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New bus to benefit dementia-affected and carers Rotary Club of North Sydney excels in fundraising

The Tom O'Neill Centre at North Sydney needed a new bus and in answer to their request, the members of the Rotary Club of North Sydney have excelled – they have raised near \$70,000 enabling purchase of 19 seater Nissan Civilian bus. North Sydney Leagues Club and Reckitt Benckiser have generously supported them in their endeavours.

Rotary Club of North Sydney are hosting a **Cocktail Party at North Sydney Leagues Bowling Club St Leonard's Park (off Ridge Street) on Tuesday 22 May from 6 to 8pm** to mark the very successful outcome of a lot of hard work.

The staff of the Tom O'Neill Centre as well as the clients and carers of the service are hosting an **old fashioned afternoon tea at Tom O'Neill Centre 10 Edward Street, North Sydney from 2.30 to 3.30 pm** to personally thank the members of the club and supporters for their great efforts.

Tom O'Neill Centre is a specialised public facility providing day respite for the carers and people suffering dementia through centre-based and in-home service as well as related services. Clients from across the lower north shore benefit from their services.

Centre Coordinator Nickie Griffiths said a bus was crucial to the provision of the service and the assistance of the Club came just in time. "Our old bus had become unreliable, requiring increasing service and disrupting provision of our day respite care. I cannot thank the members and supporters of the Rotary Club of North Sydney enough. Their great efforts will bring real benefit to our clients."

Cremorne resident Sue Morgan whose 69 year old husband Kevin is a client of Tom O'Neill Centre paid tribute to the effort of the club. She said transport was so important to the service provided at Tom O'Neill Centre - it enables her husband to travel to the Centre once a week and she is able to focus on her work.

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