



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 30th November – the Club meeting will be face-to-face at the Mosman Rowers commencing at 12.45pm. Please contact Dom if you wish to have video access.

OoZoO

Last week we heard from Narelle Martin who talked with us about Bear Cottage children's hospice in Manly which provides Paediatric Palliative Care support. It was surprising to hear that Bear Cottage is the only centre in NSW providing these services and also to hear that more than half the funds required to run the centre come from donations or fundraising. The quote from a family who had a child cared for at the centre for several years was really telling "...with the support from Bear Cottage we thought we were the luckiest unluckiest parents". As you may know, funds raised from this year's Mosman Rotary Christmas Raffle will go to Bear Cottage. and we encourage all our OoZoO readers to support this wonderful organisation by participating in our raffle.

This week's guest speaker will be Jane Jeffes , a very talented film director who is passionate about using her communications skills to help vulnerable or marginalized children and adults in our community. Jane is a Board member of Taldumande Youth Services in Sydney and an Advisory Board member of the Griffith University Centre for Interfaith and Intercultural Dialogue, Queensland.

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WHEELCHAIRS FOR KIDS

The latest newsletter from WFK is attached and it is wonderful to read about the major contribution from one of their benefactors. In 2022, Mosman Rotary will again be working with schools and sporting clubs to look at opportunities to run "Wheelathons" (in a COVID-safe environment) to raise money for this great cause.



WHEELCHAIRS FOR KIDS

Volunteers Building and Donating Wheelchairs to Needy Children Worldwide



An initiative of the Rotary Club of Scarborough WA
in association with The Christian Brothers



DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

Dear Valued Supporter,



October 27th was a great day when an audience of 600 volunteers and supporters attended a function to commemorate our 50,000th wheelchair with the Premier officially opening our new factory.



Unlike many charities suffering from depleted income due to COVID-19 we consider ourselves lucky due to the support of people like you, our donations and that means wheelchairs, are holding up.

We have had difficulties due to COVID-19 with receiving countries unable to distribute the wheelchairs to those so desperately in need. In fact, we have had to temporarily reduce production. Our biggest distributor World Vision Australia had to cease wheelchair distribution operations due to cash flow problems but after six months of protracted negotiations by our distribution coordinator volunteer Don Kidson, World Vision USA has come on side. A first container of 340 wheelchairs is on its way to Malawi. Freight and distribution costs which are now very expensive are of course borne by the distributors or their associates.

It now looks like it's all go after Christmas when our volunteers will once again be producing 100+ wheelchairs per week.

When we said we are lucky, we are in fact very lucky, as a generous long-time supporter in Katherine NT, after retiring and selling a cattle station, has paid off our \$2million new factory mortgage. We are now safe for the future with no rent expenses.

\$200 still provides a child with a new strong, rough terrain, adjustable wheelchair built to World Health Organisation specifications and includes postural supports, a tray, basket, knee rug, a complete set of body and foot straps, a soft toy and tool kit. Also, when needed, for the many children with cerebral palsy we include a headrest and knee separator. A recent addition is a cover for the wheel spokes.

Our retiree production volunteers, volunteer management and the ladies (and one or two men) all over Australia who make the rugs, soft toys and sew support covers which go with each wheelchair, all wish you, our supporting partners in this project, once again, our very best wishes for the Christmas Season and thank you again for your ongoing generosity.

Yours sincerely,

Gordon Hudson
Volunteer CEO

Br Olly Pickett
Volunteer Factory Manager

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EXCHANGE STUDENT UPDATES

This week Barry heard from two of our former exchange students. Gabriel was with us in 2011.

Update # 1.

Hello my dear friend, Barry Starr!

I'm sending this with a huge delay, but with a good reason. I have just graduated in Medicine. And for my residency I'll be applying for an Orthopedics and Traumatology residency.

I'm 27 years old as I write this email, but with the heart of that same kid that you guys hosted and taught so many things. I'm the same person as of past times, but with the serenity of a doctor, knowing that everything I do in the future is for the better health of my patients. I'll be sending some pictures to show you the growth I had (most of them are within the timetable of the COVID-19, photos with my family and friends)

My English might not be the same as it was 10 years ago, but I hope the message is understood.

Best regards, with all my love,
Gabriel França Calumby



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Update # 2

Great news that Leopoldo, who was of course an exchange student with our Club last year, has been accepted into medical school starting February next year. Although he was less than happy about the (required?) haircut.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets go on sale this week and here is a copy of the advertising A-frame which lists out the great prizes. All Club members have received a book of tickets to sell.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE **Rotary** 
Mosman

 **All proceeds are in aid of**

1st Prize:
Impressive painting
Beauty Point Morning Light,
donated by
Erika Beck, Mosman Artist.

 **Bear Cottage
Children's Hospice
Manly NSW**

2nd Prize:
Case of Godfrey Wines 

3rd Prize:
Christmas Hamper
from Fourth Village 

4th Prize:
Dining Voucher for L'Heritage
French Restaurant Chowder Bay 

5th Prize:
Mosman Jigsaw puzzle 

**Tickets \$5 each,
5 for \$20**

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

30th November – Jane Jeffes – 2021 Multicultural Communications Award Winner

7th December – Suke Ridler – My LifeJars

14th December – Annual General Meeting, Rotary Club of Mosman

16th December – Club Christmas Party (full details are in the email sent this week by Dominique Rabu to Club members).

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

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