

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.

TUESDAY 7th September– CLUB MEETING BY ZOOM STARTING AT 12.50PM

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Members of the Rotary Club of Mosman have a great history of working with Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC) so it was very interesting to hear last week from Michele Ellery who gave us an update on this wonderful institution. As we heard, Rotarians volunteer their time and expertise to run this Rotary project that encompasses all the Districts of Australia and New Zealand. Many eminent surgeons from Australia and New Zealand have donated their time for treatment of these patients. Since ROMAC was founded more than 30 years ago, life-giving surgery has been provided to more than 500 children from more than 20 developing countries - urgent medical treatment not available to the children in their own country. ***For Club members interested in***

donating their time to help with the running of ROMAC, please visit their web site for more information.

We are looking forward to hearing this week from Jenny Horsley who will be talking with us about "A Bookshop in War Time".

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A REMINISCENCE OF THE 2000 PARALYMPICS

With the Tokyo Paralympics having been a great success, Club member Ian Fitzpatrick provided this reminder of the Sydney 2000 event....

During this period two excellent Rotary Exchange Students stayed with me and were volunteers. Bruno Massote from Brazil, now aged 30, married with one son and working in Singapore. He has visited our Club since. He spent much of his Olympics at the Brazil team HQ. Per Brandt from Germany, is also married with one son and now lives and works in Russia teaching German. He used to get up each day at 2.30 am as a Spectator assistant at the Beach Volleyball at Bondi. When the Closing Ceremony was due the organizers had 5000 A Reserve tickets spare so Bruno and Per lined up from midnight to get tickets. On the night they sold them to scalpers for \$500 each, watched the big screen at the Quay but have always regretted since not being at the Stadium for the closing ceremony.

I spent some days during the Paralympics as a Medical Volunteer at the Archery Stadium, so situated that a creek with thick mangrove trees made a perfect background to the targets. The docs had the most spectacular uniforms with bright red collars and sleeves. ***The judges were in concrete foxholes to avoid stray arrows!***



ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM (YEP) JULIANNA MYERS ONIEDA, NY, USA

Juli's father was 'Mr Youth Exchange Program ("YEP")' in upstate New York, on the committee and host of 13 students from various countries. Juli enjoyed this and applied herself. In the rigorous selection and training process she learned the "job" was to educate about their home culture, city and customs and build bridges of friendship and understanding. The lesson that has stuck with her the most is that things are "different" not better or worse or right or wrong, different! This is a lesson she remembers and uses regularly.

Her experience was pre-internet, ensuring tight bonds with host families, attending many rotary meetings and enjoying various family activities, including travel. Making lifelong friends at Queenwood she returned to Sydney to be in the bridal party of her best Queenwood friend's wedding. Through her connections she was able to set up her final physiotherapy clinical placement through University of Sydney at Balmain Hospital.

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Juli says 'The lifelong connections and cultural understanding I attained through my year as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student experience are invaluable. My year changed me from a small town girl to a world traveller. It opened my world view and made me strive for more personally. I returned home to Central New York for University, but I now live in Calgary, Alberta, Canada with my husband and 2 children. I still keep in touch regularly and hope to continue to visit with all my YEP friends and host families.'

Her father Dick says 'On a personal note, that year our daughter spent in Australia did more for her growth and development than any other school year(s). She has returned on several occasions to participate in friend's weddings, visit former host families, complete an affiliation in physical therapy, and allow her current family to experience many of the places and people she grew to love.'



Rae and Julianna Myers preparing for changeover at Mosman Hotel 4 July 1990 and for Charlie's first inauguration as President!

A LOVELY ACT OF KINDNESS

From Ross Webb:

We had a lady recently purchase one of our Jigsaw Puzzles on line, as an intended gift to her mother, only to find out that her mother already had purchased one herself! Rightly so, she was intending to get a refund, but changed that to a donation of \$50 to Mosman Rotary for our good charity and community work.

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NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM

A message from a student we sponsored:

“Dear Halyna,

I hope you are well. You may not remember me but my name is Charlotte Low and I spoke with you in 2018/2019 about my involvement in the National Youth Science Forum.

I wanted to reach out to express my gratitude for the impact Mosman Rotary club has had on my last few years. In 2018 I was sponsored by Mosman Rotary club to attend the National Youth Science Forum and was able to return to speak to your members in early 2019 about my experience. Since I last spoke to you I was selected to return to the NYSF program as a student staff member and have been privileged to be in that role for the past three years. This role allowed me to help with the planning and facilitation of the program and supporting the students throughout the 2 week experience. It has allowed me to gain invaluable experience in leadership roles as well as work alongside incredible teams to deliver the program.

Earlier this year I was excited and honoured to be selected as one of the Chiefs of Staff for the 2022 program. In this role I am responsible for the coordination of the student staff team as well as planning and coordinating the program which will be run across Australia this year.

I wanted to reach out to say thank you once again for my initial sponsorship and let you know how much the program has impacted me over the past four years, providing me with so many incredible opportunities that I am very grateful for.

Regards,
Charlotte Low”

DG LINDSAY MAY’S SAILING EXPERIENCES

The Guest Speaker for the Rotary Club of North Ryde meeting on Friday 10 September is District Governor, for District 9685, Lindsay May OAM. Lindsay is going to be talking on his 47 years of experience of sailing in the Sydney to Hobart yacht race and other sailing experiences he has had during his yachting life. If you would like to hear of Lindsay's experiences please join us via ZOOM, from 7:20am on Friday 10 September 2021, with the following login:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87821656014?pwd=S1lOT1hBVdVXSvB4OFhTL2p1cFhhdz09>

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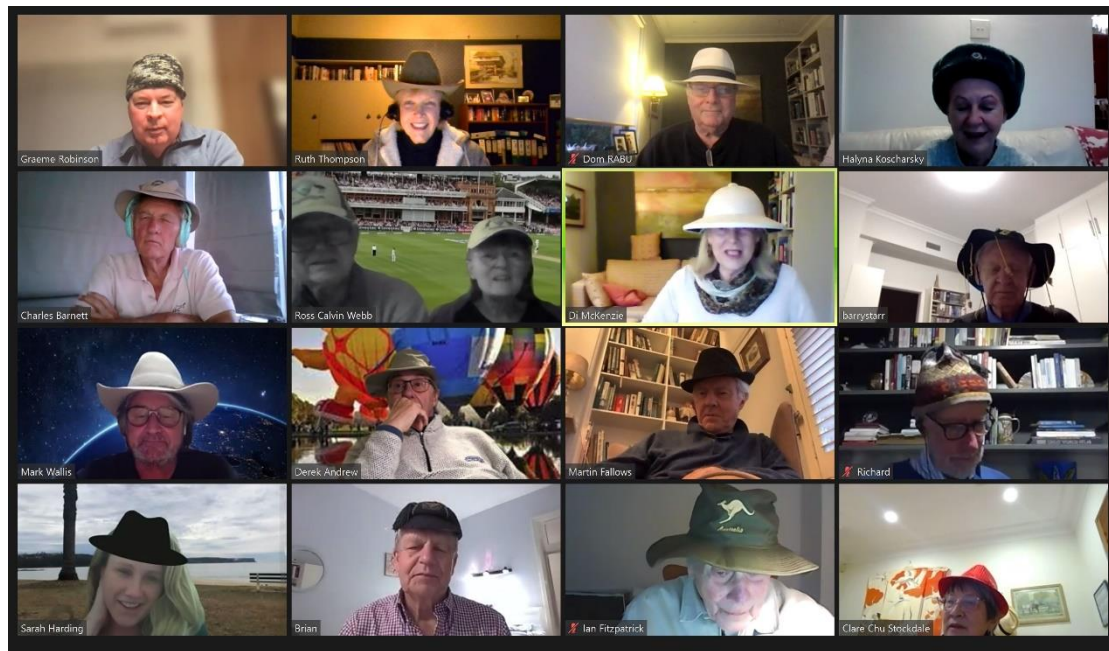
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ZOOM IN FOR FRIDAY DRINKS

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!

Screen shot from the recent "mad hatters" Friday Drinks Zoom session.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

7th September – Jenny Horsley, A Bookshop in Wartime

14th September – Phil Narezzi, Sydney Desalination Plant (TBC)

21 September – Ahmed Fattah, Your Personal Data Security

28 September – Sarah Brown AM, CEO, Purple House

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