



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 14th December – the Annual General Meeting of the Rotary Club of Mosman commencing at 12.45pm. This is OUR LAST MEETING FOR 2021 so we encourage all members to attend.

Our guest speaker last week was Suke Ridler who talked about the importance of curating our legacy by writing a life story as part of our family history. There are some questions to ask before starting to write including the time period to be covered; will it be non-fiction or fictionalized; and what are the significant events to be covered (and omitted!).

A reminder that as advised by Dom in his email of 10th December, **the venue for our Christmas event has changed** and will now be held at the home of Graeme and Vera Robinson on Thursday 16th December from 7.00pm to 9.00pm at 4 Sverge Street Mosman. Entrance is via Curlew Camp Road at Sirus Cove.

Please BYO wine. Canapes and Finger Food will be provided.

Please read on for a special message from President Mark Wallis.

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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MARK WALLIS

To start, on behalf of all members, their families and friends, I would like to send our thoughts and best wishes to “Dr Fitz”, John Dean, John Nelson and Chris Gotham, all of whom have had recent “engagements” with the medical profession.

As we near the half way point for our Rotary year, there are many positive things to report. Following on from a successful changeover dinner we have been busy with many activities involving many members - which is really great. We were one of very few clubs that “lucked in” by having our changeover held as a face-to-face event (before the COVID rules stopped such gatherings) and we were also lucky to be joined by DG Lindsay May and his wife Tania, along with ADG John. For the first time at a Mosman Club changeover event we inducted a new member - Dave Jackson – and of course we also introduced the new Board for the 2021/2022 year.

Following lockdown, we moved to having Zoom calls in place of our regular weekly face to face lunches. By all accounts this was successful in keeping the communications open, albeit not ideal. I am aware that most members prefer face-to-face meetings to on-line gatherings, so I thank everyone who joined us each week and helped make these meetings as entertaining as possible. When allowed under COVID restrictions, we had moved our weekly face-to-face meetings from the Mosman Hotel (“the “Duck”) to the Mosman Rowers, While the move had its challenges I think overall it has progressed well. As always, I’d like to thank Brendon and his team at the Duck for their unwavering support of our club, and Brendon has always been most accommodating with his time and money. I’d like also to thank Kathrina and Sam and all the staff at the Mosman Rowers for opening their arms to us each week. We have, as I said had some teething issues with regards to food and service but hopefully everyone can now see the improvements in these areas.

Di McKenzie proposed a fabulous idea which was to have a weekly Friday evening “virtual drinks” session. This was also well patronised with up to 25 people online sharing (virtually) a drink or two and exchanging yarns although Rotary topics were not permitted! Thank you to all members who joined us for these drinks and to Graeme for setting up the technology to ensure everything ran smoothly.

Now that we have exited lockdown, we are talking with potential new members about joining the Club and this is always very exciting.

There are also some potential 2022 excursions in the planning stage including the War Memorial in Hyde Park (around ANZAC Day) and a trip to the NSW Art Gallery.

As everyone is aware we launched the Mosman Jigsaw under the supervision of James, Ross, Therese, Vaan, Graeme and Dieter. This project enabled many of our “newer” members to be involved in our Club activities which I know was very satisfying, although at times very busy. What a success this project had proved to be, no doubt due to the efforts of these people along with so many others including the Mosman Newsagency (our retail outlet for selling the jigsaws) and all the members who helped with the sales. With Christmas approaching we are seeing another uptick in jigsaw sales and by the end of the year we plan to have sold more than two thirds of those that we had manufactured.

Another very important activity is our Christmas raffle with proceeds this year going to Bear Cottage at Manly. A huge thank you to Brian who put up his hand to lead this project, and, wow, isn’t he doing a magnificent job with the organisation and

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enthusiasm he has brought to this role. Brian has also had great support and willingness from the member base to sell tickets outside the Commonwealth bank, and at the Bridgepoint shopping centre, Fitness First gym, Mosman markets, the Twilight markets and the wharves. Sales to date have been wonderful so let's keep up the effort and focus to support our very worthy recipient.

I'd like to also say a huge thank you to your wonderful board members who give their time willingly, week in week out ensuring the smooth running of our club (behind the scenes). I could not perform my role were it not for all these people, so I personally want to thank all of you.

They say you should never single people out because you will inevitably forget someone, but I have to give a special thanks to our two secretaries, Graeme and Dom, who just make everything hum along seamlessly and also to Sandy who has taken on the role of Treasurer with gusto and keeps our books up to date and manages all receipts and payments. I must also say a big thank you to Ruth who has done a magnificent job organising some wonderful speakers who have presented to us over the past 6 months. This is not an easy job, but Ruth has been amazing, so a big thank you to you.

Please remember that our last meeting for 2021 is this Tuesday 14th December and our annual picnic (welcome back and into the New Year) will again be held at the scout hall next to the Rowers on Tuesday 11th January with our first "regular" meeting to be held back at the Rowers on Tuesday 18th January. Watch this space for further details on the picnic.

As we now head into Christmas and the summer holiday period may I wish you, your families & friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Safe, Healthy & Prosperous 2022. It can only be better than the past 12 months due to that thing called "Covid".

I look forward to seeing all your smiling faces again in January for another wonderful year!

Warm Regards
Mark Wallis, President Rotary Club of Mosman

ACTION AT THE TWILIGHT MARKETS



President Mark together with James and Blair selling jigsaws and raffle tickets

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

16th December – Club Christmas Party – see front page for more details

11th January – Club Picnic to welcome in the New Year at Sea Scouts Hall adjacent to Mosman Rowers. Further details to be provided.

18th January – Andrew Phippen – Early French Maritime Explorers of Australia

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

President: Mark Wallis

President Elect: James Humphery, **Treasurer:** Sandy Godfrey,
Club Service: James Humphery, **Secretary:** Graeme Robinson+Dom Rabu,
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