



ROTARY CLUB OF WEST WOLLONGONG INC. NEW SOUTH WALES AUSTRALIA

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 9675

ANNUAL REPORT 2017/2018

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

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- Rotaract
- RYE/Ryla/ADV.RYLA
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- Peace Scholar/Lecture
- PolioPlus
- RAM/RAWCS/ROMAC
- ShelterBox
- VTT
- All other Fdn/Int Projects

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An incredible year to have experienced, as a first time **President of a Rotary Club**. We sadly lost, a well-loved, fellow Rotarian and a great member of our community. **Vale John Chaplin OAM**, as noted by fellow **Rotarian Patrick Roberts**, "a great contributor ... a man with a great sense of humour and able to offer comment, but only after thoughtful listening and always providing feedback that was appropriate and to the point". John was a positive role model and mentor to all of us - we can all learn from the reflective listening in providing feedback that is appropriate and to the point. John lives within our hearts and beyond our Rotary years.

We inducted **Dieter Glaser**, a passionate man within his Rotary space, looking forward to taking the lead as the **new director for The Foundation** in 18/19 and taking a few leaves out of John Chaplins' book.

Rotary training ensures our fellow Rotarians are well equipped with the latest resources. A fine example is Rotary Health providing all Rotarians with access to a **Mental Health First Aid Certificate with Accreditation**. Within the Illawarra region, we now have at least three fellow Rotarians accredited, with one of the three in our club. The three accredited Rotarians have formed a consortium called '**Three Wise Monkey**', with the vision of providing Mental Health First Aid training to our community. We are all fortunate to be provided training from Leadership to President-Elect and New Member training and so much more – a clear value proposition for potential members.

Over the past twelve months, I believe we have had some standout presentations impacting us all on a different level. It is of great value to see where our charitable funds are allocated, notwithstanding where possible charitable funds could be allocated in the future. **CEO Narelle Clay of Southern Youth & Family Services (SYFS)**, provided an informative presentation on youth homelessness and the much-needed funds generated by **Ride4Rotary** – with this year raising over \$21,000, these funds go toward employment training for the youth.

A big thank you for the '**Wobbly Wheels**' team **Rose, Arthur, Milan, Paul and Roberto**.....a team that is getting slightly bigger and looking forward to Rose's granddaughter and Evie joining us next year for the **Ride4Rotary**.

Dr Matthew Threadgate, a urologist and surgeon, specialising in prostate cancer, presented the topic "**Secret Men's Business: What Wives Need to Know**". It was pleasing to see Rotarians from other clubs joining us; a sensitive subject needing more awareness to save lives. I found myself with a higher level of consciousness, leaving the meeting that evening wanting to share the information I learnt, with my male friends – that was quite an experience within itself. What I am thankful for is without being exposed to such a presentation, I would not have been equipped to possibly save a friends life thus making a difference.

It has been an honour and pleasure to MC our **Club's Citizenship Ceremony** for the last two years. Lending itself to a greater understanding for our new citizens and fellow members. How times have changed since the 1950's! We all have a story to tell as Australians, some more diverse than others. We came together for a common cause displaying our international citation '**making a difference**' in the lives of others.

Citizenship Night 2018



Jim Buultjens, a former Rotarian and a Paul Harris Fellow, now the **CEO of Multicultural Aged Care Illawarra (MACI)** shared his passion for aged care and the elderly with dementia. MACI is completing ten new residential dementia units; dementia is the second highest in taking lives, (Cancer being the first) an area needing more support in aged care. MACI covers ages from 40 to 99 years from over 25 different ethnic backgrounds, customising services to clients needs.....celebrating **Life, Communities and Cultures**. We look forward to Jim joining us next year for the **'Ride4Rotary'** cross-pollinating and making a difference.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Rotarians for their support throughout 2017/18. I have had some challenges such as overseas work commitments, a wedding overseas, personal hospitalisation for surgery and caring for my mother while in and out of the hospital.

A special thank you to **PE Helen Hasan**, for stepping in and stepping up at short notice, **PP Jim Christensen** for his support and guidance as well as **DG Stephen Britten** for his mentorship and support. Serving my fellow Rotarians has been an honour and a pleasure, they have increased my knowledge and awareness on so many levels, which has made me a better person and president.

Some highlights during this year:

- Queen's Baton Relay John Chaplin OAM
- National Youth Science Forum (NYSF): Maria Micale and Jarrod Pritchard representing Australia in London.
- Rotary Emergency Services Awards
- Australian Citizenship ceremony
- Succession Plan, PE
- Combined meeting of the Rotary clubs of the Illawarra – "End Trachoma Now"
- Rotary Emergency Services Awards
- Peace Oration
- Great Debate
- Wings over Illawarra
- Club Assembly - Strategic Planning
- The High Country Tour
- Macarthur Science and Engineering Challenge
- Anzac Day
- District Conference and Assembly
- Rescue board donated by the RC of WW.
- MUNA Team - Keira High
- Comedy for a Cause – funds supporting Para Meadows
- RYLA
- JEMUN the Japanese version of MUNA
- TAFE Wollongong's TwentyTwenty (Training) Restaurant
- Hat Day

Thank you to all!

JESSICA GNATA
PRESIDENT 2017/2018

Board Members 2017/2018

L to R. IPP Jim Christensen, PE Prof. Helen Hasan, Treasurer Tim Koppel, Secretary Angela Capri, President Jessica Gnata, Ken Potter, Marilyn Phillips, Barry Stevens and Joanne Glaser. (absent Arthur Booth & Ray Lee)



TREASURER'S REPORT

Our budgeted income was under threat, early in the new financial year, when we found out that the lucrative Australia Day Tender was unsuccessful. Undeterred, members rallied, and compensated for this lost revenue in many ways, including:

- Barbecue revenue more than trebled over FY16/17 to \$17000 net. Our thanks to **Ray Lee**, and his team for their efforts. Ray has refined processes of ordering, resourcing, and selection of venues, resulting in an efficient revenue generating team productively generating valuable funds.
- **Comedy for a Cause**, a new initiative, set to become an annual event, was a great success. The cause identified, was **Para Meadows**, the special needs school, with who West Wollongong has a long association, thereby rekindling this long-standing relationship.
- Ever consistent **Charles Hotel** revenue, inspired by **Dennis Simpson** and his team, who has built a great relationship with the patrons at the Charles over the years.

The "Comedy" initiative was arguably the catalyst for the formation of a sub-committee of members, to compile a proposal to the board for: "The conducting of the Club's Projects". The purpose of this proposal is to provide guidelines to the club regarding **Community Services Projects**. Included in goals of the proposal, is the fostering of a symbiotic relationship with the beneficiaries of the projects within our community.

The Youth portfolio, ever consistent, and ably led by **Ken Potter**, was again very active in the local community, providing life-changing, opportunities and experiences to many, as can be seen under the youth category of expenditure. Late this financial year, Ken announced that the Club had won a grant from the IMB. These funds will be utilised in the New Year and feature in the income section of this report.

The result is, that the club was once again, proudly able to support organisations within the categories: **International, Local Community, and Youth, services and organisations**, as detailed on next page.

Dennis Simpson and Charles Hotel Manager, Brendan



TREASURER'S REPORT



Thanks to all club members who contributed in so many ways to achieving the result below.

Income:	
Barbeques	17000
Charles Hotel Raffle	14000
Comedy for a Cause	5000
Donations in kind	3532
End Trachoma Dinner	2870
Grant, IMB Youth	7000
Grant Rotary International	2243
Specific Fundraising for PolioPlus	3037
Wings over Illawarra in lieu of Services provided by Club 2018	2000

Expenditure:	
International Service	
Australian Rotary Health	3000
Disaster Aid	1000
Interplast	1000
PolioPlus	3025
RC Rarotonga : Cook Island Project (Child Care/Rehab centre/RSPCA)	1500
Ride for Rotary	1000
Rotary Foundation Centurion	2700
Youth off the streets	500

Community Service:	
Charles Hotel Patrons	500
Citizenship Ceremony	750
End Trachoma Dinner	2870
Illawarra Koori Men's Support Group	2000
Imagination Library incl movie night proceeds (\$540)	1540
Para Meadows School Services and donation (Comedy for Cause)	5500
Permaculture and Living Classrooms Programme	1000
Prime Community Service Awards	3600
Towradgi Surf Life Saving Club Board	1020
Wesley Church Christmas Dinner	740
Westmead Children's Hospital	1200
Wollongong Hospital Neo-Natal Unit	2000

Youth projects incl RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award)	
Engineering School bursary	800
Keira HS Science projects	1000
NYSF * delegate	3097
NYSF * international conference contribution	1000
NYSF* delegate	500
RYDA *	1750
RYLA *	795
RYPEN *	295
Scholarship ARH	3000
Tumbarumba students Kakoda Trail	500
* Legend:	
NYSF = National Youth Science forum	RYPEN = Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment
RYDA = Rotary Youth Driver awareness	RYLA = Rotary Youth Leadership Award

TIM KOPPEL
TREASURER 2017/2018



CLUB ADMINISTRATION



Another outstanding year has passed and we as a Club are extremely lucky to have such a large group of dedicated members who continually contribute to our outstanding success. I would like to especially thank my wonderful committee for their efforts, for without their support our Club would not function with the ease and success that it does.

The aim of **Club Administration** of course, is to maintain the effective operations of the Club and we are able to do this with the aid of so many enthusiastic members. We are lucky in our club to have a team of committed members and this makes my portfolio as **Club Administration Director** an enjoyable and fruitful endeavour.

BULLETIN - MICHAEL CROWLEY AND ADITYA GHOSE

We receive a fountain of information through our bulletin thanks to the devotion of Michael Crowley and Aditya Ghose.. They ensure we are always informed on all Club activities and information. All our members, honorary members and a number of local clubs are kept notified of the club movements. Our **International Toasts** are always interesting and relevant to the date of our meeting.

PROGRAM - ADITYA GHOSE

Aditya continues with the tradition of maintaining excellent speakers. We are always presented with an array of high calibre topics ensuring our meetings are stimulating and varied. Please continue to support Aditya in his role by suggesting interesting speakers.

ATTENDANCE - MARILYN PHILLIPS

I continue to maintain our attendance and forward the hours our Club members dedicate to **Rotary to District 9675**. We average between 600-700 hours per week.

SERGEANT - DENNIS SIMPSON

Dennis and his team do an excellent job of keeping our meetings on time while at the same time maintaining a light hearted banter through the night. The fine session raises valuable funds for the club and we always get a laugh from the jokes.

SOCIAL EVENTS - NETTY BROEKMAN

Netty has arranged some great social events and we are thankful to her dedication. We will know doubt continue this tradition into the future and are always grateful to members for suggested outings.

RISK MANAGEMENT - MARILYN PHILLIPS

One of the necessary parts of our modern Rotary life in this new era of change is to ensure we have risk management plans. These are devised to protect and support our members and must be updated each year and presented to the board.

In closing, I would like to thank all the **Committee Chairpersons and Committee members** for their magnificent contributions. 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 2017/2018



Our club remains very active and thus attractive to potential members. We are constantly looking at ways to make more efficient use of our time with our fund raisers and ensuring our meeting formats remain interesting.

A very successful club information night was held for potential members for which we were able to attract 7 people to attend. We have indications from another 5 potentials that they would be interested in being invited to our next information night. We are looking at follow-up invitations to interesting club events for all these people.

We had 3 members resign during the year and sadly we had the passing of our dear friend **John Chaplin**.

One of our friends-of-rotary, **Dieter Glaser**, became an active member.

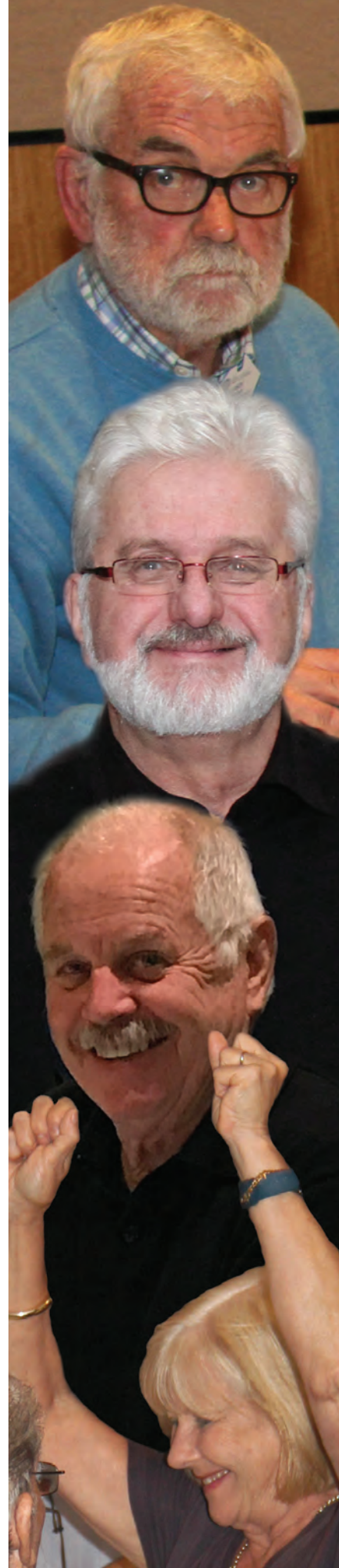
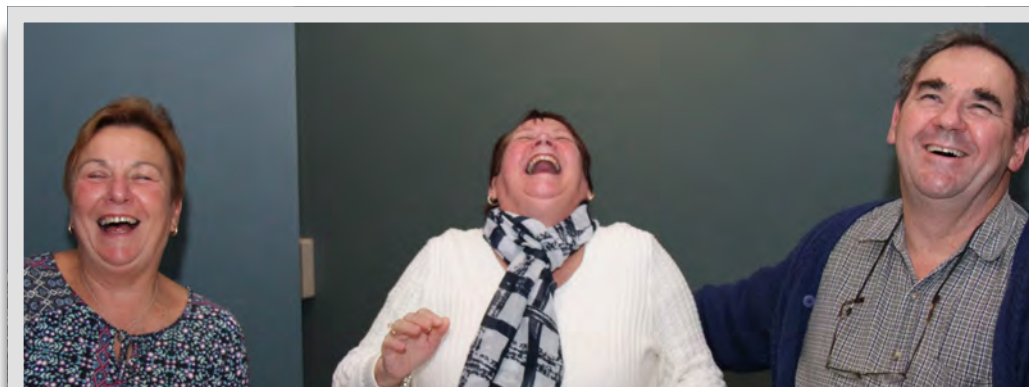
We now have 32 active members; 6 honorary members and 3 friends-of-rotary.

BARRY STEVENS
DIRECTOR- MEMBERSHIP 2017/2018

Congratulations to Dieter Glaser inducted 15 November 2017 by
President Jessica & introduced by IPP Jim Christensen



This couldn't have been one of Patrick's jokes!!





Our 2017/18 **Community Services** effort for the year was a very busy and fruitful time. Major highlights were the unremitting very high level of involvement of Club members in fundraising and Community assistance activities, the formation of the **Community Services Working Group (CSWG)** and the establishment of a protocol, approved by the Board, defining how the Club should work with and partner beneficiary organisations or groups within the community.

Overall the year has seen substantially improved achievement in a wide range of areas.

The projects outlined below represent some of our most important activities.

The contribution of the late **John Chaplin OAM** to many of the initiatives below cannot be underestimated. His energy, wisdom and good humour will be sorely missed.

CHARLES HOTEL VOUCHER RAFFLE

Under the ongoing inspiration of the amazing **Dennis Simpson**, we continue to enjoy a friendly get together on Thursday evenings at the Charles. Week on week returns have steadily accumulated in tandem with the size of the **Joker Draw** prize. Overall income at year end will again be close to **\$14,000**.

BBQS AND OTHER COMMUNITY SUPPORT EVENTS

A wide cross section of Club members contributed their time and energy to these activities which were on a level probably never previously undertaken. On two occasions the Club conducted functions simultaneously (**Australia Day in the Belmore Basin / Beaton Park Country Athletics, and Anzac Day Sausage Sizzles at two Bunnings locations**). A total of 16 events were at Bunning's stores – this relationship is very valuable and has been carefully managed. We successfully introduced **"Jim's Tins"** at our recent Council inspired Barbeque and raised \$316.40. **Great initiative Jim!**

These events fall into two main categories:

- Straightforward fundraisers in the form of regular Bunning's days. Regular slots at one month intervals at the North Wollongong store have been supplemented by two "on-call" opportunities at the new Bellambi location, two Anzac Day events and a Bunning's fundraising day for Westmead Children's Hospital.
- Community involvement and support events with a fundraising element -
 - The inaugural Illawarra Flame Festival BBQ - (**Jim Christensen**)
 - The Lord Mayor's Picnic BBQ
 - Australia Day celebrations - (the Dinky Di pie stall – **Michael Crowley**)
 - NSW Country Track and Field Championships at Beaton Park food stall (**Rose Pope**)
 - i98 Convoy BBQ
 - Comic Gong BBQ
 - Blue Mile tramway upgrade official opening BBQ
 - Wings Over Illawarra (jointly with other Clubs)
 - Ride-4-Rotary ((jointly with other Clubs)

Overall net barbeque income for the year has contributed approximately **\$17,000** to the Charity account, a five-fold increase on last year.

AUSTRALIA DAY AND PORT KEMBLA BILLY CART DERBY

- Our Australia Day stall management quotation was not successful. We intend to attempt to regain this significant contributor to Club funds in 2019. Communications with Council have been initiated.
- The Port Kembla Billy Cart Derby was not run in 2017 and faces an uncertain future.

COMEDY FOR A CAUSE

The initial very successful staging of this event raised funds resulting in a total donation \$5500 to the **Para Meadows** facility in North Wollongong (see project notes also). Thank you **Kerrie Hayes-Williams and Joanne Glaser**.

BOWEL SCAN – This project will discontinue due to high Government focus on test kit distribution, and their easy commercial availability.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROJECT - PARAMEADOWS

The project commenced with the construction of an access ramp, the widening of the doorway and the fitting of a new door. This was done to allow the access to the area by the special mobility chairs. The room had been used for bike storage and is now used as a wood working facility for the students. Our trusty team installed and painted a new ceiling and some storage shelving. While all this was going on, a super paint job was done on the new bike storage shipping container after several hours of rust removal. Work was also done repairing one of the large security fence gates that had some broken hinges.

The team was treated to a very tasty morning tea and plenty of thanks from the staff for our efforts.

COMMUNITY RECIPIENT ACTION PLAN

A sub-group led by **Patrick Roberts** formulated a plan defining how the Club should work in partnership with major recipients of our assistance. Key elements are-

- focus on one major Community Service Project in each year, preferably a local one.
- the Project should address a recognised community need and should offer mutual benefits to the community organisation and to the Club.
- The expected contributions of both parties should be discussed and agreed beforehand.
- The Club should develop criteria against which to assess potential projects and the Club as a whole should endorse the selected project.

The project document was endorsed by the Board and presented to members, with all-round agreement.

COMMUNITY SERVICES WORKING GROUP (CSWG)

The group, working as a committee, was formed on an ad hoc basis to try to better manage the diverse activities undertaken in service to our community.

Meeting monthly, the group has generated better focus and improved systems to track progress in key work areas.

RAY LEE

DIRECTOR - COMMUNITY SERVICES 2017/2018

Graffiti Removal at Gang Show Hall in Tarrawanna
L to R. John Erickson, Joanne & Dieter Glaser





Our Club has continued its tradition of strong support for the **Youth Services Portfolio**. In December, the Club supported **Annie Huang, of Warrawong High School**, to attend **The Honeywell Engineering Summer Science program at U.N.S.W.** Annie came back to the club and reported that the Program reinforced her determination to study some form of engineering.

The Club supported a student to **R.Y.P.E.N.** In August, **Mikaela Trincado**, from **Keira High School** attended the Program at Port Hacking. **R.Y.P.E.N** is a program for students who show potential, but who perhaps need "a gentle push".

Mikaela and Sam Manns, also from K.H.S. reported back to the club on 6th December, 2017, along with **Maria Micala and Jarrad Pritchard**, who were to attend **National Youth Science Forum**, early in January, 2018.

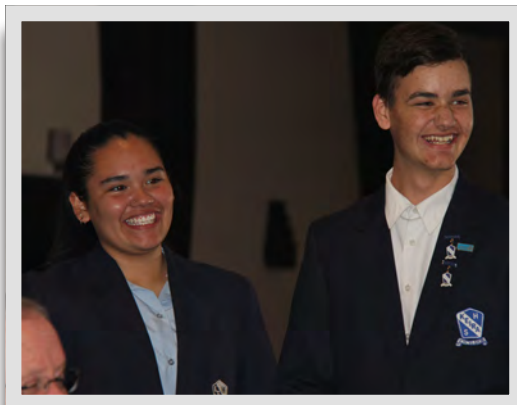
The Club has continued its support of the **R.S.E. Program [Road safety Education Australia]** formerly known as R.Y.D.A. [Rotary Youth Driver Awareness]. This valuable program sees Year 10 and 11 students receive instruction in areas such as "Stopping Distances", via an exciting, hands on demonstration 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 on 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 August and September each year and gives benefits to some 1600 students in the Illawarra and, since its inception, "500,000 nationally as well as New Zealand", this milestone was celebrated recently. At the time of writing this report, the program is being considered for sponsorship by **The I.M.B. Community Foundation**.

Marilyn and President Elect Helen, accompanied me to a "shortlisted interview" with the **Directors of The I.M.B. Community Foundation** and we were able to impress on them, the value and the need for the **RYDA** program and some of the reasons they should be involved. We await their pending decision and are "quietly optimistic".

Sam Manns and Mikaela Trincado who went to RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) at Port Hacking



Joanna Laba
RYLA

Jarrad Pritchard and Maria Micala who will go to the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra



Annie Huang
The Honeywell Engineering Summer Science program at U.N.S.W.



In December 2017, we had contacted **Joanna Laba** 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 took place at a venue near Springwood in mid-January and ran 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.

Writing now in April 2018, Joanna subsequently completed the **R.Y.L.A** course and reported back to the club on 6th February, along with other “Youthful Recipients” of sponsorship from the Club. It was a very memorable meeting and reinforced the value of our Youth Programs. Maria and Jarrad have been invited to attend **London Youth Science Forum** and the Club has offered joint sponsorship, to match **R.C. of Wollongong**, up to \$1,000.

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 the vacancy is being filled.

The next Rotary program for youth is **Model United Nations Assembly [MUNA]** where the club supports a team. Students are encouraged to argue resolutions in a manner in which the country they represent might argue those same resolutions. A large amount of research is necessary and the students become very interested in their role, and in the competition they gain very important skills and experiences from **MUNA**.

At the time of writing I have offered support for a team from **Keira High School**, with the event scheduled for mid-May. As part of this year’s undertakings we received the teams from last year’s **MUNA**, at the club early in July, in a joint meeting with R.C. of Wollongong.

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 2017/2018



Public Relations (PR) endeavours 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. This year we are making sure that our own members are kept up to date with upcoming events, particularly those where help is needed. Our Calendar and Rosters are available online.

We also have made a concerted effort to see that the many successful events of the club are widely publicised. These have included our **District Conference, Peace Oration, Citizenship Ceremony, Comedy for a Cause, and the Great Debate**.

Our PR effort continues to make extensive use of online media.

Our main Website can be accessed with our own domain name: westwollongongrotary.org.au. It gets updated as needed: weekly to add the latest newsletter and monthly to change the home page to have an item related to the Rotary Month in the centre and yearly for each new president. We also have a separate Capsules website.

We have a Facebook page which was particularly active posting pictures during our Snowy Mountains Trip.

Our Google account manages our email (westwollongongrotary@gmail.com) our calendar and document repository in the "Drive".

Our weekly Club Bulletins are stored electronically on our website so that they are available for members and the public to read. A link to the latest bulletin is emailed to members and friends as soon as it is ready.

Many of the articles that have appeared in the Advertiser each week depict events and activities of our club. These can be seen on the Group F and H website <http://rotaryclubsillawarra.org.au/>

PROF. HELEN HASAN
DIRECTOR - PUBLIC RELATIONS 2017/2018



The Great Debate

Congratulations to the winning team and well done to all who competed.



Peace Oration - Edmund Rice College
International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear
Weapons (ican).



The Foundation Portfolio has had another successful year. We have seen excellent numbers at events and participation by both Members and partners. Our continued education re Foundation has brought information, insights and laughter.

Centurions contributions and membership remains strong and thanks to **Arthur Booth** for his robust and unceasing dedication to the Centurions in our Club.

Mad Hat Day gave us an opportunity to not only learn more about mental health but also to have some fun trivial pursuit questions regarding hats and their famous wearers. We were fortunate to have a wonderful guest speaker in **Rachel Brownlow** who is doing her **PHD in studies on anorexia** which, as we now know, is such a huge mental issue for those suffering from this illness. As a partners night it was again both socially and financially successful.

We again used **Edmund Rice College** as the venue for our **Peace Oration**. What a coup by **Michael and Aditya** to secure **Gem Remould** who is the **Australian Director of ICAN**, the organisation that won the Nobel prize in 2017. After what appeared to be a slow start to numbers, we again had close to 100 people attend. Gem was a fascinating speaker who held our interest all night. After giving us some amazing sights, Gem left us pondering the future of disarmament in these unsettled times. My thanks and admiration go to both **Michael Campbell and Aditya Ghose** for their dedication to the Oration and their continued efforts to secure the most amazing and interesting speakers for us. It is due to their drive that it is so successful.

The Great Debate is always a fun night. This year's topic of "**Liberate Men, let them wear skirts**" was enthusiastically taken on by the teams. The affirmative team of **Helen Hasan, Paul Lee and Aditya Ghose** argued strongly against **Jim Christensen, Di North and Milan Stanojevic** but lost to a team who used visual aids and a slightly more convincing argument. We all laughed a lot and Netty did a wonderful job as our Adjudicator. Congratulations to both teams for a great night's entertainment!!

We have had several interesting talks regarding Rotary Health and updates on **PolioPlus** throughout the year. All have been informative and interesting with some great speakers.

Many thanks go to **Marilyn and Patrick**, our **Citizenship night** was again an enormous success. Those individuals and families who chose to become citizens at our function had a wonder evening with our **Lord Mayor, Gordon Bradbury AM**, swearing them in as Australians. It is always a joyful occasion.

I feel the year has been successful and interesting not only for myself but for all members. As a Club, we continue to grow, learn and help both our local community and global community through Foundation and the good works we do as Rotarians.

JOANNE GLASER

DIRECTOR - ROTARY FOUNDATION 2017/2018

"The Mad Hatters"



**EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR
MAKE A DIFFERENCE**



ATTENDANCE AWARD

MARCEL BENSON PP PHF++

Marcel was awarded a PHF Sapphire for 45 years of 100% attendance by DG Stephen Britten.



Marcel Benson was inducted into our club on the 1st of August in 1972 by the then President Alan Hoy & initially served as Secretary to Past President Hubert Burrows during 1974 -75. Three years later Marcel was elected to Club President for 1978-79.

During Marcel's year six new members were inducted into the club. *Tom Lambert, Bill Glossop, Albert Chapman, Steven Mutch, Stan Canter & Angus Johnston was re-inducted ... Club Fees were only \$40 (Maybe we should bring Marcel back again)!!!

Marcel's year as President was most productive with all avenues of a very active service, in particular a heavy commercial programme was carried out such as the major organising for "Hillview Weekend" (& FYI, it was the opening to the public of the Heritage Building which was the State Governor's Southern Highlands Retreat from 4/8/1883 through to 1/8/1946, when General Sir John Northcott K.C.M.G / K.C.V.O / C.B. / K.St.J was the last occupant).

Marcel's professional services in the electrical industry were highly regarded & essential for our other major project "Sea food & Sail" at Wollongong Harbour, which was held annually over two days & was the backbone & major source of income for our other community projects for the club in Marcel's most successful year.

The Club's 15th anniversary was celebrated during the year where many past members attended, entertaining the Club with stories from the past.

Following his successful year as President, Marcel filled the position of Sergeant for Past President Tudor Mackay in 1981-82 (in what would have been a very demanding position for those who knew PP Tudor's high expectations) & it took him eight more years before he accepted a position on the Board with Past President Barry Blundell in 1989-90 & then as Club Services Director over 1990-91 for Goolam Ganey.

1991-92 again the following year he took on Vocational Service Director for Past President Brian Davis & then in the years 1992-93 he served as Club Service Director for Michael Campbell & being a tiger for punishment he took on Cub Service for Past President Bill Whitting in 1993-94.

Marcel was presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship in his early years & a further Sapphire pin in 2012-13.

It should not be forgotten that Marcel's wife Beverley (known to us as BEV) was an enormous help to the Club with her organisation of the Wollongong Baby Capsules Service's, fitting programme & book-keeping, when it operated out of premises owned by Brian Hedley in Belmore Street Wollongong.

After 45 years of "Service above Self" with an intense effort to maintain his 100% attendance, Marcel has to be regarded as one of our Club's elder statesman. His contributions year after year to the functioning of this Club, & with his cool headed advice & administration experience required to run a club such as this Rotary Club of West Wollongong.

(Excerpt from Arthur Booth's tribute 4 October 2017)

Marcel Benson celebrating his 83rd Birthday with Pres. Jessica Gnata





CHANGEOVER 2017

DGN Di North, on behalf of Interplast, accepting a donation from Pres. Jim



Pres. Jim presenting President's Chain to Jessica Gnata



Pres. Jim Christensen



The recipients of money raised through the efforts of the members and friends of the Rotary Club of West Wollongong



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.

Bob Armessen - PHF Sapphire



Prof. Helen Hasan - PHF Sapphire



Brendan Bermingham - PHF Sapphire



Ray Lee - PHF



Rose Pope - PHF



SOME OF OUR SPECIAL EVENTS

PEACE ORATION - 7 FEBRUARY 2018



ican was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for its work “to draw attention to the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons” and “ground-breaking efforts to achieve a treaty-based prohibition of such weapons”. This is the first time the prize has ever been awarded to an Australian-born group or individual.



RIDE 4 ROTARY - 20 MAY 2018

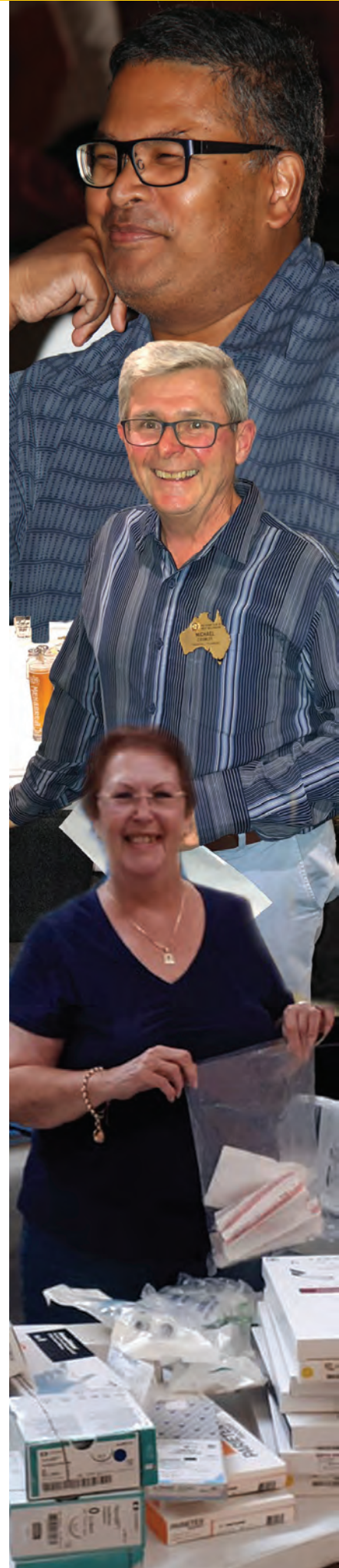
The West Wollongong Wobbly Wheelers with their wobbly wheels at Ride 4 Rotary



SOME OF OUR SPECIAL EVENTS



Honorary Members Jessie and Barry Blundell
District Governor's visit



SOME OF OUR SPECIAL EVENTS



MUNA teams from Keira High School



Erik Villemoes from the Aarhus City Rotary Club in Denmark, President Jessica, Karra & Laticia, [Former Refugees] Annie Huong [HESS student], Maria Micale [NYSF], Ken Potter, Jarrod Pritchard [NYSF], Joanna Laba [RYLA] AND Jessica Kirtan [Interact Coordinator, Keira High School and Maths Teacher].



Towradgi SLSC Paul Lumby accepting the rescue board donated by the RC of WW.



Our members hard at work line-marking at Wings over Illawarra.



SOME OF OUR SPECIAL EVENTS



Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal
DGN Di North, Angela Capri, Rose Pope and Milan Stanojevic



Para Meadows Working Bee
Dieter Glaser, Dennis Simpson and John Erickson



At HARS we handed over our cheque from WOI to Brad Anderson from the Illawarra Koori Mens Support Group to help with their School Kids Indigenous Peer Program.



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 Shoober	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
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		

DISTRICT GOVERNOR

2005-2006	Patrick Roberts OAM
2008	Patrick Roberts OAM

DISTRICT SECRETARY

John Chaplin OAM 1984-1985

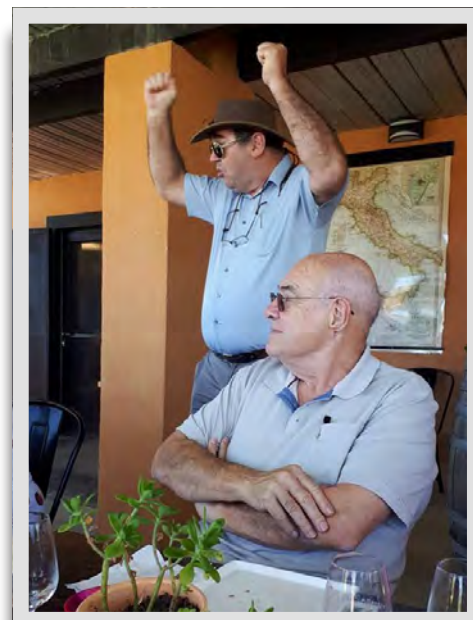
Jessie Blundell 2005-2006

DGN Di North 2016-2017

John Chaplin OAM concentrating on goal setting



Our resident Poet Ken Potter and Bob Armessen



WEEKLY PROGRAM JULY 2017 TO JUNE 2018

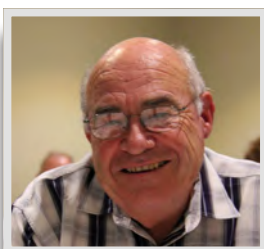


Date	Topic & Speaker	Date	Topic & Speaker
5-Jul-17	President outlines 2017/2018 plans for the Club	3-Jan-18	No Meeting
12-Jul-17	RC of Corrimal Changeover - WW Club members attended.	10-Jan-18	PolioPlus - <i>Joanne Glaser</i>
19-Jul-17	MUNA Team visit - <i>Keira High</i>	17-Jan-18	Illawarra Koori Men's Support Group - <i>Uncle G (indigenous elder)</i>
26-Jul-17	Club Assembly	24-Jan-18	Director's Presentation
2-Aug-17	Special General Meeting	31-Jan-18	Club Assembly & Board Meeting
9-Aug-17	Board Meeting <i>Alex Goik-Trauth and Jade Hutchinson from UOW (participants in the Japanese/English MUNA in Japan)</i>	7-Feb-18	Peace Oration - <i>Gemma Romuld</i> , Outreach Coordinator, Australia for ICAN (International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons)
16-Aug-17	Dinner and Rotary meeting at TAFE Restaurant Twenty/Twenty	14-Feb-18	Youth Science Program Reports <i>Ken Potter</i>
23-Aug-17	How Artificial Intelligence will take over our lives - <i>Aditya Ghose</i> RACA - Regional Achievement & Community Awards	21-Feb-18	Citizenship Night <i>Partner's Night</i>
30-Aug-17	Club Assembly CSWG Meeting	28-Feb-18	Club Assembly & Board Meeting
6-Sept-17	2017/2018 UOW/RC of WW Community Scholarship - <i>Jacob Stephenson</i> Board Meeting	7-Mar-18	Fellowship Night @ Illawarra Brewery
13-Sept-17	A Personal view of the Middle East <i>Dr Helen Hasan</i>	14-Mar-18	CSWG Presentation - <i>Ray Lee</i> CSWG Meeting
20-Sept-17	Board Meeting	21-Mar-18	Managing your legal affairs - <i>Gamble Law & Estate Planning</i> <i>Andrew Gamble, Solicitor</i>
27-Sept-17	Medtech (Medical technology) - <i>what is it and why does it matter?</i> <i>Suzanne Campbell</i>	28-Mar-18	Board Meeting <i>Combined meeting of Rotary clubs of the Illawarra - "End Trachoma Now"</i>
4-Oct-17	District Governor's Visit <i>DG Stephen Britten & wife Jane</i>	4-Apr-18	Romping & Stomping in the High Country - <i>Rose Pope</i>
11-Oct-17	Hat Day for Australian Rotary Health <i>Joanne Glaser (Foundation Director)</i> Anorexia - ARH Scholar - <i>Rachel Brownlow</i>	11-Apr-18	Club Assembly & Board Meeting
18-Oct-17	The Flagstaff Group <i>Roy Rogers - CEO</i>	18-Apr-18	The Great Debate <i>Joanne Glaser</i>
25-Oct-17	ARH Research Scholar - update <i>Sarah Furlong</i>	25-Apr-18	No Meeting - ANZAC DAY
1-Nov-17	Building and maintaining a family tree <i>John Erickson</i> Board Meeting	2-May-18	Southern Youth & Family Services <i>Narelle Clay - CEO</i>
8-Nov-17	PolioPlus Fundraiser Movie Night @ the Gala <i>"Murder on the Orient Express"</i>	9-May-18	Information Evening <i>Barry Stevens</i>
15-Nov-17	"Secret Men's Business: What the Wives need to know" <i>Dr. Matthew Threadgate</i>	16-May-18	Multicultural Aged Care Illawarra (MACI) Village - <i>Jim Buultjens CEO</i>
22-Nov-17	The Rotary Foundation <i>PDG Stephen Humphreys</i>	23-May-18	Permaculture Partners - The Living Classroom Project - <i>Deb Dixon, Cringila Public School</i>
29-Nov-17	AGM/ Club Assembly CSWG Meeting	30-May-18	Board Meeting
6-Dec-17	National Youth Science Forum attendees & RYPEN Students	6-Jun-18	Twenty twenty minutes with
15-Dec-17	Christmas Party	13-Jun-18	Discussions and Joint Board Meeting
20-Dec-17	Board Meeting	20-Jun-18	Fellowship Night
27-Dec-17	No Meeting	27-Jun-18	Club Changeover



Southern Youth and Family Services (SYFS)
An Integrated Model of Services for Children, Young People, Families and Communities
Presentation to
Rotary Illawarra
May 2018

LIST OF CURRENT MEMBERS



Bob Armessen PHF⁺

(June (Sam))

Strata Management

Inducted 1 Jan 1994



Arthur Booth PP PHF Ruby

RI "4 Avenues of Service"

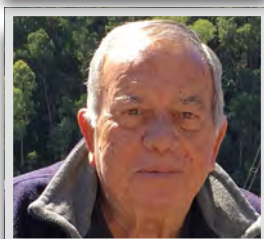
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(Carole PHF)

Screenprinting/

Signwriting

Inducted 1 June 1966

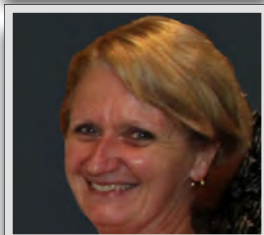


Albert Cachia PP

(Iryna)

Accountancy, Chartered

Inducted 1 May 1992



Angela Capri PHF

(Sal)

Strata Services

Inducted 14 May 2008



Jim Christensen PAG PP PHF⁺

RI "4 Avenues of Service" Citation

(Menai) 2007-08

(Anne PHF)

Marketing & Sales

Inducted 21 May 2008



Brian Davis PP PHF

(Babs)

Automobile Spare Parts

Inducted 1 Aug 1972

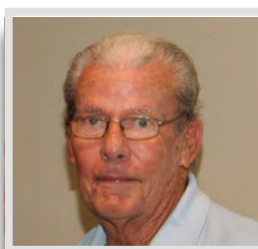


Prof. Aditya Ghose

(Hui Ling)

Computer Sciences

Inducted 31 Dec 2005



Marcel Benson PP PHF⁺⁺

(Bev)

**Electricity Services
Distribution**

Inducted 1 Aug 1972



Netty Broekman PP

(Ben)

Educational Services

Inducted 20 Jun 2002



Michael Campbell PP PHF

(Louise)

Surveying

Inducted 1 May 1989

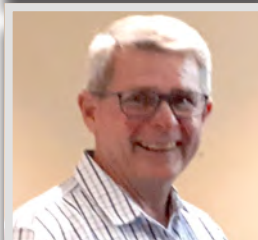


Anne Christensen PHF

(Jim PAG PP PHF⁺)

Hospital Services, Midwifery

Inducted 15 Feb 1997



Michael Crowley PP PHF⁺

(Krys)

Financial Planning

Inducted 12 Nov 2008

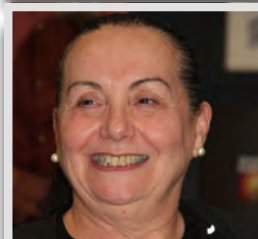


John Erickson PP PHF

(Coral)

Education Travel

Inducted 14 Oct 2009



Joanne Glaser

(Dieter)

Telecommunications

Inducted 20 May 2015

LIST OF CURRENT MEMBERS



Dieter Glaser
(Joanne)
Telecommunications
Inducted 20 May 2015



Prof. Helen Hasan PE PHF+
Information Technology
Inducted 19 Oct 2011



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



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



Di North DGN PP PHF
(David)
Oncology Pharmacy
Inducted 15 Feb 2017



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



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



Jessica Gnata President
Executive Coach
Inducted 17 Sept 2015



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



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



Paul Lee
(Anna)
Civil Engineering
Inducted 17 Sept 2014



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

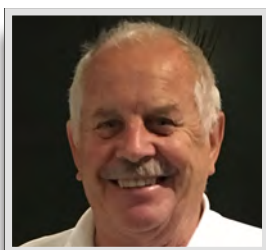


Rose Pope PHF
Secondary Education
Inducted 16 May 2012



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

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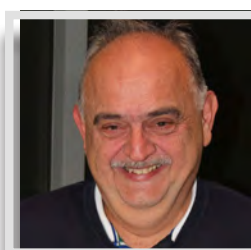


Dennis Simpson PP PHF⁺

(Lynne)

Hotel Management

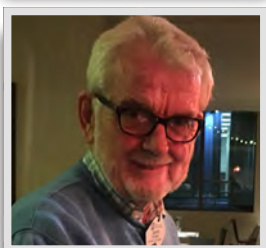
Inducted 11 July 2007



Milan Stanojevic

HR Management

Inducted 6 May 2015

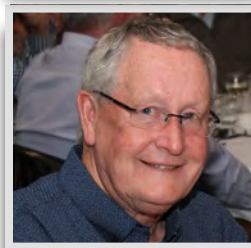


Barry Stevens PP PHF

(Nikki)

Computer Programming

Inducted 30 Nov 2011



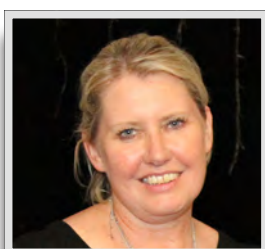
Noel Watt PP PHF

(Caroline)

Credit Unions

Inducted 1 Jan 1978

FRIENDS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST WOLLONGONG



Janet Crakanthorp

Introduced 9 Dec 2015



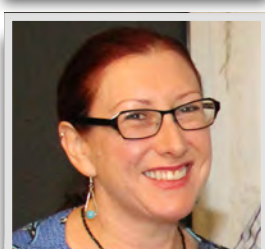
Elizabeth (Liz) Depers

(Maris)

Early Childhood

Education

Inducted 26 Aug 2009



Yvonne Walker

HR Consulting

(Paul)

Inducted 25 June 2014





John Chaplin was Inducted into the **Rotary Club Of West Wollongong** in 1974 with the **Classification Steel Industry-Law**.

John was elected President for the year 1979-80 and served Rotary, until his death earlier this year, for 43 years.

In the annual report for John's 1979-80 Presidential year. The following description of John and of his character was written. John was described as **"having been a great strength to the well being of the club"** and **"his contributions to each Presidential year are always warmly received by those who sought his advice"** and then **"his wit is a wonder to behold"**. That was John, a contributor, with a great sense of humour. But what a contributor, never one to be quick to comment, but when he did, it was always, after listening to the question, always thoughtful, and always appropriate and to the point.

In his Rotary years he held leading roles in the **4 Avenues of Rotary Service**. As well, he made major contributions to the Rotary district, including in his District roles as **District Secretary 1984-85, Chairman of the 2005-2006 District conference**.

His involvement, over a number of years, in the **District MUNA program (Model United Nations Assembly)** then held annually at the **Nan Tien Temple**, which was such an iconic venue with its UN style Auditorium. John played many roles, including acting as **Secretary General** running the debates. He also wrote the arguments/proposals to be debated. He was often very provocative in the hopeful belief that these intelligent young people would be challenged to think of, and understand better, the world in which they lived. How many of these young students changed their views after arguing these challenging proposals? This was John at his best on these occasions, demanding certainly, but never trite.

John's input into all aspects of Rotary was both significant in its range, and always valuable. On any committee, his contribution so often provided the essential leadership that helped sort out a problem, meet a challenge, or find an opportunity. An example was his **leadership of the clubs 50 year anniversary committee** which proved to be a most appropriate recognition of a proud and successful club.

John always took on Rotary roles of significance, and did them well. As a past **District Secretary** a most important role involving him in the administration of a large district, and as a **District Conference chair** and a "bloody good one" guaranteeing the success of the **2005-6 District Conference**. He was, for a number of years on the **District National Youth Science Forum committee**.

All those good things said about him, speak to his Contributor side with his humour he was always a contributor to the good fellowship of the club.

I am sure John had a cupboard at home full of Melodrama scripts, for on any given **Rotary Christmas party**, to liven up the proceedings, John would put on a **Melodrama**.

John was our go to man if we were ever having a special ceremony where protocol was important and where VIPs might be attending, then of course, running sheets were the "go". John's running sheets were timed to the minute. John received numerous awards from Rotary, he was never an award seeker he always did what he felt was best. He did receive a **Rotary PHF Sapphire pin** from his club on the occasion of the clubs **50th birthday** for his role as chair of the Anniversary Committee. He received a **FOUR AVENUES of SERVICE citation**, an acknowledgement of his outstanding individual effort across the **4 Avenues of Rotary service**. These are just two example of high level Rotary awards he received.

John will be missed by all Rotarians who knew him, he will be especially missed by his mates at West Wollongong. Importantly, we still have **Adele**.

Helen Hasan our Rotary Club President Elect, beautifully summed up John's life as a West Wollongong Rotarian in a testimony on the Clubs web site. She said, **"we will always be the richer for John's, wisdom, knowledge, generosity of spirit, good humour and warmth of heart, a truly remarkable person"**.

PDG Patrick Roberts OAM



HIGH COUNTRY TRIP 2018





CHRISTMAS PARTY 2017



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