

2nd December 2021

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Dear Members & Friends,

Less than a month to Christmas and so much happening – gift shopping, cooking, planning, visiting friends and family and also just three more meetings for Camden Rotary until our Christmas festive break.

Air Chief Marshal Mark Binskin (Rtd) AC & Chair of CASA was our very special guest speaker at last week's meeting. The evening was dedicated to Mark's wonderful presentation which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Mark, a very humble man, has certainly packed a lot into his life so far! It was also a pleasure to meet and welcome many of Mark (and David's) family to this special evening. Thank you also to those guests who attended as well.

This week's meeting is Zoom only with our Sister Club Cirencester in the UK. The meeting will start a little later (8pm) to fit in with the time difference between the UK and Australia. This will be a catch-up with our fellow Rotarian friends and it should be a very interesting and different style of meeting. I hope you can join us.

Louise Murphy, a registered nurse and Founder of the Australian First Responder Foundation, which is committed to reducing mental ill-health and suicide in volunteer emergency first responders, will be our guest speaker next week. Another meeting not to be missed!

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December is our Christmas Party and will be a night to celebrate the end of the year in a festive way. Please book your spot asap (details elsewhere in bulletin) for a great fun evening. Come dressed in your best Christmas attire for a chance to win a prize!

Thank you to all our members and friends who have volunteered for the Christmas Trailer Raffle roster. It is a good opportunity to meet members of our community and spread the word about our great Camden Rotary Club while raising funds for local charities and Rotary projects and programmes.

Have a wonderful week

Yours in Rotary,  
Judith

THIS WEEK - CIRENCESTER

Our meeting this week is special; a joint meeting with the members of our **Sister Club Cirencester**. This is the first time we have conducted such a meeting format, a great opportunity for our Clubs to learn about each other and our members to engage with the Rotarians of Cirencester. **The meeting will be conducted via Zoom only; there is no meeting at the Golf Club.**

To allow for the different time zones, **the meeting will commence at 8pm and conclude by 9pm.**

**Time:** 8pm Sydney time

Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83296768225?pwd=NIhjWDZRVXdyNm0vK1RDRnE2NjUvQT09>

Meeting ID: 832 9676 8225

Passcode: 666 904



## Upcoming Events

Cirencester Rotary Club Zoom  
Meeting  
Zoom  
Dec 02, 2021  
8:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Louise Murphy Guest Speaker  
Camden Golf Club + Zoom  
Dec 09, 2021  
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Club Christmas Party  
Camden Golf Club  
Dec 16, 2021  
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

RYLA (Rotary Youth  
Leadership Awards)  
Stanwell Tops Conference  
Centre  
Jan 02, 2022 – Jan 09, 2022

Club Barbeque Night  
Jan 13, 2022  
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM



**DATE:** THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

**VENUE:** CAMDEN GOLF CLUB

**COST:** \$50, INCLUDES 2 COURSES + WELCOME DRINK

**TIME:** 6.30p.m. for 7p.m.

**DRESS:** CHRISTMAS THEME (SMART CASUAL)

**RSVP:** 10<sup>th</sup> December

Please confirm your attendance with Ian as soon as possible  
[camdenrotaryattendance@gmail.com](mailto:camdenrotaryattendance@gmail.com)

Payment in advance would be much appreciated.

Direct Deposit to: Rotary Club of Camden

BSB: 062 516

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## NEXT WEEK – LOUISE MURPHY

### Founder Australian First Responder Foundation



**Louise Murphy** is passionate about building peer support programs that value the commitment and service of volunteer first responders, drawing on her subject matter expertise, operational credibility and international network of best practice to build support systems that care for those who care for us.

In 2020, Louise founded the **Australian First Responder Foundation**, a charity committed to reducing mental ill-health and suicide in volunteer emergency first responders. She is a Registered Nurse with over 30 years' experience working in a variety of senior positions in clinical, management and education. Her areas of expertise are mental health and drug and alcohol medicine. Academically, Louise holds a Masters in Nursing (Nurse Practitioner) with post graduate certificates in leadership and health management.

Her passion is in education, connecting and engaging people and volunteering as a St John Ambulance Officer first responder and trainer.

Louise has been responsible for the development and implementation of the State Peer Support Program for **St John Ambulance (NSW)** and a National Education Program for the Australian Department of Defence.

In 2018, she was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to investigate peer support programs in volunteer first responders to reduce mental health issues and suicide in first responders.

Louise is currently a **Nurse Practitioner** in drug and alcohol medicine with South West Sydney Local Health District.



## DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK



And Congratuations:



Richard Cornhill – 1<sup>st</sup>  
(30 years)



Ian McKenzie – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
(39 years)

&

Cyril Houseman -2<sup>nd</sup> (56 years)

## CHRISTMAS TRAILER RAFFLE NARELLAN TOWN CENTRE



Below is the link to the roster for the Christmas Trailer Raffle.  
Still a few vacant shifts to fill - please click now to volunteer.

### [2021 Christmas Roster.doc](#)

If you are unable to use the online booking system please contact Ken Macaulay who will add your name to the roster. We will be selling tickets at Narellan Town Centre continuously until 23rd December. In addition, we have set up a website to try to attract sales from people who do not visit the Town Centre. Check it out, the link is below.



<https://rafflelink.com.au/camdenrotary2021>



## CHRISTMAS HAMPER SHOPPING LIST

CHRISTMAS PUDDING —Family or individual size
LONG LIFE CUSTARD
BISCUITS—Sweet and Savoury
JELLY CRYSTALS
TINNED FRUIT 425gm
TINNED VEGETABLES 425gm
PASTA
PASTA SAUCE
SALAD DRESSING
CHRISTMAS LOLLIES
CHIPS/NUTS/ NIBBLIES
BOTTLE OF SOFT DRINK/ CORDIAL
LONG LIFE MILK
CHRISTMAS SERVIETTES AND BON BONS
Other options: Personal shopping for hamper items
Donation towards a hamper — Each hamper cost approx. \$50-00
Coles/ Woolworths or Aldi Gift Card that could be used to purchase hamper items.
On-line shopping with Coles or Woolworths—Delivery to Turning Point Wednesday- Friday between 10 until 1-30

Members are asked to bring along something from the Turning Point Christmas Hamper Shopping List (see above for suggestions). We've also had requests for toys (value approx. \$10). Please bring along your donations to the 9<sup>th</sup> December meeting for collection, or contact Jo Perrin.

Thank you to those members who have already generously donated goods and vouchers to those in need.



At the District Presidents' Meeting last Friday night our Club received recognition for our support for *The Rotary Foundation*. In the 2020-2021 Rotary Year we achieved 100% member participation donating US\$100 (*Every Rotarian Every Year*).

We were also recognised for our continuing financial support for *End Polio Now* as we move even closer to eradicating polio from the world. There has only been 4 cases of wild polio this year.



## LETTER FROM CIRENCESTER MEMBER JOHN MURPHY

“I have to say I was inspired by the talk given by Mark Binskin this morning/evening. If ever there was a case of local boy made good this was it!

Having a daughter and family located in Melbourne I am particularly interested in things Australian and have been there many times. I also live in a small village of about 300 people here in the Cotswolds called Leighterton whose cemetery features the graves of some 20 odd young Australian men who came here in 1917 as forerunners of the Australian Airforce to prepare for combat missions but who died on training flights during what must have been very dangerous times for pilots in the early days of flight in general.

Every year on Anzac Day, April 25, the local primary school (you can imagine how small that is!) turns out to sing the Aussie national anthem in their smart school uniforms accompanied by a band at the cemetery and in the presence of a Consul or his representative. A very moving ceremony.

Mark's presentation made me think of how brave those young men must have been to travel half way round the world to fight a European battle in dodgy aircraft and who paid the ultimate price.....and the impact on their families. Well....they are not forgotten!

Thanks for the opportunity of participating in your meeting.

Best wishes

John Murphy  
Cirencester Rotary Club”

## PHOTOS FROM LAST WEEK



## LAST WEEK – 25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

### Air Chief Marshal Mark Binskin (Ret' d) AC



What an amazing speaker we had last week!

Mark Binskin was born in Campbelltown, NSW, and as long as he can remember he has always wanted to fly. Inspired by his father's love of flying, his desire to fly was reinforced when two Mirage jets flew low over his home and the trailing pilot looked out of the cockpit directly at him. From that moment, he focused on flying fast jets. Flying has always been a passion for Mark.

Mark applied to the Air Force and the Navy to become a pilot and was accepted for both, but the inspiration to land on an aircraft carrier took him to the Navy to start off with

He was on exchange with the Air Force flying Mirages when the government of the day decided to scrap the fixed-wing component of the fleet air arm, so it was a natural decision for him to transfer to the Air Force.

During his career, Air Chief Marshal Binskin, among other things, served with No. 77 Squadron, was commander of air combat group, and was responsible for the conduct of all coalition air operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Mark was Chief of the Defence Force of Australia from 2014-2018, Vice Chief of the Defence Force (2011-2014) and Chief of Air Force (2008-2011). In 2020, he was Chair of the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements. He is currently Chair of the Australia Pacific Security College Advisory Board, on the Board of the Australian International Military Games (Invictus Games Sydney 2018), and a member of the Governing Committee of the Temora Aviation Museum

Mark has over 3,500 hours in single seat fighter aircraft including the A-4G Skyhawk, Mirage 1110, F-16C and F/A-18 Hornet. He continues to be active in general aviation and holds a commercial, RAAus and Remote pilot licence, and is a warbird owner.

