

## From the President's Pen – Barry

Hi Members and Friends,

As the Christmas and New Year break fades rapidly into distant memory, we can now focus squarely on what the next few months holds, and get down to making sure all our plans come to fruition.

The big one, of course is the **Lake Mac Autumn Fair**.

I have been working quite hard on this, and we are gradually building up a good selection of participants and stalls, Rotary run, charity run and commercially run.

Meanwhile Adrian and Toni McLean are starting to pull together the entertainment aspects.

I have a meeting with Council on Monday which will hopefully clarify several doubts we have on what we can and can't do. So I hope to be able to give you a good summary on Monday evening of what will be included and also maybe enlist some help for the next stages.

Other things on the horizon are the **Bunnings Barbeque** in April (postponed

from 6th Feb.), and the **Memory Walk** barbeque on 21st March. In addition the **Survivors R Us** breakfasts continue as does the **Oz Harvest** packing,

Gail has been quietly progressing our **Schools Peace Project** all through last year, and that will come to fruition this year, including the installation of the **"Peace Poles"** at 4 local schools.

We will also have the pleasure of **Syann Williams**, a **Rotary Peace Fellow**, speak at our meeting on Monday, both very timely events which coincide with the **Rotary 100 Peace Symposium** which runs in April this year and the **Rotary Focus of the Month for February**, being **Peace and Conflict Resolution**.

**mherv** hit the road again this week!

We are pleased to welcome our long suffering (through COVID) **mherv** nurse, Rob Wooley, to the meeting on Monday and I am sure he will tell us a bit about this current tour, and will have a few anecdotes for us.

*I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.  
Keep well, keep active!*



## February - Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution

During this month, clubs highlight the importance developing world understanding and supporting education and projects to develop skills in building peace and conflict prevention & resolution. Special activities could include:

- Organise, promote, or participate in MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly)
- Engage in reconciliation of broken families, restoring relationships
- Help with how people can live in peace with their families and their neighbours
- Assist young single mothers who are victims of sexual and other abuse through training programs
- Nominate a Rotary Peace Scholar

“There can be no greater gift than that of giving one's time and energy to help others without expecting anything in return.”

Nelson Mandela

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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 NOON on **Saturday 20 February** Thanks!

Next Meetings: 6:00pm

Monday 8 February

Guest Speaker: Syann Williams,  
Rotary Peace Fellow

Monday 22 February

Guest Speaker: Neil Patterson

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!

## Club Meeting Minutes – Monday 18 January

**Attendance:** Barry K (President); Julie B (Minutes); Vina C (Foundation); Toni G (Compliance); Kerry H (Community Service); Jenny C; Toni Mc; Ross Mc; Adrian P; Jacqui D; John E; Helen P.

**Apologies:** Katrina H (Secretary); Kate B (International); Les C (IPP); AG Craig H; Glenda K (Membership); Bernie K; Gail C; Kevin C; Christine J-E (Treasurer); Ian K; Brian Mac; Erin M; Glenys T (Pres-Elect, Club Service); Steve T; Michael W.

Dinner was served from 6:20pm. Barry opened meeting at 7:15pm and welcomed everyone to the new year.

Commented that the new year is a time for renewal and thinking about the year ahead. It has been a sad start to the year for the Rotary family with the passing of Peter Raynor, the epitome of Warners Bay RC. So it is also a time to reflect and remember. Everyone stood for a minute's silence to remember Peter and reflect.

Barry commented that the agenda was short and fairly informal.

### Upcoming events:

**6/02: Bunnings BBQ (Boolaroo).** Vina advised that she had enough volunteers at this time. John and Vina are meeting with Bunnings this week to finalize arrangements. Vina will email members after that meeting and advise requirements and roles. It is acknowledged that the BBQ won't be as profitable as previous ones due to COVID but would nevertheless be a good opportunity to raise some money for the Club. Bunnings are also happy to have us involved as the BBQ's do attract customers.

**26/2: Lake Macquarie Council's Australia Day Festival** has been cancelled due to COVID.

**21/3: Opportunity to run a BBQ at Speers Point Park as part of the "Memory Walk and Jog" event.** Volunteers will be needed for this event so put the date in your diary.

Barry commented that the Club doesn't have its own BBQ so organizing one is always an extra hassle. Adrian mentioned that Bunnings at Bennetts Green has a BBQ Trailer that is ready to go but is yet to have the BBQ fitted. He will make enquiries about being able to borrow it.

**1/5: Autumn Fair** – Definitely happening; another meeting 19/1

### 2021: The year ahead

Attendees were given a sheet of paper and were given 5 minutes to answer 2 questions:

- What do you want to get out of Rotary this year?
- What are you willing to put into Rotary?

Barry commented that the 2 questions are related and referred to the JFK quote: "Ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country,"

The answers could be anonymous but the more vocal were invited to share their thoughts. Answers to the first question included social/friendship, community service, every member feeling engaged and connected, members willing to set up a project. Individual answers were collected by Barry.

### Question raised about what is happening to the trailer?

The trailer is still in Vina's garage and Vina is not desperate for it to be rehomed. Paul Burchell has offered to find a spot for it in his new storage facility if necessary.

The contents have been sorted and any items at risk of going out of date have been removed (mainly cosmetic items). The value is approx. \$400. It was suggested that these could be used for a Mother's Day raffle at the Autumn Fair.

There is a meeting this week with the Trailer winner who is due to speak at a dinner in March.

### Club Storage

A comment was made that we are paying good money for a lot of junk at the moment. There was general agreement that it needs to be sorted and obsolete/unwanted items disposed of. There is also a concern that the container is leaking.

It was agreed that the matter needs to be assessed and an action plan agreed. For discussion at a Board meeting.

### Suitability of Seminar Room 2 for dinner/meeting

The objective is to have the meeting and dinner in the one room as the need to relocate is disruptive and a waste of time. However, Seminar Room 2 is less than ideal – too many steps/no lift access and too small to allow proper social distancing for more than 13 attendees. Julie agreed to contact the Club manager to see if a more satisfactory option is available. If dinner and the meeting can be held in the one room, request dinner to be served from 6:30pm (not 6:15pm). Toni McLean offered to bring her sound equipment if this helps.

Meeting closed at 8:00pm

## District Rotary Foundation Certificate – PDG Graeme

It is usual practice, at the District Changeover in late June / early July each year, for the outgoing District Governor to present awards and certificates to Clubs in recognition of the work they have done, or the generous levels of donations they have made to The Rotary Foundation (TRF).

Unfortunately, the District Changeover in July 2020 was restricted to a Zoom event with many of the usual presentations postponed.

At our Club's Christmas dinner function, last year, PDG Graeme gave a short presentation on the valuable work of TRF and the End Polio Campaign.

PDG Graeme presented, for Immediate Past President Les, a certificate acknowledging the Club's financial support of TRF. President Barry accepted the certificate on Les' behalf.



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## A message from Area Governor, Craig Henningham:

### A word on Branding

My first grandson was born around the time that Rotary International changed its branding to the current style. During the time since, my grandson has learned to walk and talk, been toilet trained, learned to swim, play soccer, count, read and write, and manipulate his parents. It seems rather strange then, that in the same amount of time, many Rotarians haven't learned to use correct branding.

This is one of the areas in which Clubs will be audited over the next 12 months. It is important that all Clubs' branded items are complying with RI current branding.

Following is an excerpt from a 2016 article (*The Rotarian*) on the subject:

### Many people don't know much about Rotary. Together, we can change that

Despite more than a century of Rotarians creating change in communities around the globe, many people don't understand what Rotary is, how we're different, and why they should engage with us. To thrive in the 21st century, Rotary needs a strong identity. And while every Rotarian's experience is unique, how we tell Rotary's story should be consistent. You can help by following these simple steps.

#### Celebrate our "new" look and feel

*How can you help keep Rotary's identity strong?*

Around the world, you find the Rotary wheel along roadsides, in parks, and on

sponsored projects. While no two clubs are exactly alike, our wheel signals that what Rotary represents – people coming together to move our communities forward – is the same everywhere.

Like the "Nike swoosh", the power of the Rotary wheel is in its consistency. When an organization refreshes its logo, **as Rotary did in 2013**, using the updated mark is critically important.

That's why Rotary International created the **Brand Center** to help clubs use Rotary's refreshed logo consistently and correctly.

Visit [www.rotary.org/brandcenter](http://www.rotary.org/brandcenter)

Craig Henningham  
Area Governor  
Zone D

Rotary   
District 9670

## A message from President-Elect Glenys:

This year is shaping up to be a very busy year for our Club.

So here are just a few snippets for you ...

### A Date for Your Diary

Saturday 22nd May

District 9670

### "Do Goodery" Conference

This year's District Conference is shaping up to be an amazing event you won't want to miss.

As the conference will be presented as a virtual event, the Rotary Club of Warners Bay have decided to follow the District Governor's suggestion and plan a day for our Club to share this event with other local Clubs.

More information to be announced – so keep the date free for an interesting fun day.

### Project: Backpacks for School Children

This very worthwhile project provides disadvantaged children with a new backpack filled with essential items to encourage their self-confidence and enhancing learning.



This project will be an ongoing project for our Club.

Items that may be included in the backpacks are –

- Lunchbox, drink bottle
- Stationery – coloured pencils, lead pencils, pens, textas, twistable crayons, glusticks, geometry set, rulers, pencil sharpener, eraser, pencil case
- Notebook or journal
- Something practical as well as something fun



#### How can you help?

At this time of year, many stores have specials on these items as school has gone back. So **we would love donations** from you for this project. When you are doing your weekly shopping, perhaps pick up a few items and bring them to the next meeting.

If you would like to be *co-ordinator or part of the team* organizing this project, please see Glenys.

Many Hands Make  
Light Work...



## 2020 School Presentations

The Club has received many notes of thanks from all the local primary schools who received a donation of books for their libraries and the Rotary Club of Warners Bay Student Awards & Vouchers. The books are those that have been signed by our guest speakers, or on their behalf during the online zoom meetings.

Our Club also provides a donation for an award at Glendale Technology High School and Vina and Glenys were invited to attend to represent the Club.



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**Welfare– Vina**

At the beginning of 2020, on 4th January, we lost one of our long-serving members, as well as a passionate Rotarian and a friend to many. Peter was acknowledged at our Christmas Party with an Award for his contribution to our Club and to Rotary as an organisation. This meant a great deal to Peter and his family. I have had many chats with Margaret and thanks to those who have also made contact.

At this very moment, Ian is in Sydney for his Bone Marrow Transplant which took place on Friday 5th February. Our thoughts are with Ian and his family through these challenging times.

Some members – Michael, Kerry and Bernie – are recovering/dealing with their health issues at the moment and our thoughts are also with them.

Thankfully we have survived the past year without contracting COVID-19 and, no doubt, everyone is looking forward to the vaccine which should be rolled out soon.

**Rotary Foundation – Vina**

February is the Rotary Month of **Peace And Conflict Resolution**. Conflict and violence displaces millions of people each year. Half of those killed in conflict are children and 90% are civilians. We refuse to accept conflict as a way of life.

Rotary projects, Peace Fellowships and Scholarships provide training that fosters understanding and provides communities with the skills to resolve conflict, including poverty, inequality, ethnic tension ,lack of access to education and unequal distribution of resources

At our next dinner meeting, our guest speaker is a Rotary Peace fellow, Syann Williams. Toni and I heard her speak about her work at the 25th Anniversary Celebration of RC Toronto Sunrise and you will find her presentation something to look forward to.

Congratulations to Gail for her work and preparation about her Peace Project in our four local Primary schools. Due to COVID19 restrictions in schools, this has been delayed for the time being. A Foundation Grant has been applied for to support the project, as well as funds from our Club.



**Community Service – Kerry**

Please see the roster for helping with the BBQ breakfasts at Survivors R Us.

Please let me know if you can assist with any of the days. Many thanks for your support.

**2021 Roster: Survivors R Us**

Helping with breaky BBQs every second **Thursday 8am -10am.**

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18th February	Philip; Glenys; Helen; Vina; Steve
4th March	Vina; Ross; Helen; Glenys; Steve
18th March	Jenny; Helen; Vina; Kate; Kerry

**Position Vacant**  
The position of **Editor of**  
**in the Loop** 

will be available from **Changeover (28th June 2021)**

Relevant image and graphic files will be handed over to the wonderful volunteer who takes up this position – *the newsletter is ready for a new Editor and a new Design*

**Please contact: President Barry, Secretary Katrina or President-Elect Glenys with your expression of interest**



**February:**

13th – Kevin C

16th – Glenys T

