



ROTARY CLUB OF WEST WOLLONGONG INC. NEW SOUTH WALES AUSTRALIA

(CHARTERED 23 MARCH 1964)

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 9675

ANNUAL REPORT 2019/2020

THE FOUR WAY TEST OF THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

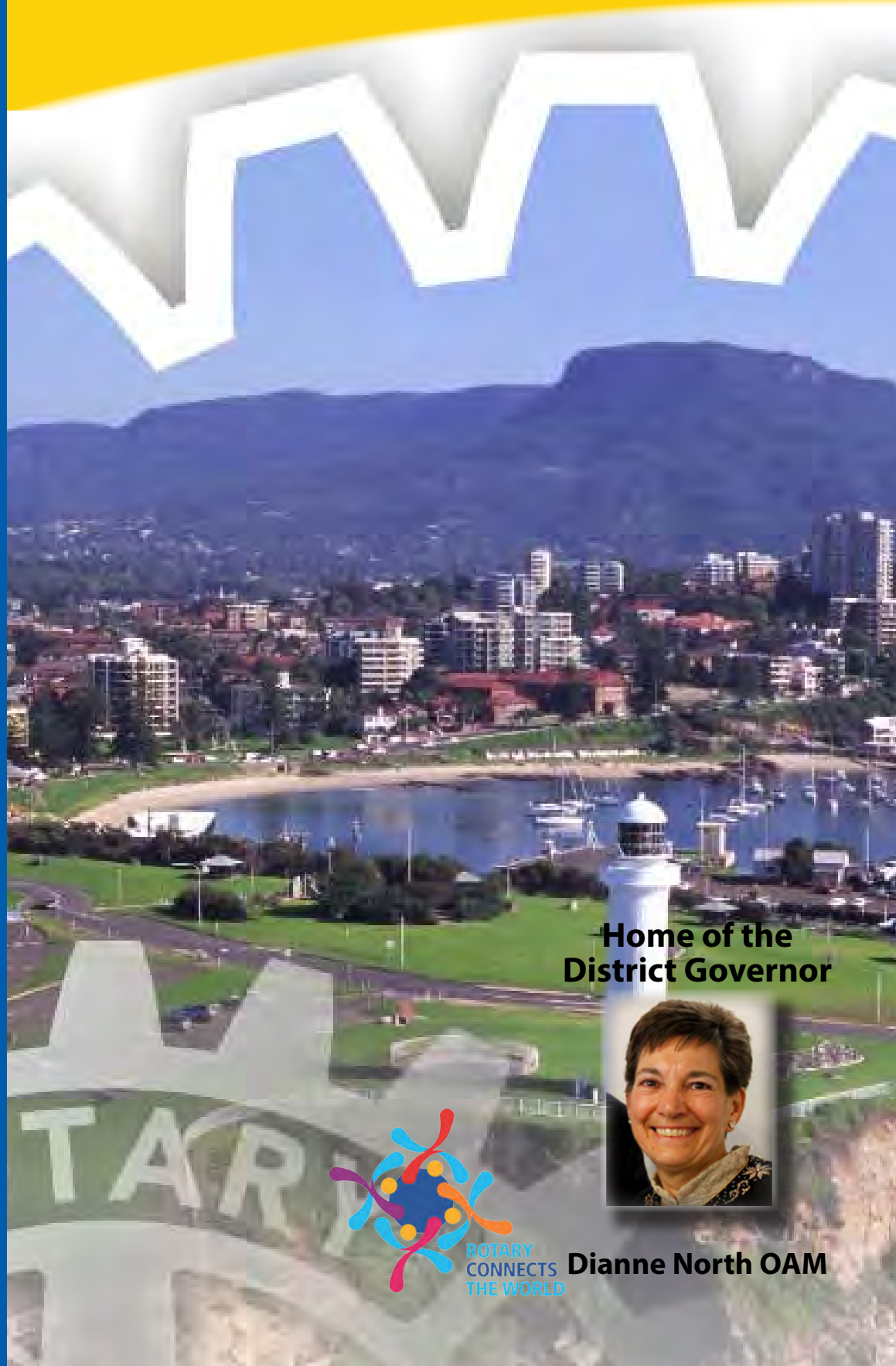
THE OBJECT OF ROTARY is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life; and

FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.



**Home of the
District Governor**



ROTARY
CONNECTS
THE WORLD

Dianne North OAM



TOGETHER, WE

PROMOTE PEACE

Rotary



PEOPLE OF ACTION



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CONNECT

Rotary



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ROTARY CLUB OF WEST WOLLONGONG INC 2019/2020

BOARD & TEAM STRUCTURE



PRESIDENT	IMMEDIATE PP	SECRETARY
Ray Lee	Prof. Helen Hasan	Dr. Kerrie Hayes-Williams
TREASURER	PRESIDENT ELECT	DIRECTOR CLUB ADMINISTRATION
Rose Pope • Disbursement Budget • Capsules Integration	Rose Pope Support DG Di North Patrick Roberts/ Pres. Ray Lee	Marilyn Phillips
DIRECTOR MEMBERSHIP FOCUS	DIRECTOR COMMUNITY & REVENUE	DIRECTOR FOUNDATION/INTN'L/NEW GENERATIONS
John Erickson	Joanne Glaser	Pres. Ray Lee
Membership - John Erickson • Fellowship • Social Activities • Venue Arrangements • Guest Speakers • Sergeant team • New Members	Community Projects* • Combined Illawarra WOI, R4R, Graffiti Day etc • NSW & ACT Community service awards Routine Fundraisers* • BBQs, Charles, Tins etc Major Event Fundraiser(s)* e.g. - Melbourne Cup Lunch • Comedy for a Cause etc	Foundation team leaders PDG Pat Roberts OAM & Stephen Swan New Generations Director Ken Potter • RYDA, RYPEN etc Projects* Health Programs Peace Programs Centurion etc
Public Relations Director Arthur Booth • Radio, newspaper • Online Presence • Public Image	Revenue Budget	
TEAM MEMBERS	TEAM MEMBERS	TEAM MEMBERS
John Erickson Arthur Booth Netty Broekman Tom O'Toole Bob Armessen Jim Christensen Prof. Helen Hasan Noel Watt Barry Stevens Pam Halcrow	Joanne Glaser Dieter Glaser Milan Stanojevic Albert Cachia Bruce Inglis Tim Koppel Dr. Kerry Hayes-Williams Dennis Simpson All teams as required - Rose Pope	Ken Potter Marilyn Phillips PDG Patrick Roberts OAM Stephen Swan Michael Campbell Michael Crowley Anne Christensen Prof. Aditya Grose Jessica Gnata Pres. Ray Lee
MEMBERS ON DISTRICT and GROUP F COMMITTEES		
District Alumni Committee - PP John Erickson District Insurance officer - Joanne Glaser District Conference Committee - DG Di North OAM Home Hosting - PP Jim Christensen Accommodation - Joanne Glaser District Bulletin Editor - PP Michael Crowley		PP Marilyn Phillips - Road Safety Education Tom O'Toole - Imagination Library Milan Stanojevic - Wings Over Illawarra PP Ken Potter - Road Safety Education

Rotary International President



Mark Maloney

District Governor 9675



Dianne North OAM

Assistant Governor



Julie Collareda

President



Ray Lee



The Rotary International theme for the year - **Rotary Connects the World** - was designed to create public awareness of Rotary's work to provide local community service and achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational and cultural exchange programs. It is how we make a difference - every day, in every one of our 35,000 clubs around the world. The **Director reports** which follow are testament to the way the **Rotary Club of West Wollongong** pursues and succeeds in these aims, through the dedication of its members.

It has been a very special honour and privilege for the Club this year to be the **Home of the District Governor, member Dianne North OAM**, who works so tirelessly to advance the causes and aims of Rotary in so many arenas. Despite the punishing schedule of work in her leadership role, **District Governor Di** has continued to find time to attend Club meetings and participate in our fundraising activities - a truly remarkable effort and we thank and admire her for that. Being the **District Governor host Club** has brought attendant responsibilities to provide great support for District activities - notably the **District Conference**, and also in administrative functions.

DG Di North OAM and David North OAM



Special thanks are due to **Joanne Glaser (Insurance and District Conference Committee member)**, **Jim Christensen (District Conference Hosting and Volunteer coordinator)**, **Michael Crowley (District Governor Newsletter editor)** and "sounding board" **Past District Governor Patrick Roberts OAM**.

The Club has been generous in our support of **District Governor and Partner programs**, contributing \$2000 to **Indigenous Health** and \$3700 to **Interplast**.

The extraordinary disappointment of the last-minute **COVID-19** imposed cancellation of the Wollongong-based **"Reasons" District Conference** should not overshadow the efforts of all involved. It is a great credit to our Club that from around 10% of total Illawarra Rotary membership we provided 75% of volunteers recruited for Conference duties. Thank you to all who stepped up to that level of support.



In parallel with the additional effort in support of our **District Governor**, this remarkable Club has continued active fundraising to support community causes in local and national areas, as well as our usual commitment to projects sponsored by **The Rotary Foundation**. Special credit and thanks in the fundraising areas go to **"Barbecue Queen" Director Joanne Glaser** and her able hardworking lieutenants **Milan Stanojevic and husband Dieter** and the myriad of barbecue volunteers. **Dennis Simpson** continues to lead efforts at the **Charles Hotel** - many thanks Dennis and offiders. The **inaugural Melbourne Cup luncheon** was an incredibly successful event and will hopefully evolve into one of our backbone major fundraisers in the Club calendar.



Worthy of particular mention is the project at **Warrawong Public School** - assisted by a **District Grant** - enthusiastically led by **Dennis Simpson** who was ably supported by a regular crew of member volunteers. Completion of that project, which provides a refurbished playground garden - complete with mini-car track - gives the children a space that is truly special, especially considering the difficult life circumstances many of them experience. In a similar vein Dennis and his band of helpers completed improvement work at the **Para Meadows school** as soon as recent isolation requirements were able to be met.

Warrawong Public School mini-car track



**Para Meadows School
Special picnic table with access for
wheelchairs**



Financial support for the drought afflicted community of **Lightning Ridge** has been channelled through the **Lightning Ridge Rotary Club**. Over \$8000 from our Club has provided food hampers and more recently pharmaceuticals to those in hardship, all via their local businesses.

In the same way the **Rotary Club of Batemans Bay** is distributing vouchers on our behalf to bushfire affected families for use at nominated local businesses. A total of \$6000 in aid has been provided by our Club. **Treasurer Rose Pope** has been instrumental in the difficult job of identification, initiation, completion and due diligence aspects of these substantial donations.

A special landmark has been the closure of the Club's long-running **Baby Capsules Hiring and Fitting Service** which has been a key Community support in the Illawarra since 1991. A sad but inevitable event. Demand for the service has dropped markedly over recent years as much less expensive units are now available for purchase. **The Rotary Club of West Wollongong** has fitted more than 400 capsules since inception, and donated almost \$100,000 to **Wollongong Hospital's Neo-Natal and Maternity units**, providing vital equipment for the saving of lives. Along with all volunteers, stalwarts **Anne and Jim Christensen** and **Marilyn Phillips** deserve special mention and praise for their great work (often under trying circumstances) in keeping the service operating up until it's closure. Unravelling the financial and bureaucratic tangle to enable the registered program's closure has also been a confronting task - thank you **Bob Armessen** for your amazing work in achieving this.

In the Youth portfolio, despite offerings to various schools, the take-up rate for development programs has been disappointing. It seems there isn't the priority within our schools to drive activity across the **Youth Program**, though a new booklet developed by **Directors Ken Potter and Marilyn Phillips** seemed to be achieving better take-up before being stopped in it's tracks by COVID-19. Nonetheless the evergreen **Rotary Youth Driver Awareness program** continued as a joint Illawarra program supported by various local Rotary Clubs, a **District Grant**, and \$6000 from **The IMB Community Foundation**. Thanks are due to Ken and Marilyn for their tireless efforts in this area.

The Club Administration area has again done credit to the holding of our **Citizenship Night** - thanks to **Director Marilyn, PDG Patrick** and his wife Yvonne Roberts. It is an evening that is unique and special in the Illawarra. This year we were again privileged to have **Lord Mayor Gordon Bradbery AM** officiating, along with the **NSW/ACT Regional Director for the Department of Home Affairs Ms Sneha Chatterjee**.





The **Bulletin**, particularly during the current period of COVID-19 restrictions, continues to be of the highest quality and of great value to all members. Special credit and thanks to editor **Michael Crowley**.

As detailed in **Director's reports**, we have continued to advance in many areas, whilst at the same time experiencing difficulty in others. In particular, despite the herculean efforts of **Director John Erickson** and others, our membership numbers have declined at a time when it was critical to increase, if only modestly. With advancing age and associated health issues of our members I believe we are at a tipping point – however with the new vigour of a refreshed Board and leadership the prospects are bright. The introduction of the **Corporate Membership classification** brings opportunities not only for new members but also increased participation of organisations in support of our activities. Introduction of **monthly pre-meetings for drinks and savouries** during the summer months were well supported and attracted some new faces. Thank you John for your huge efforts and great support during the year. Supplementing these fellowship events the highly successful and well patronised social program put together by **Netty Broekman** would make you wonder how people could resist being a member of this Club !

Netty and Ben Broekman
The Riverboat Postman cruise



Drinks and Savouries - Centro CBD

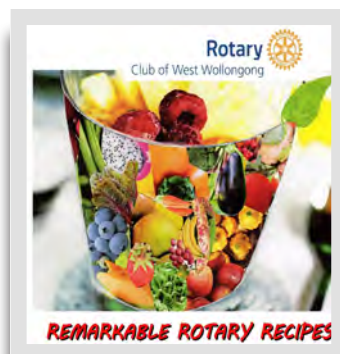


Our Public Awareness efforts have been somewhat hampered by health issues, however I record my sincere thanks to long-time member Director Arthur Booth for his continuing contribution in all areas.

A valuable **advertisement for Rotary**, a fundraiser and wonderful everyday tool is **Helen Hasan's baby** – the amazing **Rotary Club of West Wollongong "Remarkable Rotary Recipe Book"**. A great deal of effort went into this self-published book which was well supported by members. It is a credit to Helen.

The **Rotary Foundation** highlight was the **Peace Oration** delivered to a best-ever audience. Special thanks for this are due to **Aditya Ghose** and **Michael Campbell**. Successful graduate and post-graduate scholarship placements at The **University of Wollongong** have been in large part due to the experience and untiring efforts of **Michael Crowley**. Our financial commitment to The **Rotary Foundation** causes has continued to remain strong.

Prof. Helen Hasan's "Remarkable Rotary Recipe Book"



Special mention is due to the “engine room” of Club operations – **Treasurer Rose Pope** and **Secretary Kerrie Hayes-Williams** – who have worked so diligently, often behind the scenes, to keep things moving forward. Kerrie will soon step back for well earned respite, and I extend sincere thanks and very best wishes to her on behalf of all Club members.

I acknowledge and thank a notable contributor to almost all aspects of our work this year - **Noel Watt**, a member of over 42 years standing. As well as developing an invaluable member history database Noel has always been there at the school projects, fundraising events, trips away and social activities. In the coming year Noel will become **Treasurer** and take on other roles in club operation.

Without exception everyone in this Club makes a significant contribution, and inevitably some special contributors have been missed in my comments above. Please know that your efforts are appreciated.

The past year has presented additional challenges, in common with the nature of events which have left few in the world untouched. The swift imposition of COVID-19 restrictions suddenly placed us in uncharted territory. Online camaraderie was immediately apparent, with our Club held up as an example of how Rotary life goes on in tough times. Resumption of initially social and gradually more formal online meetings using **zoom (hosted by Helen Hasan, with our gratitude)** took place. Most would agree that the platform has been very successful, but no substitute for seeing each other in person. We look forward to the day when that can resume.

We are indeed a very active team. The achievements of the **Rotary Club of West Wollongong** are due to the determined efforts of all members of the Board, our committees, members, friends and support from our partners. I sincerely appreciate the efforts of all and I extend my thanks to each of you. Without your teamwork, commitment and dedication towards achieving our common goals, nothing would happen.

The journey of steering us into the future continues under the leadership of **Rose Pope** throughout 2020/2021. I wish Rose and her Board the very best for her year as we all continue to enjoy the benefits of membership of the **Rotary Club of West Wollongong**.

RAY LEE
PRESIDENT 2019/2020

Board Members 2019/2020

L to R. President Ray Lee, PP Helen Hasan, PP Arthur Booth, Treasurer Rose Pope, PP Marilyn Phillips, PP Ken Potter, PP John Erickson, Joanne Glaser (absent: Secretary Dr. Kerri Hayes- Williams)



LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

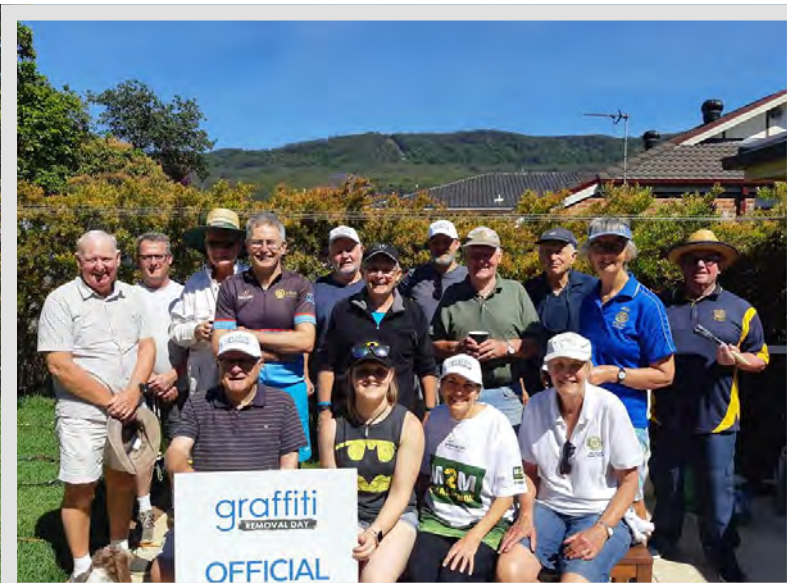
Dennis Simpson, Joanne Glaser, Rose Pope & Noel Watt
preparing track



End of an Era - Baby Capsules



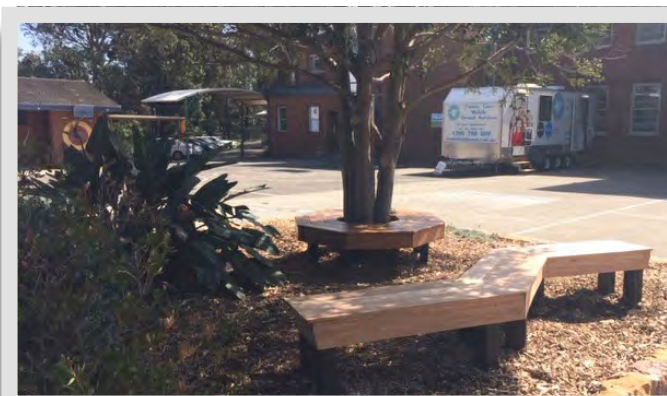
Graffiti Removal day



Graffiti Removal day



Our ongoing Warrawong Primary School Project Dennis Simpson, Noel Watt, Bob Armessen & Michael Crowley
positioned the new garden seating, which was ingeniously designed and constructed by Dennis Simpson.



SERVICE ACTIVITIES



LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Warrawong Primary School - Michael Crowley and Dennis Simpson



Warrawong Primary School



Para Meadows School - Noel Watt, Bob Armessen and Dennis Simpson assembled a picnic table like structure with a roof and suitable for wheelchair access. As well, a musical wind up machine was installed.



Cringila Public School



Warrawong Primary School

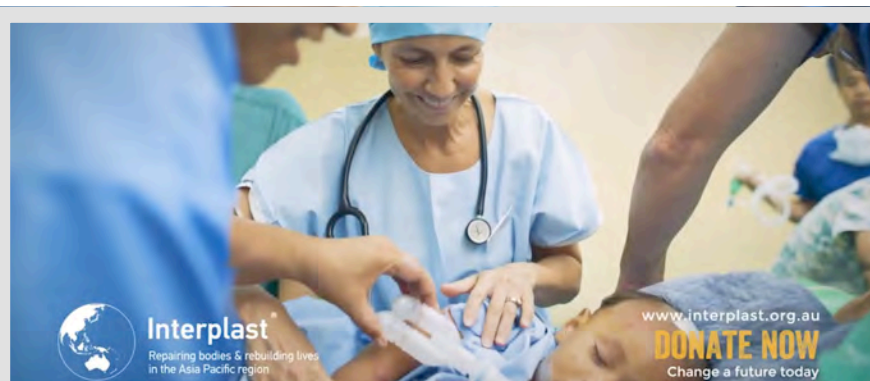


INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT

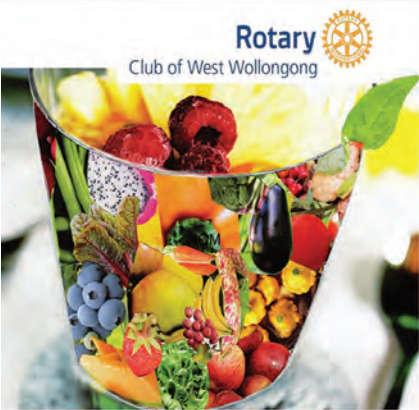
DG Di North OAM, AG Julie Collareda and Rotarians
Ride the Train to end Polio Donation



Interplast



TREASURER'S REPORT



Donations to the following entities were given on Changeover Night 2019

Rotary Foundation



Every Child a Future



Australian Rotary Health



Days for Girls



Rotary Australia World Community Services



Imagination Library



Rotary Australia World Community Services



Prof. Helen Hasan - Certificate Australian Rotary Health



TREASURER'S REPORT



Despite losing fundraising opportunities for almost a third of the year, we still managed, with the aid of two **District Grants**, plus a generous donation from **The Charles Hotel**, to raise enough funds to be able to assist many worthwhile causes.

The Charity Account has also now been supplemented with funds from the closure of the Capsules account since the Baby Capsule Project has been terminated. Suitable use of these funds will be looked at in the near future.

It's not possible to produce an audited set of accounts for the current year due to the Changeover occurring prior to June 30. An audited financial report will be tabled at our **AGM** meeting in November.

CHARITY ACCOUNT

INCOME Main sources were:

Capsules Project Closure	\$25,400
Barbeques	\$ 9,500
Charles Hotel Raffle	\$ 6,800
Rotary District Grants	\$ 6,500
Melbourne Cup Drought Fundraiser	\$ 2,700
Charles Hotel Bushfire Donation	\$ 2,000
Charity Tins, other donations	\$ 2,000

EXPENDITURE

INTERNATIONAL

Interplast	\$3,700
TRF incl Centurion and End Polio Now	\$1,600
RAWCS Philippines Dental Program	\$1,000
Peace Oration	\$ 250

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

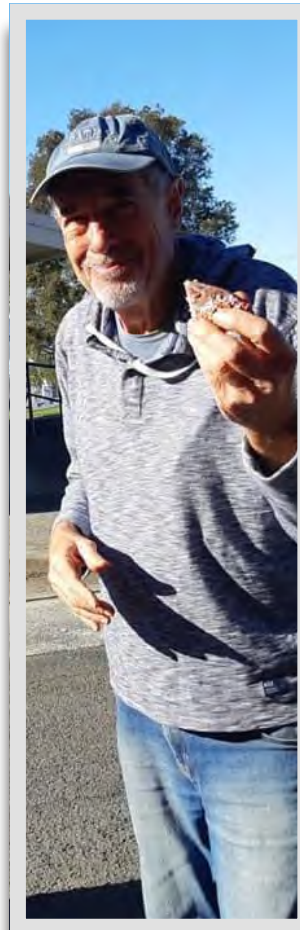
Lightning Ridge /Walgett Drought Relief	\$8,100
Permaculture Warrawong PS	\$7,000
Batemans Bay / Mogo Bushfire Relief	\$6,000
RYDA Rotary Youth Driver Awareness	\$4,500
UoW John Chaplin Scholarship	\$3,000
RAWCS RABS Project Indigenous Health	\$2,000
UoW SMAH Student	\$1,000
COVID 19 related meals	\$1,100
Port Kembla Hospital Rehab Unit	\$1,000
Wesley Church Xmas Dinner	\$ 990
Cure Cancer	\$ 800
Citizenship Ceremony	\$ 630
Local family tragedy support	\$ 500
Suicide prevention	\$ 360

As well as all members of our wonderful club who have worked together for this excellent outcome, I'd like to thank all the generous members of the community who have made donations to our various appeals.

ROSE POPE

TREASURER 2019/2020

Pres. Ray Lee



Another year has come to an end and it is time to inform the club members about the workings of the **Club Administration** for the year. This year has been quite a challenge for all at our Club, but more so for our Executive and what a great job they have achieved under the circumstances.

Once again, I have found the portfolio to be most enjoyable due to a fantastic team. We are lucky in this club to have such enthusiastic members and this makes it easy to achieve success.

Citizenship was organised by **Patrick Roberts** with my assistance. Patrick contacts the **Immigration Department** and they arrange for around 11 nominees. This year we had 11 recipients that we invited to our club for the presentation on 26/2/20 with only 10 attending on the night. We were fortunate to have the services of our **Lord Mayor Councillor Gordon Bradbery AM**, to officiate.

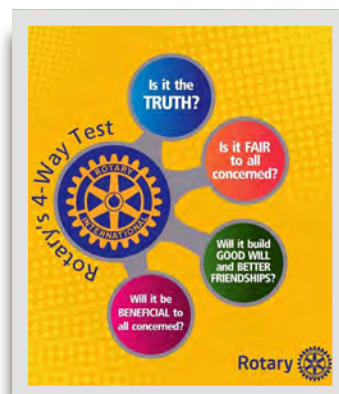
Michael Crowley is doing an outstanding job with the **Club Bulletin** and this is especially true during our present trying time with **COVID-19**. He also ensures our bulletins are forwarded to our **honorary members** and other Clubs to keep them informed of our Club's activities. Thank you, Michael for all your great work with the bulletin, we have been kept fully informed during these difficult times and have had plenty of jokes to break our boredom.

Our **Risk Management** remains important and we keep that fully updated and ready for when we will be fundraising again which we hope will be in the near future.

I have also assisted **Ken Potter** with **RYDA** and between us we developed a booklet to give to the high schools in our area explaining the programs **Rotary** has to offer for our youth.

This is a rundown of **Club Administration** and I welcome feedback and ideas to improve our Club. In closing, I would like to thank all the **Committee members** for their attention to duty over the year. Without such dedicated members we would not be able to continue at the high level that has become the norm in this Club.

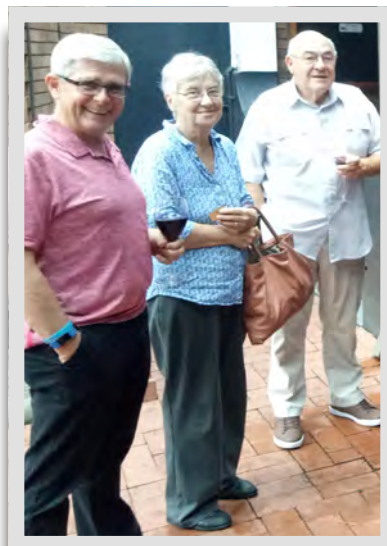
PP MARILYN PHILLIPS
DIRECTOR - CLUB ADMINISTRATION 2019/2020



Cheque presented by Pres. Ray Lee on behalf of the club, to David North OAM



Michael Crowley, Prof. Helen Hasan and Bob Armessen



Citizenship Night - Lord Mayor Councillor Gordon Bradbery AM who presented the Certificates and NSW/ACT Regional Director for the Home Affairs, Ms Sneha Chatterjee, who presented the Minister's message on behalf of the Department.



CANDIDATES	
Dr. Euan Cameron BULCRAIG - United Kingdom	Hengyi PAN - China
Iuliia DOLGIKH - Ukraine	Agnes Klara PETOCZ - Hungary
Pushpinder Singh JASSAL - India	Tony Andrew PRICE - England
Ruben Freerk Everardus MAKKEN - Italy	Alessandra STIRO - Italy
Rachel Louise MILNER - United Kingdom	Eduardo Jose TOVAR CAMACHO - Venezuela
	Lexiang ZHANG - China

What Citizenship Means to Me By Ken Potter 26 February 2020

I sat and thought about what citizenship means to me,
Born in Wollongong hospital, all my life, I've been free.
Free to act and say what I like, keeping within the law,
That voluntary "code of conduct", that's taken us to war.
To fight for our ideals, of the world according to us,
Backing our views, with military force, seems to be a plus.

Still, diplomacy is safer, but always hold a stick,
Just to show that you're "fair dinkum", it seems to do the trick.
Australia is not aggressive, we're proud of our defence,
In negotiations, we often sit upon the fence.
Proudly show what we're defending, to all who want to see,
The world comes to "take a gander", our air and views are free.

While so much of this vast country, is crying out for rain,
Suffering the indignity of bushfires, time and again.
Our mighty Eucalypts, their blackened boughs seeking the sky,
And asking "mother nature" the eternal question; why?
Such utter devastation, it seems nothing could survive,
Though with rain and time, these stately trees, show they're still alive.

This land has spent millions of years, contradicting itself,
Coming back from destruction, is our forests "nat'ral wealth".
Tropical summers, water measured in metres of rain,
Are followed by inevitably dry times once again.
Our weather's fickle, hit and miss, on one thing we rely,
The sun will rise and slowly make its way across the sky.
Our rainfall is a lottery, a massive game of chance,

If you're lucky, you celebrate, with a kind of rain dance.
And pretty soon, your dusty drought, is now a raging flood,
Downing fences and cutting roads, as your soil turns to mud.
"Such is life" for farmers, they exist with no guarantee,

Now, joyous, that "Dame Nature" has granted their silent plea.
They might get two good seasons, to replenish flocks and herds,
Grow some crops and recover, but not forget, mark my words.

It's this constant battle with nature, the Australian mould,
That's churning out "little doers", who simply can't be told.
That spirit, transcends occupations, crosses borders too,
To new Australian citizens; Has it affected you?

It may take some time, for this is the land of "wait-a-while",
Not much happens in a hurry, it's called "Australian style".
So, sit back and enjoy the ride, have a go, if you wish,
Immerse yourself in culture, go for walks or catch a fish.
Don't forget your old ethos, for it's made you what you are,
Down under here, it's different, cause it's so very far.

Despotism of distance, our attraction and our curse,
Passing through the "plains of sameness", you'll have feelings, to nurse.
But there are subtle differences, out on the dusty track,
Part of the attraction, is in going and coming back.
Adapting to conditions, which for so long ruled this land,
From harshness of the desert, to the wave-kissed shoreline's sand.

Coming to this ancient land, this jewel in the southern sun,
Whether your appreciation's ending or just begun,
Can't help but be affected by this empty, timeless place
As the weathered "lines of knowledge", start to show upon your face.
So, from one who was born here, though I felt the urge to roam,
I give a heart felt welcome, from mine and now your, new home.



TO ALL ESSENTIAL WORKERS

THANK YOU!



Despite a few enquiries we have been unsuccessful in attracting any new members into the Club. **Pam Halcrow, introduced to the club by Rose Pope, late last Rotary year was formally inducted into our club on 3rd July 2020.**

In anticipation of a successful next Rotary year some ground work has been developed especially the adoption of the **Corporate Membership Rule** which I am confident, with the cooperation of all members, should yield some success. Whilst some members have resigned as full members they have retained their relationship with the Club by joining as a **Friend of Rotary**, Their continued contribution with support for our projects program assists the Club in many ways.

Our diverse program and the many and varied Club projects along with a strong fellowship program we have retained most of our current membership with losses for most reasons beyond the Club's control. To further enhance our fellowship opportunities we introduced monthly pre meetings for drinks and savouries during the summer months. These have proved to be very successful and well supported by Club members,

A **member recognition certificate program** has been introduced. With many long term members (20 years +) having their valuable efforts recognised and appreciated by the Club.

The member meetings have been maintained throughout the **Corona Virus** shut down by way of meeting via Zoom technology. Attendance numbers are excellent with all members gaining greater understanding of the use of this technology.

I would like to particularly recognise the efforts of **Rotarian Noel Watt** for his development of our membership database. Our records were fragmented especially with the recognition of current members who had served with other Clubs. The enormous task has now provided the Club with the solid basis when considering years of service, awards received, previous positions held (including district and international service) and various board positions held.

Finally I would like to thank my fellow **Board members** and our **President Ray** for their support and encouragement throughout this Rotary Year.

PP JOHN ERICKSON
DIRECTOR - MEMBERSHIP 2019/2020

Congratulations to Pam Halcrow, inducted 3 July 2019 into West Wollongong Rotary Club by Pres. Ray Lee. Introduced by Rose Pope.(L)



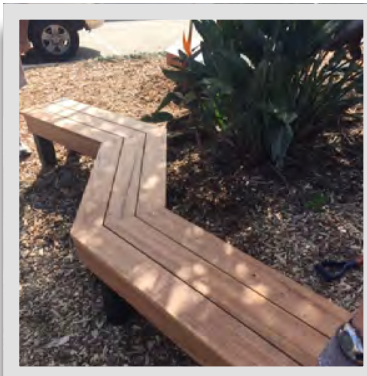
How quickly the year has gone and what a year it has been! **COVID-19** abruptly stopped us in our tracks in **March 2020** and stopped all fund raising. We were still able to support the **Community** with the donation of meals from **Centro** to our hospital workers. We also received \$700 in **Gift Cards from Bunnings**.

I want to say that again it has been a great privilege to work with all my fellow members in **West Wollongong Rotary**. Our endeavours have been many and varied and all members have cheerfully volunteered and participated in fund raising events.

We applied for and received a **District Grant** for a project at **Warrawong Public School**. The grant was for the planting, revitalising and building of the common garden areas at **Warrawong Primary School** including decking, seating and a car track for the students. Over many months in 2019, **Dennis Simpson** led a team including **Bob Armessen, Noel Watt, Bruce Inglis, Rose Pope, Milan Stanojevic** and at least 10 other Club members in this project at various times, from the planning stage, to the weeding, moving soil, planting, building of seating and decking and painting of components and designing and building a car track to name but a few works. Dennis was at **Warrawong Primary School** week after week and sourced materials from as far away as **Lake Conjola**. The work force ably led by Dennis transformed the area in front of a number of classrooms and has given the students not only a play area but a garden used for quiet reflection, a seating area and a community seating area. The impact of this project on the community has been huge. It has enabled troubled children to refocus their energies, which are at times negative in a more traditional learning environment, into useful lifelong skills whilst they are enjoying being in a less formal climate. It has fostered a **team-work** mentality and also given a seating area for parents whilst they wait for their children and also a play area for all the children. I know that all our members who were involved in this project came away with a very satisfied feeling!

Warrawong Public School project team

Warrawong Public School
Garden Seat



The **Charles Hotel** has been a stalwart for our Club, not only allowing us to fund raise through **Dennis Simpson's weekly raffle** but also donating funds to us from their own fund-raising **BBQs** for drought relief. As always, Dennis, week after week, unobtrusively organised the Gift Cards and managed to sell tickets with the help of a happy assistant who ably supports him. The patrons of the Hotel have again supported us all through what has become a difficult year. The total for this year is approximately **\$6,835.00**.





Centro CBD & Rotary Melbourne Cup Luncheon Tuesday 5th November 2019

Celebrate The Excitement & Glamour Of The Race That Stops A Nation.
With An Extravagant Afternoon, Savouring Superb Cuisine, Fashion Prizes,
Sweeps & Live Coverage Of The Race.

Melbourne Cup Menu - Only \$79pp
Proceeds to support drought relief Lightning Ridge NSW

On Arrival

Complimentary Glass of Bubbly
(Book a party of 10 guests & we'll have 2 bottles of Bubbly on ice on your table)

Roaming Entrée

Smoke Salmon Bruschetta
Gazpacho with Mezcluna
Prawn & Baro Arancini w/ Pesto Aioli
Crispy Rio Farmagiolio
Eucalypti & Fetta Fritter
Farmer's Market Vegetable Stack

Mains

(Alternate serve)

Salmon Fillet on Garden Sweet Pea Purée & Horseradish Cream
Herb Crusted Lamb Rump w/ Roasted Garlic & Rosemary Chat Potato
Chicken Breast Stuffed w/ Fetta, Sundried Tomato & Pesto,
Served on Gratin Potato & Broccolini

Decadent Dessert Bar

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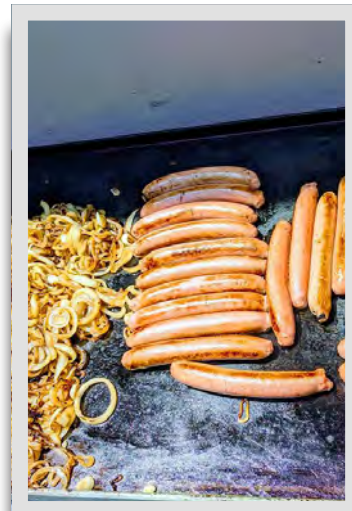
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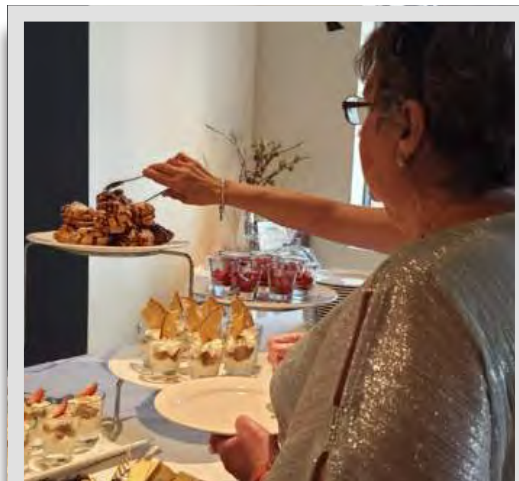


BBQ Events have again been a main stay of our Club and once again thanks to all our volunteers who tirelessly give of their time, we have raised some **\$14,140**. At present we have no idea when we will be able to resume but it will happen. Our **BBQs** will be somewhat different with the need to introduce **social distancing** and other health measures.

Noel Watt enjoying a new fan.



Our newest fund-raising event was our **Melbourne Cup luncheon** held at **Centro**. What a fabulous afternoon. We had raffles with fabulous prizes including a night at the **Sage Hotel**, dinner and a show donated by **Centro**, French Champagne donated by **Figtree Cellars**, **Sporting memorabilia**, a **Ricky Ponting signed cricket bat**, to name but a few. We continued the day with a number of sweeps and of course we had the traditional best dressed lady and man and also the best hats. It was an entertaining day full of laughter, fun, winning and losing and great food which raised approximately **\$2,679** for our drought donations. My thanks go to the organising committee of **Kerrie Hayes-Williams, Dennis Simpson, Bob Armessen, Dieter Glaser** and all the Club members for their input and donations. Hopefully, we will have Melbourne Cup this year!!!



Our **Citizenship night** was a wonderful evening and again highly successful. It is a significant and special evening for our Club. **Patrick Roberts** and **Marilyn Phillips** again organised a wonderful evening well patronised by members who joined families from around the globe to celebrate their new citizenship.

"Wings Over the Illawarra" was cancelled but has been rescheduled for November this year. I do anticipate some involvement but at present I do not know in what area.

Jim's Tins continue to earn us precious dollars and it is an easy earner with very little effort from Club members apart from collecting the tins.

I cannot let this Report finish without talking about the continuing contribution to **Para Meadows School**. The members have continued to complete projects at the school as they come up with little fuss or fanfare but have impacted the lives of the students at the school so positively by doing repairs or moving benches or tables to different areas. In the last few months, led by **Dennis Simpson** and helped by a number of members, **Robbie's House** (an outdoor play-house) has been stripped inside, relined and refloored and repaired on the outside and is ready for painting.

The **entire Club** keeps coming back and volunteering and I am so grateful. It is the members who have made this portfolio so successful. I would particularly like to thank **Milan Stanojevic** for taking on the provisioning of supplies. This job is time consuming and often quite physical but vitally important for the smooth running of **BBQs**. I would also like to thank **Dieter Glaser** for supporting me and helping me in running this portfolio.

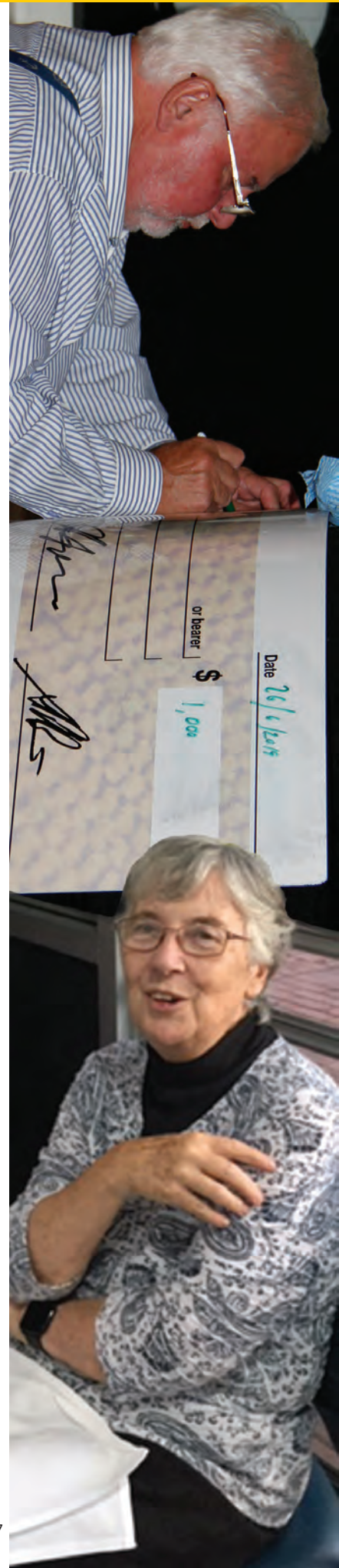
JOANNE GLASER

DIRECTOR - COMMUNITY SERVICES 2019/2020

President Ray - Cringila Primary School - Chicken Coop



Rotary Club of West Wollongong in partnership with Centro CBD Restaurant supplied evening meals for Wollongong Hospital



Our Club has had very limited success in the **Youth portfolio**. Despite offerings to various schools the take-up rate has been disappointing. It seems there are not enough teachers in a position to drive activity across the **Youth Programs**, with no take-up of **RYPEN** this year.

The Club has continued its support of the **R.S.E. Program [Road Safety Education Australia]** also known as **R.Y.D.A. [Rotary Youth Driver Awareness]**. This valuable program sees Years 10 and 11 students receive instruction in areas such as **"Stopping Distances"**, via an exciting, hands on demonstration at the **Kembla Grange Racecourse**. Other areas addressed in the Program are **"Safe Partying and Distractions"**, Road accident victims and **Emergency Services Personnel** tell of the impact on their lives, as a result of motor vehicle accidents. **Genevieve's Story**, a tragic video, telling of the impacts to family and friends, as a result of a fatal crash, is a "hard hitting" part of the program.

The **Program** takes place over 4 weeks during **April, September and October** each year and gives benefits to some 860 students in the **Illawarra** and, since its inception **"540,000 nationally including New Zealand"**, milestone was celebrated recently.

Professionally developed by Road Safety Education Limited, RYDA is essential education for young drivers and their passengers at just the right time in their lives



RYDA is an educational resource that, when embedded within existing school programs, supports learning activities and provides opportunities for in class debriefing and further exploration by teachers.



At the time of writing this report, the program is short listed for sponsorship, of **\$7,000** by The **I.M.B. Community Foundation**, for **2020/21** following **\$6,000** for the operation of the program in the current year. The **Shellharbour Club** provided funding through **"Club Grants"** of **\$2,350** in the current year. The operation of **RYDA in the Illawarra** is a project of all **Rotary clubs in the Illawarra** area, though the bank account is operated by our club. **Road Safety Education Australia** has been able to attract funding from the state government to reduce the cost of the program to \$5 per student. This exciting initiative was to start in **April 2020** and we hope to recommence in September through December, experts permitting.

RYLA is a Program for **18-25 year olds**, who show leadership potential and is often described by returning **Rylarians** as **"Life Changing"**. The Program takes place at a venue near **Springwood** in early January and runs for a week. As part of the Program, Rylarians organize and present a luncheon on the Saturday and the experiences gained tend to become a highlight for **Rotarians and Rylarians**. Please do not hesitate to inform me of any young person you know who might be interested in attending the program

The Club continues to support a **Community Scholarship** for a student's post graduate studies. As part of a review, the amount of the scholarship was increased to **\$3000/year** and has been renamed **"The John Chaplin Memorial Community Scholarship"** the successful applicant was **Phillip Martin** and Phillip reported about his "continuing progress" at our 18th December meeting.

The next **Rotary program** for youth is **Model United Nations Assembly [MUNA]** where the students are encouraged to argue resolutions, in a manner in which the country they represent, might argue those same resolutions. **M.U.N.A. was a victim of COVID-19**.

Child protection and the **District Literacy Project** come under this portfolio, with **District Literacy** becoming a standout and expanded into the **Bellambi** area under the **"Imagination Library"** banner as well as our commitment to the **Cringila/ Port Kembla Program** ongoing.

PP KEN POTTER

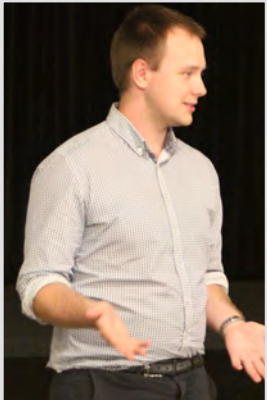
DIRECTOR - YOUTH SERVICES 2019/2020



NEW GENERATIONS



Our 2019 John Chaplin Memorial Scholarship recipient, Philip Martin provided members with an update of his research progress along with his likely future career aspirations.



Changeover Dinner 2019



Joanne and Dieter Glaser and Dennis Simpson - Greyhound Rescue





Every Year the role of P.R. is a team effort of **Committee Directors** undertaking their individual promotional efforts.

Our major projects have featured in local newspapers.

The Advertiser published an article on our members travelling to **Lightning Ridge** to finance and help deliver hampers to drought-stricken farmers.

Another features our excellent project to rejuvenate a dilapidated playground at **Warrawong Public School**, putting in a garden, seating and a car track.

The **Illawarra Mercury** featured an article on our **Baby Capsule** project.

These articles along with our presence at **The Charles Hotel** weekly raffle and at many community events have increased our public profile.

We have had significant exposure on **Facebook** and our weekly bulletins can be found on our webpage at westwollongongrotary.org.au.

Several events have kept the club brand in the public eye such as the **Peace Oration** at **Edmund Rice College** and the **Melbourne Cup** function at **Centro CBD**, both of which were also advertised on the local **ABC** morning program.

The Citizenship night as always is a great way of highlighting our club in the community.

Robbie's Cubby House and a **special picnic table with access for wheelchairs** are important projects that we have completed at Para Meadows School.

Christmas dinners our club members provide for Wesley Mission also gives our Club positive publicity.

My sincere thanks to **Rose Pope, Helen Hasan & Jim Christensen** who have assisted in the publicity for the club over the past year.

PP ARTHUR BOOTH

DIRECTOR - PUBLIC RELATIONS 2019/2020

Para Meadows School - Robbie's Cubby House Project



District 9675 Changeover



Rotary Foundation is the charitable arm of **Rotary International** and is supported solely by contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation. Rotarians aim to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty.

The undoubted highlight of this year was the **Peace Oration** presented by **UoW's Professor Theo Farrell** on his **"First hand experiences of the Taliban and the war in Afghanistan"** at **Edmund Rice College**. It was heartening to see the good crowd of people of all ages at what was our best ever attended event of this kind. We had great support from other Illawarra Clubs. Special thanks to our stalwarts in this area – **Aditya Ghose** and **Michael Campbell**.

This year we used a team-based approach to achieve the Club's goals with **Foundation / International** working together with **New Generations** on our activities. Thank you to our team organiser **PDG Patrick Roberts OAM** and **New Generations Director Ken Potter** and all team members.

To call attention to the work of **Rotary International** and **The Rotary Foundation** each of our meetings this year has commenced with a toast to a particular activity consistent with Rotary International's monthly theme.

As in so many other areas the **COVID pandemic** aborted several scheduled activities (such as the combined **Hat Day / Great Debate Gala evening**) and stalled planning for the future – notably the next **Peace Oration** which had been postponed due to the unavailability of our targeted guest speaker the former **Governor-General Sir Peter Cosgrove**.

Team member **Michael Crowley** deserves special mention for his enthusiastic work to secure great outcomes in the **University Scholarship** arena. Both the **ARH Funding Partner PhD top-up Scholarship** and the **John Chaplin Memorial Scholarship** have been placed at **UoW** with what appear to be outstanding candidates. Particularly exciting is the cutting edge research at the **Intelligent Polymer Research Institute** led by **NSW Scientist of the Year Professor Gordon Wallace** on **UoW's Innovation Campus** where we support a PhD student in the development of **3-D Bioprinted artificial "skin"** to alleviate suffering in burns patients.

Consistent with our Club's track record over many years, members have been extremely generous in supporting **The Rotary Foundation** via the **Centurion program (\$1800)** - thank you again **Arthur Booth** for your collection efforts.

Club contributions to **Foundation** sponsored projects has also been outstanding thanks to the wonderful efforts of all our fundraising members -

- Lift the Lid on Mental Health \$1700
- Interplast (DG partner David North's project) \$3700
- Indigenous Health (DG Di North project) \$2000

PRESIDENT RAY LEE

DIRECTOR - ROTARY FOUNDATION 2019/2020



CHANGEOVER 2019

Past President Prof. Helen Hasan pinning President's badge on new President Ray Lee.



Pres. Ray Lee handing Past President's badge to Prof. Helen Hasan

Pres. Ray Lee



Prof. Helen Hasan and DG Di North OAM



Janet Crakanthorp received a Certificate of Appreciation for continuous support to our projects in her role as a friend of Rotary



PAUL HARRIS FELLOW



In appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world.

Joanne Glaser - PHF



John Erickson - PHF Sapphire



Albert Cachia - PHF



Aditya Ghose - PHF



Tom O'Toole - PHF



Adelle Chaplin - PHF



SOME OF OUR SPECIAL EVENTS

Peace Oration

Pres. Ray, Guest Speaker Professor Theo Farrell, Aditya Ghose and Michael Campbell
"First hand experiences of the Taliban and the war in Afghanistan"



Dinner at CO MAY Vietnamese Restaurant after tour of SES Headquarters



Visit to ANSTO Discovery Centre - Lucas Heights



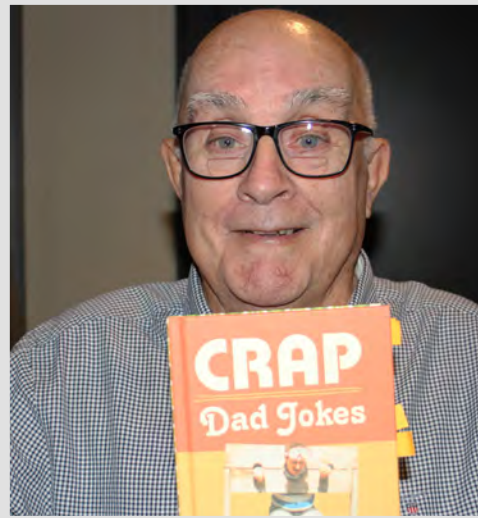
SOME OF OUR SPECIAL EVENTS



DG Di North OAM visit to the Combined Northern Illawarra Rotary Clubs



Patrick Roberts - Support of Dads?



Jim, Marilyn and Andy (tourist from Germany)



Bunnings BBQ - Ken Potter, Michael Crowley, Bob Armessen and John Erickson



HONOUR ROLL

PAST PRESIDENTS

Charter 1964	Elwyn Mackay	1992-1993	Michael Campbell
1965-1966	Alan Reid	1993-1994	Bill Whitting
1966-1967	Jack Poel	1994-1995	Darryl Pearce
1967	Neville Trotter	1995-1996	Michael Mitchell
1968	Elwyn Mackay	1996-1997	Arthur Booth
1968-1969	Bill Shoobert	1997-1998	Ross Willmot
1969-1970	Ron King	1998	Arthur Booth
1970-1971	Roger Kee	1998-1999	Albert Cachia
1971-1972	Doug Gorrell	1999-2000	Patrick Roberts OAM
1972-1973	Allan Hoy	2000-2001	Jessie Blundell
1973-1974	Vic Evans	2001-2002	John Bown
1974-1975	Hubert Burrows	2002-2003	Noel Watt
1975-1976	Bill Fancourt	2003-2004	Kim Hockings
1976-1977	Mike Calway	2004-2005	John Crakanthorp
1977-1978	Ken Barnes	2005-2006	Jason Hedley
1978-1979	Marcel Benson	2006	Greg Hart
1979-1980	John Chaplin OAM	2006-2007	John Crakanthorp
1980-1981	George Reynolds	2007-2008	Ken Potter
1981-1982	Tudor Mackay	2008-2009	Bruce Inglis
1982-1983	Harvey Chesterfield- Evans	2009-2010	Bruce Inglis
1983-1984	Hilton King	2010-2011	Jim Christensen
1984-1985	John Aldridge	2011-2012	Netty Broekman
1985-1986	Brian Hedley	2012-2013	Marilyn Phillips
1986-1987	Ron Pedersen	2013-2014	Michael Crowley
1987-1988	Neil Preston	2014-2015	Michael Crowley
1988-1989	Ian Bowmaker	2015-2016	Kerrie Hayes-Williams
1989-1990	Barry Blundell	2016-2017	Jim Christensen
1990-1991	Goolam Ganey	2017-2018	Jessica Gnata
1991-1992	Brian Davis	2018-2019	Helen Hasan
		2019-2020	Ray Lee

DISTRICT GOVERNOR

2005-2006	Patrick Roberts OAM
2008	Patrick Roberts OAM
2019-2020	Di North OAM

DISTRICT SECRETARY

John Chaplin OAM 1984-1985
 Jessie Blundell 2005-2006
 DG Di North OAM 2016-2017

HONORARY MEMBERS

PP Barry Blundell
 Bob Ridley
 PP Kim Hockings
 PP John Harper
 PAG PP Jessie Blundell
 Tim Koppel

Bob Armessen and Raffle winner Pam Halcrow



WEEKLY PROGRAM JULY 2019 TO JUNE 2020



Date	Speaker & Topic	Date	Speaker & Topic
3-July-19	Marc Swan - Venue Manager, WIN Sports and Entertainment Centres	1-Jan-20	No Meeting
10-July-19	Dr. Alfred Chidembo - Aussie BooksforZim	8-Jan-20	No Meeting
17-Jul-19	SES Tour	15-Jan-20	Youth and Internet Use - Alex Trauth-Goik
24 July-19	Board and Team Meetings	22-Jan-20	Board and Team Meetings
31-July-19	Member's Story - Pam Halcrow	29-Jan-20	Members Story Marilyn Phillip and Patrick Roberts OAM
7-Aug-19	Peace Oration : Professor Theo Farrell	5-Feb-20	Warrawong Primary School project – Ben Anderson
14-Aug-19	Simon Hogsden - Suez Canal - Ancient and Modern	12-Feb-20	"The Old Normal - Life at BHP in the 60's" George Edgar
21-Aug-19	Combined Northern Illawarra clubs meeting - District Governor's visit	19-Feb-20	Board Meeting + DG Rep visit Julie Colareda
28-Aug-19	District Membership Chair Rae-Anne Medforth. "Club Membership"	26-Feb-20	Citizenship Ceremony Partners night
4-Sept-19	Club Assembly - Board Meeting	4-Mar-20	Dr. Tam Nguyen-Vascular & Endovascular Surgeon. "Modern Advances in Vascular Surgery"
11-Sept-19	Team Meetings	11-Mar-20	Club Assembly
18-Sept-19	Team meetings followed by Board meeting	18-Mar-20	Board and Team Meetings
25-Sept-19	Mark Sleight – Tourism Wollongong 'The Future of Tourism in the Illawarra'	25-Mar-20	Due to Covid-19 a ZOOM online meeting was held.
2-Oct-19	Two member "histories" Stephen Swan & Noel Watt	1-Apr-20	Due to Covid-19 a ZOOM online meeting was held.
9-Oct-19	Social Evening + Club Health Check	8-Apr-20	Due to Covid-19 a ZOOM online meeting was held.
16-Oct-19	Historic Aircraft Society (HARS) Stephen Swan, Bruce Inglis Board Meeting	15-Apr-20	Due to Covid-19 a ZOOM online meeting was held.
23-Oct-19	Greyhound Rescue Dogs - Yolande Cozijn, Warren Wilson and Ausilia Cristanio	22-Apr-20	Due to Covid-19 a ZOOM online meeting was held.
30-Oct-19	From Moulin Rouge to Gaudi's City Elizabeth Bauer	29-Apr-20	Due to Covid-19 a ZOOM online meeting was held.
6-Nov-19	Colin Johnston - Probus	6-May-20	Due to Covid-19 a ZOOM online meeting was held.
13-Nov-19	Christmas Dinner - TAFE	13-May-20	Due to Covid-19 a ZOOM online meeting was held.
20-Nov-19	Julie Collareda - Assistant Governor – North Illawarra. Team Committee meetings. Board meeting	20-May-20	Due to Covid-19 a ZOOM online meeting was held.
27-Nov-19	Annual General Meeting	27-May-20	Due to Covid-19 a ZOOM online meeting was held.
4-Dec-19	Nhulunbuy - Bob Smith 'Ministering at the top of Australia'	3-Jun-20	Due to Covid-19 a ZOOM online meeting was held.
11-Dec-19	3-D Printing - Zhilian Yue (UoW)	10-Jun-20	Due to Covid-19 a ZOOM online meeting was held.
18-Dec-19	Social Meeting - Update from Philip Martin our 2019 RC of WW John Chaplin Memorial Scholarship recipient. Board Meeting	17-Jun-20	Due to Covid-19 a ZOOM online meeting was held.
25-Dec-19	No Meeting	24-Jun-20	Due to Covid-19 a ZOOM online meeting was held.



CURRENT MEMBERS



Bob Armessen PHF+

(June(Sam))

Strata Management

Inducted 1 June 1994



Netty Broekman PP PHF

(Ben)

Educational Services

Inducted 20 Jun 2002

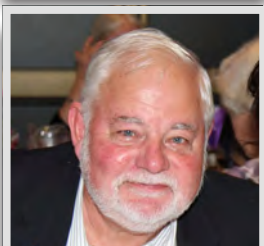


Michael Campbell PP PHF

(Louise)

Surveying

Inducted 1 May 1989



Jim Christensen PAG PP PHF+

RI "4 Avenues of Service"

Citation (Menai) 2007-08

(Anne PHF)

Marketing & Sales

Inducted 21 May 2008

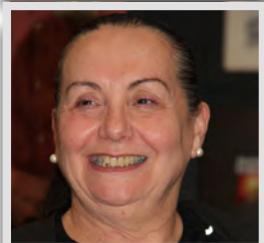


John Erickson PP PHF+

(Coral)

Education Travel

Inducted 14 Oct 2009



Joanne Glaser PHF

(Dieter)

Telecommunications

Inducted 20 May 2015



Pam Halcrow

Secondary Education

Inducted 3 July 2019



Arthur Booth PP PHF+ Ruby

RI "4 Avenues of Service"

Citation 2015-16

(Carole PHF)

Screenprinting/

Signwriting

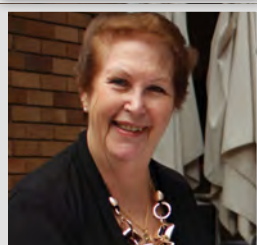
Inducted 1 June 1966



Albert Cachia PP PHF

Accountancy, Chartered

Inducted 1 May 1992



Anne Christensen PHF

(Jim PAG PP PHF+)

Hospital Services, Midwifery

Inducted 15 Feb 1997



Michael Crowley PP PHF++

(Krys)

Financial Planning

Inducted 12 Nov 2003



Prof. Aditya Ghose PHF

(Hui Ling)

Computer Sciences

Inducted 31 Dec 2005



Dieter Glaser

(Joanne PHF)

Telecommunications

Inducted 20 May 2015



Prof. Helen Hasan PHF+

Information Technology

Inducted 19 Oct 2011

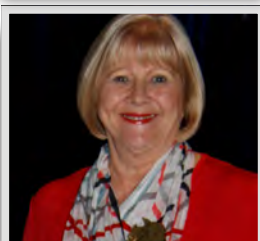
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Dr. Kerrie Hayes-Williams
PHF
Education Psychology
Inducted 2 July 2009



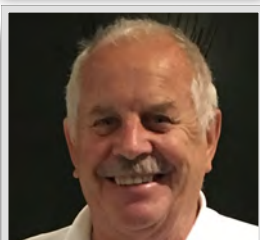
Ray Lee PHF President
(Jane)
Chemical Manufacturing
Inducted 5 Mar 2014



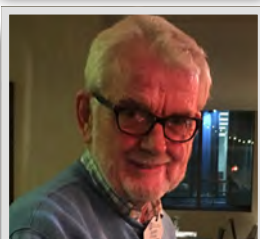
Marilyn Phillips PP PHF+
(Peter)
Hospital Services, Nursing
Inducted 15 Nov 1999



Ken Potter PP PHF+
(Jean)
Frozen Food, Retail
Inducted 30 Jun 2000



Dennis Simpson PP PHF++
(Lynne)
Hotel Management
Inducted 11 July 2007



Barry Stevens PP PHF
(Nikki)
Computer Programming
Inducted 30 Nov 2011



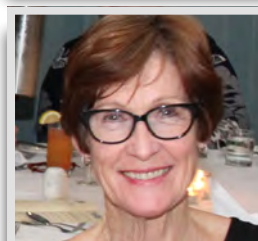
Noel Watt PP PHF
(Caroline)
Credit Unions
Inducted 1 Jan 1978



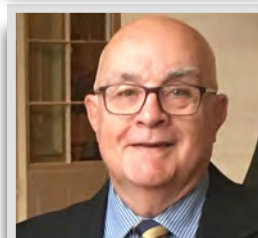
Bruce Inglis PP PHF
(Gail PHF)
Rubber Stamp
Manufacture
Inducted 1 Apr 1994



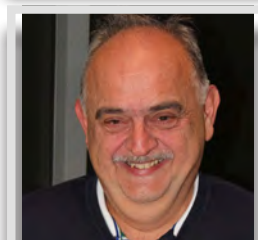
Di North OAM DG PP PHF
(David OAM)
Oncology Pharmacy
Inducted 15 Feb 2017
(Previous member of Rotary Club of Illawarra Sunrise)



Rose Pope PHF
Secondary Education
Inducted 16 May 2012



Patrick Roberts OAM PDG PP PHF+
RI "Service Above Self"
Award 2016-2017
(Yvonne PHF)
Banking, Area Management
Inducted 1 June 1994



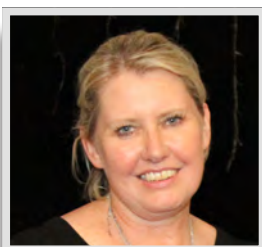
Milan Stanojevic
HR Management
Inducted 6 May 2015



Stephen Swan
(Lee)
Strata Management
Inducted 17 April 2019
(Previous member of Rotary Club of Illawarra Sunrise)

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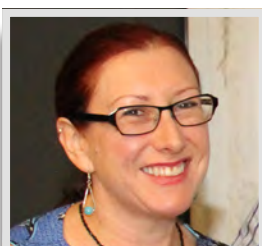
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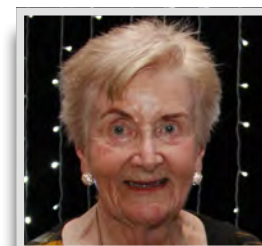
Janet Crakanthorp
Introduced 9 Dec 2015



Elizabeth (Liz) Depers
(*Maris*)
**Early Childhood
Education**
Inducted 26 Aug 2009



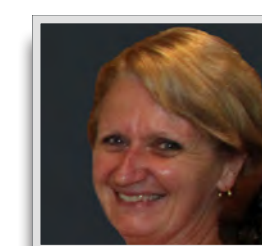
Yvonne Walker
HR Consulting
(*Paul*)
Inducted 25 June 2014



Adelle Chaplin PHF



Tom O'Toole
(*Christine*)
Chemical Engineering
Inducted 3 Jun 2015



Angela Capri PHF
(*Sal*)
Strata Services

ZOOM Meeting



CHRISTMAS PARTY 2019



CHRISTMAS PARTY 2019





Start with Rotary
and good things happen.

