Rotary Club of West Wollongong Inc.

New South Wales Australia

(Chartered 23 March 1964)

Rotary International District 9675

ANNUAL REPORT 2013/2014

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?

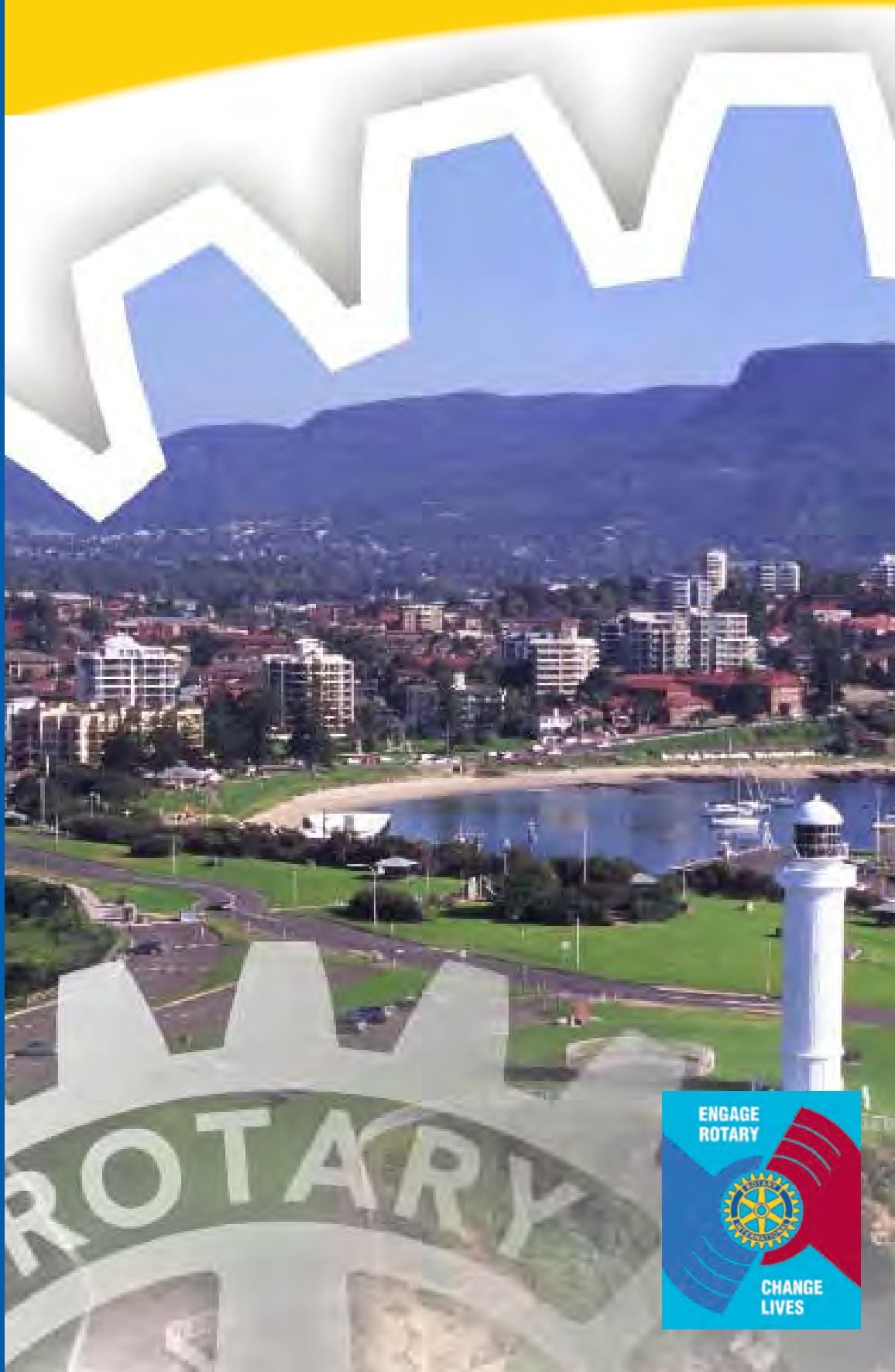
THE OBJECT OF ROTARY is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

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.





Tall Ship in Sydney Harbour displays the End Polio Now Logo.
Rotary International Convention Sydney 2014

Rotary Club of West Wollongong Inc 2013/2014
Board & Committees

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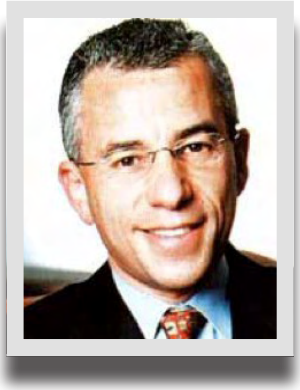
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HONORARY MEMBERS

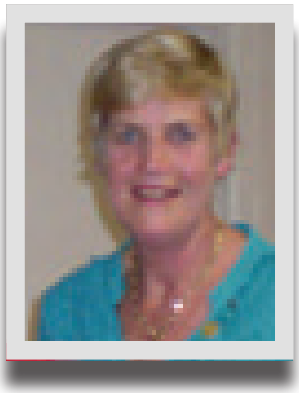
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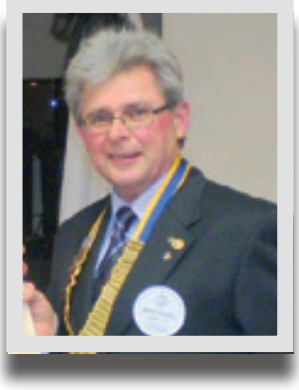
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Assistant Governor
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President
Michael Crowley

COMMITTEES

CLUB ADMINISTRATION - Director IPP Marilyn Phillips/Peter Sewell

Attendance & Fellowship	IPP Marilyn Phillips, PP Brian Davis, PP Bruce Inglis, Rose Pope
Bulletin & Programs	PP Jim Christensen, PP Marcel Benson, PP Noel Watt, Rose Pope, Angela Capri
Sergeant-at-Arms,	PP Dennis Simpson, PP Ken Potter, Anne Christensen, PP John Erickson, PDG Patrick Roberts
Risk Management	PP Arthur Booth, Bob Armessen, PP Michael Campbell, PP Barry Stevens
Auditor	PP Albert Cachia

MEMBERSHIP - Director Brendan Bermingham Assistant - IPP Marilyn Phillips

New Membership	PP John Erickson, PP Albert Cachia, PP Barry Stevens, PP Brian Davis, Bob Armessen,
Welfare & Member Retention	Pres. Michael Crowley, Aditya Ghose , PDG Patrick Roberts, Liz Depers, PP Bruce Inglis
	PP Dennis Simpson, PP Netty Broekman

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND PROJECTS - Director PP Jim Christensen

Assistant - PP Ken Potter

Baby Capsules	PAG Jessie Blundell, PP Albert Cachia, PP John Chaplin OAM,
BBQ's & other special events	A Christensen, Pres. Michael Crowley, PP John Erickson,
Bowelscan	Helen Hasan, PN Kerrie Hayes-Williams,
Charles Hotel	Rose Pope, PDG Patrick Roberts, Peter Sewell, PP Dennis Simpson,
Citizenship	Nerida Smith, PP Barry Stevens, PP Noel Watt, Ralph Lee .
Grand Stories	**Chair Baby Capsules - Anne Christensen**
Ride for Rotary 2014	**Chair Bowelscan - PN Kerrie Hayes -Williams**
Vocational Service	**Chair Charles Hotel - PP Dennis Simpson**
Wings Over Illawarra	**Chair Citizenship - IPP Marilyn Phillips**

PUBLIC RELATIONS - Director Helen Hasan

Advertising - Club History	Brendan Bermingham, PAG Jessie Blundell,
Member Education	PP John Chaplin OAM, Pres. Michael Crowley,
Press Releases and Promotions	Liz Depers, Lyn Epps, Aditya Ghose, Rose Pope
Webmaster	

YOUTH SERVICES - Director PP Ken Potter Assistant - Lyn Epps

Child Protection	PP Arthur Booth, PP Michael Campbell, Angela Capri, Helen Hasan,
District Literacy Project	PN Kerrie Hayes-Williams, Rose Pope,
MUNA - NYSF/Science Expo	Peter Sewell, Nerida Smith, PP Noel Watt, Pam Rimmer
Road Safety Ed. Aust - Rotaract	
RYE/RYLA/RYPEN - School Liaison	
UoW Scholarship	

ROTARY FOUNDATION - Director PP Netty Broekman Assistant - PP Arthur Booth

Australian Rotary Health	Bob Armessen, PP Marcel Benson, Brendan Bermingham, PAG Jessie Blundell,
Future Vision Program	PP Arthur Booth, PP Michael Campbell, Angela Capri, Liz Depers, Lyn Epps,
Centurion Club	Aditya Ghose, PP Bruce Inglis, Tim Koppel. Pam Rimmer, Ralph Lee
Pacific Literacy Project	
Peace Scholar/Lecture	
PolioPlus - Ranfurly	
RAM/RAWCS/ROMAC	
ShelterBox - VTT	
All other Fdn/Int Projects	

MEMBERS ON DISTRICT AND GROUP F COMMITTEES

PAG Jessie Blundell	Youth Exchange, MUNA
IPP Marilyn Phillips	MUNA, RYLA, District Grants
Rtn Angela Capri	MUNA, Youth Exchange
PP John Chaplin OAM	District Resolutions
PP John Erickson	Pride of Illawarra (POW)
PP Jim Christensen	Wings Over Illawarra (WOI)
Rtn. Rose Pope	Imagination Library Illawarra Committee
Tim Koppel	ShelterBox
PP Ken Potter	RYLA
PDG Patrick Roberts	Director Finance
	H.O.C - 2014 RI International Convention
	Convenor GRAND Stories Project

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2013/2014



The **2013/2014 theme of 'Engage Rotary – Change Lives'** as selected by **Rotary International President, Ron Burton**, has been embraced by the members, friends and partners of the **Rotary Club of West Wollongong** … not just over the past year, but this approach is embedded in the very fabric of what makes our Club such a prominent and successful service club within the **Illawarra**.

We are fortunate to have such an eclectic mix of members, friends and partners within the **Rotary Club of West Wollongong** that enables us to achieve so much within our local, national and global communities yet we still manage to make time for a bit of fun and frivolity … and this has been the case for many years.

Undoubtedly like many of my predecessors, my experience as **President** has been and remains a continuous learning curve as little in our society nowadays remains the same. I entered the role **'bright-eyed and bushy-tailed'** (i.e. awake and alert and ready for anything!) with a vision of ensuring our Club continued to embrace change, move with the times, grow in strength and made a noticeable difference in our community.

The journey continues … It therefore gives me great pleasure in presenting our **Club's Annual Report for 2013/2014** – A year of worthwhile achievements. It is not my intention to reiterate the content of the reports of the Club's executive here; rather, it is important and relevant to focus on some of the highlights of the year, including:

- **Celebrating the 50TH Anniversary** of the **charter of our Club as at 23 March 2014**. The special celebratory dinner and associated projects were organised by a special committee of the Club under the watchful eye and chair, **John Chaplin**. The Club was looking to provide for an area of need within the community that would make a significant impact and go towards the betterment of the lives of others within our society. Hence the idea of our Club entering a partnership with **Australian Rotary Health** and the **University of Wollongong** to provide a **PhD scholarship** around **Dementia related issues**. This scholarship was awarded to **Catherine Kubel** and represents a very significant financial commitment for our Club over the 3.5 year term of the scholarship.
  The celebrations were also marked by the production of a 'history' book that was developed by **John Erickson**. This book represents a snapshot of the Club's history over the past 10 years and is an addendum to the **Club's 40th anniversary publication** that was prepared and authored by **PP Barry Blundell**. As an extension of our history, **Jim Christensen** compiled a photographic record of the past 10 years that depicts some of the formal occasions as well as many of the fun times experienced by members, friends and partners.

- **Membership** remains a key focus for our Club and, under the directorship of **Brendan Bermingham**, we are well on the way towards achieving our goals. Initiatives introduced by Brendan include the **"Friends of the Rotary Club of West Wollongong"**, the regular 'Information' evenings for guests as well as creation of a **'club networker'** and our Club joining the **Illawarra Business Chamber** to promote **Rotary** through local business channels. We started the year with 31 members and we will close the year with 33 members and 2 friends.

- **Club Service** is a core element of our activities and our **Director, Jim Christensen** (AKA Mr BBQ), has been instrumental in ensuring we have plenty of worthwhile projects to not only raise funds to meet our charitable commitments, but to demonstrate how effective we are at giving back to the communities we serve. Our Club keenly supports the collaborative approach to projects as evidenced by our participating in events and projects like **Bowel Scan, Pride of the Illawarra, movie night** to raise funds for and awareness of **PolioPlus, Wings over the Illawarra, Ride 4 Rotary and Imagination Library Illawarra** just to name a few. The Club Service portfolio is one of the heavy-lifters of the Club with some 20 individual projects/activities on the go!

- **Club Administration** under the keen eye and control of **Marilyn Phillips** plays a significant role in the running of the Club and involves a myriad of activities including our **Bulletin, speaking program, sergeant's meeting responsibilities, risk management of our projects and social activities**. The attendance level for our Club is one of the highest in the District and this is due in no small part to the wide range of interesting speakers and activities organised throughout the year. In essence, this is the "glue" that helps bind us together as members and friends all contributing in the best ways possible. The **"My Talk"** segments this year were also a great insight into the lives and backgrounds of our members so that we managed to get to know each other a little better.

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- The **Public Relations** portfolio has gained prominence this year under the watch of **Director, Helen Hasan**. Our **Facebook page** has also been gaining relevance in social media circles thanks to **Jim Christensen**. Apart from keeping our website up-to-date, informative and functional, Helen has taken a real step forward with the collaborative efforts she initiated with the formation of a **Group F and H Public Relations committee** in an effort to enhance and gain greater public and media exposure for **Rotary** including the activities of individual clubs. **Membership** remains a focus and club representatives have been working together to support a common goal and to avoid duplication of activities/resources.

- **The Rotary Foundation(TRF)** portfolio has been well coordinated by **Director Netty Broekman** and the committee has again been very active throughout the year with a focus on raising funds through the celebration of **Australian Rotary Health's Hat Day for the awareness of mental health, Barefoot Bowls event and the movie night for PolioPlus** and encouraging members to join the **Centurion Club**. Education has been another key component of the committee's activities with regular articles being included in our **Club's Bulletin** as well as each committee member preparing a brief presentation on a specific aspect of TRF's activities. **ShelterBox (Tim Koppel)** and the **Samoan Literacy Project (Bob Armessen)** are two other very important and prominent activities that are well coordinated and managed and is a credit to all involved.

- **Youth Services/New Generations** has been one of the cornerstones of our Club's activities for many years and 2013/2014 under the **Directorship of Ken Potter** has been no exception as evidenced by his report. We can take pride in the extent of youth-related activities that we support. From the **Rotary Youth Exchange program** to **Road Safety Education, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment, Science Experience and the Model United Nations Assembly**. We had the pleasure of supporting **Blake Milton** over 2012 &2013 with our involvement in the **University of Wollongong's Community Scholarship program** and, for 2014 & 2015, our Club will be sponsoring a further student, **Ms Anna Johnson-Hill**.

In addition to our many activities throughout the year, we also had the opportunity to participate in the **Shift 2014 District Conference (March 2014**) and the **Rotary International Convention in Sydney in June 2014**.

As you will read in the Directors' reports that follow, we are a very active and progressive **Rotary club**. However, the achievements of the **Rotary Club of West Wollongong** would not have eventuated if it was not for the untiring efforts of all members of the Board, our committees, members, friends and partners. I personally extend my thanks to each of you. Without the teamwork, commitment and dedication towards achieving common goals, nothing would happen.

Let us continue the journey of making our communities a better place to live, be proud and showcase our Club in the best possible light so that we all continue to enjoy the benefits of membership of the **Rotary Club of West Wollongong**.

Michael Crowley
President 2013/2014



Board Members 2013/2014

L to R. Marilyn Phillips, Jim Christensen, Kerrie Hayes-Williams, Ken Potter, Brendan Bermingham, Bob Armessen, Peter Sewell, Helen Hasan, Netty Broekman,
Pres. Michael Crowley



ShelterBox and BBQ
Fun Run Mother's Day 2014



ShelterBox - Emergency Services Expo 2014



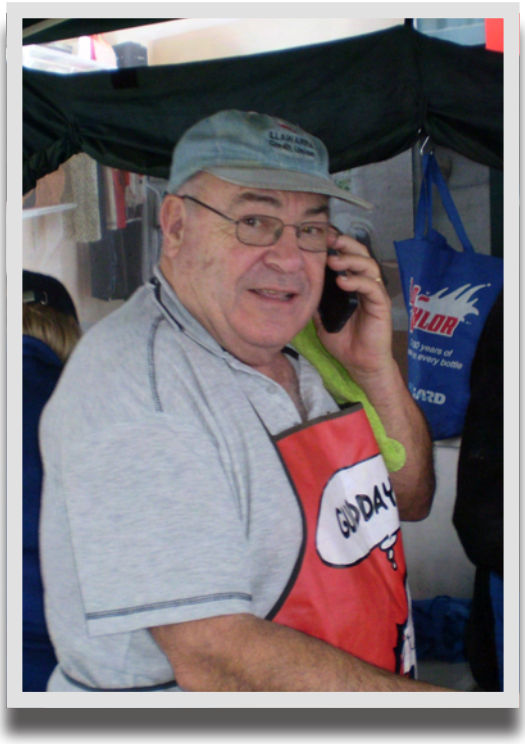
TREASURER'S REPORT

A congratulatory " well done " to **President Michael**, **the 2013-14 board members**, and all of the year's members. Thanks to everyone's assistance we have been able to meet all of our budgeted commitments and finish the year in a very sound financial position.

While some areas of expected income fell a little short of expectations, the carried-over balance from **IPP Marilyn's year** was able to cover the minor shortfall.

Many local and international groups and organizations owe a great deal of thanks to our major income projects' management and member involvement. These include **Anne's capsules**, **Jim's BBQs** and functions, **Dennis' raffles** and **Op-shop ball**, and **Brendan's many one-off earners**.

Overall, income to the club's Charity Account for the 2013-14 year was $32,650 with total expenditure of $32,235. During this same period, support and assistance was given to the following organizations …



YOUTH PROGRAMS
UOW scholarship
Youth Off The Streets
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment
Model United Nations
Youth Exchange

COMMUNITY SERVICE
The Wollongong Hospital neo-natal ward
The Wollongong Hospital Cardio ward
The Denny Foundation
Twilight Tournaments
Citizenship ceremony
Australia Rotary Health scholarship via the UOW
Breast cancer awareness
PCYC

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE
The Rotary Foundation
PolioPlus
ShelterBox program
Pacific literacy
Ranfurly library

As outgoing treasurer I would like to personally thank the many members, and possibly guests, who have contributed so generously to my retirement.
Your contribution of foreign coins over the last few years will allow me to spend up big in 19 different countries while I use the various tokens I have also received.

BOB ARMESSEN
TREASURER 2013/2014

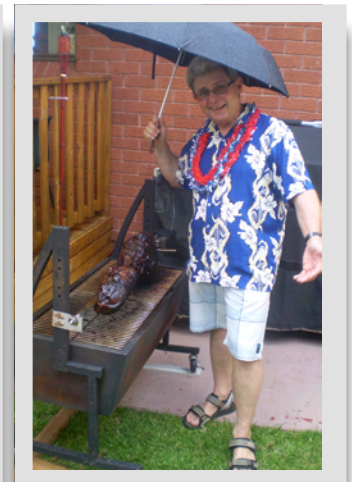




RI International Convention Great Aussie BBQ 2014



Pres. Michael Christmas Party 2013



CLUB ADMINISTRATION



Another year has come and gone and our **Rotary Club** is still performing outstanding feats. Our **Club Administration** continues to march along without hint of weariness. I would like to thank my diligent team for their assistance throughout the year. My Directorship has been made exceedingly easy by the great team that is always there to support me with any project.

Bulletin - **Jim Christensen assisted by Angela Capri**.
Both members are doing an outstanding job apart from a few spelling mistakes that Jim purposely puts in to see which members truly read the bulletin. Don't let him catch you out. Jim also ensures our Bulletin is passed on to other clubs and our honorary members.
The **International toasts** were researched by **PP John Chaplin** which has been a tireless and thankless task for which we would like openly to thank John for undertaking.

Here are the 2013/2014 International toasts.
Krakow Poland, Amsterdam Holland, Kirriemuir Scotland, San Francisco USA, Atlanta USA, St.Thomas US Virgin Islands, Seoul South Korea, Mallorca Spain,Anoka Minnesota USA, Kingston upon Thames UK, Whitby Endeavour North UK,Islington Highgate UK, Wien Austria, Noumea New Caledonia, Greensborough North Carolina USA, Uppsala Sweden, Portland Oregon USA, Minneapolis USA,
Krakow Poland, New York USA, Geneva Switzerland, Bombay India, Trabzon Turkey, Apia Samoa, Cairo Egypt, Bratislava Slovakia, Woodbridge Suffolk UK,Ulaanbaartar Mongolia, Bern Switzerland, Lyon France, Plymouth UK, Bradford UK, Ghent Belgium, Shrewsbury Darwin UK, Shanghai China, Besancon France,Iqaluit Canada, Lowell USA, Torquay UK, Columbus Mississippi USA, Paris Notre Dame France, Portsmouth UK, Chelsea UK, Cockermouth UK, Bad Ischl Austria, Bonn Germany, Norwich St Edmund UK, Dunkerque Nord France, Whitby Endeavour II UK and Eastbourne East Sussex UK.

Attendance - **Marilyn Phillips**.
I maintain the attendance and forward these numbers to the district attendance officer before the due date of the 14th of each month. With our two projects capsules and our BBQ's counting as make-ups we are one of the top clubs in the District with consistently high attendance records. Our club is one of the best in the District for attendance. Last month we averaged 88.4%.

Program - **John Erickson**.
John is doing a great job with the program. John has the program in hand for the next 12 to 18 months and some out of the ordinary speakers are included so keep watching the bulletin and don't miss any of them.

Sergeant-at-Arms - **Dennis Simpson**.
Dennis has the sergeant roster in hand. As we have seen from the last couple of weeks, this session is very interesting and varied. We always have some interesting jokes along the way.

Risk Management
Our Risk Management for all projects was updated last year and we will review this at Board level before the end of the year.

Social Events - **Bruce Inglis assisted by Brian Davis**.
We have had some great social events in the past and this will continue with Bruce and Brian. Our **Tastes of the World dinner** is a fine example of our excellent social outings.

This is a run down of the **Club Administration** and I welcome feedback or ideas for changes or improvements. In closing I would like to thank my wonderful team for their conscientious attention to duty, enabling us to continually provide such a high standard of Rotary service. Without such dedicated club members we would not be able to continue to raise the funds necessary to support our worthy projects.

IPP MARILYN PHILLIPS
Director - Club Administration 2013/2014



MEMBERSHIP

Membership remains the single biggest challenge that not only is Rotary International faced with, but also a major challenge faced by individual clubs like ours.

The Rotary Club of West Wollongong is, and quite rightly should be very proud of the fact that they remain one of the largest and most active clubs in our district. We have an excellent attendance record, and a very high level of membership involvement in the many projects that we undertake, such as **Baby Capsules, The Charles Hotel Raffles, Jims BBQ's, Bowel Scan, PolioPlus, ShelterBox, Youth Exchange** and the list goes on and on. This is a club that each and every one of us should be very proud to belong to. The fact that we do have so many projects that we commit to, means we need to continue to grow our membership base.

2013/14 Season saw us induct **4 New Members, Ray Lee, Nerida Smith, Pam Rimmer and Yvonne Walker,**. I know that all 4 will make a major contribution to the continued success of the club.

We also introduced the **Friends of Rotary** concept. This allows for those that may not have the time to attend regular meetings, or wish to get a feel for what Rotary is all about to become involved, without having to make the commitment of becoming a full member. We are extremely fortunate that both **Yvonne Walker** and **Linda Simes** took advantage of the opportunity to join us as Friends. We do of course hope that will in due course join us as full members. (**Great news** ...Yvonne Walker will become a full member tonight)

We did unfortunately lose 2 of our valued members in **Ken Dixon** and **Peter Sewell**, both of whom contributed greatly to our club during their time as members. We do wish them well in their future endeavours.

While much has been achieved in 2013/14 on the membership front, there is more to be done. With the publicity that Rotary will receive from hosting **The Rotary International Convention, The Rotary Club of West Wollongong** has an opportunity to take advantage of the media exposure that comes with hosting such an event. The world is a changing place, and so is the **Rotary** organization. We may not always like change, but in order to continue to be relevant and to continue to consolidate and grow our **Membership**, we do need to embrace change.

I look forward to our club continuing to be a place that new and not so new members feel welcome, and continue to be proud of the Club that they are a part of.

Brendan Bermingham
Director - Membership 2013/2014





Below L to R. Brendan Bermingham, Linda Simes, Nerida Smith, Ralph Lee and Yvonne Walker





COMMUNITY SERVICE AND PROJECTS



WOW, **2013-14 Club Community Services** was a challenge for all Club members, however as always, all hands enabled a smooth and effective ability to achieve our aims, to raise awareness, raise funds and to have fun.

The projects are listed alphabetically and definitely in no order of importance.

- **50TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:** Under the chairmanship of **John Chaplin**, this was a grand evening with many of our past members enjoying a wonderful reunion. Our **3 year medical scholarship** in conjunction with the **University of Wollongong** and **Australia Rotary Health** was a winner for the evening.
- **AUSTRALIA DAY EVENT:** A great event earning 50% of the budget for Community services in one full day. We have been invited to take up a 3 year contract with the Council.
- **BABY CAPSULES :** This 20+ year community long standing project has again been one of our main fund raisers but definitely our highest Community project. Under the chairmanship of **Anne Christensen**, the purchase of additional **Strider Plus capsules** and additional **Strider Plus Bases** for a second car or a grandparent's car, have been an added asset to our Service. We are also selling up to 20% of the older **Safe & Sound Capsules** over the remaining 5 year life plan saving us the disposal costs. New long span shelving has been installed in the washing area for safer and secure storage.
- **BBQ EVENTS:** The need to try and raise more funds has led to a renewed BBQ energy and the following events both past and present are on the radar.
    - **Bunnings:** Still drawing two to three weekend BBQ's but we have ceased the Fridays due to poor recovery.
    - **Wollongong Council:** Selected us again for the **Breast Cancer Mothers' Day** event, direct moneys in and out.
    - **Port Kembla Billy Cart:** Unfortunately we were washed out but still managed to raise $600. 2014 will be a better event, watch this space.
- **BOWEL SCAN:** Thanks to **Kerrie Hayes-Williams** and her dedicated troops we provided a great service to our Community.
- **CHARLES HOTEL MEAT RAFFLE:** Under the ongoing stewardship of **Dennis Simpson**, we are still enjoying a friendly get together; however, funds are tight and we will review our ongoing support for this event.
- **FAIRY MEADOW BOWLING CLUB FISH RAFFLE :** This just started in May 2014 and shows great potential for fund raising. Watch this Space.
- **CITIZENSHIP:** **PDG Patrick** and **IPP Marilyn** have been the stalwarts behind this fantastic **Community project**.











- **Grand Stories :** The **Grand Stories** project is still humming away in the background. Our District has trained about 60 Rotarians and the team has moved on to follow up interest expressed by the **Probus community**. **PDG Patrick** and **PAG Jessie** are still very active with this grand project.
- **Literacy project:** A new initiative by District, piloted here in the Illawarra, has shown great interest from the local community to date.
- **Pride of the Illawarra:** What a great event with members **John Erickson** and **Ken Potter** as our Club's representatives on the committee. Representatives from **Ambulance Service of NSW, Fire and Rescue NSW, Marine Rescue NSW, NSW Police Force , NSW Rural Fire Service, NSW State Emergency Services, NSW Volunteer Rescue Association.**
- **Samoa Literacy Project:** Under the Chairmanship of **Bob Armessen** a great International project which has reached dozens of schools and hundreds of students all over **Samoa**.
- **Ride for Rotary:** Inaugural event was held this year with an unfortunate storm cancelling half the event. Nevertheless, the combined **Rotary Clubs of the Illawarra** still managed to raise approximately $3,500 for youth at risk in the Illawarra. Even at this early stage, the 2015 promises to be a more exciting event.
- **Wings Over the Illawarra:** This is the 5th year our Club has been involved in providing more volunteers than any other Illawarra Club. This is a great exposure for the collaborative efforts of Rotary but more to the point, a great Project for the Illawarra overall.



PP Jim Christensen
Director - Community Service and Projects 2013/2014

Australia Day 2014



New Australian Citizens 2014



Samoa Working Bee



PUBLIC RELATIONS



This year, **Public Relations (PR)** has endeavoured to make Rotary, and the events of the **Rotary Club of West Wollongong** better known in the local community, with an eye to increasing membership. In conjunction with the publicity surrounding the **Rotary International Convention** in Sydney, we are working with the Leagues Club for a sign at the entrance with the Rotary wheel and a message to say when and where the Rotary Club meets.

PR has made extensive use of online media. **Michael has kept us informed with a weekly stream of emails.** Helen has maintained the website and set up our own domain name: **westwollongongrotary.org.au**. Our Facebook page has been active in showing off our events thanks to Jim and others. We also have a **Google Calendar.**

Taking over from **Peter, Jim and Helen** have redesigned the capsules website and brochure.

In many of our activities, we have worked with the PR directors of other clubs in the Illawarra, meeting once a month to co-ordinate the PR activities of **Rotary Clubs in Groups F and H of District 9675**. This committee has worked with Club Presidents and ADGs to:

- Identified and use expertise among all clubs to work together on PR for joint club events
- Maintained a calendar of events to avoid clashes and duplication of effort.
- Set up and run Rotary information booths at appropriate joint public events
- Created joint publicity material to inform and attract people to Rotary in the Illawarra

Helen Hasan
Director - Public Relations 2013/2014

PDG Patrick Roberts - Director Finance
HOC Rotary International Convention Sydney 2014







YOUTH SERVICES

Our Club has continued its tradition of strong support of the Youth Services Portfolio.To date we have gained a **Rotary Youth Exchange Student Katry Ribas**, after believing back in June that we would not be able to secure host families. However, we were able to team up with **The Rotary Club of Illawarra Sunrise** and co-host Katry from **Brazil**.

The Club has continued its support of the **R.E.A. Program[Road safety Education Australia]** formerly 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 **Croome Road Sporting Complex in Albion Park Rail**.

Other areas addressed in the Program are **"Safe Partying or Plan B"**, Road accident victims and Emergency Services Personnel tell of the impact on their lives, as a result of motor vehicle accidents. Responsibilities such as registration and insurance are also covered in the program. The Program takes place over 5 weeks during October and November each year and gives benefits to some 1600 students in the Illawarra and, since its inception 250,000 nationally. I encourage you to take a look at the Program in action in 2014.

At the time of writing, we have interviewed **Jemma Lieschke** and supported her application to **R.Y.L.A. [Rotary Youth Leadership Awards]**. This 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 **The Stanwell Tops Christian Centre** in mid- January and runs for a week. As part of the Program, Rylarians organise and present a Dinner on the Tuesday evening and the experiences gained tend to become a highlight for Rotarians and Rylarians. Writing now in June 2014, **Jemma** subsequently completed the R.Y.L.A. course and reported back to the club.

The next Rotary program for youth was **Model United Nations Assembly [MUNA]** where the club supported **TIGS**, which represented **Israel**. The **TIGS** team members were **Emily I'ons, Maddie Hah and Tahlia Jackson**. Students are encouraged to argue resolutions in a manner in which the country they represent might argue those same resolutions. So, a large amount of research is necessary and the students became very interested in their role, and whilst not winning the competition they intend to go to **National MUNA** in Canberra in August.

The final youth program the club supports in the Rotary year is **RYPEN [Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment]**. The club supported the efforts of **Maddison Rowland** to attend the course, this year at the indigenous excellence campus in **Redfern [EORA]**. On reporting back to the club Maddison seemed, justifiably nervous, but was able to give a comprehensive report to the club, and I was impressed by her improvement, in confidence gained since the initial interview. So, I believe we were successful at giving Maddison the gentle encouragement, for which the program is designed. We were further able to assist the sponsorship of a student nominated by **SCARF.**

I look forward to continuing the tradition of strong support of youth, as your **Youth Services Director.**

PP Ken Potter
Director - Youth Services 2013/2014



TIGS Muna 2014 team representing Israel
Maddie Hah, Tahlia Jackson and Emily I'ons



Rylarian Jemma Lieschke

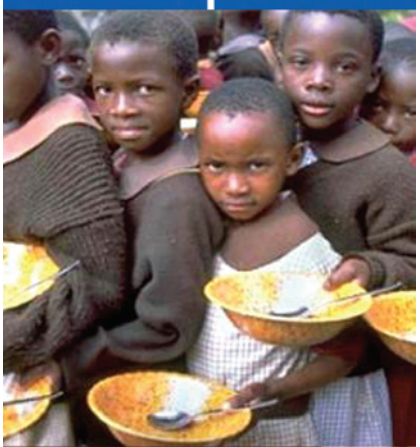


ROTARY FOUNDATION











In keeping with the **Rotary International theme for 2013/14" Engage Rotary Change Lives"**, the Foundation Committee members focused their energy on ensuring the theme underpinned their efforts during the year.

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

The role of the **Club's Rotary Foundation committee**, therefore, is to develop and implement a plan to support the Foundation through program participation and financial contributions to community and international service. Our role as members of the Foundation committee this past Rotary year was to:

- Develop committee goals to achieve Club Foundation goals
- Educate and train Club members about the Foundation
- Encourage and facilitate participation in Foundation programs, and
- Ensure our Club and its members contribute to The Rotary Foundation.

We achieved these goals in a number of ways, both within the Club and in the wider community, with the support of members, their families and friends.

The Board allotted the following months to Foundation activity

- November (Foundation Month)
- February (World Understanding Month)
- May (Australian Rotary Health Month)

During each of these months Foundation members gave a short presentation to club members about a particular aspect of the Foundation they took responsibility for as follows:

- Future Vision Program - Netty Broekman
- Centurion Club - Arthur Booth
- PolioPlus - Brendan Bermingham
- ShelterBox - Tim Koppel
- Samoa Literacy project - Bob Armessen
- Australian Rotary Health - Arthur Booth
- Ambassadorial scholars - Lyn Epps
- Vocational/Training Teams – Angela Capri
- Peace scholars - Michael Campbell and Aditya Ghose
- Rotary Australia World Community Service - Bob Armessen
- Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children - Marcel Benson
- Rotarians Against Malaria - Bruce Inglis
- Interplast - Liz Depers
- Ranfurly Book Aid - Bob Armessen
- Donations in Kind – Jessie Blundell

PP Netty Broekman and Keith Roffey



The presentations helped Club members to understand the relationship between Foundation giving and Foundation programs which are having such a tremendous beneficial effect on communities across the world.

Keith Roffey, District Polio Eradication sub-Committee Chair, was guest speaker in November. He emphasised the need for **Rotarians** around the world to remain firmly focussed on **Rotary International** and its campaign partners to finish this vital challenge and objective of eradicating polio via the **PolioPlus program**. Our country has been free of polio for over 50 years; however, the next case of this crippling disease is literally only a plane ride away. Eradication is not just an option – it's an essential obligation. Especially when you consider that for as little as $0.60, a child can be vaccinated for life.

In 1985 there were 350,000 cases of poliomyelitis in more than 100 countries worldwide. Today, polio remains endemic in only three countries – **Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan** and has re-established transmission in three countries which were previously polio-free (namely, **Angola, Chad and the Democratic Republic of the Congo**). In June 2013, the **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** announced a new fundraising agreement with Rotary. If successful, the campaign, which matches donations two-to-one (up to $35M per year), will help substantially increase polio eradication funding as part of the **2013-2018 Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategic Plan**.

Our Club has been and continues to be an ongoing supporter of the polio eradication initiative. The **'End Polio Now'** campaign is 99% there .... Rotary's tomorrow depends on what we do today so let's ensure that "tomorrow" we can say we did it!

To support of Foundation projects, **Arthur Booth** encouraged members to become **Centurions** by making a $100 donation towards Foundation funds. This year 18 Club members were Centurions and many members make this donation on an annual basis.

Weekly bulletin inserts this year highlighted a particular aspect of the Foundation with practical examples of ways in which the Foundation programs are instrumental in meeting needs and changing the lives of many across the world. In addition, **John Chaplin provided weekly International Toasts.** These emphasise the vast distribution of Rotary involvement and provide interesting local and historical facts about Rotary clubs across the world.

Among the above programs are several for which our **Rotary Club of West Wollongong** is well known in the community. These are

- **The ShelterBox program** which is responsible for distributing tents and supplies to disaster areas across the globe. We are much indebted to the tireless effort of **Tim Koppel** and helpers for organising displays and providing information at a number of community events during the year.
  The last year was again an extremely busy year for **ShelterBox**. Statistics for the year include response to 34 disasters in 18 countries, across the globe. Over 10,000 families were assisted in the year.
  Since inception 14 years ago, over 135,000 boxes have been distributed in response to 240 disasters in almost 90 countries, helping over 1 million people
  ShelterBox strives to deliver an agile response to disaster aid requirements, and so the response to each disaster results in aid being delivered, tailored for specific requirements. This may mean the contents of boxes differ from one disaster to the next. An example is the "winterising" of boxes for colder climates where more thermal material is included.

  Innovative product is constantly being sought for inclusion, and to that end solar lights are a recent inclusion. Other product such as midi tents that are a more compact version of the standard disaster relief tent can be sent, depending on circumstances. Shelter kits contain materials to assist in quickly repairing damage to houses.

  As usual – our **Rotary Club of West Wollongong** donated a **ShelterBox** during the year, and we have had confirmation via a letter and tracking the ShelterBox online, that the box #12103 was deployed to the Philippines. In past years our Club's ShelterBoxes have been sent to all over the world. Lebanon, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Burkina Faso, Haiti, Peru, and Papua New Guinea are examples of where our ShelterBoxes have been sent. RC West Wollongong was involved in approximately 10 displays across the district during the year, ranging from the Shoalhaven in the south to Oakdale in the west.

  Our Club is proud to be part of the Australian arm to this worthy Rotary International project, along with affiliate countries all over the world.

















THE PACIFIC LITERACY PROGRAM responsible for collecting, packing and distributing container loads of educational furniture and learning materials to schools in **Samoa**. **Bob Armessen** and his willing band of helpers spend many hours not only in organizing the containers but also to assist the teachers in **Samoa** with training in the use of computers and delivery of educational programs.



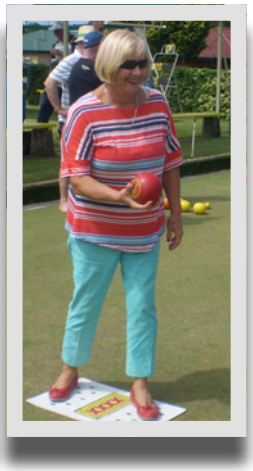
• OUR COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG commenced in 2005. Our 2012/13 recipient, **Blake Milton**, addressed the club about his future career and the benefits he has received from the scholarship. The club is currently engaged in a process with the university in the selection of the next recipient of the scholarship.



Among all the hard work there were some special Foundation social events during the year.

BAREFOOT BOWLS AT WISEMAN'S PARK was held in February. **Brendan Birmingham** was able to organise a most enjoyable afternoon, as a result of which, we have vastly improved the hand- eye coordination of quite a few Rotarians! In addition a significant amount of money was raised for the **PolioPlus** program.









Last, but not least, we enjoyed **The Great Debate.** The topic this year was, 'To know who your enemies are you must spy on your friends". The teams were as follows:

For the affirmative, **"The 007-we spy on everybody"**: Tim Koppel, John Erickson and Kerrie Hayes-Williams. For the negative, "The Skeptics": Helen Hasan, Ken Potter and Jim Christensen.

Both sides argued their case passionately, but the affirmative team was declared the winner by the smallest of margins by our **honest adjudicator, John Chaplin**.





In the month of October **Bruce Inglis** organised **Hat Day** as part of our fundraising for **Australian Rotary Health's Mental Health Awareness Month.**

My sincere thanks to all the **Foundation Committee members** and indeed Club members and friends, for their assistance and contribution to our activities this year. With your generous commitment of time, effort and finance our club is able to support a wide range of local and international projects that make a difference to the lives of many in serious need.

PP Netty Broekman
Director - Rotary Foundation 2013/2014







CHANGEOVER AWARDS 2013

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.

PP Ken Potter - PHF



RTN. Tim Koppel - PHF



PP John Chaplin OAM - PHF Sapphire



SOME OF OUR SPECIAL NIGHTS

Great Debate 2014

L to R - John Erickson, Kerrie Hayes-Williams, Tim Koppel, Netty Broekman, Helen Hasan, Jim Christensen and Ken Potter



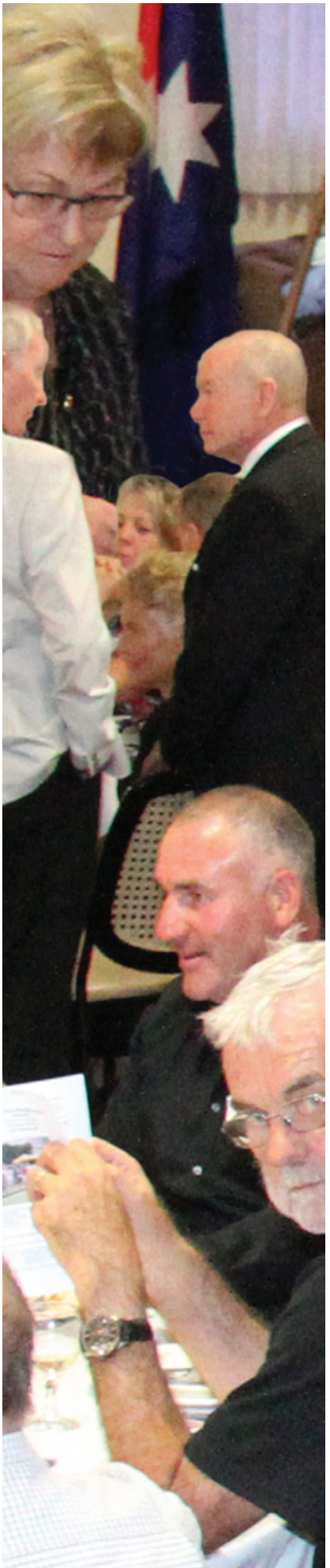
District Governor Visit - Combined Meeting

L to R - Wollongong Pres. Leigh Robinson, Pres. Michael Crowley, PP John Chaplin OAM and PDG Patrick Roberts



Citizenship Night 2014





HONOUR ROLL



PAST PRESIDENTS

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

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR

2005-2006	Patrick Roberts
2008	Patrick Roberts

Great Debate Winners
L to R John Erickson, Kerrie Hayes-Williams, Tim Koppel and Netty Broekman



WEEKLY PROGRAM JULY 2013 TO JUNE 2014

Date	Topic & *Speaker*	Date	Topic & *Speaker*
3-Jul-13	Rats of the Sky *Paul Formosa - Wollongong Council*	1-Jan-14	No Meeting
10-Jul-13	Orange Angels SES *Greg Murphy/ Terri-Ann Hurt*	8-Jan-14	No Meeting
17-Jul-13	Committee and Board Meeting/ *Update Blake Milton UOW Scholarship recipient*	15-Jan-14	Committee and Board Meeting
24-Jul-13	"Earthquakes can be good for Business" *D'arcy "Stilton" Cheesewright*	22-Jan-14	Royal Australian Navy *Jim Christensen*
31-Jul-13	Club Assembly	29-Jan-14	Club Assembly
7-Aug-13	RYE and Building better Festivals *Damon Vavros / Jim Christensen*	5-Feb-14	Acquainting members with Technology and Social Media - *Helen Hasan*
14-Aug-13	Combined R/C Corrimal, Illawarra Sunrise & West Wollongong *DG Garry Browne*	12-Feb-14	Samoa Project *Bob Armessen*
21-Aug-13	Committee and Board Meeting	19-Feb-14	Movie Night - Monuments Men *PolioPlus Fundraiser*
28-Aug-13	New Membership *Matt Campbell*	26-Feb-14	Citizenship Night *Partner's Night*
4-Sept-13	70's in the new 60's *Roger Downs*	5-Mar-14	Italian Rotary Exchange Student - *Paola Scarsmuzzi.* Induction Ralph Lee
11-Sept-13	Running Better Festivals *Jim Christensen*	12-Mar-14	Great Debate - *Netty Broekman* *Partner's Night*
18-Sept-13	Committee and Board Meeting	19-Mar-14	Committee and Board Meeting
25-Sept-13	RAWCS - Lloyd Chatfield	26-Mar-14	Nursing in Africa *Helen Richards*
2-Oct-13	Participation in Sport *Bill Dowson*	2-Apr-14	Baby Capsule Training *Jim and Anne Christensen*
9-Oct-13	Exchange Student Presentation *Katry Ribas*	9-Apr-14	Life in Tanzania *Helen Mandl/John Erickson*
16-Oct-13	Committee and Board Meeting	16-Apr-14	Committee and Board Meeting
23-Oct-13	Club Assembly	23-Apr-14	Fire & Rescue. The Organisation and its Capabilities - *Andrew Erlik*
30-Oct-13	International Convention *PDG Patrick Roberts*	30-Apr-14	Antarctica - The Last Wilderness *John Erickson*
6-Nov-13	PolioPlus *Keith Roffey*	7-May-14	Wollongong Big Crimes in the late 2oth Century - *Nick Hartgerink*
13-Nov-13	Illawarra Mercury Greg Ellis	14-May-14	TIGS MUNA Team *Marilyn Phillips*
20-Nov-13	Committee and Board Meeting	21-May-14	Club Assembly/Board Meeting Super Trawlers - *Libby Green*
27-Nov-13	Board Elections & AGM	28-May-14	My Exchange Year - *Katry Ribas*
4-Dec-13	UoW Scholar - Blake Milton RYE- *Damon Vavros*	4-Jun-14	No Meeting - RI Convention
11-Dec-13	Fellowship Evening	11-Jun-14	Getting ready for Winter *Leslie Viming*
18-Dec-13	Committee and Board Meeting	18-Jun-14	Committee and Board Meeting
25-Dec-13	No Meeting	25-Jun-14	Club Changeover



LIST OF CURRENT MEMBERS



Bob Armessen PHF
(June (Sam))
Strata Management
Inducted 1 Jan 1994



Marcel Benson PP PHF+
(Bev)
Electricity Services Distribution
Inducted 1 Aug 1972



Brendan Bermingham
Trophy Manufacture
Inducted 14 Oct 2009



Jessie Blundell PAG PP PHF+
(Barry PP PHF)
Aged Services, Administration
Inducted 15 Feb 1997



Arthur Booth PP PHF
(Carole)
Sreenprinting/ Signwriting
Inducted 1 July 1966



Netty Broekman PP
(Ben)
Educational Services
Inducted 20 Jun 2002



Albert Cachia PP
(Iryna)
Accountancy, Chartered
Inducted 1 May 1992



Michael Campbell PP PHF
(Louise)
Surveying
Inducted 1 May 1989



Angela Capri
(Sal)
Strata Services
Inducted 14 May 2008



John Chaplin OAM PP PHF+
(Adelle)
Steel Industry Law
Inducted 1 Jul 1975



Anne Christensen
(Jim PAG PP PHF)
Hospital Services, Midwifery
Inducted 15 Feb 1997



Jim Christensen PAG PP PHF
(Anne)
Marketing & Sales
Inducted 21 May 2008



Michael Crowley Pres. PHF
(Krys)
Financial Planning
Inducted 12 Nov 2008



Brian Davis PP PHF
(Babs)
Automobile Spare Parts
Inducted 1 Aug 1972

LIST OF CURRENT MEMBERS



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



Lyn Epps
(Joe)
Interior Design
Inducted 16 May 2012



John Erickson PP PHF
(Coral)
Education Travel
Inducted 14 Oct 2009



Aditya Ghose
(Hui Ling)
Computer Sciences
Inducted 31 Dec 2005



Helen Hasan
Information Technology
Inducted 19 Oct 2011



Kerrie Hayes-Willaims
Education Psychology
Inducted 2 July 2009



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



Tim Koppel PHF
(Debbie)
Financial - Auto
Inducted 13 Jan 2009



Ray Lee
(Jane)
Chemical Manufacturing
Inducted 5 Mar 2014



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



Pam Rimmer
Retail Auditor
Inducted 12 Feb 2014



Rose Pope
(Barry)
Secondary Education
Inducted 16 May 2012



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



Patrick Roberts PDG PP PHF+
(Yvonne PHF)
Banking, Area Management
Inducted 1 June 1994



Dennis Simpson PP PHF+

(Lynne)

Hotel Management

Inducted 11 July 2007



Nerida Smith

(John)

Professional Recruitment

Inducted 29 Jan 2014



Barry Stevens PP PHF

(Nikki)

Computer Programming

Inducted 30 Nov 2011



Noel Watt PP PHF

(Caroline)

Credit Unions

Inducted 1 Jan 1978



Yvonne Walker

(Paul)

Inducted 25 June 2014

FRIEND OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST WOLLONGONG



Linda Simes

Inducted 5 Feb 2014



CHRISTMAS PARTY 2013















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23 March 2014

To the members of the Rotary Club of West Wollongong, New South Wales, Australia,

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Congratulations on the 50th anniversary of the charter of the Rotary Club of West Wollongong, New South Wales, Australia. I share your pride in reaching this significant milestone.

Just as every Rotarian is different, so too is every Rotary club. Each club discovers for itself how best to serve its community, and its members. Every club has the opportunity to strengthen its community. Your community has been given a great gift for the past 50 years. Wollongong is a better place because of each one of you, as is our world.

Additionally, each club adds its unique character to the Rotary International family. This diversity is part of Rotary's strength, and it is what will keep Rotary vital as we face a rapidly changing future.

I look forward to working with each one of you as we *Engage Rotary—Change Lives*.

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Sincerely,

Ron D. Burton



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President, Rotary International



50th Anniversary Dinner



















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