

A message from President Glenys

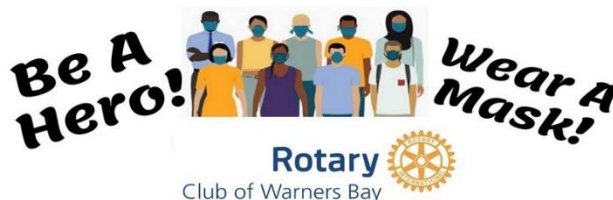
The uncertainty being caused by greater COVID infections is an ongoing dilemma. We have joined the fun of LOCKDOWN - we must still be vigilant. Get a vaccine, wear a mask, wash and sanitise well and keep safe distances. Spread the word how important it is to vaccinate!

I'm sure we all have family and friends in lock down situations – keep in contact with them and check R U OK .

R U OK Day is coming up next month, 9th September, but it is a question that needs to be asked constantly. A conversation could change a life.



Sadly we have had to postpone our Changeover Gala Awards Night tomorrow night. It will be an awesome party when we eventually get to have it.



Next Meetings

Monday 9th August

7.00pm ZOOM Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84365616354?pwd=QUplcjFTbjhjRXRYOQlVhT1RpZHZyZz09>

Meeting ID: 843 6561 6354
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Special Guests
 DG Amanda Roach and
 PDG David Roach.

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Monday 23rd August

6.15pm Club Meeting

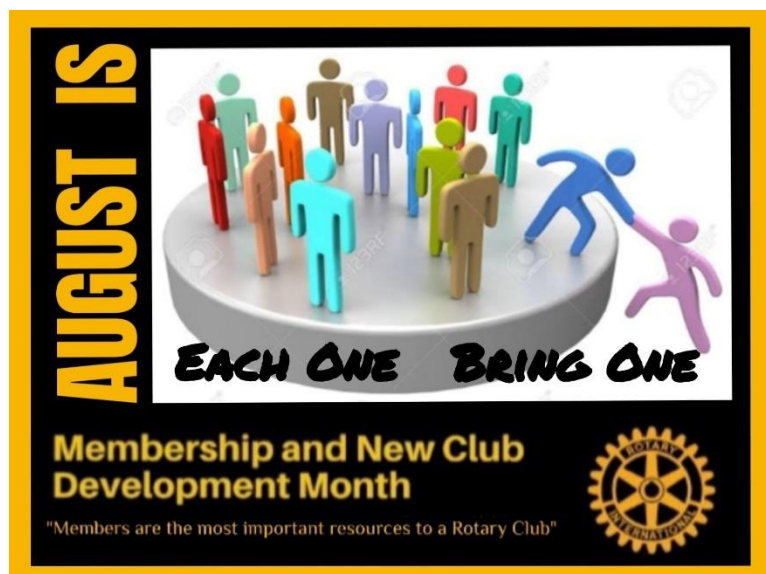
Club Macquarie
 The meal and meeting will be held in
 the **Rec Lounge**

Special Guests
 Shaun Stoneman and
 Jesse Lackey
 RC Newcastle Discovery
 Passport Club

**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.*

Thank you



*We are working towards having a membership
 drive culminating with an Information Night in
 October.*

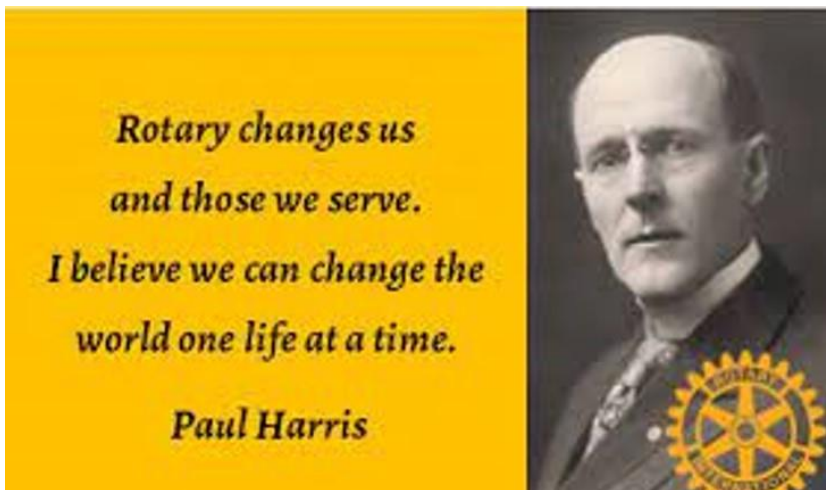
Any ideas that may help?

Guest Speaker Presentation: Evan Gardiner RFS July 27

The presentation by Evan was in great depth and detail, painting a full picture of the NSW Rural Fire Service which is the world's largest volunteer fire service. The service covers approximately 99% of NSW or 792,624 km² and attended 26,523 incidents and 2,340 controlled burns in 2019/2020. Evan also mentioned Coffees4Kids, a fully registered charity which combines the act of donating the value of a cup of coffee each week to support the health, safety and wellbeing children. Don't forget to get your Fires Near Me App installed on your mobile phone.



Figure 1: Helen thanked Evan



S.M.A.R.T. News

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

RCWB Program

Coordinator - Glenys

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WfRDoddQ5_freuXYItJT1YxBLuN7i90ipQiX5NlKW5o/edit#gid=1176360484

Survivors R Us - BBQ Breakfast

Coordinator – Kerry

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Warners Bay Markets – BBQ

Coordinator – Glenda

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MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATES

Mherv News

The project team has decided to shift our efforts for the next itinerary to Queensland and introduce MHERV to southern and central Queensland.

With Covid uncertainty over borders and Rob located in the Sunshine Coast this was the best alternative to keep the project active.

The team are currently working on revamping MHERV in a box for use within D9670.

Applications for a replacement contract registered nurse are now open via seek.



Christmas Trailer Raffle

The trailer is registered and ready to be filled with all sorts of goodies to give us another amazing raffle.

Christine has asked for donations of goods that may be added to what is in the trailer already. If you have any ideas or goods, contact Christine.

We sell tickets throughout November and early December, so leave space in your diary to help.



Lake Mac Autumn Fair April 30, 2022

Where are we up to?

The park is booked and the first LMAF committee meeting will be held in September.

How can you help?

- Consider being part of the organising committee working with other local Rotary Clubs.
- Think about some fun games that will raise money for us. Last year we had the Coconut shy, Splat the Rat, a Treasure hunt, Pick the card game. Next year we want more fun.
- Glenys suggested a House and Garden stall – plants, crafts, wooden toys – get started now – great thing to do in lockdown
- What else can we do to raise money while having fun?

All suggestions greatly appreciated.





NATIONAL TREE DAY

We had a fun morning with Landcare last week to celebrate National Tree Day. Six members of our club joined with Warners Bay Landcare and Warners Bay Sustainable Community group to add 200 plants to the bank of the creek near Albert Street bridge.

They had estimated a couple of hours to complete the task, but it was completed in less than an hour, followed by yummy morning tea and a chat.

Thanks to Julie, Ross, Christine, John, Steve and Glenys.

Thanks to Ross for coordinating.



SERVICE DIRECTOR – Kerry

SURVIVORS R US

Last Thursday was our turn to cook the awesome BBQ breakfast at Survivors.

This week with Covid Lockdown in place, they are cooking the BBQ as take away.

Please add your name to the roster as on 19th August, we may be asked to cook even if we are still in lockdown.



SURVIVORS R US

On Tuesdays, Kerry volunteers at Survivors. She organises a mother and baby group as well as helping where a need arises. She has been Covid marshal, seamstress and even learnt how to drive a forklift. Well done!

OZ HARVEST are still packing food hampers at PCYC on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday. Contact Kerry if you are interested



ENVIRONMENTAL LIAISON

Julie has taken on the role of Environmental liaison for RCWB. She will attend the District Zoom Environment Meeting on Tuesday 10th August and report back to the Club.

Julie is also a member of the Warners Bay Sustainable Neighbourhood group as well as Warners Bay Community Garden.



Sometimes I just want it to stop. Talk of Covid, protests, looting, brutality. I lose my way. Become convinced that this "new normal" is real life. But, then I meet an 87 year old who talks of living through Polio, diphtheria, Vietnam, protests and yet is still enchanted with life. He seemed surprised when I said that 2020 must be especially challenging for him. "No", he said slowly looking me straight in the eyes, "I learned a long time ago to not see the world through the printed headlines, I see the world through the people that surround me. I see the world with the realization that we love big. Therefore, I just choose to write my own headlines. "Husband loves wife today. " "Family drops everything to come to Grandmas bedside." He patted my hand "Old man, makes new friend". His words collide with my worries, freeing them from the tether I had been holding tight. They float away. I am left with a renewed spirit. My headline now reads "woman overwhelmed by the spirit of kindness and the reminder that our Capacity to love is never ending"

CLUB SERVICE - Julie

WELFARE

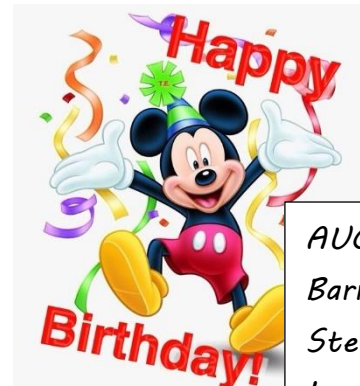
Lots of happy thoughts and get well wishes for Ian and Judy.

It was great to see Jenny and Helen back at the last meeting. Jenny has moved house and is settling into another amazing adventure.

Helen has been looking after a sick relative who is improving.

Home safely - Gail and Kevin have been holidaying in Queensland for several months. They were caught in a COVID hot spot in south Queensland and have arrived home safely just in time for another lockdown. Philip and Marina are also in Queensland. Stay safe friends.

Stay close to people
who feel like sunshine



AUGUST
Barry
Steve
Ian



MANY HANDS
MAKE
LIGHT WORK

SOCIAL NIGHTS

Occasionally, there are 5 Mondays in the month, and these are programmed as a Social Night. In the next few months, there are 2 upcoming Social Nights.

30th August

19th November

In the past these have included Disco Bingo on Zoom, Scratchley's take away fish and chips on the foreshore, dinner at a local restaurant, a get together down the Bay.

Adrian is investigating a cruise on the lake when the weather is warmer.

They don't have to be the Monday, they could be a weekend activity or another evening.

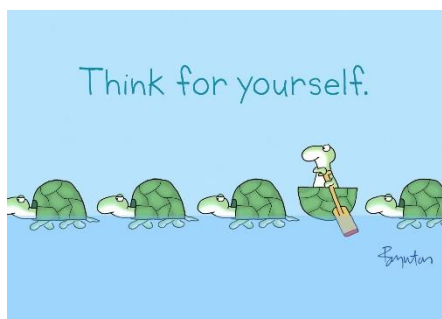
Do you have some ideas? All ideas and planning help greatly appreciated.

See Glenys

HELP WANTED



Things to do at home



Storage shed and Inventory

It is with mixed feelings that we say goodbye to our storage container that has been hiding in a storage lot in Teralba. For many years, it seemed like some mythical place – often talked about, but never seen. Earlier this year, during Fair organisation, I got to see it in its glory – surrounded by dead cars, chokos and even a spa pool.

It was evident that it had come to the end of its usefulness for our club as many items had old branding or were wet, rat eaten and generally need a little TLC.

So now thanks to Paul and a wonderful team of RCWB removalists, our equipment has been relocated to Electrodry Storage at Bennetts Green. Now the RCWB organisers are stepping in. Craig is investigating selling the old container. We are updating our inventory that Craig and Bernie had put together.

Next step- shelving, sorting and labelling things in boxes.



From the old to the new.



The Removalists

Steve ☺ Craig ☺ John ☺ Christine ☺ Ross ☺ Glenys

ARCHIVES

Sadly we found boxes and bags of archives – the history of RC Warners Bay in the shed. Some in tact, some damp and some a bit nibbled.

Steve has taken on the task of sorting archival paperwork so we can store it on One Drive. Lockdown has been a great time to get started – its just another huge puzzle for him to solve



FUNDRAISING

WARNERS BAY MARKETS

The next Warners Bay Markets will be held on Saturday, 21st August.

Glenda has organised for us to have a Sausage Sizzle so we will need members to volunteer to cook, serve and collect money. Assistance will be appreciated for set up as well as pack up.

Please contact Glenda if you are able to participate or add your name to the roster at the next meeting or on Google Docs

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CAR BOOT SALE

From September, we hope to be hosting a Car Boot Sale at Warners Bay Markets each month.

Glenda has been working with the Warners Bay Markets Group to bring this to fruition.

Thanks to Steve J for assisting in writing the MOU between RCWB and the Markets.

More details coming up.

BOOK STALL

We are planning to sell our books as part of the Car Boot Sale each month.

In the shed, we have quite a collection of books, DVDs and CDs.

They are in boxes and bags of all shapes and sizes – some are ok, but others need TLC.

Here is an excuse to go to the Bottleshop [any one will do]

- could you ask for some boxes
- boxes that hold 6 bottles of wine are ideal as they are easier to carry.

If your box has wine in it

- enjoy the wine and share the box.



Need help researching your ancestors by a qualified Genealogist? Free of charge for Rotarians. Contact Brian Maclachlan at dataedgegenealogy@gmail.com or visit http://dataedgegenealogy.com/?page_id=47 for more information on Brian,

Barry's travels

Going Bush:

Bronwen and I had been planning a trip out west for some time. Various things delayed us including the changeover meeting that, in the event, got postponed and Glenys's first board meeting, plus quite a few non-rotary things, but with some nervousness we eventually set off Wednesday 14th. We were not at all sure what reception we would get. At least one 'expert' on the radio lumped Newcastle in with Sydney and Wollongong as under lockdown. But we needn't have worried. The locals have been so starved of visitors, and therefore income, since the Sydney Covid outbreak they have all been more than pleased to see us.



Figure 2: Cold?

We hitched up our little caravan and headed off to Broken Hill via Nyngan, where we camped the first night, on the banks of the Bogan river. Enough said. The journey was largely incident free, our hybrid car which normally runs on the proverbial smell of an oily rag, was suddenly using 3 times as much fuel as usual, with the van to drag along, and with 200k or more between fuel stations, we quickly invested in a fuel can and a safety 20 litres.

Broken Hill is mining, art and history probably in that order and we grabbed a fair piece of all three before heading down to the Menindee lakes. We didn't expect it to be warm, average temperatures of around 18 degrees seemed ok. What we didn't expect was the biting antarctic wind which sprung up and accompanied our attempts to experience the outback in the first two days. Interesting facts learnt: A bunch of international artists spent six weeks on a hilltop carving large sculptures; There are 360km of roads UNDER the ground created by the mines. The mines are right in the town and the slag heaps brood over it. A lot of people (around 800) have died getting stuff out of the ground. It is one of the biggest metals mining areas in the world and one of the longest running; Silverton was the original settlement 25k up the road, but now largely abandoned (apart from the pub, which does a brisk trade), BHP stands for Broken Hill Proprietary, the original company set up by the group of seven who discovered the deposits and made the claim; The mines have a long history of union activism as the workers fought for reasonable working conditions; Art is everywhere (which pleased Bronwen), Pro Hart being the most well known and probably the most interesting and prolific.



Figure 3: Memorial to miners killed on the job

From Broken Hill to Lake the Menindee Lakes. Lake Menindee has plenty of water in it and more flooding in from Lake Pamamaroo where we camped. We felt lucky to see it as apparently there has been no water there for several years. The local publican told the radio he served 5 lunches this weekend as opposed to his normal output of around 100. Unfortunately we didn't find out until it was too late, or we might have helped his income out. We were being self sufficient out on the lake shore, where we managed to get a good sunset and sunrise, after four days of cloud. Quite beautiful.

Back in Broken Hill, we toured the Railway museum, well worth a visit, and then up to Silverton again where we camped. A beautifully clean campsite, if rather run down, but strangely we could not find anyone to pay money to! We went down an old mine, and sampled the pub a second time. It was still doing a brisk trade!

Our original plans were rather thwarted. We couldn't go to Victoria, nor to SA and the Flinders ranges. Orange was in lockdown, so we headed back via Cobar, where we looked down into a seriously deep open cut mine. Then via Bourke (Docks on the river, from where they used to transport grain down to Adelaide), to Brewarrina where we were the only people in a really nice campsite on the Barwon river.

Perhaps as long as 40,000 years ago, the local aboriginals built rock fish traps to capture the once prolific Murray Cod. So much for the indigenous population being nomads who didn't farm! I read a report in the local magazine, that the recent 'Big Fish' competition yielded 58 perch, 138 carp (removed from the river) and just one cod (caught and returned). Sad. For thousands of years, they used to hand catch them from the traps in their hundreds.

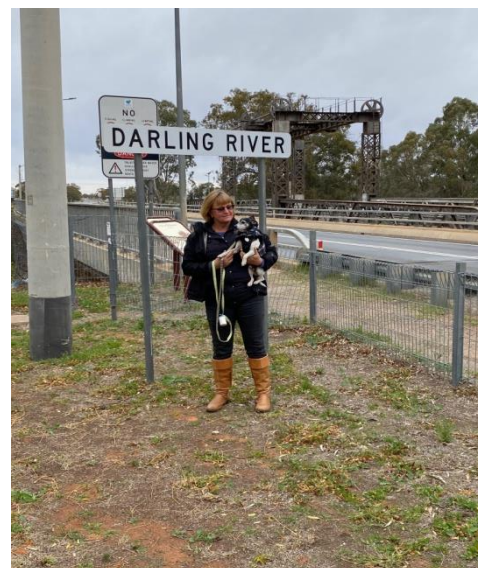


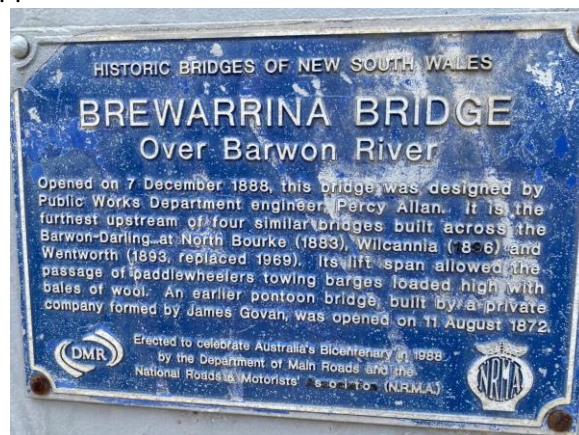
Figure 4: My Darling

From Brewarrina to Moree and relaxing in the thermal baths fed by hot artesian springs, and then back via Bronwen's folks in Glen Innes. Not quite as long a trip as originally planned, but hugely enjoyable, and how much we appreciated our soft warm bed at home!

Looking forward to seeing the board on Monday and everyone else at the postponed handover the week after. Keep well.

Barry.

Figure 5: Bridge spotting. It's a man thing



Photos from the bush

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Figure 6:
Caravan and
the dog



Figure 7: Only
ones at the
camp



Figure 8: Sunrise

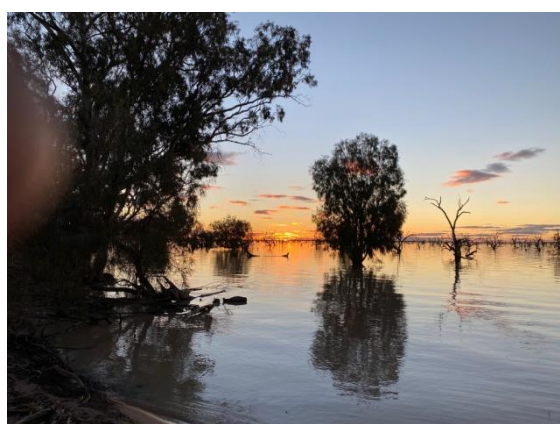


Figure 9: Sunset



Figure 10: Rotary in action
in Broken Hill



Figure 11: Open cut mine.
It's a long way to the top.