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WHERE ARE WE GOING?

Rotary Club of Macarthur Sunrise

The Bulletin for the Macarthur Sunrise Rotary Club, District 9675 Wednesday 13th February 2024 Solis Ortus (Sunrise) Campbelltown 6:54am

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From the President

Good Morning Funrisers,

What a wonderful couple of weeks I have had, initially, 'getting away from it all' to Ulladulla, for three days with my sister, and last weekend attending the District 9675 Conference at the Novotel North Beach, Wollongong.

The trip to Ulladulla concluded with Louise and I visiting the Milton Ulladulla Rotary Club for dinner where I was asked to present information on our club and our projects. I was also pleased to have Dolly P and myself present and receive club banners as well as receiving a copy of the club's History of 60 Years of Serving the Community 1960-2020. We had just missed the Milton Show and it was interesting to hear the part the club had played in this event as well as some of their projects.

Back home in time to wash, iron and prepare to leave the next day for Wollongong. Conference began with a wonderful cocktail party on the Novotel Deck leading in to two great days of interest and camaraderie. Cathie and I were joined by Alison and Di (with two of her friends) on Saturday where we were informed on just how much one person can do when the need is there, innovation and AI (still not totally sure about this) and the wonderful RI Director Nominee, PDG Jennifer Scott AM, whose enthusiasm and energy should be bottled and spread to every Rotarian. We heard about Resilience and Hope which was followed by Costa Georgiadis (best known for Gardening Australia) – we were not sure of his actual subject nor what was happening next, however, lots of fun before lunch.

On return we heard of advances in the treatment of rheumatic heart disease, the 'Say No to Domestic Violence' campaign bringing community together and the impact and growth this has had on the RC Ballina-on-Richmond. The RIPPR (Rotary International President's Personal Representative) RI Director Trichar (Raju) Subramanian was the final presenter for the day.

The Conference Dinner, themed "Lifes a Beach", was held on Saturday evening with about 250 Rotarians in attendance. Another great evening with the highlight (for our club) being the announcement of the winning 'End Polio Koala' – I am pleased to announce that Dolly P did us proud by taking out second place and winning $300 for one of our projects. Following the announcement, the top three Koalas were auctioned and, again, Dolly P was purchased for $500 by PDG Stephen Humphreys who soon donated it back to our club – many thanks Stephen, think she will be up again for our Dolly Bush Bash!

Sunday started with an early walk for Mental Health, breakfast at the Surf Club (thank you Corrimal and Kiama), then Call to Order and Memorium where our own PHF Tanyia Harris OAM was remembered. Our keynote speaker Ken Hutt spoke about his 'Paragliding for Polio' off Mt Everest – there will be more to learn about Ken with, hopefully, a joint Macarthur event. We were informed about the Illawarra Rotaract Club then blown away by a 20 year old PhD candidate on his study with the development of an innervated human skin model by 3D bioprinting. Our final keynote speaker talked about the neglect of our modern war veterans before Rotary Youth Exchange Student, Amanda Ekblad from Finland, told us of her year in Australia.

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The Conference was wrapped up by the RIPPR and our DG Tonia Barnes with all agreeing that it had been a very successful and interesting few days. Congratulations to the whole hard-working team.

Today with will hear from our National Youth Science Forum student, Suhaan Jain, and tonight we have the First Responders Award Dinner at Wests Club.

Do not forget that we have the opportunity to raise some more funds with our BBQ on 17 March, please see where you may be able to assist, any time would be appreciated.

As always, our thoughts are with those members who are not feeling well or are unable to be with us at this time, we hope that you will all be able to join us in the near future. Remember, we are only a phone call away if needed at any time.

Our year is always full of endless opportunities, our challenge is to CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

President Barbara

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(P.S. Three Cheers for Dolly P. Koala)

MEETING DETAILS

Wednesdays 6:45 for 7:00am start. (Except last Wednesday of the month)
Sugar Mint Cafe
Unit 1, 13 Blaxland Road
Campbelltown, NSW 2560

MARCH

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Michie	Birthday	3rd
Wayne Dreves	Joined 2020	4th
Barbara Edwards	Birthday	7th
Denise Pritchard	Birthday	17th
Malcolm and Carole Nearn	Wedding Anniversary	21st

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March	
Wed 6th	Meeting at Sugar Mint Café
Wed 13th	Meeting at Sugar Mint Café Speaker – NYSF student, Suhaan Jain Board Meeting 8am
Wed 13th	First Responders Award Night
Sun 17th	Bunnings BBQ
Wed 20th	Meeting at Sugar Mint Café – Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
Wed 28th	Night Meeting

April	
Wed 3rd	Meeting at Sugar Mint Café AGM Board Meeting 8am
Wed 10th	Meeting at Sugar Mint Café Club Forum
Wed 17th	Meeting at Sugar Mint Café Environmental
Wed 24th	Night Meeting

2023/2024 BOARD

President: Barbara Edwards
Secretary: Cathie Richardson
Treasurer: Di Blyth
IPP: Peter Whitford
President Elect: Di Blyth
Director: Ron Blackwood
Director: Sharon Cook
DG: Tonia Barnes
AG: Kim Meredith
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President Barbara's visit to Rotary Club of Milton-Ulladulla

All of the 'End Polio' Koala's displayed at Conference President Barbara and Cathie with PDG Stephen Humphrey's who had the winning bid on Dolly P

Greg Warren MP with our Funrisers at our last meeting (6/3/24)

ShelterBox Display at Conference