



### **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 1<sup>st</sup> February - the Club meeting will be held by ZOOM commencing at 1pm. Please dial in by 12.50pm to allow for the meeting to commence on time.**

Our guest speaker for this week will be Ian Westmoreland who will be talking about his extensive experiences both arranging and providing mentoring support.

### **AUSTRALIA DAY BBQ – BALMORAL**

This event was a great success with the Club raising more than \$2000 to support the Tonga Tsunami relief program. On the day we also sold another 6 jigsaws to happy customers. It was a successful event raising the image of Rotary and in particular our Club with people asking about who we are, where we meet and our projects. As we were packing up at the end of the day a very kind gentleman came up and gave us 3 x \$100 notes as a “donation” and said “I’ve watched you guys all day and I know you do great charitable work.” For the team, that was the icing on the cake!. So thanks to the National Australia Day Council for sponsoring the event, to all our members who participated on the day and also to Tania Mace from Lane Cove club who was the organizer for all 5 Rotary clubs in our area taking part in this Australia Day activity.

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## MARY'S HOUSE

Following on from a well-received donation last year, Mosman Rotary has donated a further 5 computers to women who are victims of domestic violence and are receiving support from Mary's House. More than ever it is important for women to have safe technology to help them navigate all of the administration required to update and secure their living circumstances (when so often their only option had been to vacate their family house).

Thanks to Past President Derek Andrew and Community Services Director Liz Alderson for arranging this donation.

## WOMEN & CHILDREN FIRST

Further to last week's edition of OoZoO, can members and friends interested in attending the Women & Children First fundraiser on 4 March 2022 at Manly Golf Club 11.30am-2.30pm, please contact Di McKenzie [di.mckenzie@interiorsintoto.com.au](mailto:di.mckenzie@interiorsintoto.com.au). Di is hoping to put a Table for Ten together in support of Peter Young and the WCF Board.

You are invited to the

**WOMEN & CHILDREN FIRST.**  
International Women's Day Lunch

**Friday 4th March, 2022**  
11.30am-2.30pm  
Manly Golf Club

**Tickets:** \$150pp or  
\$1450 table of 10

Book and buy raffle tickets here:  
<https://events.humanitix.com/wcf>

**WOMEN & CHILDREN FIRST.**  
Supporting women when they need it most.

Supporting women escaping domestic abuse

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## PolioPlus – WHAT IS “THE PLUS”

Many of us have heard of “PolioPlus” and the attached article provides an interesting insight into continuing challenges to eradicate Polio.

Khadim Solangi Goth, a community on the outskirts of Karachi, Pakistan, sits in one of the last remaining polio reservoirs on the planet. More than 40,000 people live in improvised dwellings made of earth or other found materials. For some, a cotton sheet is all that protects them from the hot sun and monsoon rains. “The poorest of the poor are living in this area,” says Asher Ali, the project manager for the Pakistan PolioPlus Committee.

Polio is especially resilient in this community, which has been one of the most resistant to eradication efforts. The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) has designated Khadim Solangi Goth as one of its highest-priority areas and the Pakistan Polio Eradication Initiative classifies the community’s administrative district as “super high risk.”

What makes polio thrive in this place? The piles of trash and open sewers are one reason; the poliovirus gets transmitted through contaminated water. But another major factor is the area’s low vaccination rate. In a community whose basic needs aren’t met, residents see the polio vaccine as a low priority. “The refusals are not for the sake of religion but because civic amenities are missing,” says Aziz Memon, chair of the Pakistan PolioPlus Committee. “They ask us, ‘What are you doing here? You come again and again and again to give us polio drops. You never tell us how you’re going to help us with electricity, roads, or clean water.’”

Still, the polio eradication program has seen a boost to its credibility in the past couple of years, thanks to the installation of water filtration plants in Karachi and several other areas of the country, including in Khadim Solangi Goth in December 2020 — part of the GPEI’s effort to install a total of 36 such plants in Pakistan. Since 2012, Rotary members have been working to install plants through a variety of channels, including a partnership with Coca-Cola Pakistan, Rotary Foundation global grant projects, PolioPlus Partners grants, and partnerships with Rotary districts or other entities. More construction is in progress or in the planning stages.

“Now that the community has access to clean water, polio workers are giving us feedback that when they are going to homes, the mothers bring their children to be vaccinated. The workers now have easy access to get into the area,” says Ali.

The work ties into GPEI’s new strategic plan, which launched in June 2021. One of the objectives is to speed progress toward polio eradication by integrating that work with efforts to address other community needs — “in other words, not just focusing on polio alone,” explains Michael K. McGovern, chair of the International Polio-Plus Committee.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**01 February** – Ian Westmoreland – Mentoring

**08 February** – Jane Jeffes – Multicultural Communications Award Winner

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