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District Assembly

On Sunday 4th May five of our members attended the District Assembly held at Western Sydney University. This was largely a learning experience for incoming Board Members, explaining many of our responsibilities for the coming year, and teaching how to use some of the resources available to us.

We had one session where we had to form circles, and speak to people in the surrounding circle, posing questions about our respective Rotary Clubs. It was a good opportunity to pick up on small things other clubs were doing. The suggestion which I heard was that one club actively encourages the wearing of our Rotary lapel pin on the jacket you most use—raising awareness and giving members of the public the opportunity to ask questions of the wearer. A sense of pride can't be a bad thing. I think we should also be encouraging it, rather than it sitting in a drawer!

Our members attended Secretary and Administration sessions, Treasurer, President and International as well as Public Image. We found the day enjoyable and hopefully what we learned will enable the club to run more smoothly next year.

Julie Glover





Volunteers Night 30th April

Around 25 Members, Partners & Volunteers gathered at David & Dianne Waterhouse's home at Wood Glen_on the evening of Tuesday 30 April to recognise the efforts of the volunteers (or Friends of the Club) who had helped the club during some of its major fundraising activities over the past 12 months.

PDG Peter Ward was the Master of Ceremonies (MC) for the evening & welcomed everyone. He introduced President Gordon Crawford who explained that despite introducing new categories of Corporate & Family Members that the club consisted of a hardcore of about 12 active

members, that with The Community Raffle, The Christmas Tree sale, Bunnings BBQ, SAW and Present Wrapping that we raised some \$50,000 to \$60,000 pa for charities & community groups most of which are based on the Central Coast. We simply would not be able to run the larger of these fundraisers without our volunteers or friends of the club.



Gordon then introduced Clive Denmark to make the first of the Presentations to Gina Coghlan & Peter Shelswell, both from Wyong Leagues Group, a major supporter of Central Coast Kids in Need (CCKIN), on behalf of themselves and CCKIN. C.C KIN have supplied volunteers for us throughout the past 12 months. When we have been short of manpower for Bunnings they have supplied two helpers to cover customer service during the lunchtime peak. When we needed extra fit strong helpers to assist with unloading the Christmas trees from Semitrailers & loading them on the trucks of the 5 clubs involved Brett Keenan came on the Thursday & Friday evenings with two gym ladies & two gym guys & then Gina, Peter , Brett and another volunteer turned up early on the first Saturday to help unload 200 trees from our pantechs, set up the site and to help meet the early sales rush

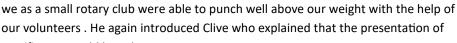
Clive presented Gina & Peter with Certificates of Appreciation & took the opportunity to thank them for helping with the Christmas

Tres and at BBQs and for their assistance in getting the Club an ipad and stand for card sales. He put aside those Certificates for Lorraine Churchill, Brett Keenan and others who could not attend, to present at another time. Gina & Peter then left to attend another function

Everyone then took advantage of a break in proceedings for some fellowship and to partake of a variety of delicious hot and cold food prepared for us by the C.W.A



By then all volunteers including two who worked in Sydney had arrived and we were able to repeat the process above. MC Peter welcomed everyone, President Gordon repeated how volunteers were the lifeblood of many community groups & how



Certificates would be split between himself, Don Cannings and PDG Peter.

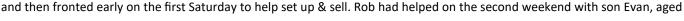
Clive presented certificates to Todd Maloney, Caroline Denmark & Paul Mangion. Todd had proved himself to be a very useful member of the Christmas Tree Team, Caroline's certificate had two small purple ribbons attached to recognise her roll in





selecting the better trees and grading them Silver, Gold & Purple, and Paul was recognised for his help as a driver for the Christmas Trees but also a regular cook at Bunnings BBQs. Clive then made special mention of Sarah Reynolds from The Benevolent Society who was a leading salesperson at the Christmas Tree Sale, who had apologised that morning due to a sick child.

Don then presented Rob and Greg Denmark with their certificates. Rob has helped as a driver and unloader for the past 3 years at the Christmas tree sale & elder brother Greg had stepped in this year, when Rob was interstate, and brought friend Michael Domladovic to help with the unloading and loading,



9. lending a hand.



Finally Peter presented certificates to two partners whose efforts warranted special recognition. Dianne Waterhouse volunteers for most Bunnings, where she helps set up and run Customer service in the mornings and SAW most months . She also helped member David run the cash sales at the Christmas Tree Sale. Phil Glover performs work behind the scenes at the Christmas tree sale . Storing the trees overnight, watering them and delivering them in peak condition at 6.00 am on the Saturday morning then helping unload them and getting set up to sell to the public from 6.30.

Again we had a period for more fellowship & to try a range of very tasty deserts from the C.W.A

MC Peter then asked Glenn-Marie Wright to step forward. Glenn-Marie has been the manager of Yarran, an early intervention centre based at Bateau bay, for many years. Rotary The Entrance have been involved in supporting them for over 20 years & Glenn-Marie has been to many changeover dinners over that time. Peter explained that he had known Glenn-Marie for most of that time & that the fact that Rotary The Entrance supported Yarran was one of the reasons when thinking about

Rotary that he chose our Club. Peter explained that Glenn-Marie was retiring and that the club proposed to give Glenn Marie a PHF (Paul Harris Fellow) to mark her lifetime of service to her profession.

Glenn-Marie appeared to be affected by the award and said she had not expected anything like that but thanked the club warmly. A number of members congratulated her.

Peter then wished Naomi Martin, Glenn-Marie's replacement, all the best in her role in taking Yarran forward. She acknowledged that she has big shoes to fill.

It was a very friendly evening members & volunteers mixed well & from snatches of conversations it was clear that many remembered rubbing shoulders at a BBQ or the Christmas tree sale.



Several volunteers said they were looking forward to helping again at this years sale.

Clive Denmark



An excellent turnout of our club members and partners/friends, together with a big contingent from Erina Club, made for an entertaining and fun evening with our guest speaker – **Pete Little** of CoastFM 963.

Pete has enjoyed a long and successful career in radio spanning 50 plus years, starting with Radio 2LT Lithgow in 1969. He subsequently joined the first team of announcers at 2GO Gosford in 1971 and enjoyed diverse roles as announcer, advertising executive, production manager, programme manager and station manager.

Following a few years away from the industry, he re-emerged as manager of 2CCC community radio, later becoming Coast FM, where he will soon retire from full time management/announcing to part time presenting.

At one stage early in his tenure at Coast FM, he was approached by Triple M to consider an announcers role with the station. However, he felt it wasn't the right fit for him, despite the offer of many inducements which were not only of the financial type!

Two well-known names that emerged during the speech included Darryl Eastlake – known as the 'big D'. In Pete's words he was a one trick pony mainly known for his booming voice and his in -your -face persona. The other name was Doug Mulray who Pete found odd,

citing one his broadcasts being conducted from a shower, complete with a nude Mulray!

One surprising fact was that the presenters at Coast FM are all non- paid volunteers and in fact have to pay for their on-air training. The motivations for doing so are varied, including some craving 'stardom', others for the sense of community involvement and others purely for the sense of belonging.

Due to his experience, he is often called upon to fill in for absent announcers and despite having no knowledge of fishing, he occasionally jumps on and hosts the angling show.

Similarly, as a gardener he makes a good DJ, however each Saturday morning with Sheralyn Darcy he co-hosts the gardening show.

Pete says he has thoroughly enjoyed his time in the industry and in particular community radio, due to its intimate connection with the local community.

Pete was thanked for his presentation by Louise who said she was particularly taken aback by the mental image of a nude Mulray broadcasting!

Greg Maloney

Driving Miss Daisy

Gary Bruderlin and Sandra Wetzel 21 May

Driving Miss Daisy is a very special franchised business, originally set up in New Zealand. The idea is that they are a transport provider, from your home, to wherever you need to go. The driver is a Companion who is available to help you pack, attend appointments with you if you need, they can behave just like a family member, and report back as necessary. They can take the traveller through to checkin at an airport, or take them to children's sport or a social activity. They can ensure that all necessary equipment is in the car (for instance a walker) and can make

Drifter Min Daley

sure the house is locked on departure. And of course, ensure they are safely inside before leaving!

Gary is a trained nurse, and for years worked as a community nurse. He managed the Manor at Tarrigal Glen for a while, and he worked for Retire Australia with Hammond Care here on the Coast. He is passionate about keeping people in their own homes and independent for as long as possible. In July last year he commenced his own business. He set up less than a year ago, but already employs several drivers, as does Sandra. Sandra's business is around the Tuggerah Lakes area, and Gary is based in Gosford. However they do assist each other when necessary.

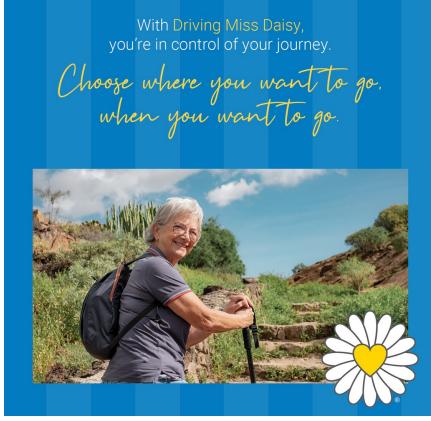
For older Australians, help is available to fund these services through either the Commonwealth Home Support Program or a Home Care Package. My Aged Care can be contacted on 1800 200 422.

Between Gary and Sandra they have five cars, all of which are SUV's less than five years old. All drivers have a First Aid Certificate and Working with Children Check., as well as training for dementia. Trips are prebooked and quoted, with a minimum of half an hour required. The quote will include the distance travelled and an hourly rate of \$65 for the companion. Many drivers have a background in care work, and some only work one or two days a week.

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With our guest speaker being a no-show on the evening, the call went out for someone to speak from around the table. Sue offered to tell us some of the details of her life. Sue was introduced by Gordon, who couldn't help himself and introduced Sue as a person who had spent her life making other people happy.

Sue started by explaining that some years ago Gordon had joined Toastmasters, and eventually she had joined too, and graduated as an ATM or Accredited Toastmaster. She had done her "Icebreaker" and several other big speeches, but her proudest speaking moment was as A53 Inner Wheel President when she spoke in Parliament House to 80 people at lunch.

Sue was born in a heatwave 6 days before D-Day — which makes her 80 at the end of May. They lived in Swaythling, Southampton, where her father was a butcher and her mother had been a teacher until she had to resign as was the custom when she got married. Her father had participated as a fireman during the war, but as being a butcher was an essential service, he was not required to fight. They lived in a two story flat above a cakeshop owned by the Housing Association, where her mother sometimes worked.

In 1958 the family found a block of land on the outskirts of Chilworth where they built a house with plumbing at one end, as was the recommendation of the time, to keep the costs down. Sue was 15, which she said was a very bad time to move, leaving friends and particularly boyfriends – who had to walk 3 miles to see her!

Sue attended a girl's private school from age 5 until she left school at 16½. She achieved only one O level – for Religious Knowledge! She does not believe single sex schools for that period is a good idea.

Her preference would have been to be a hairdresser, but her mother inspected the salons with her and disapproved of them all. So by Easter Sue enrolled in a secretarial course, and managed to master typing and shorthand. And surprisingly this actually landed her a job in a bank, which otherwise would have required 5 O levels!

It was in the bank she met her husband Roger. They were moved to Worthing sub-branch, where they needed Sue's skills. Roger resigned and worked in a road company as a rep – and James was born. Then the managing director moved everyone to Hereford which was a lovely rural town to raise children in – by then they had Helen as well. A new CEO required everyone move to Wokingham in 1978. The marriage was rocky during 1980 – but Sue was determined that Helen should finish school without that worry. Sue was the secretary of the school PTA – and Gordon was the President! Although she actually met Gordon in a garage at a street party – a lovely man who listened to her.

Sue and Gordon moved to Australia "for two years" 38 years ago. Since then she has kept very busy with the Sydney Cancerians as Ticket Secretary, Inner Wheel, Secretary of the Residents Committee and Front of House for the Woy Woy Theatre. She loves sewing but her latest activity is pilates. She considers that she is probably 50-60 years older than most. She can't do a plank yet – but is determined to get there. We are sure she will too. Sue was thanked by Greg. We all take our hats off to Sue for a brilliant and well structured impromptu speech!





President Gordon Crawford
invites you to the

52nd Annual Changeover Dinner

at

Mingara Club - Tasman Room

Tuesday 18th June 2024

6.30pm for 7.00pm

Cost: \$55 per head

Dress: Smart Casual

RSVP - 4th June 2024

David Waterhouse 0450 068 887

Email: waterhoused@bigpond.com

Mingara is wheelchair accessible

Please advise any dietary requirements.

Reminder, our "3R's" apply to any form of abuse to women, men, children and our elderly:

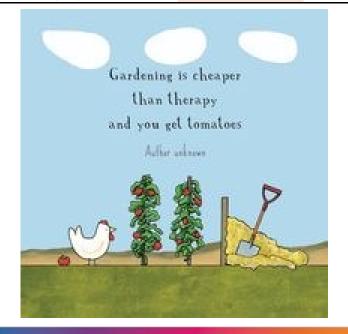
- 1. Recognise signs of abuse
- 2. Raise your concerns "safely"
- 3. **Refer** victim to one of the many family violence agencies OR Make the call yourself!





Upcoming Program:

	28/05/2024 Tues	Indian Restaurant	Tumbi Umbi	
June				
	1/06/2024 Sat	Spin & Win	Bateau Bay	
	4/06/2024 Tues	Guest Speaker	Mingara	
	11/06/2024 Tues	Board Meeting	Zoom	
	15/06/2024 Sat	Spin & Win	Bateau Bay	
	18/06/2024 Tues	Change Over	Mingara	Tasman Room
	23/06/2024 Sun	Bunnings BBQ	Tuggerah	
	25/06/2024 Tues	???	Mingara	









In June:

Don 13th,

Louise 14th,

Dianne 23rd,

Julia 30th

There is no other single issue that can impact the health, education, economy, equality and progress of all people than the need for clean water and sanitation





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