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## Rotary Club Warners Bay – Zoom Club Changeover Meeting 29 June 2020 – 6:30-7:45pm

**Attendance:** Les (President), Barry (President-Elect), Katrina (Secretary), Christine (Treasurer) & John, Erin, Glenda (Membership) & Bernie, Michael (Club Service), Craig (Youth Service), Kerry (Vocational Service), Ross (Community Service), Vina (Foundation & Welfare), Toni G (Compliance), Kate (International Service), Adrian, PDG Peter (SVP) & Margaret, Glenys & Steve, Julie, Brian, Helen, Jenny, Lyn, “Loopy” (RCWB ISDA Pup)

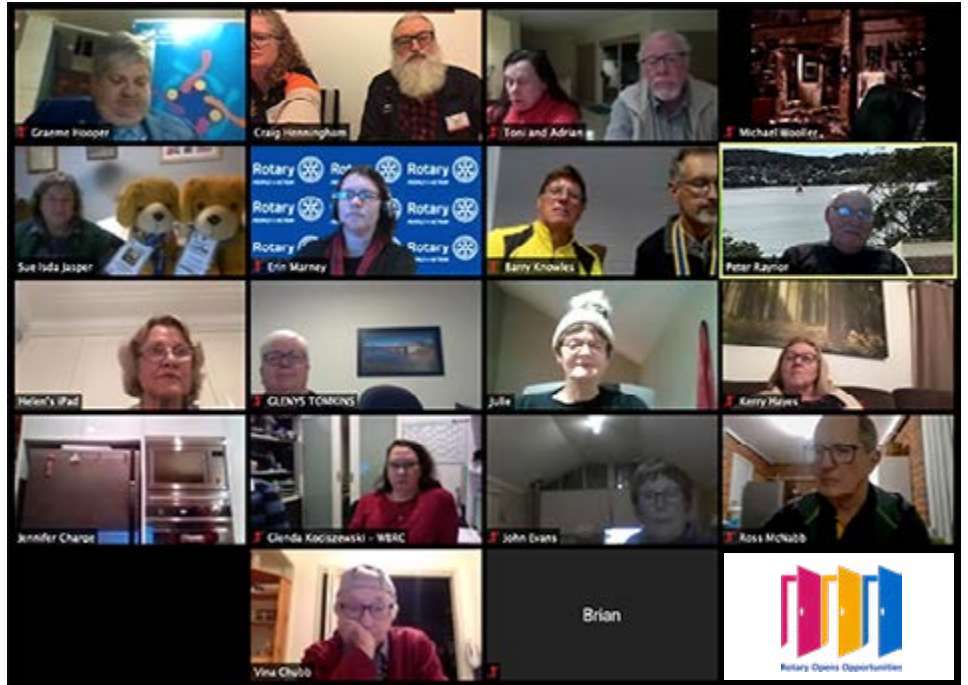
**Apologies:** Ian & Judith, Gail & Kevin, Toni Mc, Jacqui

**Guest/s:** DG Graeme Hooper & Sue, with Isda & Jasper (Morisset Club), Clarice Hamling (Assistant Governor), RN Rob Woolley, Michael Weatherall (RC Rutherford-Telarah)

**MC welcome:** Craig Henningham – welcomed everyone and made special welcome to the honoured guests.

**Toast to Rotary International:** PDG Peter Raynor, from his hospital bed thanks to the wonders of modern technology, gave an indepth talk about Rotary International, how and why it was started, and the good that is being done today by over 1.2million volunteers throughout the world.

**Response:** DG Graeme Hooper, thanked PDG Peter for his words and gave words of thanks and encouragement to our Club and its Members, referring to the “Wheel of Excellence” (the Rotary icon) and how the “wheels of excellence” should keep moving quickly to improve our reach into the community.



**Outgoing President's Report:** Les Corrigan presented the Club's Report for the 2019-20 year, a summary of the Annual Reports presented in the last “In the Loop” newsletter.

**Presentation of Honorary Membership:** Les Corrigan presented an Honorary Membership to Lyn Thorpe, on her retirement from Rotary, in gratitude for her many years of service to Rotary through many Australian and Overseas projects relating to the health and wellbeing of children and mothers through RAWCS and ROMAC projects, with Days for Girls, and with Alliance for Smiles. Lyn responded with thanks and a hint that, sometime in the future, she may return as an active member

of Rotary – but, in the meantime, if the Club ever needs her help with anything, to call on her. *Thank you, Lyn.*

**2020-21 President Induction:** DG Graeme formally welcomed Barry Knowles as the 2020-21 President of the Rotary Club of Warners Bay, whilst IPP Les did the honours of handing on the President's Collar to President Barry. DG Graeme commented on this year as a year where Rotary Opens Opportunities – and President Barry may look into alternative ways in which people can become members of, and involved with, Rotary – as an example, through establishing a Satellite Club.

**Paul Harris Fellow:** IPP Les introduced the recipient of this special award, RN Rob Woolley, in recognition of all the additional work he does, above and beyond the call of duty, within the **mherv** project, on his travels. DG Graeme gave a short talk about the history of the Paul Harris Fellow recognition and its connection with The Rotary Foundation, and the tremendous amount of good that is done throughout the world because of the donations made to Foundation, enabling Grants to Clubs and Districts for local and global projects.

**MC Craig:** Thanked and farewelled the Hoopers, as they logged off the RC Warners Bay Changeover Zoom, to log in to the RC Belmont Changeover Zoom.



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**Guest Speaker:** Adrian Payne gave a description of the **mherv** project before introducing RN Rob Woolley to share his experiences.

RN Rob firstly thanked the Club for the honour of the Paul Harris Fellow recognition and felt, for the first time in his life, speechless!

Rob shared several stories, some humorous, some serious, and all about the life-changing life-saving work that comes out of the **mherv** project. Rotary Clubs around the State have welcomed the **mherv** project and Rob to their areas. They have hosted Rob and, if there's a Rotary Club meeting on when he's in that town, he attends and shares his **mherv** story. Since the re-commencement of the **mherv** project in late 2017, over 7000 people have been tested (not just men, often their wives get tested first to encourage the men to get along & see Rob), 300 lives have been saved and many families have been influenced by the "education" imparted by Rob.

Rob expressed his gratitude to RFBi for their continuous, generous financial support of the **mherv** project, and to ABC Radio National who have helped get the story out to the rural communities around the State.

**MC Craig:** Thanked RN Rob for sharing some of his stories and for the tremendous amount of great work he does on his travels in addition to his "official" **mherv** duties.

**Special Presentation:** Craig made a *personal presentation*, with President Barry's assistance, to Immediate Past President Les, in recognition of the tough year he has had, due to the COVID-19 interruption to "business as usual". Craig explained that the "Rotary Super Hero" pin was developed by Rotarian Evan Burrell as

a fun way to recognise Rotarians and what they've done that others maybe haven't seen, because these Rotarians have been very "Clarke Kent" in their Rotary service. Craig acknowledged that IPP Les wasn't really "into" badges and pins, but asked him to accept this limited edition pin. IPP Les responded with thanks to Craig, and to the Club for supporting and "bearing with" him over the past year.

**Introduction of the Incoming Board:** President Barry – introduced the incoming Board, firstly thanking IPP Les for the great work he has done over the past year whilst presenting him with his IPP pin.

Thanking and congratulating the Incoming Board members, Barry mentioned that arrangements would be made to formally present their "Badge of Office" over the next few weeks: Treasurer – Christine Johnson-Evans; Secretary – Katrina Henningham; Foundation – Vina Chubb; Membership – Glenda Kociszewski; International Service – Kate Buckingham; Community Service – Kerry Hayes; Club Service – Glenys Tomkins; Vocational Service – Ian Klein; Youth Service – is a Position Vacant; President-Elect – Glenda Kociszewski.

**Plans for the Coming Year:** President Barry gave his vision for the coming year:

- Do good in the community
- Use our talents
- Keep busy with those talents
- Keep up social and community connections

President Barry also wants to see an improvement in membership numbers and engagement, as well as an improvement in Club Finances, to support the administration requirements of the Club as well as to support Rotary projects, and other projects within our Community.

President Barry acknowledged that some of our Club members have been recognised for their skills and talents by the District leadership, and have accepted District roles over the next one to three years. Pres Barry gave his congratulations to those members and acknowledged that they may be "less visible" in Club activities at times, due to their District responsibilities.

President Barry commented that he is hoping that we can return to live, face-to-face meetings as soon as is safe and practicable and is in the process of planning a "Friends Night" with Membership Director Glenda as a way of introducing the great work done through Rotary to our friends, encouraging them to join.

Regarding the charitable focus for the year, President Barry commented that the Club is strongly supporting victims of domestic violence through both the Christmas Trailer Fundraiser (supporting "Survivors R Us") and the East Lake Charity Ride (supporting "Got Your Back Sista").

President Barry congratulated and thanked IPP Les Corrigan and Michael Weatherall (RC Rutherford-Telarah) for the work they have taken on with the **mherv** project.

President Barry stated that, whatever we set to do as a Club, we must have the Capacity, the Energy, the Enthusiasm and the Time – in order to be Successful.

The bottom line to all of this, he said, was we need to have fun and enjoy everything we do in and for the Rotary Club of Warners Bay.

**Thanks & Close:** MC Craig congratulated President Barry and the Incoming Board, as well as everyone who had logged in to the Changeover Zoom, and closed the meeting at 7:45pm.



## From the President's Desk –

### Barry

#### *The first few days.*

Well here we go, the 2020-21 year has started and I hope I can deliver on the objectives I have set myself as your President. Summarised those are, to make the club stronger: Financially, in membership and as a community of members, whilst continuing to do a good job on all the areas we traditionally manage: Club Service, Youth, Rotary Foundation, International, Vocational and Community Service.

Financially, means running some successful fundraisers like the Bike Ride and the Trailer Raffle. Membership means running programs to get potential new members in the door and then showing them what a fulfilling place Rotary can be.

As a community of members we have both opportunities and responsibilities. We cannot expect to always agree on every point or issue, but we can have respect for other peoples efforts and opinions. Some will want, or be able, to give more time to Rotary than others. Our responsibility is to value every other member for whatever talents and energy they bring to the club and to remember that we are all here because we want to be, and to enjoy

ourselves with like minded people. When differences of opinion do arise, my strong advice is to pick up the phone and have a discussion. That is almost always the best way to resolve things without unnecessarily escalating the issue.

Our opportunities are to have fun whilst contributing to the club and to the betterment of life generally. When the fun goes, so, probably, does the desire to be part of the Rotary family, so lets keep it fun.

We have a bit of a problem to resolve with the bike ride at present, and while we stutter along, trying to agree what our new event will look like exactly and when it will run, time is dripping away quite fast, and I am sure that some of you are feeling that it is all too hard. The board voted down a paper put forward by the marketing group on Monday. That will have been very disheartening for them, but it does NOT mean that all their ideas are rejected, just that a bit more work needs to be done to get the proposal over the line. That means changing it a bit, or persuading people to support it as it is. I have been talking to people one to one, and hopefully I will have a resolution this week. My only plea right now is, please don't be disheartened, or personally affronted. This stuff happens.

Keep respect, look for compromises, and argue for what you believe. That way we will get the best possible event - eventually.

Thankfully we do not have any current problems to resolve on the other two action fronts The trailer raffle seems to be progressing quite nicely and MHERV is getting close to hitting the road again.

**Glenda:** It is with regret that on Thursday I accepted Glenda Kociszewski's resignation as President Elect for 2021-2022. Glenda has a very large role to play as Secretary for our District and is going to continue in the role in the New 9670 District next year. This will be a huge task, and very understandably, she feels she could not give the necessary degree of attention to both this and to President of our club during the same period.

Glenda is a huge asset to Warner's Bay Rotary and I am sure will continue to be so as we go forward. I am sure you will join me in wishing Glenda every success in her District role and, with me, hope she will be even more of an asset once her time as District Secretary is complete.

I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Barry

## Club Welfare – Vina

We are still in a very uncertain world with COVID19 outbreaks in Melbourne and now some in Sydney. Our thoughts are with our Victorians at this very challenging time. It is so important to be careful, obeying the health rules so we all stay healthy.

Most people, so far, seem to be well but, unfortunately, Peter Raynor is still in hospital battling an episode of cellulitis. Peter tells me the antibiotics are gradually helping. Our thoughts are with Peter and hope he continues to improve. Toni McLean was able to return home from visiting her daughter in Victoria before the borders closed. Jacqui Dann, who has been in Queensland with her parents, is able to return home this week.

Take care and stay well.

## Rotary Foundation – Vina

**Special Announcement** - On 25th June Rotary International President, Mark Maloney, announced there will now be a 7th Area of Focus "SUPPORT THE ENVIRONMENT".

The Rotary Foundation Trustees and Rotary International Board of Directors both unanimously approved of adding this new area of focus. The other areas of focus are: • Promoting Peace; • Fighting Disease; • Providing Clean Water and Sanitation; • Saving Mothers and Children; • Support Education; • Growing Local Economies.

Now the 7th Area of Focus enables Rotarians to strive to make the world a healthier place for all life to live. The Environment has faced many challenges, and this gives Rotarians a great opportunity

to partake in the process of addressing some of those challenges in opening the door to a brighter future. Let's find an Environmental Project and apply for a grant when the grant criteria has been determined.

Our District has had a very successful year with the highlight being the Polio campaign – in particular the Iron Lung Project with Polly. This project will continue to give this area of focus importance as the trailer travels around the District, raising awareness and funds to assist in eliminating Polio from the world.

**Please Note:** If you want your news, report, items, articles or photos to get into the "In the Loop" newsletter, they are to be sent directly to the Editor, Katrina, at [hello@katrinahenningham.com](mailto:hello@katrinahenningham.com) by NOON on the Sunday prior to publication each fortnight.

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### Club Service – Glenys:

There are many tasks required to run Rotary Club of Warners Bay efficiently. As we are a voluntary organization efficiency comes with everyone playing a part whether large or small.

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.

Thanks to a list created by Adrian and his committee of 2018/19, I have collated some of the tasks we need to facilitate.

I have added a few names of members who in the past have taken on some of these roles. If you are willing to take on a task,

join someone else or are ready to pass the role on, please let me know. If you aren't sure what you could do, let's have a chat.

Any additions to this list are greatly appreciated.

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Many Hands Make Light Work...

<b>Club News</b> <i>In the Loop</i> <i>Pocket Program</i>	• Coordinate articles and information for <i>In the Loop</i> "	<b>Secretary</b> Katrina
	• Publish <i>In the Loop</i> and email to all members and relevant interested parties	<b>Secretary</b> Katrina
	• Publish a <i>Pocket Program</i> – approx 6 monthly	Glenys
	• Publish <i>In the Loop</i> and <i>Pocket Program</i> to OneDrive archives	Glenys
<b>Club Members</b>	• Maintain and distribute a Club Member contact list	<b>Secretary</b> Katrina, Glenys
<b>Social &amp; Recreational Events</b>	<i>In Rotary, service and fun go hand in hand:</i> As COVID-19 restrictions are relaxed, we look forward to being able to get out & about together	
<b>Meeting Organisation</b>	• Liaise with President re dates and future activities	<b>Club Service</b> Glenys
	• Coordinating Members roster for participation at meetings	
	• Coordinating venues and attendees	Julie
<i>Meeting Room Coordination</i>	• Liaising with venue management, re numbers and dietary requirements	Julie Glenys
<b>Gues Speaker organisation</b>	• Ensure meeting room is appropriately arranged/decorated	
	• Ensure AV facilities set up for Guest Speakers	
<b>Gifts for Guest Speakers</b>	• Contact proposed guest speakers; organise dates; confirm dates	<b>Secretary</b> Katrina
	• Purchasing books as donations from Guest Speakers	Glenys; Vina
<b>Book Donations</b>	• Coordinate Delivery of book donations to local schools	
<b>Child Protection</b>	• Investigate and update any Child Protection requirements	<b>Secretary</b> Katrina
<b>Risk Management</b>	• Investigate and update any necessary risk management requirements	Toni G
	• Risk management plans to be shared with the Board	
	• Risk management plans to be added to OneDrive Archives	Glenys
<b>Catering Pack</b>	Our Club has a set of items available when organising functions, including disposable cups, plates, spoons, serviettes, tea, coffee, etc.	Julie
	• Manage and update resources as required	
<b>Membership</b>	• Monitor membership numbers	<b>Membership</b> Glenda
	• Report attendance numbers, Rotary hours etc to District (if required)	<b>Secretary</b> Katrina
	• Work with President to plan for New Member Inductions	<b>Membership</b> Glenda
	• Order badges, as required, from RDU or Ling's Trophies	<b>Secretary</b> Katrina
<b>Quartermaster</b>	• Manage, document, archive and coordinate the assets of RCWB	Bernie
	• Inventory of storage container	
	• Manage and organise storage container	
<b>Brochures and publicity materials</b>	• Keep an inventory of promotional material; store promotional material	
	• Provide all Club members with updated list of available materials	Ross
<b>S.M.A.R.T. Committee</b>	• <b>Social Media and Rotary Talk</b> coordinator	Glenys
<b>Club Website</b>	• Manage and keep updated	Erin; Michael; Glenda; Glenys
<b>FaceBook</b>	• Manage and keep updated	Erin
<b>ClubRunner</b>	• Manage and keep updated	Erin +
<b>OneDrive</b>	• Manage and update OneDrive files	Glenys
	• Archive relevant data for Club	
	• Manage photo archives	
<b>mherv website</b>	• Manage and keep updated	Michael

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East Lake Charity Ride website	• Manage and keep updated	Michael; Erin
	• Copywriting, graphic design and printing services	Adrian; Katrina
	• Creating videos for promoting our Club	Michael
Club Photographers	• Organise and direct Club photographers for events	
	• Coordinate photos taken by Club members and linked to archived photo files on OneDrive	
Photo and Multimedia Permission Notes	• Ensure photo permission notes are provided at all functions • Notify when a person cannot be photographed • Collate, file and archive	Child Protection Officer Katrina
Rotary Signs	• Update large Rotary signs in our area • Ensure that they are up-to-date with current Rotary Branding	
Rotary Noticeboard at the Lake	• Keep updated • Keep clean	Vina

### President Barry Knowles – out and about...

President Barry commenced his journey around our area, maintaining some sense of social distancing as he presented badges of office to the new Board Members. Pictured below: Membership Director, Glenda; Club Service Director, Glenys; Secretary, Katrina; and Foundation Director, Vina.

More to come next fortnight, as President Barry catches up with the rest of the crew!



**Guess Who!? Can you guess who our baby is?**

*My clues must be working!*

Congratulations to Craig for guessing Kerry Hayes, from 1 June (no, I did not give him the answer!); and to both Kerry and Toni McLean for correctly guessing Steve Tomkins from 15 June.

**Clue:** 29 June – this little gentleman, being held up like “Simba”, brings joy to young and old every year.

Send your response to Katrina by Friday 24th July – [hello@katrinahenningham.com](mailto:hello@katrinahenningham.com) – winner/s will be announced in the next issue of “In the Loop”.




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DISTRICT CONFERENCE  
**9670**  
Do-Goodyery!  
People Changing  
Communities  
Across the  
MUDGEE District

Save the date:  
**19th, 20th, 21st March 2021**



**Rotary** PEOPLE OF ACTION

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.



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