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From the President's Pen – Barry

Dear RCWB Members and friends,

How quickly a year goes. It seems no time at all since I struggled through the first of these ramblings, and here we are, the last month of my presidency, and only one more to go after this. We had a board meeting Monday just gone. As ever there were a lot of items on it, so I will give you a bit of background on a few items which may not come across from Katrina's (excellent) minutes.

We looked at the clubs financial position. This is pleasingly positive given we made quite a loss last year. The turnaround is mostly due to the tremendous success of the Christmas Trailer Raffle, which despite the donation of \$7,000 to Survivors R Us, put a similar amount into the coffers. The Fair also generated a bit of income, although it was designed primarily as a community event and several Rotary clubs and charities were able to take money home from it. We discussed what to do with the year's surplus. There are still bills to pay at this stage so being 100% certain of what this is, is not possible. I think around \$6,000. We agreed to make a couple of smallish payments, but being cognizant of the need to seed fund the next trailer raffle, and also that Mherv, our 'home' project may need funds, we decided to hold the rest for now and see what demands or requests are made of us.

The top two areas of giving from my quick survey last meeting were voted as domestic violence and Mherv, so with the above payments, we are doing what the members requested.

Mherv has been transferred to RCWB as a project to be entirely managed and run by us, so we now have the financial and management control to add to the practical 'running it' job Les and Adrian have been doing such an excellent job on. We plan to 'launch' Mherv at the meeting on Monday, suitably at the start of Men's Health Week!, so if you have any questions that will be a fine opportunity to ask them.

I have opened a discussion with local cycling groups to see if anyone wants to run the Charity Ride. I don't know if it will bear any fruit, but I figure it's worth a go.

We have one table for the Newcastle Discovery Club's trivia night on Tuesday 22nd June, but it would be great if we could get another together, so please let me know if you would like to come along.

I look forward to seeing (some) of you on Monday. The rest of you please have an enjoyable long weekend and I look forward to seeing you at the Changeover meeting on the 28th!

Keep active!

Next Meetings:

6:15pm for 6:30pm

Monday 14 June

mherv Special

Queen's Birthday Celebrations

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Monday 28 June

*Club Changeover Dinner
& Awards Night*

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Club Macquarie

The meal and meeting will be held in the one room
Rec Lounge

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The Club staff commence serving dinner at 6:30pm...

*Please ensure you have arrived,
paid for your meal and found your seat
by this time.*

Thanks!



ABMT Raffle Monday 24th May

Thank you to everyone for your generous support of this "last minute" fundraiser! We raised \$99 on the night, to go to Cancer Council's Australia's Biggest Morning Tea.

Toni G had the first number drawn and got first choice of the two prizes. Katrina's number was drawn next, but called for a redraw. Christine J-E was the lucky recipient of the 2nd prize.

1 in 2 Australians are diagnosed with cancer before the age of 85. We want to change that, and we need your help.

If you want your news, report, items, articles or photos to get into the next edition of "In the Loop" newsletter, please send them directly to the Editor, Katrina, at

hello@katrinahenningham.com by Thursday 24th June Thanks!

Please Note: This is an earlier deadline, as the newsletter will be produced & distributed before the retiring Editor heads out to Mudgee for the District Changeover. Thank you.



Links to
Google docs



Dinner Meeting Roster

Survivors R Us

Club Program

Click on the underlined words to open the link in Google Docs – remember to check regularly and to put your name down to help out in one of the spots.

Because...

*Many Hands Make
Light Work...*



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Community Service – Kerry

Survivors R Us BBQ breakfasts: A band of members continue to cook a delicious breakfast for needy families, every second Thursday. Volunteers are needed. If you can help, add name on Google doc spreadsheet (click on site in newsletter), or email me.

Oz Harvest: Members continue to attend PCYC Windale to assist with packing hampers for needy

families. As previously mentioned, funding for this project will cease at end of June, and I am waiting for Oz Harvest to let me know how our club can continue to support this great cause.



Polio Report – Kerry

Total reported cases of wild polio so far in 2021 = **remains at TWO** (1 Afghanistan, 1 Pakistan).

This number is significantly lower than at this time last year, which is fantastic news!

It was amazing to hear from our guest speaker Rotarian Sue Bell at the last meeting. It was so interesting to hear about her experiences during several visits to



India, working with teams to provide Polio vaccines to children. What fantastic work is being done by Rotarians in many countries around the world.

Where's Polly?

She was at the Raymond Terrace Heritage After appearing at the Lake Mac Autumn Fair and Raymond Terrace Heritage Festival recently, Polly is currently having a short rest before heading off again.



Rotary International District 9670



2021 Newcastle Challenge is on! Monday 26 to Friday 30 July

**Volunteers
Needed**



**More
Info
Attached**

**2021 Newcastle SEC program for years 9 and 10 schools students
in Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Maitland, Port Stephens,
Cessnock, Upper Hunter, and Central Coast areas**



**Focusing
on the Future**



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Many Hands Make Light Work...



A message from President-elect Glenys

Happy Queen's Birthday Weekend

Just a reminder that our meeting this Monday, 14th June is a **Birthday Party for the Queen**.

Glam up for the evening.

Pull out your tiaras and jewels; tuxedos, suits and ties for this special celebration.

Lots of surprises and fun and games.



We will also be launching **MHERV** as our own club project. Lots of information related to the future of **MHERV** and our club's role.

Rotary
Club of Warners Bay



mherv
men's health education rotary van
saving lives in regional australia



June:

5th – John E • 20th – Gail C
21st – Brian Mc • 29th – Jacqui D

Links To Google Docs Program And Rosters.

Each of these links will take you to the relevant document. You will [hopefully] be able to Click on each to open the document. Sometimes you will need to press the Ctrl key + click (Windows) to open the document.

RC Warners Bay Program	https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WfRDoddQ5_freuXYItJT1YxBLuN7i90ipQiX5NikW5o/edit#gid=0
Dinner Meeting Roster	https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1pmis_vzJ6FI8hp4n4I4EO-PRDJfPMikV4FKeye-ol6c/edit#gid=0
Survivors R Us BBQ	https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10I8MrdneT5C_g-rAUho790Y0yw25xshZPVBOgPPPqBc/edit#gid=0

warmly invite you to our
Annual Changeover Dinner



at Club Macquarie, 458 Lake Road, Argenton
Monday 28 June 2021

Fellowship from 6:00pm
for a 6:30pm start

2-course Meal

(Please advise of any special dietary requirements)

\$30 per person

Bank Details: BSB 646 000 Acc: 100067991
Or pay at the door (EFT available)

Dress:

Be BOLD Be BRIGHT Be AWESOME

Dress in primary colours: **RED YELLOW BLUE**

RSVP: by 14 June 2021 to Julie Butel • Ph: 0430 456 212 Email: julie.butel@tpg.com.au



Provisional
Rotary
Newcastle Discovery



TRIVIA NIGHT

Tue, June 22nd
Argenton Hotel
6:30 for 7:30
Start
\$10 Per person
Teams of 6 will
be organised on
the night

Tickets here:



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Rotary Club of Warners Bay – Dinner Meeting – 24 May 2021

Attendees: Barry K (President); Katrina H (Secretary); Christine J-E (Treasurer); Glenys T (Club Service; Pres-Elect); Kerry H (Community; End Polio); Glenda K (Membership); Toni G (Compliance); Craig H (Area Governor); Philip B; Paul B; Bernie K; Brian Mc; Erin M; Toni Mc; Ross Mc; Adrian P; Michael W.

Apologies: Les C (Imm Past Pres); Kate B (International); Julie B; Vina C (Foundation; Welfare); Jenny C; Gail C; Kevin C; Jacqui D; John E; Ian K; Helen P; Steve T.

Guests: Sue Bell (Guest Speaker); PDG Brian C; Carol C; Graham B; Peter C; Pam M; Gemma F.

Welcome: President Barry welcomed everyone, with special reference to the guest speaker, Sue, and Graham, PDG Brian and Carol, and prospective new members Pam, Peter and Gemma.

Notice Board:

District Virtual Conference: Bernie presented a short report from the tech crew's perspective – stating that it was a huge effort from all the speakers, interviewers, and technical staff to bring the whole thing together and that, although there were a couple of glitches on the day, everything ran smoothly and to time. He thanked everyone who tuned in on the day.

End of Year Donation: President Barry passed around a polling form for Club members to set their preferred areas of charitable giving from the Club.

Memory Jog & Walk: Ross reviewed the roster and the job requirements for the day.

Time to Shine – Philip B: Philip presented an informative and humorous summary of his life so far, accompanied by a slide presentation. Coming from the centre of the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area, it could have been assumed he would enter an

agricultural-based career, but, no, he decided to head into computer sciences – but please don't ask him to fix your PC, haha! Philip is married, to Marina, and has two children, Rebel and Alan. Philip enjoys woodworking and has even done some brickwork, building his own wood-fired oven in the back yard. Having grown up in a community-focused family, Philip felt it was a “no-brainer” to get involved in this same culture of “giving back” – which has eventually led to where he is now... a “proby” Rotarian.

Warners Bay Markets: Glenda reminded everyone that the Markets would be happening again on Saturday 19 June and will be again focusing the day to promoting the fun side of being a Rotarian. Games will be held again – and “capas” are to be worn to show the “superhero” side of volunteering. Glenda asked that as many members as possible could come along to

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promote Rotary, and our Club in particular, on the day. She thanked those who had already put their name on the roster to assist with bump in and bump out.

Social Night – 31 May: Philip volunteered to organise a social dinner at Warners Bay Hotel – and will be calling for RSVPs over the next couple of days.

Guest Speaker – Sue Bell, End Polio: Kerry introduced the guest speaker, presenting a short history of Polio, the development of vaccines and the immunisation program, known as the End Polio campaign.

Sue, originally from the Rotary Club of the Lower Blue Mountains, moved to the Myall Coast, joining the Club there, and has now transferred to RC Raymond Terrace.

Sue gave a very interesting and informative talk about her experience volunteering with India's National Immunisation Day (NID), 23-24 February 2014. There was a team of volunteers from Australia, America and Canada who spent 2 weeks touring the "Golden Triangle" of New Delhi to Agra to Jaipur, as well as participating in the NID program, and speaking at various Rotary Clubs along the way. She showed pictures of the Jaipur Foot Factory, where prosthetic

limbs are made for victims of polio – the feet even have "thong gaps" in the toes! Since that time, the Jaipur Hands factory has been created – where "dynamic" hands are made via 3D printers – which means they move and are not rigid. They cost about \$50 each, but are free to the recipients. Sue also shared stories about the many other Rotary programs run by the Rotary Clubs of those cities.

The Indian government holds a NID every year, with a massive promotional campaign leading to the day – so that families know when and where to take their children for their Polio immunisation.

For this team of volunteers, NID starts at 6am – in a school yard about 2 hours out of New Delhi. Kits are supplied and local health workers, Rotarians and other volunteers work to immunise and "mark" every child. The "tools" required are a permanent marker (purple); a vial of vaccine (10 vaccines per vial) with a rubber dropper (2 drops per dose). There is no minimum age, and maximum age of 5 – and each child gets their left pinkie finger painted purple when they receive their dose. Day 1 is at the Base – families come to the base, with local volunteers gathering them in. Day 2 is "mop up" day – volunteers walk

around the village, writing on the doors of family homes with the date and number of children vaccinated – and vaccinating any children missed on the day prior.

Wild polio is transmitted via the open sewerage drains – so there are programs running to instal better drainage throughout the country – this is obviously a long process.

Sue commented that the area in which their team volunteered was predominantly Muslim – and she felt very welcomed every where the team went. India was declared free of the wild polio virus in January 2014 – the NID campaign ensures it stays that way. There is only a very small chance that a person may get vaccine-derived polio.

Sue's final two photos were of the power of the education behind the End Polio Campaign – the children are taught the "signs": V = 2 drop; and "this close" thumb & forefinger.

Ross thanked Sue, presenting her with a book to sign, which will be donated to a local primary school to support their literacy programs.

Meeting Close: President Barry closed the meeting at 8:30pm.

