



**NEXT MEETING:- Monday 8th May, 6:30 for 7:00 p.m. at the
The COFFEE CLUB NEPEAN RIVER**



No stranger to Penrith Rotary we were pleased to welcome back TAMARA VAN ANTWERPEN. Tamara worked for the Luke Priddis Foundation for many years but has since begun working for N.D.I.S. She has a very personal attachment to both fields, her son has Autism and as such, she has a sound understanding in this area. Sadly Tamara lost her Father to Vascular Dementia and she is currently caring for her Mother who has been diagnosed with Parkinsons and Dementia.

Knowing Tamara it is safe to say that her personal walk with & the faith she has in God is what gets her through life's challenges.

In N.D.I.S., Tamara works in the "Young people in residential aged care team" she spoke at length about what is involved, along with how much it costs for each resident every year they are in care.

She explained in detail what N.D.I.S. is all about and the amazing work that they are doing, sadly we only ever hear about what they don't do or how difficult it is to get any help from them. We heard and learned about the good.

We all agreed that to be a young person with a brain injury or disability, it is by far better for them to be able to live in a residential home rather than an age care unit with only senior people to be with, which is where these young people until now were sent with no hope of any form of normal living.

Even for the visitors to these residents, to be able to visit their loved one in a "normal" house is wonderful.

I have only skimmed the surface of what Tamara spoke to us about, you could have heard a pin drop in the room. We thank Tamara so much for coming and talking to us, she's a lovely lady who has the biggest heart.

DON'T MISS THIS GREAT NIGHT

- ◆ Be Inspired by outstanding acts of bravery, kindness, courage
- ◆ Be Entertained by the NSW Police Jazz Band and Solarist
- ◆ Enjoy Good Food and Wine with friends
- ◆ All Proceeds go to Police Legacy

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Join us ... for this Special Event

as we acknowledge Police Officers from our local area who have displayed SERVICE ABOVE SELF

NEPEAN POLICE AREA COMMAND

POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2022



COUNTING DOWN
It's on in 5 WEEKS

Wednesday, 7th June 6:30 p.m.

St Marys Diggers & Band Club 411 Great Western Highway St. Marys

TICKETS \$50 per person +.50 cents booking fee

Includes 3 Course Dinner and Table Wine

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An Initiative of the 4 ROTARY CLUBS of Penrith and St. Marys areas



Highlights from our...

Last Meeting



Our guest speaker Tamara Van Antwerpen was re-gifted the raffle



What a turnout! **PENRITH ROTARY** was well represented at the **MAYORAL CHARITY BALL** held last Friday night at Panthers with David Campbell acting as M.C. to fundraise for **THE HAVEN—Nepean Women's Shelter**. Helping to make a difference in the lives of women and children in our community who are escaping domestic and family violence, \$60,000 was raised to assist The Haven in their work.



Club Diary

Day	Date	Event
Monday	8/05/2023	Club Meeting - Coffee Club Nepean River
Sunday	14/05/2023	Mothers Day
Monday	15/05/2023	Rotary Meeting - Penrith Bowling Club
Friday	19/05/2023	Penrith Festival
Saturday	20/05/2023	BBQ Harvey Norman
Monday	22/05/2023	Club Meeting - Coffee Club Nepean River
Saturday	27/05/2023	Relay For Life, Penrith Paceway 9:00am to 9:00pm
Saturday	27/05/2023	Rotary International Conference-Melbourne
Sunday	28/05/2023	Rotary International Conference-Melbourne
Monday	29/05/2023	Rotary Meeting - Penrith Bowling Club
Tuesday	30/05/2023	Rotary International Conference-Melbourne
Wednesday	31/05/2023	Rotary International Conference-Melbourne
Saturday	3/06/2023	Western Sydney Muna, Nepean High School
Sunday	4/06/2023	Western Sydney Muna, Nepean High School
Monday	5/06/2023	Rotary Meeting - Penrith Bowling Club
Wednesday	7/06/2023	Police Officer of the Year Awards Night, St. Marys Band Club
Monday	12/06/2023	King's Birthday - No Meeting
Friday	16/06/2023	RYPEN Blue Gum Lodge Springwood
Saturday	17/06/2023	BBQ Harvey Norman
Monday	19/06/2023	Rotary Meeting - Penrith Bowling Club
Monday	26/06/2023	Club Meeting - Coffee Club Nepean River
Friday	7/07/2023	NAIDC BBQ 10am-3pm
Monday	24/07/2023	Penrith Rotary Changeover-Lakeside Restaurant



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3rd May



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