERE](#) and add your name to sheet at the time you are available.

Thank you in advance.

Glenda Kociszewski

Membership Director.

Our Rotary Club has signed up to the Entertainment™ Digital Memberships. The membership is a guide that provide discounts and special offers for many of the best restaurants, cafes, supermarkets, cinemas, theatres, hotels, accommodations, attractions, and activities in our local area.

All of the offers in the Entertainment Digital Memberships can be used throughout the year and are restriction-free. The Entertainment Book recently campaign is a \$10 Priceline gift card with each purchase

of the membership.

20% of the sale of each Membership will support the Rotary Club of Warners Bay to help us raise funds to assist with Community Projects.

Encourage your family, friends and acquaintances to purchase the book on the link below.

<https://www.entbook.com.au/3r6334>

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*Many Hands Make
Light Work...*

Club Service – Glenys

Club Service focusses on providing skills and services to members of the club who are occupied in creating and managing projects, most of which will impact on the community outside the club.

POSITION VACANT

We are looking for assistance for the following role ...

ROTARY SIGNAGE Coordinator

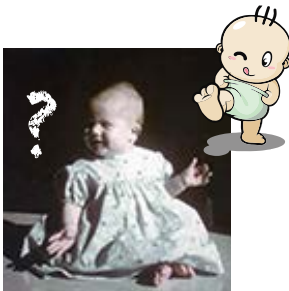
As Rotary signs are part of our Public Image, we would like to see that these

are visible, current and show up-to-date branding.

What the task involves

- Investigating and locating any Rotary signs in our district
- Photographing the existing signs
- Presenting a report to the Board
- Investigating improvements to increase our Public Image

Please let me know if you are interested.
Glenys Tomkins, Club Service Director
Email: glenystomkins@gmail.com



Guess Who!? Can you guess who this baby is?

What! You want a clue?

This chubby bubby just loves spending Sunday afternoons in front of her computer... well, maybe "loves" is a bit strong 😊

Remember to send your beautiful baby image to me by **Friday 7 August** to: hello@katrinahenningham.com



NO... NO...! Tom right onto Vals Reef, then left onto the Pacific Hwy.

A bit of "Loop Fun" from a 1990's Warners Bay News and Views Magazine, courtesy of former owner, Rhonda Campbell





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DISTRICT CONFERENCE
9670
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Communities
Across the
MUDGEE District



Rotarians, partners and friends, are invited to join District Governor David and Amanda to come and connect with friends old and new, enjoy a fabulous location and hear from dynamic speakers.

FEATURES INCLUDE:
Friday evening welcome dinner and local entertainment.
Speakers that embody Do-Goodyery!
Saturday afternoon - Check out the local area.
Saturday evening - District Governor dinner.
A celebration of people of action.



DISTRICT CONFERENCE 9670

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