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## From the President's Pen – Barry

Hi RCWB Members and Friends,

I have to say, I have relished having a much quieter week than of late. In fact there was a point on Monday last, it being a non-meeting week, I suddenly thought, 'what did I used to do on Monday's before Rotary and, more specifically, the fair took over?'

I am well aware, however, that that is not the case for some of our members, Glenda is flat out working on the virtual Conference. By the time you read this the conference will be over of course, and hopefully Glenda can relax a little. Adrian also is helping on the production aspects. Michael will be too if he is well enough.

As if the conference is not enough responsibility, Glenda and Bernie took the lead role in running a good day at the Warner's Bay markets last Saturday. We had 'Splat the Rat' and the 'Higher or Lower' card game there, which helped attract quite a few people to the stall and an opportunity to win a prize if people left their name and contact details.

This all leads towards a 'potential new members' session at 5.30 before the meeting on Monday, (which Glenda has also organised), when we hope to get along quite a few contacts our members have made both at the fair and on Saturday. I haven't mentioned this to Glenda, but if

you come along a bit early on Monday, I don't think that would be a bad thing. Even if you are just hanging around and looking like you are enjoying yourself!

Monday's guest speaker is Sue Bell who will address us on the subject of 'End Polio'. I am sure her insights and knowledge of the key Rotary goal will be fascinating. I look forward to seeing you there and please make any potential new members who stay on after the information session very welcome.

Finally, there was a District 9670 General Meeting held via Zoom on Friday night, which I attended. Amongst other things, like approving next year's budget (which was approved, but not unanimously), there was a vote taken on the transfer of **mherv** in its entirety to the control of RC Warners Bay. This was approved unanimously 20 votes to 0. So as from July 1st, Warners Bay will hold the budget and assets of the **mherv** project and be responsible for its ongoing operation. There was a very positive speech given by the representative of RC Singleton, which I will try to get a copy of for you. But it was great to hear what support **mherv** and the job Warners Bay has done running it throughout the District. Well done Adrian and the **mherv** team!

*Keep active!*



## ABMT Raffle Monday 24th May

For a variety of reasons, our Club chose not to organise a large fundraising event this year.

However, that doesn't mean we can't still contribute!

On Monday 24th May, there will be 2 prizes up for raffle, with the money raised to go to the Cancer Council ABMT 2021 appeal.

Katrina will be selling the tickets: \$2 each or 3 for \$5 – drawn at the conclusion of the meeting.

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](mailto:hello@katrinahenningham.com)

by **Saturday 12 June** Thanks!



**Next Meetings:**  
**6:15pm for 6:30pm**

**Monday 24 May**

*Guest Speaker:*  
*Sue Bell, End Polio*

**Monday 14 June**

*"Watch this Space"*

**Club Macquarie**

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

**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!**

Links to  
Google docs



[Dinner Meeting Roster](#)

[Survivors R Us](#)

[Club Program](#)

[Memory Walk](#)

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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**A message from President-elect Glenys**

**District 9670 Conference • Saturday 22nd May:** Once again, our District 9670 team have presented an interesting conference, full of great stories and ideas to encourage all Rotarians. It also showed us that even during pandemics and the aftermath of pandemic we can continue to **“Do Good”**.

It was great to see several of our RC Warners Bay members playing a major role in presenting the conference.

At Club Macquarie, RC Warners Bay club members were joined by Marg Raynor, PDG Steve and PDG Jeanette Jackson as well as Ben Chard [Pres RC Charlestown] and Richard Addinall [RC Charlestown].

We had a fun day socialising and playing games while raising money for End Polio Now. The tombola was drawn just after lunch and everyone went home with a prize.

*Many Hands Make Light Work...* 

We filled 100 spaces on the 100 Club board and the prize was won by Julie.

There were many pinkies painted purple for \$1.



How many Mentos in the jar? Lots of

guesses but who guessed the closest? Glenys/Me 😊

I would like to thank Kerry for working with me to plan the day. As Kerry is the District 9670 End Polio Chair she has lots of knowledge to share about Polio and I know that the funds we raised yesterday will be beneficial to many.

**What's next?:** We have a dinner meeting planned for Monday, 14 June.

As this is the weekend that Australia celebrates the Queen's birthday, we are planning a birthday party for her. Search for your tiaras and ballgowns, dust off your best suits and tuxedos and get ready for a fun night.

BUT ... would you like to be on the organizing committee? Please let me know asap.

Thanks!!



**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.

<b>RC Warners Bay Program</b>	<a href="https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WfRDoddQ5_freuXYItJT1YxBLuN7i90ipQiX5NikW5o/edit#gid=0">https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WfRDoddQ5_freuXYItJT1YxBLuN7i90ipQiX5NikW5o/edit#gid=0</a>
<b>Dinner Meeting Roster</b>	<a href="https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1pmis_vzJ6FI8hp4n4I4EO-PRDJfPMikV4FKeye-ol6c/edit#gid=0">https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1pmis_vzJ6FI8hp4n4I4EO-PRDJfPMikV4FKeye-ol6c/edit#gid=0</a>
<b>Survivors R Us BBQ</b>	<a href="https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10I8MrdneT5C_g-rAUho790Y0yw25xshZPVBOgPPPqBc/edit#gid=0">https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10I8MrdneT5C_g-rAUho790Y0yw25xshZPVBOgPPPqBc/edit#gid=0</a>
<b>Memory Walk for Dementia May 30th</b>	<a href="https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jNi8YiQnsQ0aL6K6xWsqUoYc9h2_zEMOimY3Pz78Yul/edit#gid=0">https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jNi8YiQnsQ0aL6K6xWsqUoYc9h2_zEMOimY3Pz78Yul/edit#gid=0</a>

**Welfare– Vina**

GREAT NEWS - Welcome home Ian. Ian and Judy returned home last Monday after being in Sydney at Westmead Hospital since January, where Ian had a successful Bone Marrow Transplant.

I caught up with Ian and Judy a few days ago and he looks great. He will still be under the care of Doctors at Westmead which will involve trips to Sydney.

Our thoughts are also with Jenny who had a heart episode and spent a couple of days in hospital last week. Jenny has just sold her house so she can down size and this possibly found her doing too much.

We wish her all the best and hopefully she gets her health condition sorted and is back enjoying life again.

Our thoughts are still with the Indian community as they battle this very

contagious disease COVID19 .The TV coverage is very confronting . Our vaccine program here is at last being made available to more people so hopefully all our members have been able to obtain a vaccine. The 'flu season has started and these vaccines are also available at GPs and Chemists. This chilly weather is a good reminder that winter is here .



**June:**

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

**Foundation – Vina**

For the 11th consecutive year The Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating - four stars - from Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities in the US. The Foundation earned the recognition for demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency Rotary.



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**District 9670 Virtual Conference:**



*District Conference Committee; Virtual Conference control centre & crew; Attendees at Club Macquarie.*



**Memory Walk and Jog**

**Sunday 30 May • 7 am till 11 am**

*At Speers Point Park*

Thanks to those who have volunteered to help on the BBQ at the Memory Walk & Jog on Sunday May 30th.

Please let me know if you can't make it or want to change your shift, wear your Rotary shirt if possible and bring a smile.

Barry and I will be there from 5.30 am to start the set up, and we will need to fire up the barbie as soon as we can to cook breakfast for the Memory Walk volunteers.

See you there!  
Thanks, Ross



**Rotary Theme • June – Rotary Fellowships**

Rotary clubs indulge in fellowship activities, thanksgiving or acts of gratefulness and the like. This might also include:

- Inter-Club meetings or social gatherings
- Circulating "Rotary Fellowship" literature
- Promoting RFE (Rotary Friendship Exchanges) – and invite speakers to share their experiences of RFE.



*A great day out at the recent Warners Bay Markets.*



*This little girl was the proud winner of the Lolly Jar Guessing Competition at the Lake Macquarie Autumn Fair.*

**Position Filled!**

Editor of



*A huge thank you to incoming Secretary, Brian McLachlan, for also taking on the role of the editor's position for the Club's newsletter.*

*I would encourage everyone to support him in this role.*

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## Community Service – Kerry

**Survivors R Us BBQ breakfasts:** continue 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 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays to assist Oz Harvest pack hampers for needy families. The funding for this project will cease in June, but I have advised Oz Harvest our club would like to continue our support in some way. This has been a really enjoyable and fun activity for our members, getting to know other amazing people helping their community.

## Peter Raynor Award

This award, in honour of PDG Peter Raynor, is to be presented at club changeover event in June.

## Polio Report – Kerry

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

Numbers so far this year are looking promising, but we'll not rest until the number is ZERO!

**Sir Clem Renouf Club:** Sir Clem Renouf (1921-2020) was a member of Nambour Rotary Club, and Rotary Int President 1978-79. Sir Clem made significant contribution to the worldwide eradication of Polio.

All Rotarians around the world are being invited to join this club. For a personal donation of \$10 you can become a member. You can make your donation at any dinner meeting.

**END  
POLIO  
NOW**

## Where's Polly?

She was at the Raymond Terrace Heritage Festival last weekend. Polly has received invitations from other Sydney clubs, and has also been invited to visit (new) District 9560, which covers far north Queensland and Northern Territory.



Dear Rotarians and Friends,

Will you go [#OffTheGrid](#) with ShelterBox this World Refugee Day?

Right now, around 80 million people around the world have been forced to flee their homes. Amongst them are some 26 million refugees. ShelterBox Australia is working to change this.

The COVID-19 pandemic has only made the situation worse. Now, more than ever, emergency shelter saves lives.

On 20th June, we are inviting you to camp out in your backyard, to brave the elements and spend the lead up connecting with your family, colleagues and mates to raise vital funds to help us continue our emergency work around the world.

On the day, take it up a level by going without power for 24 hours — or dial it up 2 levels by choosing to ration your food.



However far you go, feel good knowing that your [#OffTheGrid](#) fundraising efforts will directly support ShelterBox's continued efforts to provide displaced families across the globe with emergency shelter and aid items.

## SIGN UP FOR THE CHALLENGE

Visit: <https://offthegrid-2021.raiseily.com> create your profile, and share it with your network via email and social media!

Once you raise \$500, we'll automatically ship you a free [#OffTheGrid](#) camping kit — including a ShelterBox solar light, two ShelterBox water bottles, and a deck of ShelterBox playing cards!

If you have any questions on getting started, please reach out to our [#OffTheGrid](#) team here: [development@shelterbox.org.au](mailto:development@shelterbox.org.au)

We're so excited to kick off the [#OffTheGrid](#) challenge for 2021, and can't wait to see your name on the Fundraising Leaderboard!

Many thanks for your support,

Mike Greenslade  
CEO ShelterBox Australia

PS: Not one for camping, but want to support our emergency work around the world? Support [#OffTheGrid](#) before 21st June and share with your friends



## Rotary Club of Warners Bay – Dinner Meeting – 10 May 2021

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

**Apologies:** Les C (Imm Past Pres); Kate B (International); Jenny C; Gail C; Kevin C; Jacqui D; Ian K; Toni Mc.

**Guest:** Ian Robinson, SES

**Welcome:** President Barry welcomed everyone, with special reference to the guest speaker, Ian.

**Prospective Member Information Night:** Membership Director, Glenda, gave members information regarding the upcoming Information Night for prospective new members. She would be emailing a proforma invitation that members can use to add in their friend or colleague's name to invite along. The information session will be held at 5:30pm Monday 24th May, immediately prior the next Club meeting.

**Next Club Meeting:** Kerry reminded everyone that the speaker for the next meeting would be Sue Bell, who has travelled to India with the End Polio Immunisation Program. This would be an interesting talk for any prospective new members who wish to stay for the Club meeting after the information session.

**District 9670 Virtual Conference:** Glenys explained the procedure for registering for the District Conference, plus registering to attend, with other Club members, at Club Macquarie on 22nd May. She reminded everyone that the cost for attending was to offset the fee that Club Macquarie is charging as well as to bolster the day's End Polio fundraising. Lunch is at member's own cost – the Bistro is aware that the event is being held. Glenys also reminded everyone to bring along some cash for the various fundraising activities throughout the day.

**Rosters and upcoming Events:** Glenys acknowledged that not everyone is able to access the Google Docs rosters easily. She (or incoming Club Service Director) will ensure that hard copy rosters for any forthcoming activities will be at the back of the meeting room so members can manually put their name down where they are available.

**Warners Bay Markets:** Glenda reminded everyone that the Markets were coming up on the following Saturday and has focused

the day to promoting the fun side of being a Rotarian. President Barry will be supervising his "Splat the Rat" game, while Steve will be running the "Higher/Lower" game, and Erin would be bringing along her crazy hats for some extra fun. Glenda asked that as many members as possible could come along to 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.

**Memory Walk & Jog:** Ross reminded everyone of the requirements for the day, thanking those who had already put their name on the roster and calling for a few extras for the day.

**Peter Raynor Award:** Kerry reminded the members that all nominations for this award needed to be handed to President Barry or herself. Some hard copy forms were made available.

**Lake Macquarie Autumn Fair:** President Barry expressed his heartfelt thanks to everyone. He gave a summary of the overall ticket sales – making mention that the printers of the tickets had printed fewer than order which meant a lot of running around collecting and reselling tickets on the day. The money gained from ticket sales will be distributed amongst the various Rotary Clubs involved, plus the commercial enterprises who accepted tickets, and to Camp Quality. Barry reminded everyone that the primary intention for the day was to be a community event, rather than strictly a fundraising event. Barry gave a special thank you to Toni Mc for organising the excellent line up of entertainment. The overall feedback he had received, so far, was very positive. The organising committee would be holding their wrap-up meeting on 11th May.

Glenys facilitated 20min of Club member feedback on the Fair – utilising the questions: What Worked Well? What Can be Improved? What Did We Learn? What are Some New Ideas? She would be collating the responses and presenting them to the Committee's meeting..

**Technology Training:** Erin presented a proposal for some training sessions, not during a Club meeting, to assist members with Club-related social media, including Facebook and LinkedIn. She also proposed other sessions on MyRotary which relates to all things Rotary – member's own information, Rotary promotional and educational resources and general Rotary International news. She handed out survey forms so she can establish the best day, time & venue location for the initial training in social media.

**Guest Speaker – Ian Robinson, SES:** Kate B, a long-time friend of Ian's, gave a comprehensive introduction highlighting the diversity of Ian's life and career leading to this point.

Ian shared some of his experiences as the Chief Inspector, Local Commander, SES Newcastle. Almost from day one as an SES volunteer, Ian found himself levitating to leadership positions – though it was never anything he put his hand up to do, it just seemed he was the right person for the job at the time. The SES Local Commander role looks after the Newcastle Local Government Area, as well as setting the "culture" within the Unit. He has established a culture that absolutely no discrimination or bullying of any kind will be tolerated.

During storm or flood, SES are there to help – and build resilience within the community by encouraging and showing the community how to be prepared prior an event occurring. Ian commented that the main risks facing the Newcastle and Lake Macquarie areas is flash flooding from localised rains. SES volunteers undergo lots of training for all aspects of their work, including specialist training for the more dangerous aspects of their work.

There are 130 members in the Newcastle Unit with 80 applying and awaiting initial training opportunities. The COVID situation put a stop to face-to-face training for quite some time and, even now, there are restrictions to how many may be trained in each session.

All SES members are volunteers, yet their only expenses are their personal fuel costs to get to and from training sessions at the Unit. When out on the job, the NSW State Government covers the costs for all travel, meals, and accommodation incurred by the volunteers.

Ian responded to many questions from Club members, finishing with the statement that he is passionate about what he is doing, his team, and the fact they are doing something positive in the community.

Katrina H thanked Ian for his talk and presented him with a book to sign, which will be donated to a local school.



**Meeting Close:**

President Barry closed the meeting at 8:30pm.

# DINNER MEETING ROSTER

DATE	Guest Speaker	Greeter		Assistant Treasurer	Introduce speaker	Thank Speaker	Rotary Education	Time to Shine
	<i>Coordinator: Katrina</i>	<i>Coordinator:</i>		<i>Coordinator: Christine</i>	<i>Coordinator: Glenys</i>		<i>Coordinator: Vina</i>	<i>Coordinator:</i>
8th Feb	Syann Williams Rotary Peace Fellow	Kerry	Vina	John	Katrina	Toni G		
22nd Feb	Neil Patterson Author	Jenny	Katrina	Toni G	Craig	Adrian	What is a Club	Glenys
8th Mar	Damon McDonald Author/Winner of Trailer Raffle	Ross	Toni Mc	Kerry	Christine	Helen	Areas of Service	Kate
22nd Mar	Club Assembly - Autumn Fair	Brian		Ross				
12th Apr	Pam Dean-Jones District Environment, Chair	Steve		Paul	Phil	Julie		Ross
26th Apr	Autum Fair – last minute preparations	Jenny	Vina	Helen				Vina
10th May	Ian Robinson – Local SES Area Commander for Natural and Other Disasters	John	Craig	Kerry	Toni G	Katrina		Jenny
24th May	Sue Bell + End Polio update	Glenda	Brian	Julie	Kerry	Ross		Philip
14th Jun	TBA	Katrina	Helen	Steve	Glenda	Toni Mc		Les
28th Jun	Changeover Dinner	Gail	Philip	Julie	Barry	Vina		N/A

## GREETER

- Welcome members as they arrive
- Welcome new members
- introduce to President
- introduce to Treasurer

## ASSISTANT TREASURER

- Sit with treasurer to assist with collecting fees, selling raffle tickets or assisting new members

## INTRODUCE GUEST SPEAKER

- Find out a little about the guest speaker - perhaps sit near them and have a conversation with them.
- Introduce guest speaker to the Club

## THANK THE GUEST SPEAKER

- Present Thank you card to speaker.
- Explain our Book donations to schools on their behalf, show the book
- Organise for the guest to sign the book

## 10 MINUTES OF FAME

This is your opportunity to tell your story. It may be some interesting facts or anecdotes about:

- your life and family
- your vocation or work life
- your aspirations
- a Rotary experience
- a funny story

It's up to you - it's a chance to get