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Rotary Club Warners Bay – Zoom Club Assembly Meeting 15 June 2020 – 6:30-7:30pm

Attendance: Les (President), Barry (Pres-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), Glenys & Steve, Julie, Brian, Helen, Jenny, Jacqui

Apologies: Kate (International Service), Adrian, PDG Peter (SVP), Ian & Judith, Gail & Kevin, Toni Mc

Guest/s: Clarice Hamling (Assistant Governor)

Club Assembly Items:

- Meeting Formats
- Cycle Event
- mherv
- Christmas Trailer Fundraiser
- Club Website
- Community Service

President-Elect Barry welcomed everyone to the Zoom meeting and commenced the Club Assembly with a format for meetings over the next Rotary Year, there are no big changes from what we have been doing, and we would be continuing to meet via “Zoom” for the foreseeable future to ensure the health and safety of all members and guests.

Club Meeting Format

Barry proposed we continue the recent practice of the Club Executives circulating a report by the Sunday prior to the meeting via the Club's Newsletter “In the Loop”, covering their area. If there is nothing to report, no report is necessary. However, there should be something to say every at least once a month.

This covers Community Service, Vocational Services, Club Service, International Service, Rotary Foundation, Membership, and Youth.

There should be a general finance summary

from the treasurer once a quarter and special finance report on the completion/result of any fundraising activity.

Any executive with particular information to impart or who needs interaction with the group (say to get volunteers), will be allocated a spot as necessary.

The **standard agenda** will be:

- Welcome (Introduce any special guests)
- Matters arising from reports and any verbal reports or requests of the membership
- Speaker
- Five minutes of fame.
- Close

Board Meeting Format

- Reports ahead of time (Sunday)
- Matter arising from reports
- Financial Report
- Special agenda items (notice to be given to Club President ahead of time (by Sunday))
- Project progress



Cycle Event:

The planned “**East Lake Charity Ride**” will be a much larger, and more varied, event than our previous LOOP events.

There will be significant changes to the routes and aiming at new demographics, in order to encourage a different set of riders.

The bike ride needs to be a whole club effort. In order to involve as many people as possible and to ensure not all the load falls on one or two people Barry has divided the effort into groups. There will be a monthly meeting (Covid permitting) of one representative from each group to report on progress and ensure all is progressing in coordination. These groups will each need to make progress in their area of expertise and coordinate their effort with the other groups as necessary (See diagram)

• Route Group (John, Christine, Jacqui)

- route, signage, police coordination, marshals

Progress: John and Christine have proposed an excellent route (consisting of 3 routes that all start & finish at Speers Point Park - 100km, 50km, 30km) and we have

had an initial meeting with the Police. They are in general agreement with the proposal. We just need to get final sign-off.

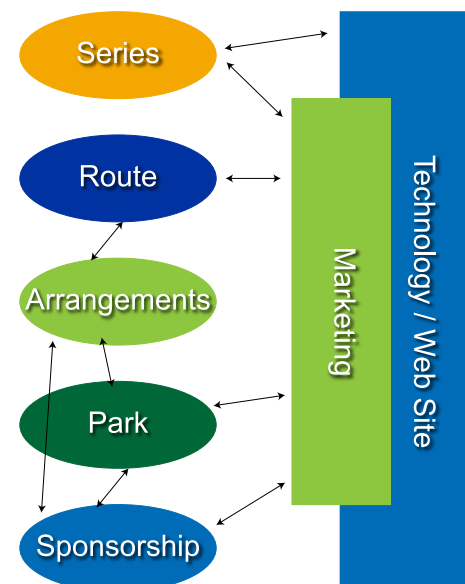
• Series Group (Barry, Peter Raynor)

- Coordinate with Singleton Mail Run and Century Ride (Central Coast to get the “Series” up and running)
- Ensure Maximum benefit achieved

Progress: Peter has made initial contact with the clubs and Barry have followed up. Singleton is actually run by the charity Singleton Family Group. (Not the Rotary Club. They just do the food and supply bodies). The committee will meet in the next week and Barry should here more after that. I have called the Century Ride a couple of times. They promise to get back to me. They too are waiting for meetings.

• Marketing Group (Glenda, Erin, Jacqui, Adrian)

- Select Charity to work with. Get them to help and if possible, run a lot of the marketing effort.
- Create a marketing plan and then execute it
- Marketing needs wide and frequent coverage newspaper articles, radio,



council web site, cycling groups, charity web site, our web-site, Facebook, brochures, cycle shops etc.

Progress: We have selected just two main charities at present “Got Your Back Sista”, and “Camp Quality”. The feeling is that too many will confuse the target audience. Barry will meet with GYBS on Tuesday 16th, BUT, we have to be cognizant of the reality that

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it costs money to do the things we do as a Rotary Club and some of the money we make must go to general funds. Glenda has agreed to come up with a marketing plan, which we can then follow.

• **Sponsorship Group** (Bernie, Glenda)

– The sponsorship group is charged with finding as many business sponsors as possible

– It requires the *chutzpah* to go and knock on doors and ask for money.

– We need sponsors for whatever we can get them for: signage, VMS signs, bibs, jersey logos etc.

Progress: Barry has started an embryonic sponsorship offer document. Glenda says there is a Rotary sponsorship model and is going to try to combine the two. Once we have that we can get onto the businesses in town.

• **Park Group** (Julie, Vina, Jenny?)

– The park is a big difference in what we have done before and what we are doing this time. The idea is to have a range of food stalls, drink stalls, kiddy rides, etc.

– Craig is looking into getting a Radio station to present on the day.

– Les is going to ask if his car club can be present on the day.

Progress: Julie has prepared an initial document with ideas, including a more streamlined Registration process. She is still collecting more. Any good thoughts, ideas and more volunteers will be appreciated. Please keep the ideas coming.

• **Arrangements Group** (Bernie, John?)

– The arrangements group is charged with making all the arrangements with 3rd parties and to ensure all the jobs just before the day and on the day are allocated and done. This will exclude park

jobs this year as they will be handled by the park group.

Progress: Bernie has the list he worked from last year. It seems there is another list filed on One Drive and John has forwarded another list to Barry. Bernie is going to consolidate those lists so we have a project list to work from.

• **Technology Group** (Michael/Erin/Ross)

– The technology group will work very closely with marketing. They are responsible for building and maintaining the web site.

Progress: Michael is going to start developing a web site based on the Singleton Mail Run model. Erin is looking into companies who can help us with processing individual sponsorship raising. Barry has asked to get access to the SMR lady who does their web site. She is a web designer who gives her time free to them.

President Les provided a report on **mherv** which is now a joint project of Warners Bay and Rutherford-Telarah Rotary Clubs.

The current goal is to replace the Nissan and the van with a motorhome. The Nissan is starting to “feel its age and mileage”, as is the van. A new motorhome will allow **mherv** to continue its journey around the State for several years more, and also provide accommodation for the resident RN (currently Rob Woolley) during transit between venues and in townships where the local Rotary Club is unable to provide accommodation.

Les is picking up the task of liaising with Rotary Clubs around the State. Jacqui has taken up the task of assisting host Clubs with promoting **mherv** in their areas. RN Rob Woolley has lots of ideas for the upcoming route for **mherv** and has ensured that the work space and his work practises are sensitive to COVID-19 requirements.

At this point in time, Les is in the progress of developing the new route, now that travel restrictions within NSW are easing.

Christmas Trailer Fundraiser: Christine advised that the original trailer offered to the Club was ready before we had anyone available to pick it up, so advised the supplier they could sell it to the next customer order. Christine presented three possible charitable recipients for the funds raised: “Survivors R Us”, Cardiff; “Nova Women”, Swansea, Booragul & Lambton; and “Staying Home - Leaving Violence”, Newcastle. Christine has proposed that a percentage of the net funds raised would be retained by the Club in order to purchase the following year’s trailer and some larger items to go in it.

Club Website: Erin and Glenda have been working on the new Club website – and it is almost ready for launch.

Community Service: Ross is still waiting to hear from **Camp Quality** regarding their mini camps – it is likely that they will still ask us to provide lunch, but not to serve it. **Ronald McDonald House** is only calling for donations at this time and are not asking any organisation to provide dinner, as has been done in previous years. **Cancer**

Council Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea can still be organised, and it is possible that the Lake Macquarie Performing Arts Centre can be utilised. **Australian Rotary Health Mental Health Hat Night** is still scheduled for Monday 26 October – Karissa Lewis from *Lifeline* has been booked as Guest Speaker.

New Member: Katrina formally welcomed Jacqui Dann as a reinstated member of the Club. Jacqui gave her thanks, and also thanked John & Christine for the help they had been giving her with project tasks in which she has already become involved.

Assistant Governor, Clarice made some comments and suggestions about choosing recipient charities for our events, and congratulated the Club on a successful Rotary Year.

President-Elect Barry encouraged every member to get involved in the preliminary work for all the events and projects the Club has in the planning, as well as helping out “on the day” – *Many Hands Make Light Work* – will truly be the adage for the coming year.

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 by NOON on the Sunday prior to publication each fortnight.

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Christmas Trailer Fundraiser – Christine

Hello all – well it has all now officially begun. The trailer has now been purchased.

The recipient for trailer donations has been decided “**Survivor’s R Us**” who aim to assist people encountering “Domestic Violence”.

The plan for the trailer project is for Club members to approach businesses and/or individuals who may be able to assist with a donation for the trailer, which will ultimately be included in the Christmas Trailer-full-of-goodies Guessing Competition prize.

Please contact me when you plan to approach a business and I will give you a Club Letter of Request with a pamphlet on “Survivor’s R Us” attached.

I will keep you all informed on progress as it happens. We look forward to a successful outcome of the project for both “**Survivors R Us**” and the Club.



Christmas Trailer October 2020

October 2020						
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Location						
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Other Notes						
Member						

Christmas Trailer November 2020

November 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Survivor’s R Us Incorporated

Supporting The Fight Against Domestic Violence

Mondays:

Hearty starts breakfast – 8am - 9am this service has been postponed until further notice. *Survivor’s R Us* prepares a cooked bbq breakfast, free to the public, each week on Monday and Thursday mornings. The aim is to give back to the community by providing a location for those who are unable to afford breakfast to receive a decent feed. No booking needed, just turn up with an empty stomach and a taste for bbq.

The Butterfly Corner – 1:30pm - 2:30pm *Survivor’s R Us* hosts a weekly afternoon tea for women. We hope to have a friendly group around to chat and have tea or coffee within a relaxed atmosphere every week.

Free hot food – 3:15 - 3:45 pm – Free hot food Tuesday, from our hot food van. Every day we pick up hot pies and sausage rolls and burgers and rolls and we give this hot food out.

Tuesdays:

Counselling - individual sessions – Christine Brooks is now working with us as a counsellor between 10am and 3pm, on Tuesdays to help out anyone who might require personal help, support or just

someone to listen. Our counsellors offer their services free of charge. To arrange a session with Christine, please feel free to call us on: 02 4953 7108.

First impressions is our on-site boutique where we offer our clients, including school leavers, the opportunity to choose a suitable outfit to wear to a job interview, court appearance or other important appointment. At *First Impressions* our clients can choose from a selection of suits, pants, shirts, ties, dresses, skirts, blouses and jackets. A small selection handbags, shoes, socks, hosiery, scarves, belts, toiletries and make-up items are also available. A nominal fee may apply.

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Wednesdays:

The pantry is restocked Our food warehouse, ‘The Pantry’, is restocked with new and existing products provided by foodbank. Please see our update posts on facebook for the arrival of new food items to the pantry.

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Ken’s Corner, Conversation And Chat

– 11am - 12pm *Survivor’s R Us* hosts a weekly morning tea for men where they can come to have coffee and feel free to talk about all types of things, such as men’s health and men’s domestic violence and anything they may be going through in their life. It is important that everyone has some one to talk to and that is what we are aiming for. We hope to have a friendly group of guys around to chat and have tea or coffee within a relaxed atmosphere every week. Please rsvp if you are planning to attend so we know for catering purposes.

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President's Annual Report – Les:

What an interesting year! All started routinely with the Changeover Ceremony last June. We were enthusiastic about undertaking activities to make Rotary more visible to the local community.

I would like to thank everyone who supported Glenda's initiative of setting up a stall at the Warners Bay Markets and a couple of events held in Speers Point Park such as the Domestic Violence Family Fun Day. This presence generated a significant number of opportunities to show and talk about the work of Rotary.

The organizing committee for the LOOP Charity Ride worked steadily and put together an excellent event. Unfortunately, the turn-out was disappointing even though the feedback from those that participated was positive. Barry, our President-Elect, saw an opportunity to re-focus the club and lead a very comprehensive analysis of the 2020 event. He also sought the attitudes and opinions of the club membership and determined that the club was willing to support a re-juvenated Bicycle Fundraising event. A management team was formed and has been at work during the middle of 2020 preparing for 2021.

Along came the Covid-19 pandemic. The resultant government restrictions and shutdown meant that we had to cancel many of our planned activities and for a short period meetings. Thanks to Zoom technology and some tech savvy members we have been able to have regular Board Meetings and General Club Meetings. Along with Vina's welfare "check-ins" we have been able to stay connected as a club.

Both our In-bound and Out-bound exchange students had their visits cut short. Gabby returned to Brazil after about 9 months in Australia, attending schools, travelling, and enjoying the experience. She fared better than Olivia who had only 3 months in Norway. Still a valuable and enjoyable experience but unfortunately cut short.

During the covid-19 period the board has tackled some administrative issues. We have adopted a new Constitution as suggested by Rotary International and are well on the way to updating our 10 year old Club Bylaws.

My biggest concern was and still is the membership of the club, specifically recruiting and maintaining membership. Unfortunately, during the 2019-2020 Rotary Year we have seen a significant number of members resign for a variety of reasons. These will need to be analysed and discussed during the coming year if we are to maintain a strong club.

As the 2019-2020 Rotary Year comes to an end, I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has guided, supported and assisted me in the role of President. I trust the same will be given to Barry as he takes on this role.



2020-21

Rotary Club of Warners Bay Virtual ChangeOver Program

Monday 29 June 2020

6:30pm via Zoom

6:30pm	Welcome	MC Craig Henningham
	Toast to Rotary	PDG Peter Raynor
	Response	DG Graeme Hooper
	Outgoing President's Report	Pres Les Corrigan
	Honorary Member presentation	Pres Les Corrigan
	New President Induction	DG Graeme Hooper
	Introduction to PHF recognition	MC Craig Henningham
6:50pm	Paul Harris Recognition	DG Graeme Hooper
7:00pm	Introduction of Guest Speaker	Adrian Payne
	Guest Speaker	RN Rob Woolley, mherv
	Vote of Thanks	MC Craig Henningham
7:20pm	Introduction of Incoming Board and Plans for the Coming Year	Pres Barry Knowles
7:30pm	Thank you and Close	MC Craig Henningham

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Rotary Foundation Annual Report – Vina

What a challenging Rotary year. Clubs have only been able to meet face to face for the first part of the year and since then we have been Zooming away. Even so it has been a very fruitful Rotary year.

The highlight has been the Polio Campaign. Ten of our members attended and assisted with A, The Polio Campaign Launch Dinner at Brown Sugar. B. The Iron Lung Trailer with Polly Launch Dinner at Maitland.

Several members took part in the Polio Walk at Newcastle foreshore and the Train Ride to Sydney. A small committee are planning Polly's journey around the Rotary clubs in our district.

Our club has also made the following donations in this Rotary Year to The Rotary Foundation via:

- District Polio Campaign: \$1000
- District Foundation Raffle: \$3000
- Loop Charity Ride: \$1000
- Money Boxes: \$62.92

Plastic money boxes and small cardboard boxes were received from the District Chair just before the shut down due to COVID19 so was unable to continue distributing them.

During the first part of the year, talks were given at club meetings on the following topics:

- Paul Harris our founder
- Arch C Klump The Rotary Foundation founder
- The Rotary Foundation Areas of focus and distribution of funds; How to find a project and District Grants criteria.
- A slide show of our Agricultural Project at Glendale Technology High School and continuous progress talks.

This has been a very successful project and after we left the site the project is led by a dedicated teacher .. It has now been entirely fenced in, a water tank installed, garden beds have been extended with a compost bin. It is a sustainable project as the Glendale goodies and vegetables are sold to purchase plants and chook food . The educational and life skills are the main positive outcomes for the students at the High School as well as two nearby Early Learning centres.

Thank you to all members from our club who participated in all these activities and programs mentioned.

RI President Elect Holger Knaack, a member of the Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Mölln, Germany, revealed the 2020-21 presidential theme, Rotary Opens Opportunities at the Rotary International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA, on 20 January.



Below is a link to the Holger speech shown at last night's District 9670 Changeover. You have been sent this link to enable you to show this at your club changeover or your next club meeting.

Be aware the file is 102.4mb in size. Be aware this link access expires on 6 July 2020.

<https://1drv.ms/v/s!Ag7QCXKOVtpBhynbJFkRIWZmwUCP?e=s4HUCG>

"We will capture this moment to grow Rotary, making it stronger, more adaptable, and even more aligned with our core values."



Rotary Opens Opportunities

Club Welfare – Vina

Although it has not been great weather, most people seem to be well.

Peter being an exception. He still is battling with cellulitis but, due to Margaret's great care, has kept him out of hospital.

Brian has had successful cataract ops and looked in great spirits at a Park meeting this week.

Katrina is back working face to face and Craig is very busy working at school and home as well as starting his Area Governor duties

Gail and Kevin are heading off later in the month in their van to catch up with their family members.

John and Chris now have purchased the trailer and are now busy finding donations to fill it.

Barry's Ride committees have been meeting to plan our new ride.

Keep well and warm and take care as COVID19 hasn't disappeared.

Social Media and Rotary Talk (SMART) – Erin:

The SMART Committee has finally launched the new Rotary Club of Warners Bay website, visit:

<https://www.warnersbayrotary.org.au/>

(this web address has not changed).

The site has been created using Rotary International's ClubRunner framework which gives our club a lot of scope to use stories, pictures, logos and other RI branded content as well as customising it to suit our own needs locally.

Some of the pages are following templates and will need some further localising and we would welcome anyone who wants to assist in this process.

There is room for more pages to come, new home page 'widgets' that promote our activities including links, photos and videos for our activities.

Take a look around and if you have any thoughts let us know. A demonstration will be organised on the key areas at a club meeting soon.



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

My clues must have started working!

Congratulations to Kerry for guessing Toni McLean, from 18th May.

Clues: 1st June – this gorgeous little bub has grown up to be a compassionate mother, grandmother and mentor to many young mums; 15th June – this cheerfully chappy is a proud dad and granddad and loves "scouting around" for things to do!

Send your response to Katrina by Friday 10th July – hello@katrinahenningham.com – winner/s will be announced in the next issue of "In the Loop".



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Community Service Annual Report – Ross

Thank you to the Community Service Team for their valuable support this past Rotary year. Thank you also to other club members who volunteered to assist the team with events held over the year.

These were some of the events organised by the team:

Ronald McDonald House Dinner:

Thanks to the 9 people (including 2 exchange students) who helped prepare the dinner for the families staying at RMH last September. Despite some BBQ problems everyone managed quite well. Club members provided some tasty salads and desserts. Everyone got stuck in preparing the food and cleaning up afterwards. Thanks to the club for providing \$245 to cover the cost of the BBQ.

Camp Quality:

Our club helped provide lunch and morning tea for the Camp Quality Mini Camp held at

Charlestown Multi-Purpose Centre in July last year. Thanks to Vina, who organised the day, and to Helen, Julie, Dianne, Louise, Jenny and Chris for making the day a success. There was enough food provided to even feed the fire brigand who came to put on a show for the kids.

Mental Health Hat Night:

Crazy hats, games, special raffle for Rotary Health and guest speaker, Byron Williams, from 'headspace' in Newcastle, again made for an enjoyable evening last October. Special thanks to the club for donating \$500 to our fund raising for the Australian Rotary Health Mental Research Fund. The raffle held on the night added another \$100 to the donation.

Family Fun Day / Say No to Domestic Violence:

Thank you to the many people who helped make the BBQ at this event a success last

November. We managed to sell most of our sausage sandwiches with little left over and made \$478 to add to club funds.

Clean Up Australia:

Thank you to 7 club members who helped with Clean Up Australia Day in Warners Bay in March this year. Warners Bay Landcare once again provided a fantastic site - lots of bags, gloves, sunscreen, and so on, but also a delicious morning tea. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we did not have an opportunity to help Landcare with planting and weeding one of their local Landcare sites again this year.

Biggest Morning Tea 2020:

This event was booked for May 15th this year. Unfortunately, because of COVID-19, the event had to be postponed. Hopefully, if conditions improve, we can hold a morning tea at a local venue later this year.

Vocational Service Annual Report – Kerry

The past Rotary year has been a busy one for me, fulfilling my Rotary district obligations. I have completed my third year as Assistant Governor for Zone 6, looking after 5 clubs in our district.

My other district role is Rotary Foundation Polio Sub- chair.

In the early days, Vocational Service was the primary focus of Rotary.

During the past Rotary year, we have heard about the vocations and talents of many of our members, during their 'get to know you' spots at dinner meetings.

Our club joined RC Cardiff on a vocational visit to Red Frog Warners Bay, a wonderful group of Occupational therapists who work primarily with special needs children.

Our Pride of Workmanship Awards did not happen this year, but it should be back next year.

Our club hosted the rejuvenated Leckie Poetry Awards last year. We welcomed poets from Cardiff and Charlestown clubs. Such wonderful poetic talent abounded. Unfortunately Charlestown, again, took out the trophy! Cardiff will host the awards for this year (hopefully in August). So start penning those poems team.

Polio Annual Report – Kerry

POLLY: Feb 2020 saw the launch of the 'Polly' Roadshow. A dream of PDG Peter Raynor, brought to fruition by a small group of dedicated Rotarians including Christine J Evans, John Evans and myself, with the support of the Rotary Foundation Committee. 'Polly' is a purpose built remote controlled trailer, equipped with a real 'iron lung', TV and videos and other resources. Polly will travel around the district and further afield, to raise awareness and funds for Rotary's END POLIO program.

REPORTED CASES: So far in 2020 there have been 61 reported cases of Wild Polio. The only 2 countries still reporting wild polio cases are Afghanistan and Pakistan.

We must continue the END POLIO campaign to eradicate this terrible disease from the world. If we don't, it may return!

Thank you everyone for your hard work and support during the past challenging Rotary year.



Breaking News... RI Announces a 7th Area of Focus for Rotary Foundation – Supporting The Environment

The Rotary Foundation Trustees and Rotary International Board of Directors have both unanimously approved adding a new area of focus: supporting the environment.

More than \$18 million in Foundation global grant funding has been allocated to environment-related projects over the past five years. Creating a distinct area of focus to support the environment will give Rotary members even more ways to bring about positive change in the world and increase our impact.

Supporting the environment becomes Rotary's seventh area of focus, which are categories of service activities supported by global grants. It joins peacebuilding and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation, and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and community economic development.

Grant applications for projects will be accepted beginning on 1 July 2021. Gifts and commitments from Rotarians and others will be sought to provide global grant support for the new area of focus.

More information about this new cause will be announced soon.

Membership Annual Report – Glenda

Over the last 12 months I have attended a number of networking meetings trying to raise the profile of Rotary club of Warners Bay in the Local and broader Business Community, by attending Local Business Chamber, Lake Macquarie Business and Hunter Business Chamber, as well as a couple of NFP Connect.

Warners Bay Chamber: At the beginning of my term I met with the Coordinator for; Warners Bay Chamber, Music in the Podium and Warners Bay Markets. They were keen to help the Club in whatever way possible and we discussed a number of issues in the area and some initiatives we might be able to partner with. From this meeting we were offered a presence at:

• Warners Bay Markets • Christmas Markets

The chamber was also interesting in partnering with the club in:

• Business Breakfast/Luncheon/Dinner
• Chamber membership • Kids Shed – Fully supportive of this concept • Partnerships with some businesses • Pride of workmanship awards

A number of other initiatives have also been explored such as

• Corporate Membership • Friends of Rotary • New Member Badges

The markets were our best source of promotion. Each month was themed to showcase the amazing work of Rotary, locally and internationally. These were:

• **The Iron Lung and End Polio display.**

My Sister's Birthday Present – Glenda

Bernie reckons I love putting the pressure under myself. Well "I done it again Magoo".

My sister was going to be in OZ for her birthday this year. For the last 13 years she has been in Italy shepherding around her tour groups. Needless to say, she does not have many winter clothes. So, me being the Big sis I am, decided 2 weeks before her birthday (including the long weekend where we had decided to do a road trip) to knit her a jumper. I saw one in the latest Better Homes magazine. It looked simple enough. All plan knitting, nothing fancy. You know what they say about best laid plans. I was hoping to have the knitting finished before we went away. Well, that didn't happen, so I took it on the road trip with me. Sitting in the car trying to knit was a challenge should I say.

By the time we arrived home I had still not finished so I madly knitted the final triangles, over the next couple of days, laid it out on the

This created a lot of interest with many people actually knowing with the machine was and what Polio was.

• Christmas Markets were a twilight market but was not as successful as first hoped due to the inclement weather. At these markets we showcased the **ShelterBox**, with the assistance of Chris McGrath District ShelterBox coordinator. Once again this raised a lot of interest with those who braved the weather.

• February Markets was the focus of the **Loop** with a stationary Bike Challenge sponsored by SCF. They donated a stationary bike to be used for this challenge. After an interesting start the day was a success and raised much need awareness for the bike ride and a number of participants asking if we will be doing this again. Bay Bikes are keen to facilitate an event.

Then Covid hit and all outdoor and all other activities were put on pause. We started using Zoom as the preferred method of communication and going forward this will be a great tool for members not able to attend meetings for one reason or another.

A club You Tube account has been set up and will be able to be used in the future as a marketing and membership tool.

We have lost a number of members for varying reasons but compared to clubs across the district we have fared well.

I would like to thank the members for their continued support of raising the profile of the club and hope we will be able to continue this once the world gets back to some kind of normal.

bed, stitched some of the sections, stitched up the shoulders, pinned in the sleeves, folded it up, put it in the box and gave it to her on her birthday like that, with the undertaking I would have it finished by the end of the weekend.

Once again best laid plans. I pinned it all together and madly stitched away. I had just about finished when I discovered I had stitched half one of the sleeve upside down. So, I had to unpick an restitch the section and then resew in the sleeve in.

I finally finished late on Sunday afternoon and we made a mad dash up to Maitland to give it too her. She tried it on and loved it. THANK GOODNESS. By the end I was pleased to see the back of it. I must admit it looked good on her though.

Two days later she called me to say, "do you want to go into business, I have a number of people who want my jumper." I just laughed and told her they could not pay me enough.

Youth Annual Report – Craig

It's been a pretty quiet year for Youth this time around. We weren't involved in some of our regular activities, not that we didn't want to. We did however still manage to do our regular school awards and between a few of us managed to make presentations at Biddabah, Boolaroo, Mt Hutton, Speers Point, St Mary's, Valentine and Warners Bay.

We managed to provide some support for the RYLA weekend in the way of food and our very own Erin Marney was there for the whole time as one of the leaders.

Sadly the Youth Exchange Program is on hold for now due to COVID 19. It was very sad that Olivia had to come home so soon after arriving in Norway. Gabi was a bit more fortunate and managed to stay here for most of her allocated time but missed the Capricorn Ramble which didn't go ahead anyway.

Gail Cornford has spoken to a number of schools about a proposed Rotary Peace Public Speaking competition and there has been considerable interest. Unfortunately, again due to COVID 19, this has been postponed until next year. Gail will report further on this in due course.

As school assemblies have not been going ahead, we still have a number of books to distribute in the name of our various guest speakers.

As of changeover, the Youth Portfolio will become vacant. If anyone is interested in picking up this interesting position, please speak to Les or Barry.



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The Rotary District 9670 Youth Exchange Program Committee, along with the Inbound and Outbound students, sends our Rotary Club their thanks for sponsoring & hosting a student, during this difficult year – and appreciates our understanding, assistance & friendship.



Rotary District 9670 Youth Exchange
Program – Outbound 2020

Thank You

Humour is Healthy...



Drugs: A couple lived near the ocean and used to walk the beach a lot.

One summer they noticed a girl who was at the beach almost every day.

She wasn't unusual, nor was the travel bag she carried, except for one thing; she would approach people who were sitting on the beach, glance around and then speak to them.

Generally, the people would respond negatively and she would wander off.

But occasionally someone would nod and there would be a quick exchange of money and something that she carried in her bag.

The couple assumed that she was selling drugs and debated calling the cops, but since they didn't know for sure, they decided to just continue watching her.

After a couple of weeks the wife said, 'Honey, have you ever noticed that she only goes up to people with boom boxes and other electronic devices?' He hadn't and said so.

Then she said, 'Tomorrow I want you to get a towel and our big radio and go lie out on the beach. Then we can find out what she's really doing.'

Well, the plan went off without a hitch and the wife was almost hopping up and down with anticipation when she saw the girl talk to her husband and then leave.

The man then walked up the beach and met his wife at the road.

'Well, is she selling drugs?' she asked excitedly.

'No, she's not,' he said, enjoying this probably more than he should have.

'Well, what is it then? What does she do?' his wife fairly shrieked.

The man grinned and said, 'She's a battery salesperson.'

'Batteries?' cried the wife.

'Yes!' he replied...

'She Sells C Cells by the Seashore!'