

# Rotary Club of Taree NEWSLETTER

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# Presidents Report: Week 29 2023/24

Hi everyone.

I trust that you are all fine and have enjoyed your well earned Christmas break. I hope you all had a very restful holiday and enjoyed our time out.



Our end of year Christmas Party for 2023 was a great night to finish our year on a high note along with the awarding of a Paul Harris Fellow to Karen Dahdah.

Karen gave an inspirational speech about the Gold standard offered at our local hospital.

Well done Matthew for organising a great night.

But now it is great to get back to serve our wonderful Manning Valley community.

We are off to a flying start to our new year as we started with our Early Connections Playground project on 08/01/2024.

We were able to completely dismantle their cubby house, climbing walkways, the softfall ground cover, dismantle the garden shed, and remove all the overgrown plants and vines.



A great effort to get the year rolling.



This week our intrepid members have been out canvassing our Golf Day sponsorship to local businesses and at this stage we are progressing very slowly.

Nevertheless the start of our our advertising banners have been erected around the Taree Golf course and I must say that the greens are looking immaculate after all the rain we have received.

Also. we have been busily planning the Australia Day ceremony on the Riverstage and a wonderful day is planned along with our local talent to entertain us.



We are looking forward to a grand day of celebrating our great nation.

# What's On

Our upcoming meetings are:

- 22/01/2024 Golf Meeting -
- 26/01/2024 Australia Day Golf Day and Riverstage
- 29/01/2024 BBQ at Rotary Park
- 05/02/2024 Board Meeting
- 05/02/2024 Kate Dunn Community Connector for Midcoast Council
- 06/02/2024 Inspirational Speaker Brett Stibner at Gloucester Rotary Club
- 12/02/2923 no speaker at this stage.

# **Little Blue Shed**

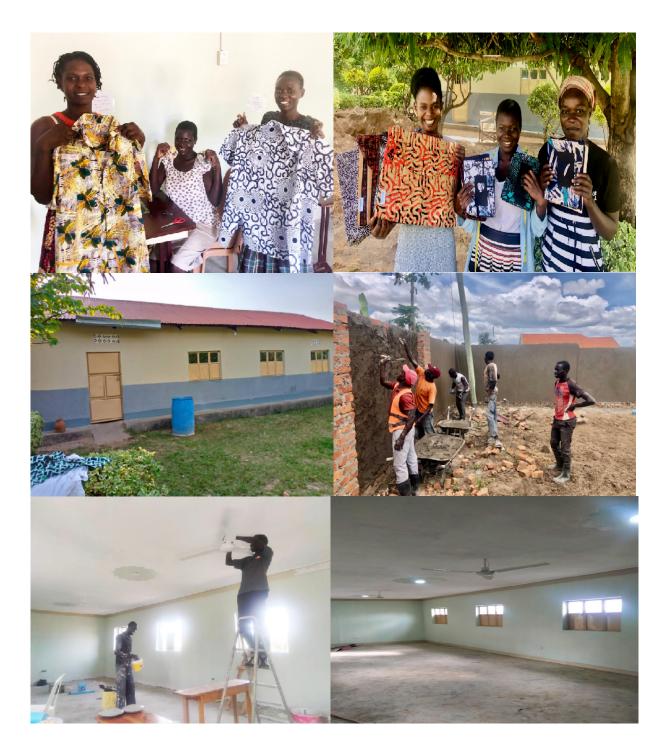


It is wonderful to have Tanja Curcic from the Little Blue Shed back in Australia with us.

Hopefully Tanja will be able to attend our meeting in early March.

In the meantime enjoy some photos of the great work Tanja is doing in Uganda.

Well done Tanja! .



# The Magic of Rotary... RI theme in 2024-25



Rotary International President-elect Stephanie Urchick announced that the 2024-25 presidential theme is **The Magic of Rotary** and called on members to recognize and amplify the organization's power to save lives.

"Don't misunderstand me – we are not going to end polio or bring

peace to the world by waving a wand and saying some funny words," Urchick told incoming district governors at the Rotary International Assembly on 8 January. "It's up to you. You create the magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member."

Click here to watch RI President Elect's theme message

# **District Conference 2024**

**J**oin us for the 'THINK OUT OF THE BOX' Conference at Mudgee in March 2024 and listen to industry leaders and experts share their inspiring stories and practical insights.

Friday 15th - Sunday 17th March 2024

Parklands Resort and Conference Centre, Ulan Road, Mudgee



# RAWCS

You are invited to RAWCS Eastern Regional Meeting Feb 3-4, 2024



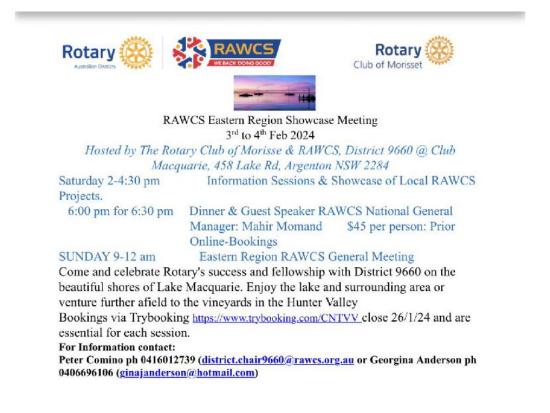
Message from the Secretary of Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS):

Greetings Rotarians,

We wish to extend to you all a most wonderful festive season and best wishes for the 2024 year as you work towards making the world a better place through your RAWCS projects.

A reminder that our next face-to-face General meeting will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> February at Club Macquarie, Argenton. I have attached information for your consideration.

#### Suzanne Morgan RAWCS Eastern Region Secretary



# **Emergency Medicine Kenya Foundation**

We have the pleasure of announcing that our club has received a grant from the Balwyn Centenary Commitee for our Adopt-an-ED project in Kenya in partnership with Emergency Medicine Kenya Foundation (EMKF). This grant was for \$50,000.00

Congratulations Dr Grace for your hard work in preparing the grant application which was very comprehensive and well written.

Originally the project was to upgrade the Kapsabet County Referral Hospital but a new hospital is being constructed. Therefore the project will now upgrade the Bungoma County Referral Hospital.

Following a meeting with EMKF we have been advised that the Bungoma County Referral Hospital project green light is on and the project has commenced.!

We are in the process of transferring the funds to the Emergency Medicine Kenya Foundation.

Regular progress reports will be issued.

## **CLUB MEETINGS**

Our club meetings are held each Monday at Club Taree RSL and Golf Club.

06:00 pm for 06:30 pm start.

Wingham Road Taree NSW 2430

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Neil Hanington 20th January

Phil Streatfeild 23rd January

## **YEARS OF SERVICE**

#### **Kevin Sharp**

01-02-1976 48 Years

#### **Brian Hole**

01-02-1978 46 Years

#### **Susie Ploder**

06-02-2012 12 Years