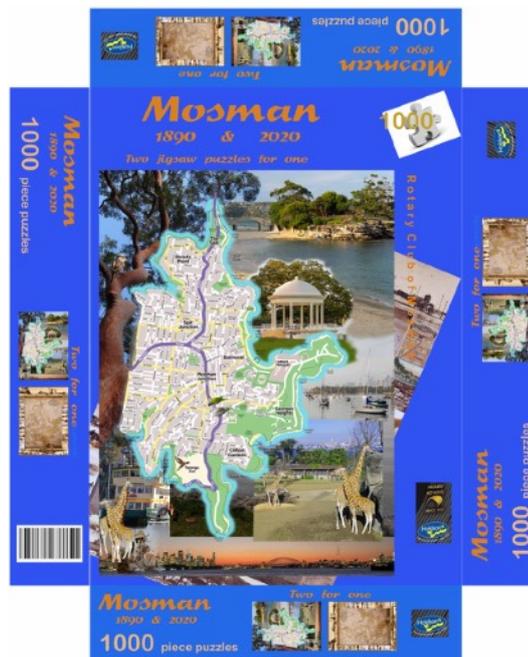


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## Tuesday 3rd November - AGM to discuss Jigsaw Project

James and his team have been working hard to finalise our plans to design and produce a quantity of Mosman Jigsaws as a means of fund raising.

Full details will be revealed on Tuesday with images/costings. Since the expenditure on production will exceed our by-law limit of \$10,000 members attending will be asked to vote on whether or not we should proceed with the expenditure.



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**Note that this meeting will be held via Zoom at 6.00pm.**

**NORMAL MEETINGS SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID-19 VIRUS - REPLACED BY E-MEETINGS AT 6PM VIA ZOOM**

## **VALE JOHN PHELPS CROWE**

**(18 February 1935 – 23 October 2020)**

John Crowe was born at Somerville Hill, Sydney and was educated at Newington College, Stanmore where he gained a scholarship in Latin and excelled as an athlete. After matriculating at the age of sixteen, John attended the University of New South Wales where he completed his Degree in Electrical Engineering before reaching the age of 21 years.



On completion of his studies John joined Bristol Aerospace, a major aerospace company in the United Kingdom which developed the Bloodhound Missile, their major surface to air missile (SAM) for thirty years.

Australia bought the Bloodhound after trials at Woomera. These two clips show some of the exciting testing of the weapon system. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gAIGXu1QpGM> and [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gAIGXu1QpGM&ab\\_channel=BritishPath%C3%A9](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gAIGXu1QpGM&ab_channel=BritishPath%C3%A9). John returned to Australia to work at the Netley Research Centre in Adelaide where he met Christian, his partner for life. They married on 26 September 1964 and moved to Canberra where John worked on the Honeysuckle Creek Space Programme. This Tracking Station was vital to the NASA Apollo Program and John was in Parkes to witness the transmission of the first American Moon Landing on 20 July 1969. During their time in Canberra Sara and Peter were born. When John and Christina returned to Sydney Michael was born. John joined the Commonwealth owned Overseas Telecommunications Commission (OTC), operating all overseas cable and wireless service, with John involved in the technical management of offshore cable transmissions.

On 16 July 1992 John joined the Rotary Club of Mosman with the Classification International Communications. He quickly became involved in the Club projects and after terms as a Director, first in International Service and then as Community Service, John was elected President for the Rotary year 1998-99. Highlights of his Year included the induction of our first two female Rotarians. John introduced a new cover for our Bulletin, OOOO designed by his good friend Past President Don West featuring a specially commissioned Ken Done painting of Sydney Harbour. The Club hosted thirty four children from the Far West of NSW for a four day visit and sightseeing programme. A Melbourne Cup lunch was provided for over 100 Senior Citizens and the Raffle of a Toyota Corolla Seca car raised \$10,000 for Breast and Prostate Cancer Research. Combining with Balmoral Club a very successful Pride of Workmanship and Community Service Award night was conducted. During his term the Hand Surgery Skills Transfer Project in Vietnam continued and five containers of medical equipment was sent to Vietnam hospitals. \$20,000 was donated to Baptist Aid disaster relief and education programmes in Papua and New Guinea and a two year Ambassadorial Scholar was sponsored to Washington DC. John and Christina have been active supporters of Club activities including visits to Vietnam and Myanmar. In recognition of his many years of service to Rotary and the community John was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship.

Retaining connection with his old school, John was active in support of committees of Old Newingtonians. His passion for skiing and membership of Manly Golf Club since 1978 kept him fit throughout his life and created additional social activities for him and his family at ski fields throughout the world.

A gentle man and a gentleman, his charm, intellect and sporting prowess will be sorely missed.

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## Happy Holidays Project - Reminder

We have been approached by Domestic Violence NSW to support their annual gift donation drive for member services working directly with families escaping domestic violence.



It's best to **avoid second hand or perishable items**. The suggestions are:

- Gift cards are super useful and are a safe option including being easy to send out
- Packaged toys, books and clothing for children/teenagers
- Gender neutral gifts for children and teenagers
- Gifts for women

## And a message from PP Di

As you would be aware, our club is participating in the HAPPY HOLIDAYS PROJECT 2020 in support of Domestic Violence NSW. Refer article in OOOO last week.

Giftcards are an excellent option. Members can give me their contributions at our face to face meetings from Tuesday 10 November, or drop off to me at 3/1 Iredale Avenue Cremorne Point. The last meeting for this will be Tuesday 1 December. I shall deliver the gifts to Kennards Waterloo that afternoon before the close-off date of 4 December.

Your participation in this project would be greatly appreciated - it's so very easy to spread some happiness in doing so.

## Our Renewed Physical Meetings

Last week we trailed a physical meeting at Mosman Rowers following the increase in gatherings from 20 to 30. Because of the short notice only 18 members attended but the meeting was extremely successful with excellent food and service. Many thanks to PE Mark for arranging this. We also took the opportunity to hand Vaan her New Members Kit and badges.

Subject to members comments it is probable that we will restart physical meetings at the Rowers wef 10th November. Next weeks Meeting will be held by Zoom and would be an ideal occasion for members to express their views.



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## THOUGHTS FROM PRESIDENT RICHARD

### BUSHFIRE REMEDIATION GRANT APPROVED

I am delighted to advise that we received approval for our submission to Rotary Australia for a \$14,000 grant to provide bushfire rehabilitation support to impacted communities in the Upper MacLeay Valley and Mid-West regions in NSW.

In both these areas there were numerous homes and outbuildings destroyed and while some re-building has taken place feedback from local communities indicates **assistance with replanting of house gardens/home paddocks would be of benefit from both a mental health as well as a community support perspective**. This proposal covered three Rotary Districts with contributions from five Rotary Clubs and would lead to disbursement of funds (most probably via vouchers) to impacted families and communities. The vouchers would be redeemable through local businesses and the local Rotary Clubs would work with local Council-facilitated rehabilitation services (eg. Step by Step) to ensure funds went to deserving families and also to related community garden projects.

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The Rotary Clubs of Kempsey, West Kempsey and South West Rocks (all District 9650) have agreed to commit \$5,000.

The Rotary Club of Rylstone-Kandos (District 9670) is yet to finalise its commitment but assumed to be \$2,000.

The Rotary Club of Mosman (District 9685) has offered to match commitments from those Clubs - i.e. \$7,000 (assuming there is a contribution from Rylstone-Kandos).

Matching grant from Rotary Australia has been approved for \$14,000

Charlie and Blair are the joint project managers and will be reaching out to members to help with this exciting program.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**3rd November** - Special General Meeting re Jigsaw Funding

**5th November** - Thursday Morning Breakfast Group at Rowers

**10th November** - Briefing about Books In Homes

**17th November** - TBA

**24th November** - AGM

**1st December** - Kate Branch on The Albert Hotel Creation

The Rotary Club of Mosman wishes to thank Kennard's Storage Artarmon  
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### Front desk roster

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### Board members

**President:** Richard Vahtrick,  
**President Elect:** Mark Wallis, **Treasurer:** Derek Andrew,  
**Club Service:** Mark Wallis, **Secretary:** Graeme Robinson+Dom Rabu,  
**International Service:** Richard Vahtrick, **Youth:** Sarah Harding,  
**Community Service:** Suri Jain, **Vocational:** Halyna Koscharsky,  
**Membership:** Di McKenzie, **Fund Raising:** Mark Alderson,

**Immediate Past President:** Graeme Robinson

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