

ROTARY CLUB OF HORNSBY DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

September 2021 – Part 1



NKOSI HAVEN

The club passed on a donation to Nkosi Haven and one of our members shared a message received by the charity:

“The donation from the Rotary Club of Hornsby has been deposited into our bank account – than you all so very, very much. COVID-19 has knocked us side-ways and we are really struggling so thank you all so very very much for thinking of Nkosi’s Haven.”

“...Then in June – 30 moms and children tested positive – most were asymptomatic (which is great but very difficult with communal living) so quarantining proved to be a bit difficult...”

“We seem to have been clear since then, thankfully, but it would be nice to see an end to COVID-19!!!! Our children are really not coping with the staggered school attendance, supposed lessons during the day at the Village – when the children are called they are MIA. This trend is rather worrying so we are putting a financial ‘incentive’ in place for both the caregiver who is overseeing the homework/ study time and the child who is ‘most improved’...”

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Rotary

TAKE ACTION: www.hornsbydistrictrotary.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last Monday we accepted, with regret, President Bobby's resignation from the Club. Bobby has served the Club for many years in many capacities. He has been President for at least 5 terms, over the years. He has been the backbone of the Club for so many years. Bobby is a very active member of Rotary having served the district over the years. Bobby is a highly decorated Rotarian. We wish him all the best in his future Rotary endeavours. He will always be welcome as a Rotarian and Friend of our Club.

It is with deep regret that I have also had to receive the resignation of Secretary Bill. Bill has served the Club for many many years and is our constitutional and procedural authority on all matters generally unknown to the members. Fortunately, Bill has only stepped down as secretary and will continue to support us as a member and share his knowledge. Thank you, Bill, for all you have done over the years.

I am happy to announce that Sadia is our new Secretary. Thank you for stepping up, Sadia and I know you will enjoy the position of Secretary, sharing your lovely personality with us all.

I am pleased we have been able to help Geoff with clearing out his factory at Mt Kuringai. A small team from Berowra and Hornsby District were able to off load the bulk of the bric a brac to the Salvation Army.

This Tuesday is our monthly Board Meeting, so if you have any matters, you wish discussed, please let the Secretary or myself know.

Please stay safe. I think I can see a light at the end of the tunnel. We must stay patient as the whole Nation pushes for freedom in a safe way.

Yours in Rotary

Acting President Rob

COMMUNITY PROJECT



The club was approached by Dementia Australia if we would be part of the movement to make Hornsby dementia friendly. There is a local initiative put together with the Hornsby Council, local carers, and the café in Warrawee.

The board decided to join the initiative and see where our club could assist with the movement and serve our community better.

We are looking forward to our role in this project!

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

We have just celebrated our one-year anniversary with the volunteers of the club's marketing team.

We provided them with Certificates of Appreciation as a token of our appreciation for their hard work and time for our club.

Thank you Ankita, Haru and Priyanka for supporting our club!!



BUSINESS ENERGY ADVICE

It is well documented that if businesses adopt positive behaviours, then employees are more likely to take those behaviours home.

Education programs that target good behaviours in businesses have positive effects throughout the community.

Hornsby is a beautiful bushland Shire that is also an intensive user of Energy. The Resilient Sydney program, of which Hornsby Shire Council is a member, has modelled shocks and stresses that we may face as a community, including weather, pandemics, energy or water failures or other emergent events. Hornsby is doing well in some areas, but in Energy Efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, we are falling short.

Energy use contributes to GHG emissions which leads to climate change. Hornsby is a beautiful and biodiverse locality that could face some serious outcomes, if we don't act.

Here's what we can do as Rotarians, in our own sphere of influence to not only do the right thing but save money and cut costs along the way.

- **Promote the Business Energy Advice Program:** A free Australian Government Energy Savings Initiative to help businesses get free tailored advice on how to cut energy costs and get up to date energy efficiency support. Businesses of between (6) six and 20 equivalent full-time employees (or is self-assessed drought-affected business employing up to five employees), qualify for a free one-on-one consultation with an independent business expert from the Business Energy Advice Program. Participants get a free energy report tailored to their business with information on government grants and other resources to unlock energy.
- **Energy efficiency at home:** Council promotes a number of initiatives for saving energy at home that you can find [here](#).
- Thinking of going solar: The **SunSPoT** solar calculator is now available to Hornsby Shire residents and businesses, to help you make an informed solar purchasing choice.

Rotary International's president declared the environment a priority and encouraged all Rotarians to find a way to contribute to meaningful local community outcomes ([link](#)). Help Council to spread the word and sign up to the Business Energy Advice Program [here](#).



BOARD 2021-2022

The board for this year is:

President – **Robert Caldwell**

Secretary – **Sadia Niazi**

Treasurer – **Stephen Bruce**

International/ Vocational – **Geoff Sell**

PR/ Membership/ Marketing – **Sahar Zaidi** (Assisted by **Dennis Hogan**)

Youth – No Director (Assisted by **Wendy Escott**)

Sergeant – **Dennis Hogan**

Marketing Team volunteers – **Ankita Agarwal, Priyanka Mukherjee and Haru Nguyen**

Website and Newsletter – **Simon Bryan**

Club Meeting Information

Weekly: Every Monday, at 6:30 pm

Place: Zoom

Please confirm your attendance by clicking [here](#).

Dates to Celebrate!

Birthdays:

- Bill Scott

Board Meeting

Day: 7 September 2021

Time: 6:30 pm

Place: Zoom

Members if you would like anything to be discussed, send something in by Monday, 6 September.

YOUTH PROJECT

Our club was introduced to CTF by a presentation made by the co-founder of the organisation, Kailash Sarma. The members of the Rotary club were impressed by the mission and goals of Captive the Future (CTF). Kailash was also one of the recipients of our student/ presentation awards at Normanhurst Boys High School in 2020.

CTF is a public speaking competition that aims to empower students to share their story and change their future.

The club has taken on to lend their support to the competition and help spread it amongst the schools in the Hornsby district and our Interact club.

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