



# Rotary Club of Warners Bay Newsletter

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New South Wales

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## Welcome to the New Rotary “RAVE”

### President's Report

On behalf of our current club President Adrian here are a few thoughts on the year so far. We are in the transition phase to our new Rotary year and I'm looking forward to seeing our new newsletter which Kerry and Christine will be compiling for us. We have had a great start to the year with new members joining us and a few moving on to spend time in other aspects of life.

Such is the norm in clubs and business, priorities change and so we should always been inviting people to join us as guests and friends of the club, not necessarily with the request that they join but simply to show them what our Rotary club is like.

The participating clubs in Loop the Lake earlier this year will soon be receiving their donations for their very much appreciated assistance, we couldn't pull it off without them. I look forward to new ideas and people helping to hold the cycle event next year. It is a very good fundraiser for not just Rotary Warners Bay but many other clubs and organisations too.

We are embracing change; our Rotary club can be as lively and interesting as our members want to make it. There really are very few rules about how we must hold a Rotary meeting and it is up to each club whether they do more traditional things like sing the anthem, say Rotary grace or hold fine sessions. For me these are interesting quirks of history and whilst I am happy to participate in aspects of Rotary tradition I don't think we need to thrust it upon everyone.

What Rotary does best in my experience is help with projects that have a fairly small scope and time to complete community projects, things like cleaning graffiti, holding fun runs, and doing fun stuff like steam train rides, picnics, dinners and poetry nights. These are the things that really get the interest of people when the outcomes are local and simple to implement.

If any of our new members have a project or fun outing or idea they would like to do share it with the club and lets see if there is interest in getting it happening.

I'd really like to encourage everyone to participate in the club facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Rotary-Club-of-Warners-Bay/329991213722745>

If we have a number of people who aren't on facebook yet and aren't sure about it I'd be happy to have a bit of discussion and overview of what it is and how it works one evening.

Thank you. See you soon. Jeremy.

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Our poet of the year

Peter Raynor received the Poet's Award 30th April 2012





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**Cardiff Rotary Trivia Night**— on Friday 27th April, Cardiff Rotary Held their trivia night with proceeds going to HMRC. Our Warners Bay Club did have representation at the event however we feel more practice will be needed for future nights!!!



### **Leckie Poetry Award Night**—held 30th April 2012

Our club held a very interesting and successful poetry night along with our highly acclaimed Bush Poet Judge Vic Jefferies.

All entries were outstanding to say the least however there could be only one winner. As you have seen by our front page announcement Peter Raynor was the star of the night. A copy of his full poem can be read on page 3.



### **Warners Bay Rotary Club Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

Craig McGregor from Hunter Recruitment Group and his parents were our guests for the evening. Craig spoke of his involvement with the Quiklinks Housing Program.



At the meeting on the **7<sup>th</sup> May 2012**, Adrian and Jeremy were presented with a 'Peter Harris' award from Peter Raynor. The 'Peter Harris' award is essentially an award given to people who are typically nominated by other rotarians for making a contribution to rotary/society.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul\\_P.\\_Harris#Paul\\_Harris\\_Fellow](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul_P._Harris#Paul_Harris_Fellow)

*This award can be given to a non-rotarian, as a club it would be good if we can identify some community leaders whom we could give the 'Paul Harris' award to this year. - Jeremy*



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### PETER'S POEM

It was events that occurred in '97

That had us convinced I was goin' to heaven

My eyes they gave a so slight a flicker

The Doc said “My goodness, I think it's his Ticker”

So onto to the treadmill I had to step up

To check out the heart rate to make it go up

To see if the hoses and valves were just so

And to see if the old Ticker was ready to blow

To make sure it's safe we'll not want to race

We'll start very quietly and ever so slow

As soon as you settle we'll pick up the pace

Well, away I went one step at a time

I was trying to keep both feet in a line

When I looked down all things went a wobble

Next thing I knew I was in real trouble

Intensive Care was where I awoke  
The Doc said “old mate your tickers all broke”

Plugged in to hoses 'n tubes all night'  
The experience was one hell'uva fright

Within days it was bypass grafts  
Five in all— Each one first class  
Now feeling' great—You little ripper  
'Cause I'm now now in the Club  
that's known as the Zipper

And now each year and I know it's must

I run on the mill

That wants me to bust

Well, away I went one step at a time

I was trying to keep both feet in a line

Very soon my heart's starts to race  
I looked down at my feet and they are a blur

Smoke from my shoes was filling the air

Blood pressures up to 210

The Doc says “keep going I'll tell you when”

I look out the window and see the good Mother Mary

High on the Steeple of All Saints of the Carer's

My heart is racing My lungs won't they fill

I wonder if soon they'll be reading my Will

The look on Doc's face is quite perplexed

The muscles in my legs have no more flex

The graph on the screen is about to erupt

Then all of sudden the Doc says “Enough”

My face full of anguish, terror and fear

I looked at the Doc and he said

Bloody well done! See you next year

### Thought for the month

*The happiest people don't have the best of everything, they just make the best of every thing they have*

..... Author unknown



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### Secretary's Report

Meeting Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May - Brown Sugar 6.30pm

Present : Jeremy and 8 members with three visiting guests.

There not being much business to discuss with so many members on holidays Jeremy asked the meeting their views on whether to continue the breakfast meetings as numbers have dropped off. The discussion was centred around how often we should meet and venues.

Suggestions that every other month we choose a different venue and the ladies looking after the social calendar look into for reporting at the next meeting bearing in mind the cost of meals as with the breakfasts. Keeping the bi-weekly meetings on Monday evening was agreed a good idea.

Another suggestion that received an excellent response was to visit other Rotary clubs for a meal at their meetings.

Jeremy will let all members know that the monthly Board meeting held is open to all those members interested in coming along.

Terry Tiananga - Representing Toronto Rotary Sunrise, normally looks after German and Japan exchange students. Terry introduced Exchange students, Anna and Sophia.

After the official business of rotary Anna presented on screen the wonderful year she has experienced with her various hosts and travelled extensively experiencing what Australia has to offer if you have the opportunity. Anna's experiences were wide-ranging. It was a delight for all to see it through Anna's eyes. We were also privileged to see where Anna's home and family lived and the life they lead in comparison to her experiences in Australia. – Margaret Mitchell



**So far we have given the following amounts to clubs etc from loop the lake**

Toronto Sunrise Rotary 2000  
 Toronto Rotary 2000  
 Morisset Rotary 5000  
 Belmont Rotary 5000  
 Cardiff Rotary 3000  
 CREST 5000  
 ST John Ambulance 5000



### District Governor Changeover Night

*Toronto Rotary Club is hosting the district governor changeover night at Toronto Workers Club on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012.*

*Cost \$35 p/p*

*Our club members' attendance will support Peter in his new roll*

*All welcome*



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### June/July Calendar

Monday 4th June	Brown Sugar Dinner—Club Assembly ideas for next year—Jeremy
Monday 18th June	Brown Sugar Dinner—Presentation Night for Loop the Lake Donations & Club 11/12 Changeover windup
Saturday 30th June	Toronto Worker’s Club 6.15pm Tri-club & District changeover night
Monday 2nd July	Brown Sugar Dinner—Speaker Maureen O’Brien (life story)
Monday 16th July	Brown Sugar Dinner—Speaker Paul Seca (Cleaning Business Growth)
Monday 30th July	Brown Sugar Dinner—Andrew Hughes (Managing Stress)

### Peter and Robin’s overseas trip report

During their trip, Peter and Robin visited Weston-super-Mare (seaside resort town Somerset England) where they visited the local Rotary Club meeting on May 4th. After enjoying lunch, they gave a short talk and were presented with a Banner. They had the opportunity to talk with many of the members present. In their words “we left feeling very warm and fuzzy inside having had a most pleasant experience.” I’m sure they will share some of their other wonderful holiday stories with us on their return.



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# Give Love to Children

...New beginnings given with Love



## Charity Garage Sale

# DONATIONS NEEDED

*Give Love to Children is an Australian non-profit Charity which provides love, support and a voice to children both locally and internationally who have experienced poverty, neglect, hunger, abuse, unfavourable circumstances or simply a life without Love.*

*Give Love to Children was founded with the vision to improve the lives of children through providing love, education, safety, shelter, food, clothing, toys and learning aids enabling children from all socio-economic and cultural backgrounds to have a fair start in life or a new beginning.*

**We will be re-starting our Charity Garage Sales from February, 2012. Garage sales will be held at 12 Park Road, Speers Point every last Saturday of FEB, MAY, AUG and NOV.**

*100% of the proceeds raised from each Garage Sale goes to 'Give Love to Children'.*

**We are in URGENT NEED of quality donations of Goods, Clothing, Toys, Books, Jewellery, Baby Goods, Kitchenware, Nic Nacs, etc.**

*Unfortunately we are unable to accept donations of Furniture, Broken or Soiled Items.*

**To arrange PICK-UP or DROP-OFF**

Please Phone

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