



Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Borogegal and Cammeraigal people as the traditional custodians of the land on which our Club meets. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

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TUESDAY 31st August – CLUB MEETING BY ZOOM STARTING AT 12.50PM

Last week's inspiring talk from Libby Bleakely has created much interest in both what Libby has achieved and also how we can support her raising funds for the Community Centre which she co-founded in Dili in Timor-Leste. Some of her stories about her experiences listening to the community, rather than telling them what they needed, were so poignant. The Centre has an impressive list of achievements: encouraging 700 young people off the streets and joining the gym – membership of which comes with community give-back conditions; training women in sewing so they can earn incomes and provide essential goods to the community; providing English language tuition to children who in turn are requested to teach others in their communities.

Libby's business is Roasters with Altitude, profits from which go to supporting the Centre in Dili. <https://www.roasterswithaltitude.com.au/our-story/>

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This coming week we will be hearing from Michele Ellery, District 9685 Assistant Governor for the Upper Mountains, who will be providing us with an update on ROMAC.

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TALES FROM THE VAULT – ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

With thanks to Charlie Barnett and also Mike Blakeney.

My first experience with the Rotary Youth Exchange Program (YEP) was in 1987. On Friday 1 November 1985, still in the Army, I was inducted into the Rotary Club of Mosman by Ian Hutchison, President and Duntroon classmate. Others I knew were Mac Jacob and Mike Blakeney.

I was in Youth Service and when our Director Ned Ward resigned I was made Director. The Club had only sporadic YEP students to that time and unwittingly I accepted one without reference to the Board! Her name was Cory-Beth Poling from Raton¹, New Mexico, a railway town servicing the Raton Pass at 8,000 feet., about as remote as you can get. The Club was surprised but accepting of my good intentions and she was accepted into Year 11 at Queenwood. We were the second host family and Cory, a 400 metre athlete, aged between our two boys Matthew and Daniel fitted in well into our family environment. From us she moved to the Blakeney's, experiencing the warmth of their family of four daughters. Cory was a good student and had a very enjoyable and successful school experience at Queenwood where her best friend was Ken Done's daughter.



This photo was taken at Mascot on her departure.
Cory, Matt Barnett, Fiona Blakeney, Mike Blakeney

1. A town of great contrasts – record high temperature 40 degrees C and record low temperature -24 degrees C!.

ROTARY FOUNDATION

The detailed report of contributions to the Rotary Foundation for 2020-2021 shows the **74 Clubs** in our **ROTARY District 9685** contributed \$578,000 which was an increase of 22% from 2019-2020. The largest increase was in directed gifts and contributions to approved grants. The report also showed that our District expended or committed 104% of the district designated funds, reinforcing D9685's history of proposing and delivering creative projects using matching funds from Clubs, District and Rotary International.

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RESIGNATIONS FROM OUR CLUB

A postscript to last week's OoZoO and a follow-on to the article above.

The indomitable "Grants King" Peter Young reminded us that he sourced and secured seven District Grants over five years, two of which went to supply/install of the soft turf and backyard project works at Delvena, one of the Women & Children First locations. This is important to note as Peter's passion and support for W & CF goes back many years, commencing from his early days with Mosman Rotary. We look forward to future updates from Peter to keep us in touch with his chosen direction in giving back directly to the community.

Given the opportunities for grants Peter identified were available within the District, ***do we have another member who could take up the gauntlet as our next "Grants King"?***

ROTARY'S FOUR WAY TEST

Two weeks ago Past President Graeme talked with us about ethics and there was much discussion about the Rotary Four Way Test and its relevance given the challenges humanity and our planet are facing today. Members were asked to provide comments and so far there have been two suggestions – highlighted below. As you can see, both have a similar intent in terms of stewardship for the future. We plan to keep this conversation going for a period of time.

1. *Is it the Truth*
2. *Is it FAIR to all concerned including FUTURE GENERATIONS*
3. *Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS*
4. *Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned HUMANITY and the FUTURE HEALTH of our planet.*

ZOOM IN FOR FRIDAY DRINKS

Don't forget to dial-in each week for Friday drinks from 5pm to 6pm. As the Sydney lockdown continues, this is proving to be a great opportunity for friends to catch-up and share news. As always the R-WORD is avoided!

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

31st August – PP Michele Ellery JP, ROMAC Update

7th September – Jenny Horsley, A Bookshop in Wartime

The Rotary Club of Mosman wishes to thank Kennard's Storage Artarmon for their generous on-going support in providing storage for our Club.

Board members

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Speaker Coordinator: Ruth Thompson



So close at 74-73 and as usual a great fighting finish from the Swans. Can't wait until next season!

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