



Rotary Club of West Wollongong Inc.

New South Wales Australia

(Chartered 23 March 1964)

Rotary International District 9675

ANNUAL REPORT 2022/2023

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;

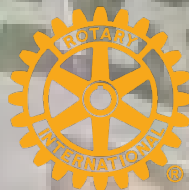
SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

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.



Rotary



IMAGINE
ROTARY



TOGETHER, WE

CONNECT

Members on District and Northern Illawarra Committees

Australia Day
Imagination Library
RYDA
Ride4Rotary
Committee of the Association (COTA)

- Milan Stanojevic
- Tom O'Toole
- Ken Potter, Marilyn Phillips
- Noel Watt
- PDG Di North OAM

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ROTARY CLUB OF WEST WOLLONGONG INC 2022/2023

BOARD & TEAM STRUCTURE



Club President

Patrick Roberts OAM
July-Sept 2022
Ken Potter
Oct-Dec 2022
Jim Christensen
Jan-Mar 2023
Bob Armessen OAM
Apr-Jun 2023

Immediate PP

Patrick Roberts OAM
Club Treasurer
Noel Watt
Club President Elect
Phil Peckman
Club Auditor
Albert Cachia

Club Secretary

Di North OAM

Club Bulletin Editor

Michael Crowley

Club President Nominee

Rose Pope

Rotary International President
JENNIFER E. JONES



Director Club Administration Janet Crakanthorp

Team Members
Bulletin Michael Crowley
Phil Peckman
Club Constitution &
By-Laws Bob Armessen OAM
Attendance Noel Watt
Member Record Noel Watt
Welfare Anne Christensen
Venue
Arrangements Marilyn Phillips
Risk
Assessments Barry Stevens
Club Auditor Albert Cachia

Director New Generations Ken Potter

Team Members
RYPEN Marilyn Phillips
RYLA Di North OAM
RYDA Kerrie Hayes-Williams
NYSF Rita Giampieri
Rose Pope

Director Community Service and Revenue Phil Peckman

Projects
Charles Hotel Dennis Simpson
BBQ's Milan Stanojevic
Revenue Budget Phil Peckman
Rotary Park Arthur Booth OAM
Warrawong PS Rose Pope
Graffiti
Removal Di North OAM
Ride4Rotary Noel Watt
Bee Project Di Quinlin
Pride of
Workmanship Jim Christensen
Citizenship Ceremony Marilyn Phillips
Patrick Roberts OAM
NSW & ACT
Community Service
Awards Patrick Roberts OAM
Red Shield
Appeal Di North OAM
Dolly Parton Imagination
Library

Director Foundation/Int'l John Erickson

Team Members
TRF and Centurion Jim Christensen
ARH Ray Lee
UOW
Scholarships Michael Crowley
Polio Plus Di North OAM
Interplast Di North OAM
Rotary District &
Global Grants Di North OAM
Donation
Tins Jim Christensen
Dennis Simpson

Director Public Relations Jim Christensen

Team Members
Webpage Helen Hasan
Angela Capri
Facebook Jim Christensen
Instagram Helen Hasan
Branding Arthur Booth OAM
Media-Radio
Newspaper Jim Christensen

District Governor 9675
Dr. JANICE HALL



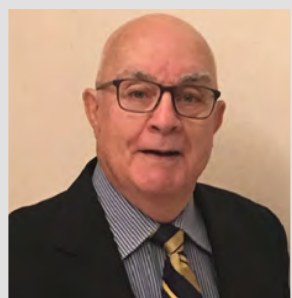
Assistant Governor 9675

Northern Illawarra
MARGARET UITTERLINDEN



President West Wollongong Rotary Club 2022/2023

PATRICK ROBERTS OAM
July-Sept 2022



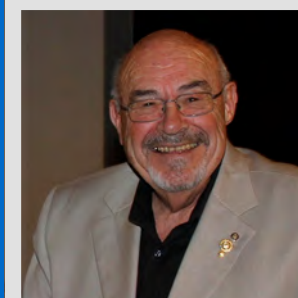
KEN POTTER
Oct - Dec 2022



JIM CHRISTENSEN
Jan - Mar 2023



BOB ARMESSEN OAM
Apr - Jun 2023





**A leader is one who
knows the way,
goes the way, and
shows the way.**

John C. Maxwell

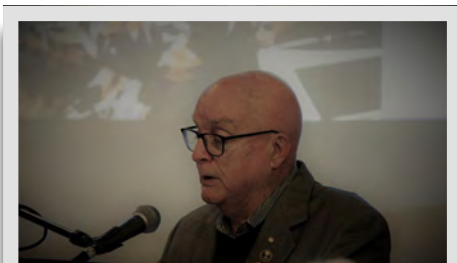
Let me say, at the outset, how grateful I was to receive the high level of member support during my brief stint as West Wollongong President.

The previous year 2021-22, despite some disruption in its latter stages, was a successful one; to support that contention I was pleased to accept, on behalf of our Club, a Presidential Citation. A Presidential Citation recognises the fact that a Club meets the challenges that Rotary International, and our Club, had set for itself for that year.

The challenge for our Club going into 2022-23 was that we had lost, as members the then current President and President elect. With no leadership going into the new Rotary season the board in its wisdom decided to invest its immediate future in the hands of four experienced Rotarians. Those Rotarians, Jim Christensen, Ken Potter, Bob Armessen and Patrick Roberts agreed to accept the role based on a 3-month duration.

Two goals confronting the Board of 2022-23 was to search for and elect a new President Elect 2023-24 and President Nominee 2024-25.

PDG Patrick Roberts OAM President – Jul/Sept 2022



Certificate of Appreciation to Babs Davis



Board Members 2022/2023

Members of our 2022/2023 Board (L-R): John Erickson (The Rotary Foundation), Ken Potter (New Generations), President PDG Patrick Roberts OAM, Bob Armessen OAM (Membership), Phil Peckman (Community Services) and Jim Christensen (Public Relations).
Absent: PDG Di North OAM (Secretary), Noel Watt (Treasurer) and Janet Crakanthorp (Club Admin).



I am pleased to be able to report that the Club functioned very much on a "business as usual" course, throughout my term as President.

It was pleasing to note that **Bunnings BBQ's** happened as normal and that we were successfully able to conduct our biggest BBQ to date that being at the finish line of the **MS GONG Event**, where seven of us including some people from organisations we sponsor, worked tirelessly for 8hrs keeping sausage sandwiches up to hungry bike riders and raising over \$4,000.

As part of funds distributed during the year, the Club supported an Interplast mission of 32 planned surgeries, with a \$4,000 donation. We supported **The Wesley Mission** through The Church on the Mall, to provide Christmas lunch to their clients, up to the value of \$1500 and **Barstool Brothers** was supported via **The Charles Hotel** Saturday BBQ's, to the amount of \$2,000.

My term as President was over and celebrated at the Christmas Party, where I handed the Presidency to Santa, as a gift to Jim Christensen, in whose capable hands we negotiated the next 3 months of "The Presidential Fruit Salad Year" in 2022-2023.

PP Ken Potter **President - Oct /Dec 2022**

The **Rotary Club of West Wollongong**, together with the **Charles Hotel in Fairy Meadow**, sponsored **Jarred Dyer** from the Wollongong Swim Club to represent Australia at the **Virtus Global Games in Vichy, France** from 4-10 June. These games were for high level athletes with mental or psychological disabilities. Jarred competed in 6 events at the games and in several relays. Jarred got a PB and was the fastest Aussie. He got Bronze in 2 relays.

Pres Elect Phil Peckman, Jarred Dyer, and Dennis Simpson



On Sunday 21 May the **Ride4Rotary** was run at **Unanderra Velodrome**. We had four riders who rode for 30 minutes around the velodrome, Leon Knight, Rita's husband Roberto Giampieri, Rose Pope, and Noel Watt and one virtual rider, Gaye Williams.

We had 19 generous sponsors who helped us raise \$767. Thank you to the members and friends who sponsored us and supported us at the event - especially Rita Giampieri (who came) with coffee and cakes.

The overall event was highly successful with 130 participants raising over \$55,270.50 (gross) for Southern Youth and Family Services (SYFS).





I must say it was a privilege to be able to share this important Club position with esteemed Rotarians PDG Patrick Roberts OAM and PP Ken Potter not to mention our long serving and (I will never be a president) Bob Armessen OAM.

We saw some extraordinary events as well as some great outcomes during my three months in the role.

- Sponsoring a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) student.
- Club's proposal to support an Indigenous Health Scholarship in 2023.
- Strengthening our relationship with Green Connect.
- Conducted a "Club Health Check" online questionnaire.
- Issue a Rotary Clubs' Brochure.
- The 5th Wednesday of the month was established as a dine out night.
- Made a US\$1,000 donation to the Rotary Club of Kathmandu to build the Nepal School girl's toilet block.
- Support Interplast in its 40th year by agreeing to raise funds for their important activities.
- Working with Supported Accommodation & Homelessness Services Shoalhaven Illawarra (SAHSSI) to assemble furniture.
- Success of our BBQs under Milan Stanojevic.
- The great result of our Thursday and Friday raffles under Dennis Simpson.
- Donation of funds to the Türkiye and Syria earthquake appeal.
- The Club continued to maintain its high standards and importantly elect a President for 2023-24 and 2024-25.

Thanks for your support.

PP Jim Christensen
President - Jan/Mar 2023

Furniture assembly for SAHSSI



International Convention 2023
Rose Pope, Jim & Anne Christensen, and Noel Watt



This report is really a thank-you to everyone who, during this Rotary year, has been associated with our Club either as a member, friend, partner, District, organisations and the list goes on.

In no-way trivial as we are aware of the difficulties each one of the aforementioned have been experiencing this last couple of years.

Even this Club had a hiccup just prior to this Rotary year that took the experience and cool heads of three of our senior members, Patrick Roberts OAM, Ken Potter, and Jim Christensen, in conjunction with the excellent Board at that time, to resolve.

This resulted in the unusual situation of quarterly presidencies and my first - "thanks guys."

A few other special thanks ... please do not feel bad if you are not mentioned as there are so many, and my little grey cells are not what they used to be.

- Assistant Governor Margaret Uitterlinden for always being there when needed.
- Rae-Anne Medforth, District Secretary, for keeping me so up to date on various matters.
- Management and staff at the Charles Hotel Fairy Meadow. Another full story in itself.
- Club Sergeants John Erickson, Ray Lee, Patrick Roberts OAM, Ken Potter, Barry Stevens, quiz-wiz Di North OAM, and Dennis Simpson for making my meetings so easy.
- Rose Pope for the speakers.
- Michael Crowley, Helen Hasan, Phil Peckman and Angela Capri for the Bulletin.
- On behalf of all our dollar fundraising recipients, Phil Peckman, Dennis Simpson and Milan Stanojevic, and your teams of fundraisers.
- Secretary Di North OAM not only for your secretarial abilities, but also for making this newbie President's job so much easier.
- Rita Giampieri, for your exceptional catering skill that makes project smokos something to look forward to.
- A special thank you to Yvonne Roberts for 14 years of Annual Report creation.

Reflecting on the past year, we really have been busy. There has been total member involvement in community projects, fundraising, personal and organisational support, as well as partnerships with other groups created.

Some, but probably missing a couple, are the following in no special order ...

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| • Ride4Rotary | • Paws4aCause |
| • Graffiti Removal Day | • Refurbishment for SAHSSI |
| • Rotary Park | • Nepal school toilets |
| • Adopt A Tree | • Imagination library |
| • Towradgi Surf Club Nippers | • Interplast |
| • Warrawong Permaculture Living Classroom Partners Program | • Rotary Foundation support for Türkiye and Syria |
| • Citizenship Ceremony | • Combined Rotary Clubs of the Illawarra Charity Race Day |
| • Wesley Mission Christmas Lunch | • Green Connect Op-Shop and Farm Blitz |
| • Red Shield Appeal | • Bar Stool Brothers |
| • MS Gong ride | • Comic Gong |
| • Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) | |
| • Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) | |

Impressed?? You should be. We even had time and energy for some fun.

Finally, a thank you from-the-heart as is said, to all members and friends of the Club who have made my short term as President a relatively easy, and personally satisfying, experience. And to our next President, Phil Peckman, I know you and your Board will have the same support and encouragement that makes the West Wollongong Rotary Club such an active, productive, and fun Club.

Bob Armessen OAM
President - April/June 2023





Membership is one of the most challenging areas of any service club or organisation these days, with needs and responsibilities related to such matters as health, career, family, finance, all taking precedence.

Our present membership is represented by 24 **active members**, 7 **Friends-of-Rotary**, and 8 **Honorary members**.

Although we incurred a small reduction in numbers this past year, there has been no adverse result in our fund raising and thus resultant support of local, national, and international projects and programs. These results are detailed in other sections of this **Annual Report** for your information.

The very high level of member participation in both fund-raising and project support can be directly attributed to the fellowship that has been, and will continue to be, enjoyed by all. One enduring and totally supported fellowship event is the monthly **Happy-Hour**, Club supported, pre-meeting drinks. Thank you, John Erickson, for this creation.

I trust and hope that there continues to be current community acknowledgement, and appreciation, of the efforts and results of all our local Rotarians and their respective clubs, and that this will result in more folk being willing and able to join us as members.

PP Bob Armessen OAM
Director - Membership 2022/2023



PDG Di North OAM - Rotary Wheel Fun activity





Rotary

World's First Service Organization
Founded in 1905
by Paul P. Harris

Service Above Self

Service | Fellowship | Diversity | Integrity | Leadership








"We are 1.2 Million neighbors, friends, and community leaders who come together to create positive, lasting change in our communities and around the world"

Another excellent year of **Rotary** fund-raising opportunities for the first full year after the COVID-19 restrictions. We have been successful in our fund-raising and this can be seen in the income estimate below.

Our fund-raising has enabled the following summary of our **donations** for the **Financial Year 2022/2023**. The **Charity Account** still holds the funds from the closure of the **Baby Capsule Project**; the use of these funds is presently being considered and we hope to have a determination early in the new **Rotary** year.

It is not possible to produce an audited set of accounts for the current year as this report is prepared prior to June 30. An audited financial report will be tabled at our **Annual General Meeting** in November.

CHARITY ACCOUNT INCOME

Charles Hotel Raffle	\$ 32,000
Barbeques	\$ 15,000
Pause4aCause	\$ 5,912
Master Builders Club Grant	\$ 5,000
Combined Rotary Clubs of the Illawarra Charity Race Day	\$ 3,468
Charles Hotel Donation	\$ 2,643
Collection Tins	\$ 1,300
District Grant (Interplast)	\$ 1,880
Centurion	\$ 700

EXPENDITURE INTERNATIONAL

Interplast Australia & NZ	\$ 9,912
Polio+ & Rotary Foundation	\$ 3,200
Rotary Club of Kathmandu	\$ 1,569

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

Supported Accommodation & Homelessness Services Shoalhaven Illawarra (SAHSSI)	\$ 7,500
SAHSSI furniture for new building	\$25,000
Southern Youth & Family Services	\$ 7,500
Green Connect	\$ 7,500
Imagination Library	\$ 5,000
Barstool Brothers	\$ 3,500
UOW/ RCWW John Chaplin Memorial Scholarship	\$ 3,000
Australian Rotary Health Indigenous Scholarship	\$ 2,500
Port Kembla Hospital	\$ 1,000
Illawarra Stingrays	\$ 1,000
Wesley Mission - Food for Needy	\$ 785
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)	\$ 780
Citizenship Ceremony	\$ 500
Warrawong Public School	\$ 408

I would like to congratulate the Club members and friends for their exceptional efforts raising funds and all the generous members of the community who have made donations that have enabled us to help our many worthwhile causes.

Noel Watt
Treasurer 2022/2023



TREASURER.
THE MAN.
THE MYTH.
THE LEGEND.





After a very delicate start to the year, it has come to an end, and it is time to inform the Club members the workings of the Club administration for the year. The year started off as a challenge for so many at our Club but very much so for our Executives and great teamwork achieved a great job.

I have found the portfolio a huge learning curve and pushed me well out of my comfort zone indeed. I have huge shoes to fill after the wonderful job Marilyn Phillips did, so I am very blessed to have such wonderful support from a fantastic team under my portfolio.

BULLETIN – Michael Crowley

We receive a fountain of information through our weekly bulletin thanks to the devotion of Michael Crowley. Michael ensures we are always informed on all Club activities, information, and photographs whether good or bad. He keeps us updated on coming events and projects along with letting us know the Rotary theme for the month. Helen Hasan also ensures our bulletins are forwarded to our honorary members and other clubs to keep them informed of our Club's activities. Thank you, Michael.

ATTENDANCE - Noel Watt

Noel maintains the records of our weekly meeting attendance. He keeps track of the archive records of all members and the contribution of our members throughout the year. Many thanks for your continued dedication.

WELFARE - Anne Christensen

Anne follows up on all members' welfare and reports to the Club each week. She ensures that all members receive phone calls, visits, cards and flowers when needed to help them through challenging times in their life. Anne continues to do a wonderful job and once again thank you for your continued efforts.

COMPLIANCE - Bob Armessen OAM

Bob, once again and as always for such a fantastic job on our Constitution and by-laws keeping members informed of the current policies of our Club. These are the fundamental guidelines of Rotary International by which our Club is governed. Bob, your knowledge is amazing.

RISK ASSESSMENTS - Barry Stevens

Once again Barry has continued to do a wonderful job to ensure that we have risk management plans up to date that are in place to protect and support our members. Thank you to Barry for his continued organisation of these plans.

Burrawang Village and Cherry Tree Hill Winery visit.



CITIZENSHIP- Patrick Roberts OAM and Marilyn Phillips

Citizenship has been a part of our Club's calendar for over 20 years and again this year it was no different. This night was very successful as it has been over the years, and requires a lot of effort from several Club members, in particular **Patrick Roberts OAM, Marilyn Phillips, Phil Peckman, Eduardo Tovar and Ken Potter**. The new citizens numbered 10, from a wide range of countries. It was wonderful to see the number of family and friends that attended in support. I would like to thank all members who acted to host our new citizens, their family and friends. We had a fantastic night with 80 attendees. Once again, our own "Poet Laureate" Ken Potter welcomed our new citizens by reciting a beautiful poem of welcome.

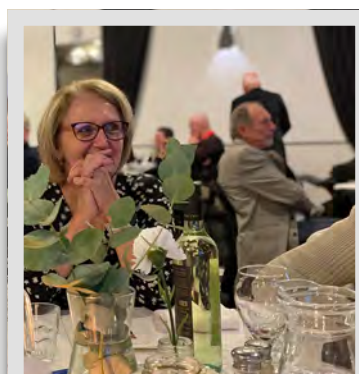
In closing I would like to thank all the committee, chairpersons and committee members for their magnificent contributions. Without such dedication from our members, we would not be able to continue at the high level that has become the norm in this Club. I would also like to thank the Club for giving me this opportunity to be a part of the Board for the 22/23 year and may the new Club Administrator enjoy the role as I did.

Janet Crakanthorp
Director - Club Administration 2022/2023

Lord Mayor Councillor Gordon Bradbery AM presented the Certificates and the Minister's message on behalf of the Department of Immigration.



CANDIDATES 2023	
Irma Rosa CASTRO – Argentina	Marlowe Tayler RICHARDS – Canada
Nicholas Stephen William CLARK – Britain	Gina ROTH - Hungary
Joanna Joan CROSSINGHAM – Britain	Jeremy Richard SEATON – Britain
Gisela Nicole JOHNSON – Denmark	Lenche SOKOLOVSKA – Macedonia
Rinmanat LAMNANSI – Thailand	Kristina WILKSHIRE – Russian Federation





Time passes so quickly, and we can easily get caught up in what still must be done, so it is nice to pause and reflect on what we have achieved throughout the past year. This year saw the implementation of our new **Donations Program** where we continued to recognise our Rotary connection and traditional donation recipients whilst selecting four local charities and community organisations that we would support during the year. The aim of the program is to foster a mutually beneficial relationship between our Club and the selected organisations, aiding each other where possible and gaining recognition for the charitable works our Club undertakes. A program fundraising budget was established, its progress monitored each month, and it is pleasing to report that we will exceed our budget forecast of \$48,400.00 for the year, enabling us to exceed our planned commitment to each of the nominated recipients.

We continued our support of **Rotary Youth Programs** sending our young local learner drivers to **Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA)** and one candidate to **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)** in January this year. By all reports, the programs have continued to be a tremendous success. A big thank you to **Ken Potter** for his on-going stewardship of these programs.

The on-going generous support offered by **The Charles Hotel** remains our main source of fundraising income. Dennis Simpson and his crew of volunteers have raised more than \$30,000 from the **Thursday Night Raffle and Jag the Joker Draw and Friday Night Meat Raffle** combined. Our heartfelt thanks to **The Charles Hotel** for their support and to the amazingly generous patrons of the hotel. Proceeds from the Saturday Afternoon Sausage Sizzle were donated to **The Barstool Brothers**, a charity that supports male mental health initiatives in the Illawarra through recognition, understanding and assistance. In March, we sponsored the **Kokoda Trek**, an event embracing connection, mateship, resilience, and vulnerability. Several donation presentations were conducted at **The Charles Hotel** in the early part of the year to demonstrate our support for the hotel and to enable its management and patrons to see where our fundraising efforts were directed.

Our BBQ initiatives, ably headed by **Milan Stanojevic**, had a slow start and a strong finish to the year with our first BBQ not taking place until September at **Bunnings Wollongong**. The subsequent closure of the Wollongong Store saw competition increase at the remaining two stores. From March onwards we have seen a flurry of **Bunnings BBQ's**. We also conducted the **MS Gong Ride** and **Comic Gong BBQ's** which proved to be quite successful. A new venture at **The Good Guys Warrawong** was conducted over the Black Friday 3-day weekend with mixed results, but it was worth the initiative to try out new things. A huge thank you to Milan Stanojevic and members who have volunteered their time. Your efforts have seen more than \$18,000 raised for our charitable donations program.

**Jag
The Joker**

THURSDAYS 6PM - 7PM

JACKPOTS EVERY WEEK
BY \$100 UNTIL WON!

Minimum Jackpot \$1000

Plus plenty of other prizes!

THE CHARLES

**Friday
Meat Raffles**

From 5pm

ALL FUNDS RAISED
DONATED TO THE
ROTARY CLUB OF
WEST WOLLONGONG

PLUS HEAPS OF
PRIZES TO BE
WON!

**Saturday
Sausage Sizzle**

ALL PROCEEDS DONATED
TO CHARITY

ROTARY CLUB OF WEST WOLLONGONG

PLENTY OF PRIZES TO BE WON!
PLUS FOOD & DRINK SPECIALS

FUN BEGINS FROM 2PM



Rotary
Club of West Wollongong

CHARLES HOTEL
Fairymeadow NSW

Supported by Management
& Staff Charles Hotel

We continued our support of **The Wesley Mission Christmas Lunch** and the **Imagination Library** throughout the year. A grant secured for \$5,000 was given to the **Imagination Library** which supplied books to 50 children for one year. Another grant was secured for **Interplast** with our Club contributing the additional funds for a total donation of \$2,000 for medical supplies needed on an upcoming overseas mission.

Work also continued throughout the year (when the weather finally allowed us access) at **Rotary Park (Throsby Drive, Gwynneville)**, clearing debris, weeding and replanting. Thank you, **Bob Armessen OAM**, for your efforts in organising our working bees at **Rotary Park**.

May was a huge month for the Club. **Paws4aCause** was held on Sunday 7 May and was a tremendous success for many reasons; all funds raised were donated to **Interplast**, the event raised a lot of community awareness of **Rotary** and **our Club**, and it was an event that nearly all of our members were able to contribute in some way. Well done to all involved in the organisation of this event, which we hope will become an annual event for our Club.

Citizenship Night was held on 10 May at **Centro CDB** and was a tremendous success. Ten new Australian Citizens were presented with their **Australian Citizenship Certificates** by **Lord Mayor Gordon Bradbery AM**. Over 80 people were in attendance on the night that was thoroughly enjoyed by the recipients, their family and friends and our Rotary Club members. A sincere congratulations to **Pat Roberts OAM**, **Marilyn Phillips** and their helpers for organising such a wonderful event.

As a result of our tremendous fund-raising activities throughout the year, donations will be made to **SAHSSI**, **Green Connect** and **SYFS** at this year's **Rotary Club of West Wollongong Changeover** on 21 June. Each recipient will receive a donation of \$7,500 to go towards projects within their organisations. **SAHSSI** will also receive a special donation of \$25,000 to assist in furnishing their new emergency accommodation residence currently being built in the Wollongong area.

Finally, I would like to thank each member who has volunteered their time and resources in the many activities our Club has undertaken throughout the year. I continue to be inspired by members who always make themselves available, often at short notice, to lend a helping hand when required. Thank you also for the support you have given me throughout the year in this role. I am very aware of my 'newness' in Rotary and cannot express my thanks adequately for the friendship and support you have granted me.

Phil Peckman
Director - Community Service 2022/2023



BARBEQUES

The last year was a good one, a profitable one, but quoting all my teachers, we could do better. The salient points are:

- We participated in 11 BBQs with our major customer, **Bunnings**. The most notable BBQs were the **MS Sydney to the Gong ride** (which we have again later this year), **Comic Gong** (which we have again next year), **Paws4aCause** (which we hope to do again next year), and we trialled a couple of Good Guys (GG) events but, from a cost-benefit perspective, it was not successful (mainly through the lack of promotion by the GG).
- Lamentably, we saw the closure of **Bunnings Wollongong** and, after a period of adjustment, we have picked up **Bunnings Bellambi** (now that they know we are not Wollongong Rotary!).
- We grossed for the year AUD\$26,549.84 and, with on-costs taken out, we netted AUD\$16,628.22. Free beer and skittles for the next year, I say!
- It takes us about 46 volunteer hours to do a typical **Bunnings BBQ** and eleven members participated in five or more BBQs; seven members & friends participated in fewer than five BBQs; and five members and friends did not participate in any BBQs. To paraphrase Churchill, 'never have so many, owed so much, to so few'.
- From a costs perspective, the last year saw increases in each of the following: meat +10.02%; bread +32.00%; Coke drinks +13.42% (Maz, take note); Pepsi drinks +12.30% (interestingly, the other branded drinks remained price stable which may be due to more competition in this segment?); and onions +36.00%. In part, these cost increases were compensated by an increase in Bunnings' snag selling price from \$2.50/snag to \$3.50/snag. Sauces, napkins etc. remained price stable.
- Our on-costs for next year will rise from 27% to 33% but if we pick up more non-Bunnings events then that will effectively reduce the on-costs to lower than 33%.
- We trialled some exciting new sauce options being Tomusto and three types of hot sauce (hot, hotter and 'oh my goodness') and the demand for these were strong. We also trialled (at non-Bunnings BBQs) a product called 'Unhappy German' (sauerkraut) which also saw strong interest.

For logistical reasons, we will need to look to widen our volunteer pool to (maybe) include:

- Other clubs on a 'share-the-net-spoils pro rata basis'; and/or
- Encourage 'volunteer' hours from organisations that we sponsor also on a 'share-the-net-spoils pro rata basis'; and/or
- Robots (they are taking over but can they do taste tests (Ken Potter's job is safe!).

Milan Stanojevic



Good Guys Warrawong BBQ
Di North, Milan Stanojevic, Ros & Paul Yeoman



BARBEQUES

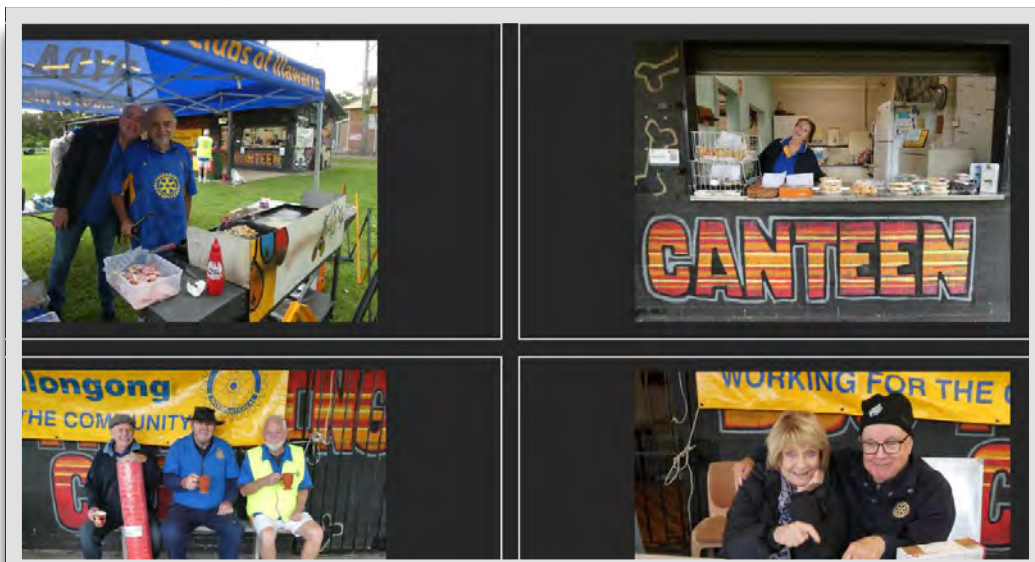
Comic Gong BBQ



Comic Gong BBQ



Paws4aCause BBQ and cake stall



THE CHARLES HOTEL RAFFLES

Let us start with **The Joker Raffles** each Thursday, the income was steadily building until the Joker leapt from his hide-away giving a very happy patron a handsome \$4800. As a result, we have re-started and again we are building our income.

The **Friday Meat Raffle** has become a mini social event for a few of our members and the income is very steady each week. When coupled with the Joker income it is something that our Club can be extremely grateful for, and many thanks to the management and staff of **The Charles Hotel** for their ongoing support.

The overall income from these raffles can be viewed in the **Treasurers Report**. Each week our members give up their time to sell tickets. We have six teams of two members for the Thursday roster and two teams alternating each Friday.

There is always room for additional team members to become involved in ticket selling or just joining the teams for some support and fellowship.

Thank you to all the members for their support.

PP Dennis Simpson



PAWS4aCAUSE DOG SHOW

The **Rotary Club of West Wollongong** ran a successful **Paws4aCause Dog Show** to celebrate the **40th anniversary of Interplast**.

This was a dog show for your average, much loved family pooch. There were categories for the Cutest Puppy, The Most Dignified Old Timer, The Dog with the Waggiest Tail, The Best Dressed, The Best Hair Do and the Best Fancy Dress (dog and owner). Almost 100 dogs registered for the various competitions, and it was estimated that around 500 people attended during the day.

There were 28 market stalls selling all things and services dog related, such as dog groomers, dog trainers, dog treats, dog clothing and accessories, dog hydrotherapy and dog rescue. **Wollongong City Council** gave great support by sending along a team from their compliance department. They were able to give information to people on responsible dog ownership. **Guide Dogs NSW** brought along some of their puppies in training. They are always looking for foster homes to care for these dogs before they start their proper guide dog training. **Guide Dogs NSW** gave a demonstration on the way they train their guide dogs. There was also a fascinating demonstration of Flyball, a speed and agility dog relay.

The star of the day was "Buddy" who is owned by Dennis Simpson. Buddy performed beautifully in the Dog Lotto.

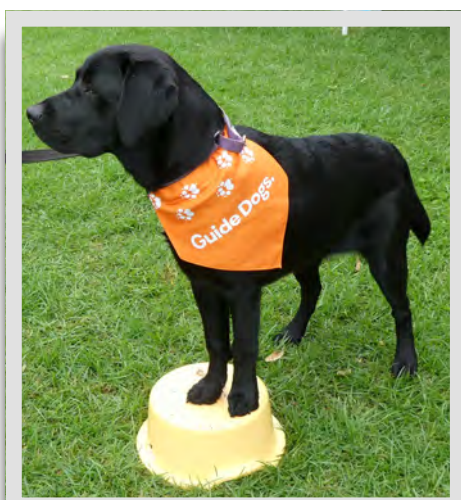
The local **Mayor, Councillor Gordon Bradbery AM** officially opened the dog show and gave a most appropriate acknowledgement of country. Our local **Federal MP, Alison Byrnes** and **State MP Paul Scully** also attended. This was further recognition of the importance of this event.

It was great to have the support of the local media. **VOX FM**, the local community radio station, ran a 30 second commercial frequently during the week leading up to the dog show. Various radio announcers made mention of it during the week. The local ABC radio station did two interviews, one the Wednesday before the dog show and one on the Saturday morning before the dog show. Various ABC announcers made mention of the dog show during the week. Our local newspaper, **The Illawarra Mercury**, ran a story with a photo on the Tuesday before the dog show and sent a reporter and photographer along on the day to publish another story in the newspaper after the event. A local social media website, The Illawarra Flyer, also listed the show on their website and did an interview with one of our Club members after the event to add to their bulletin, with photos.

The event was supported by about all Club members on the day. They were involved with bumping in and out, running the BBQ, running a cake stall, selling raffle tickets, running Dog Lotto, traffic marshalling, stall marshalling and dog marshalling to make sure owners kept their dogs on a leash at all times and clean up after their dogs (plastic bags were on hand) and to make sure dog water bowls were kept full.

PDG Di North OAM

Guide dog puppy in training



The star of the day "Buddy"



Interplast™
Repairing bodies & rebuilding lives
in the Asia Pacific region



ROTARY PARK GARDEN PROJECT (ARTHUR'S PARK)

Maybe this report should be titled "How quickly circumstances can, and do, change."

Just a year ago we were hand watering the plants due to lack of rainfall. Quite a few plants were lost due to the weather. Then the heavens opened, and we could not get access to the area as the ground was much too wet.

As usually happens, the weather changed, for the better, and we were able to apply ourselves to the much-needed rectification work. Fallen branches and general rubbish were collected and taken to the local waste disposal depot; 150 new plants (thanks again to **Wollongong Botanic Garden**) were planted and watered; trimming was done where needed; weeds eradicated and great fellowship enjoyed while partaking of Rita Giampieri and Rose Pope's goodies and coffee.

Unfortunately, there is an ongoing need to treat graffiti on the signage and benches. The fourth such cleaning has just been done.

Anyone interested should take a walk through the park and check out the difference in site-cover since we last worked there. You will also note that **Wollongong City Council** staff have again been there to attend to the eradication of the weeds.

Our "smoko" caterers are hereby on notice that they will soon need to resume baking as there is again a need to re-visit the site to conduct minor clean-up, trimming, thinning out of the ground cover in a couple of areas, and whatever our Club's green fingerers suggest is needed.

Until then, sincere thanks to all members, friends and rellies who have supported this worthwhile project that was commenced by **PP Arthur Booth OAM** some thirty?? years ago.

Also, thanks to the **Wollongong City Council** and **Botanic Garden** staff for their valuable assistance without which this project may never have begun.

See you there again soon,
PP Bob Armessen OAM

Rotary Park Clean up.



THE WARRAWONG LIVING CLASSROOM PROGRAM

This year our Club continued its association with **The Warrawong Community of Schools Living Classroom Partners' Program** which is comprised of 7 schools.

Our financial and physical contribution to the program this year was focused at **Warrawong Public School**. A team of members attended the school each Tuesday where possible, to work in the permaculture garden helping to set up the **Nature Play Gardens**. We also purchased fruit trees and a beehive for the school.

This culminated in our helping the teacher and students at Warrawong PS prepare to host the **Annual Living Classroom Partners' Celebration Event** in November. This included cleaning, repairing and painting the surf boat in the playground. On the day displays were set up by all participating schools and the extensive garden and play areas were proudly showcased by the student-led tours.

Our association with the permaculture program has not only made a significant contribution to the school and students educationally, but has also been personally rewarding for members who were always delighted with the welcome each day and seeing students enjoying hands on learning about the environment and nutrition.

PP Rose Pope



THE WARRAWONG LIVING CLASSROOM
PROGRAM
WARRAWONG PUBLIC
SCHOOL

Rotary
Club of West Wollongong



BEE HIVE PROJECT

The Club has provided in this Rotary year several native stingless beehives to the following organisations:

- * Green Connect
- * Kemblawarra Primary School
- * Warrawong Primary School.

The hives were purchased from the Queensland supplier **Sugar Bag Bees** and delivered to various recipients. All the recipients have a thriving **Permaculture program** and the bee supplies will supplement their growing efforts.

Green Connect is a not for profit organisation with a large market garden which provides employment and skills for migrant workers. In addition, our Club conducts working bees there and has supplied three (3) additional traditional beehives to supplement their honey for sale production.

PP John Erickson



NSW & ACT COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Community Achievement Awards started in 2002 as the **Regional Achievement and Community Awards** and are designed to encourage/acknowledge and reward the valuable contributions that individuals, communities, and businesses make throughout regional and rural **NSW & ACT**. These awards aim to recognise their success and achievements, which contribute to making regional **NSW & ACT** a better place.

The team comprising of **Rose Pope, Di North, John Erickson, Ray Lee, Helen Hasan, Michael Crowley, Rita Giampieri and Patrick Roberts**, once again provided judging for the awards. The team decided the finalists. The winner was subsequently determined by a panel which included Patrick Roberts as expert judge.



COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Celebrating Regional Communities



ROTARY D9675 ADOPT-A-TREE PROJECT

This project, supported by our Club, has been promoted and coordinated by **Cathy Mason** and **Barry Antees**. The aim was initially for 10,000 trees to be adopted and planted and, at the time of writing this report, this goal was close to being reached.

In September, **Noel Watt** and **Rose Pope** attended the **Moorlands Dalton** planting day. It is a beautiful property and, as with all the properties chosen for the project, very much in need of trees.

In October, our **Friend in Rotary Ros Yeoman, husband Paul, Rose Pope, and her daughter Carly**, spent an enjoyable and productive weekend in **Canowindra**, helping to plant trees at **Belubula Park**.

Sadly, many of these were lost in the flood soon after. However, in April, Rose and Carly returned and not only spent time planting new ones, but also happily discovering many that had survived but were hidden with weeds.

Property owners welcomed us, Rotarians from other areas, Landcare workers, students from local schools and friends, with open arms and treated us to beaut morning teas and lunches.

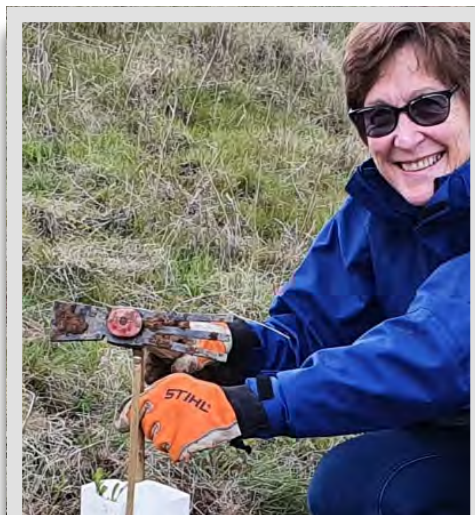
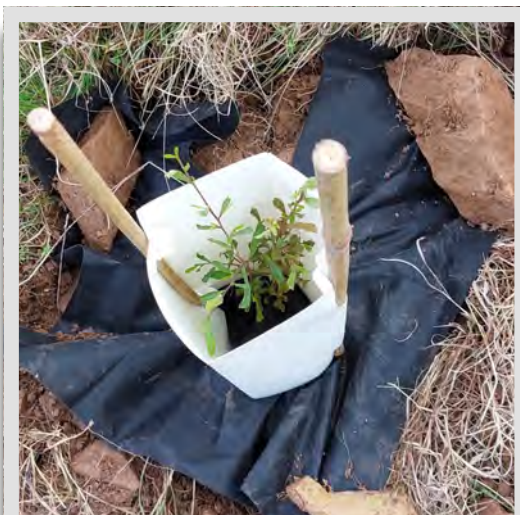
All ages and levels of fitness were given jobs and a true feeling of camaraderie developed during this very worthwhile activity.

PP Rose Pope



Result after planting a tree

Rose Pope planting trees.





The Youth Portfolio has again had a “Lack Lustre Year.” However, we did manage to have some success. We sponsored **Christina Curcio** to **RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)** in January and she reported back to the Club later that month, accompanied by **Liam Douglas**, an organiser of the **RYLA** event.

Nicole Russo, who is the recipient of the **UOW/RCWW John Chaplin Memorial Scholarship**, reported to the Club on 5 April, about her progress and aspirations in the field of neurophysiology.

Mitchell St. Clair-Glover, who is the **ARH (Australian Rotary Health) - RCWW co-funded PhD Research Scholar**, also reported to the Club on 5 April, about the progress of his, “innervated full thickness skin model by 3D printing” research.

Both scholars were accompanied by **Belinda Melmoth** from UOW, and the reports are detailed in the Club Bulletin of 12 April. My thanks go to **Michael Crowley** for his continuing efforts in administering these especially important scholarships.

At the time of writing, we have three bookings for **RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness)** at the **Kembla Grange Racecourse** venue, on 19 May, 22 & 23 June. It is predicted that, more than three hundred year 10 & 11 students will gain vital “lessons for a lifetime” from this particularly important program.

Our Club is the lead **Club of the Rotary Clubs of the Illawarra**, which is responsible for the operation of the **RYDA Program** on the event days. We actively ask for funds from the community to cover the costs of the operation of the Program and I expect that more Program days will be added between September and December.

PP Ken Potter
Director - Youth Services
2022/2023

(L to R): Liam Douglas, an organiser of the RYLA event, Christina Curcio and PP Ken Potter



Social Media has again been our only outlet for our exposure to the community and other Social Media users, (Worldwide). One exception, (see below) **Paws4aCause**.

So, what have been some of our Media releases.

- Charity cheques were handed out at the Charles Hotel.
- Certificate of appreciation for the Charles Hotel.
- Club outing at the Burrawang pub and Cherry Tree Hill Winery.
- President Ken Potter thanking and bestowing a PHF to Kevin Whitehead from the Woonona Bulli RSL sub-branch for services to the community.
- BBQ at the GOOD GUYS Warrawong.
- Rotary Park working bee.
- Club dinner at the Fortuna Palace restaurant.
- End of year Christmas party.
- Club outing and dinner at the Charles Hotel.
- Safe Stickers/ Water Purification.
 - o Huge amount of interest both from other Rotary clubs and the general Public.
- Social dinner outing at Ha Long Bay Restaurant.
- Working blitz at Green Connect Farm
- Promoting the Charles Hotel for both Thursday and Friday night raffles.
- Promoting Paws4aCause.
 - o This also made the Illawarra Mercury due in main to PDG Di North OAM.
 - o Radio broadcasting on Illawarra ABC and VOX FM.
 - o The Illawarra Flyer.
- We also had many other folks who promoted some of our events, e.g.
 - o Other Rotary clubs.
 - o Two of our high-profile politicians also promoted our event.
- 2023 Citizenship Night.

So, overall, we have managed to achieve a good deal of exposure for our Club.

PP Jim Christensen

Director - Public Relations 2022/2023

Fortuna Palace Dinner 7 June 2023





In keeping with the Rotary International theme for 2023/24 of “**IMAGINE ROTARY**” the Foundation committee focused their energy on ensuring this 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.

In this regard our Club has supported the following international programs:

INTERPLAST

Interplast's first surgical program to Fiji was its first since COVID-19. Our District 9675 sponsored this surgical mission and our Club received a District Grant to supply the surgical equipment for this mission. The Club Board has been kept abreast of Interplast activities through the distribution of their regular newsletters.

The Fijian Interplast team below:

From left: Simone Naste-Clarke, Sally Mitchell, David Thomas, Dan Hogarthy, Anand Ramakrihnan and Doctor Carly Fox on November 18, 2022. Photo: Shratika Naidu



YOUTH THROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS

Our Club has been supporting students with scholarships at the **University of Wollongong (UOW)** since 2006 and the calibre of scholars continues to impress.

In 2020 our Club, in conjunction with **Australian Rotary Health (ARH)** and **UOW**, funded a partner PhD research scholarship for **Mitchell St Clair-Glover** that runs through to the end of 2023. Mitchell's research project entitled “*Development of an innervated, full-thickness human skin model by 3D printing*” is exciting and likely to lead to a major life-saving medical advancement.

Mitchell has met with and presented to members, friends, and guests his progress on this project several times over the past couple of years both face-to-face and via Zoom meetings. He has made considerable progress since commencement of his research and we look forward to further presentations from Mitchell in the years ahead.

Similarly, we are part of **UOW's Community Scholarship program** via the **Rotary Club of West Wollongong John Chaplin Memorial Scholarship**. The **2022/2023 scholarship recipient is Nicole Russo**, who has a Bachelor of Medical & Health Science degree (with Honours) and who has a passion and interest in the research field. Nicole has strong scholastic record and based on her most recent presentation to our Club, her current focus is *Neurophysiology (Neurophysiology is a branch of physiology and neuroscience that studies nervous system function rather than nervous system architecture. This area aids in the diagnosis and monitoring of neurological diseases) and the study of depression, which is set to become one of the major causes of disease by 2030.*

We are fortunate to be supporting scholars of such a high calibre that are decidedly focused on their studies/research which will help our communities locally, nationally, and globally.



2022/2023 UOW/RCWW
John Chaplin
Memorial Scholarship
Nicole Russo

RCWW/ARH Funding
Partner Scholarship
Mitchell St Clair-Glover



Nicole Russo's research is on implicit learning, a process involved in the formation of procedural memory. While episodic memory involves the conscious recall of information, procedural memory uses past experiences to remember how to do things without thinking about them. Examples include driving, playing the piano, riding a bike, ice-skating and walking up stairs.

Rotary
Club of West Wollongong



Development of an innervated human skin model by 3D bioprinting

Mitchell St Clair-Glover
Supervised by A/Prof. Mirella Dottori, Dr. Zhilian Yue, and Prof. Gordon Wallace

UOW Ethics Approval No. 2020/431, 2021/047

Pictured Below (L to R): AG Margaret Uitterlinden; Mitchell St Clair-Glover – RCWW/ARH Funding Partner Scholarship recipient; Mrs. Adelle Chaplin; Nicole Russo – 2022/2023 UOW/RCWW John Chaplin Memorial Scholarship recipient; PDG Patrick Roberts OAM; Belinda Melmoth (UOW); & PP Michael Crowley



END POLIO

The **Polio Train Ride** with **President Ken Potter** was on **World Polio Day**. Rotarians, all wearing red End Polio shirts, representing several Rotary clubs in the Illawarra, as well as District Chair for the Rotary Foundation, **PDG Keith Roffey**, boarded the train in Wollongong to head to Kiama. Some Rotarians joined the train at stations along the way. This train ride was to promote polio awareness.

Several Rotary Clubs presented **PDG Keith Roffey** with cheques as a donation to the District's End Polio fundraising. In Kiama we had a very pleasant lunch before boarding the train to return to Wollongong.

Some of our End Polio train participants are below.



Di North represented the **Rotary Club of West Wollongong** in the **Polio Walk** that **Zone 8 Director Jessie Harman** organised at the Zone 8 Conference in Canberra in October, and the **End Polio Walk** with **Rotary President-Elect Gordon McNally** and his wife, Heather.

PROJECT IN KATHMANDU

Our Club has now partnered with the **Rotary Club of Kathmandu** to build a toilet block in one of the local schools.

This was in the remote region of **Makawanpur** in **Kathmandu**.

This is part of a **Global Grant**.



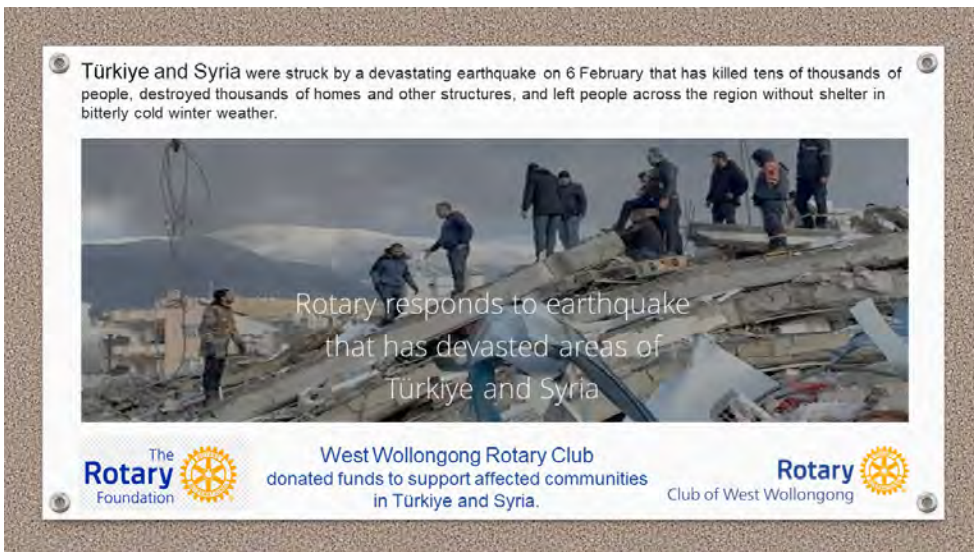
INDIAN MASS IMMUNISATION PROGRAM

PDG Di North OAM gave the Club a wonderful talk on her Rotary trip to India to provide polio vaccinations in conjunction with the **Rotary Club of Agra Taj Mahal**.



SUPPORT FOR THE TÜRKIYE DISASTER FUND

Our Club donated **\$1000.00** to the **Türkiye** disaster fund through the **Rotary Foundation**.



ROTARY RACE DAY

The inaugural **Combined Rotary Clubs of the Illawarra Charity Race Day** was held at **Kembla Grange Racecourse** in November 2022. Our Club in conjunction with Fairy Meadow, Wollongong & Dapto all contributed to its success.

A total of four major gold and silver sponsors and several bronze and minor sponsors, combined with over 240 people attended and several fund-raising events were held on the day, resulted in over \$13,000 being raised for **Rotary Youth Programs**. West Wollongong's share was used to sponsor an **Indigenous Youth Scholarship**. Through the **Indigenous Health Scholarships**, Australian Rotary Health supports the next generation of Indigenous health care providers to achieve an education that will help them assist communities.

This scholarship was awarded to **Madeleine Lawson** who has completed a degree in **Public Health** and is currently in her first year of a **Master of Public Health** at the **University of Wollongong**.



Many thanks to all members for their support during the year.

PP John Erickson
Director - Foundation/International
2022/2023



Madeleine Lawson

Indigenous Health Scholar



Helen Hasan

ROTARY RACE DAY

Ros Yeomans





Our resident poet, Ken Potter, wrote this piece especially for our Changeover.

The Long-Distance Rotarian

In Europe, I just walked and talked and sometimes thought of home,
Till I received a message, to write a Changeover poem.
Strolling to the lift, for our Continental Breakfast feed,
I felt guilty for the people, who are in hunger and need.

It's a privileged life we lead, sailing upon the Rhine,
Meandering to Switzerland, where everything's just fine.
For all our wants are cared for, we just eat, sleep and drink,
Someone makes our breakfast and our bed; lots of time to think.

There's that niggling guilty feeling still, what about the poor,
As we sit, in lavish style, to start our routine, once more.
Work of Rotary never stops, though people need a break,
We, the privileged, have an opportunity to take.

Through our work in Rotary, to fashion a better place,
Offering a "hand-up", puts a smile on another's face.
Banter of the BBQ's, chaos of the Charles Hotel,
As we all focus on helping those, not doing so well.

Rotarians realise, we each have a different style,
And that opposing characters can clash, once-in-a-while.
We face a brilliant future, built on an outstanding past,
Our Changeover is for renewal, make ours, a Club to last.

Ken Potter
5 July 2022

Our Club's new Friends of Rotary
Eduardo Tovar and Mark Felton



Jean Potter, Coral Erickson and Krys Dunn



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.

Marilyn Phillips - PHF Sapphire



Recognition of Marilyn Phillips with a Paul Harris Fellow (her 4th Sapphire) for Marilyn's extensive commitment not only to our Club's various community service and youth activities, but her dedication as a long-serving member of our Board (i.e. over 20 years).

Angela Capri - PHF Sapphire

Angela was recognised for her service to the Rotary Youth Exchange program in the past and for her recent years as secretary of our Club and her work leading the Club through a difficult period.



Kevin Whitehead PHF

The Rotary Club of West Wollongong has from time-to-time recognised extraordinary contributions by members of the community through 'Service-Beyond-Self'. Kevin Whitehead, who is the patron of the Woonona/Bulli RSL sub-Branch, is such a person. This former National Serviceman and a man now in his 80's is a shining example of 'Service Above Self' and a worthy recipient of Paul Harris Fellowship (PHF) recognition.

Kevin was recognised with a PHF by our own President Ken Potter at the Woonona/Bulli RSL Ordinary General Meeting on Sunday 16 October 2022.



Certificate of Appreciation PP Arthur Booth OAM

Acknowledgement of Arthur Booth's significant service to our Club ... not just his 56 years of membership, but also his untiring and selfless commitment to supporting our Club and community in many, many ways over the years.



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 OAM
1968-1969	Bill Shoobert	1997-1998	Ross Willmot
1969-1970	Ron King	1998	Arthur Booth OAM
1970-1971	Roger Kee	1998-1999	Albert Cachia
1971-1972	Doug Gorrell	1999-2000	Patrick Roberts OAM
1972-1973	Allan Hoy	2000-2001	Jessie Blundell
1973-1974	Vic Evans	2001-2002	John Bown
1974-1975	Hubert Burrows	2002-2003	Noel Watt
1975-1976	Bill Fancourt	2003-2004	Kim Hockings
1976-1977	Mike Calway	2004-2005	John Crakanthorp
1977-1978	Ken Barnes	2005-2006	Jason Hedley
1978-1979	Marcel Benson	2006	Greg Hart
1979-1980	John Chaplin OAM	2006-2007	John Crakanthorp
1980-1981	George Reynolds	2007-2008	Ken Potter
1981-1982	Tudor Mackay	2008-2009	Bruce Inglis
1982-1983	Harvey Chesterfield- Evans	2009-2010	Bruce Inglis
1983-1984	Hilton King	2010-2011	Jim Christensen
1984-1985	John Aldridge	2011-2012	Netty Broekman
1985-1986	Brian Hedley	2012-2013	Marilyn Phillips
1986-1987	Ron Pedersen	2013-2014	Michael Crowley
1987-1988	Neil Preston	2014-2015	Michael Crowley
1988-1989	Ian Bowmaker	2015-2016	Kerrie Hayes-Williams
1989-1990	Barry Blundell	2016-2017	Jim Christensen
1990-1991	Goolam Ganey	2017-2018	Jessica Gnata
1991-1992	Brian Davis	2018-2019	Helen Hasan
		2019-2020	Ray Lee
		2020-2021	Rose Pope
		2021-Apr 2022	Joanne Glaser
		Apr 2022 - June 2022	Patrick Roberts OAM
		Jul 2022 - Sep 2022	Patrick Roberts OAM
		Oct 2022 - Dec 2022	Ken Potter
		Jan 2023 - Mar 2023	Jim Christensen
		Apr 2023 - June 2023	Bob Armessen OAM

DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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

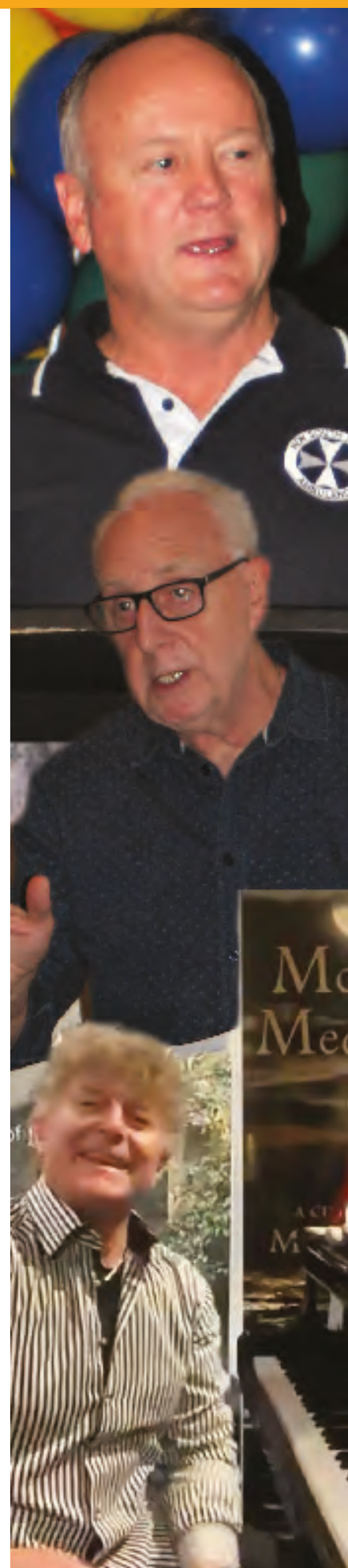
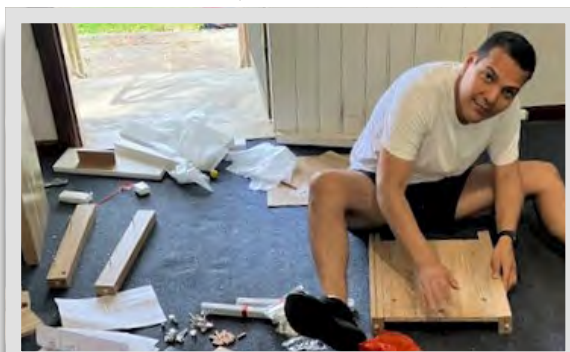
DISTRICT SECRETARY

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

HONORARY MEMBERS

PP Bruce Inglis PHF	John Harper PHF
PP Kim Hockings PHF	Bob Ridley PHF
Adelle Chaplin PHF	
PP Marcel Benson PHF++	
PDS PAG PP Jessie Blundell PHF+	
PP Michael Campbell PHF	

Furniture assembly for SAHSSI - Eduardo Tovar



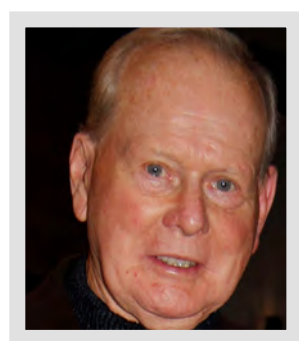


Date	Speaker & Topic	Date	Speaker & Topic
6-July-22	Club Changeover	4-Jan-23	No Meeting
13-July-22	Club Meeting	11-Jan-23	No Meeting. Social evening for members, friends and partners at the Charles Hotel, Fairy Meadow Thursday 12 January
20-July-22	Bee Project Update – <i>Diane Quinlin</i>	18-Jan-23	<i>Cristina Curcio</i> – 2023 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) participant to speak during this evening's meeting of her recent RYLA experience.
27-July-22	Zoom Club meeting	25-Jan-23	Short Club meeting
3-Aug-22	Zoom Club Meeting	1-Feb-23	"My experience in India" – <i>PDG Di North OAM</i>
10-Aug-22	Zoom Meeting - "From Wascals to the Wadio" - <i>Mark Matthews - Composer, Piano Teacher, Civil Engineer, Author, Radio Presenter</i>	8-Feb-23	"Japan Aussie Style" – <i>Bob Armessen & Rose Pope</i>
17-Aug-22	Zoom Meeting - Club Assembly	15-Feb-23	Club Assembly
24-Aug-22	"Homeless Hub and Housing Services" - <i>Derek Natrass</i>	22-Feb-23	<i>Dr Matthew Threadgate</i> : Urological & robotic surgeon
31-Aug-22	Our 2022/2023 recipient of the RCWW John Chaplin Memorial Scholarship - <i>Nicole Russo</i> "Skin Bio-Printing Update" – Australian Rotary Health (ARH) PhD Research Scholar, <i>Mitchell St Clair-Glover</i>	1-Mar-23	Monthly pre-meeting drinks. Club Meeting and fellowship
7-Sept-22	Combined Rotary clubs meeting – District Governor Janice Hall's visit	8-Mar-23	"Dizziness and Vertigo": <i>Jordan Loveridge</i> - South Coast Dizzy Clinic
14-Sept-22	"The Creation of Aussie Towns- The Largest Travel Guide" – <i>Bruce Elder</i>	15-Mar-23	Club Meeting
21-Sept-22	Club Meeting	22-Mar-23	U3A (University of the 3rd Age) – <i>Dennis Vukovic</i>
28-Sept-22	"Helping Others in an Emergency" – <i>Rob Lumby, Paramedic</i>	29-Mar-23	<i>Vietnamese banquet meal at Ha Long Bay restaurant, 63-65 Crown St. W'gong.</i>
5-Oct-22	Monthly pre-meeting drinks. Club Meeting and fellowship	5-Apr-23	<i>Nicole Russo</i> , UOW RCWW John Chaplin Memorial Scholar, with an update on her progress and aspirations. <i>Mitchell St Clair Glover</i> , ARH PhD Research Scholar, with an update on his research project.
12-Oct-22	"From Wascals to Wadio" – <i>Mark Matthews - Composer, Piano Teacher, Civil Engineer, Author, Radio Presenter</i>	12-Apr-23	Fun Quiz organised by Pres. Bob.
19-Oct-22	"Get Online Week: Telling Your Story" – <i>Helen Hasan</i>	19-Apr-23	Club Meeting - Presentation <i>Rose Pope</i> - Adopt-A-Tree program.
26-Oct-22	Southern Youth & Family Services (SYFS) presentation – <i>Jason Saladino & Kymberleigh Harris</i>	26-Apr-23	Quiz Night
2-Nov-22	"Barstool Brothers" – <i>Daniel Chin</i>	3-May-23	Club Meeting
9-Nov-22	" <i>Racing Go Karts 1960's / Vintage Go Karts 2020's</i> " – <i>Noel Watt</i>	10-May-23	Citizenship Ceremony
16-Nov-22	"Supported Accommodation & Homelessness Services Shoalhaven Illawarra (SAHSSI)" – <i>Gillian Vickers</i>	17-May-23	<i>Dr Tam Nguyen</i> : Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon
23-Nov-22	Club meeting	24-May-23	Cancer Carers - <i>John Erickson</i>
30-Nov-22	Dinner at Fortuna Palace	31-May-23	No Meeting
7-Dec-22	Club Assembly & Annual General Meeting	7-Jun-23	Social dinner at Fortuna Palace
14-Dec-22	Club Christmas Party	14-Jun-23	Club Assembly
21-Dec-22	No Meeting	21-Jun-23	CLUB CHANGEOVER
28-Dec-22	No Meeting	28-Jun-23	<i>Angelina Noe</i> – Lymphoedema (the lymphatic system)



**Bob Armessen OAM
PHF++**
(June (Sam))

Strata Management
Inducted 1 Jan 1994

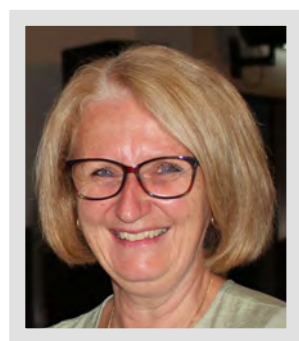


**Arthur Booth OAM PP
PHF+ Ruby**
RI "4 Avenues of Service"
Citation 2015-16
(Carole PHF)
**Screenprinting/
Signwriting**
Inducted 1 June 1966

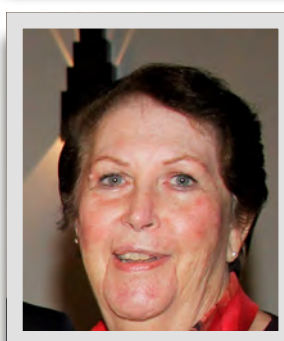


Albert Cachia PP PHF

Accountancy, Chartered
Inducted 1 May 1992



Angela Capri PHF++
(Sal)
Strata Services
Inducted 14 May 2008
Resigned in 2019 after
11 yrs of service. Rejoined
08 Jul 2020

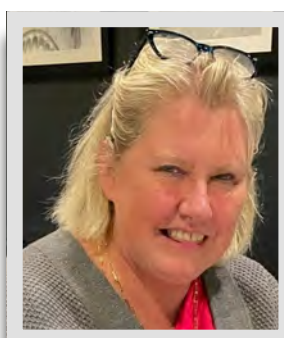


Anne Christensen PHF +
(Jim PAG PP PHF+++)

**Hospital Services,
Midwifery**
Inducted 15 Feb 1997



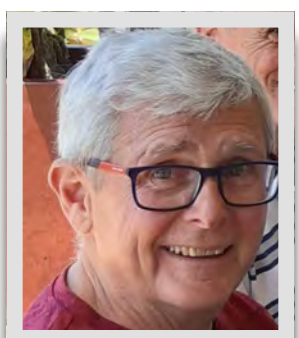
**Jim Christensen PAG PP
PHF+++**
RI "4 Avenues of Service"
Citation (Menai) 2007-08
(Anne PHF+)
Marketing & Sales
Inducted
1Dec 1996 (Menai)
Inducted 21 May 2008 WW



Janet Crakanthorp

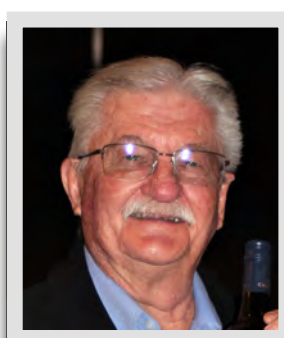
**Heavy Vehicle Haulage
Management**

Inducted 31 March 2021



**Michael Crowley PP
PHF++++**
(Krys)

Financial Planning
Inducted 12 Nov 2003



**John Erickson PP PHF+
'Member of the Rotary
Alumni'**
(Coral)

Education Travel
Inducted 14 Oct 2009



Rita Giampieri

(Roberto)

Language Teacher

Inducted 16 Dec 2020



Prof. Helen Hasan PP PHF+

Information Technology

Inducted 19 Oct 2011



Dr. Kerrie Hayes-Williams

PP PHF

Education Psychology

Inducted 2 July 2009



Ray Lee PP PHF

(Jane)

Chemical Manufacturing

Inducted 5 Mar 2014



Di North OAM PDG, PDS

PP PHF 3 rubies

(David OAM)

Oncology Pharmacy

Inducted 15 Feb 2017



Philip Peckman PE

(Eduardo)

Electrical Engineering

Inducted 16 Dec 2020



Marilyn Phillips PP

PHF++++

(Peter)

**Hospital Services,
Nursing**

Inducted 15 Nov 1999



Rose Pope PP PHF PN

Secondary Education

Inducted 16 May 2012



Ken Potter PP PHF+

(Jean)

Frozen Food, Retail

Inducted 30 June 2000



Diane Quinlin PHF

Dentistry

Inducted 31 Mar 2021



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



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



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



Milan Stanojevic
HR Management
 Inducted 6 May 2015



Noel Watt PP PHF+
Credit Unions
 Inducted 1 Jan 1978

Roberto & Rita Giampieri and Eduardo Tovar



Our very own Noel Watt - Guest Speaker
 "Racing Go Karts 1960's"



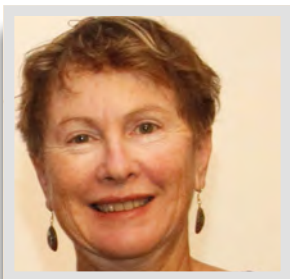
John Erickson and Patrick Roberts OAM



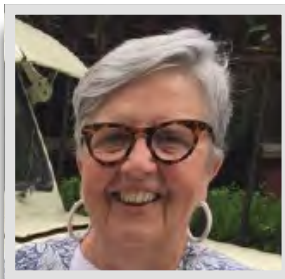


Our **friends of Rotary** are a great group of volunteers, who give their time freely to help and support the work of **Rotary Club of West Wollongong**.

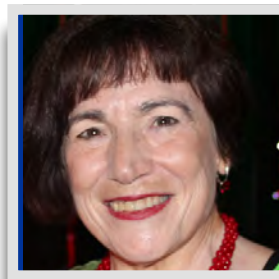
For personal reasons they cannot commit to being Rotarians but share the same principals of helping others.



Ros Yeoman
(Paul)
Inducted
31 Mar 2021



Di Reid
Inducted
31 Mar 2021



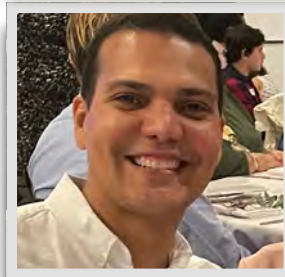
**Patricia
Di Marco**
Inducted
16 Dec 2020



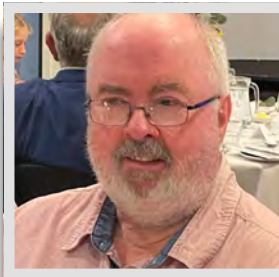
Tim Koppel
PHF+
(Debbie)
Inducted
13 Jan 2009
*Honorary
Member 2019
Now friend 2022*



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



Eduardo Tovar
(Phil)
Inducted
6 July 2022



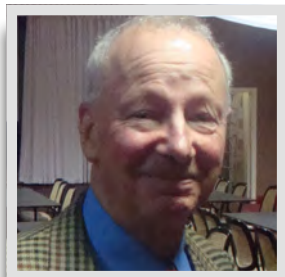
Mark Felton
Inducted
6 July 2022

Honorary Rotary Member



Honorary membership is used to recognise people who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service and embody **Rotary** ideals, or those considered friends of **Rotary** for their support of **Rotary's** causes.

HONORARY MEMBERS



John Harper
PHF
*Honorary
Member 2012*



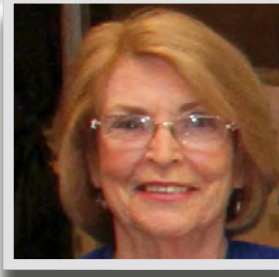
**Marcel
Benson PHF++**
Past President
1978-1979
*Honorary
Member 2019*



Kim Hockings
PHF
Past President
1992-1993
*Honorary
Member 2013*



Bob Ridley
PHF
*Honorary
Member 2011*



Jessie Blundell
PHF+ PAG PDS
Past President
2000-2001
*Honorary
Member 2021*



**Michael
Campbell PHF**
Past President
1992 -1993
*Honorary
Member 2022*



Bruce Inglis
PHF
Past President
2008-2009
2009-2010
*Honorary
Member 2022*



Adelle Chaplin
PHF
*Honorary
Member 2022*

Congratulations to our longest serving member of the Rotary Club of West Wollongong, Arthur Booth.

Arthur received an OAM for service to the community of Wollongong.

'Extract from King's Birthday Honours List June 12, 2023'

MEDAL (OAM) OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA IN THE GENERAL DIVISION

Mr Arthur Raymond BOOTH, Wollongong NSW 2500
For service to community of Wollongong.

Rotary District 9675 (formerly 9750), Rotary International

- Former Chairman, Public Relations Committee.
- Member, Membership Committee.
- Member, Rotary Leadership Awards (RYLA) Committee.
- Community Service Advisor.
- Former Committee Member, Establishment of the Rotary Club of Wollongong Central.

Rotary Club of West Wollongong

- President, 1996-1997.
- Director, 25 years.
- Member, various committees.
- Member, since 1966.

Illawarra Hawks/Wollongong Hawks Basketball Club

- Sponsor/Supporter, more than 40 years.
- Life Member.

Community

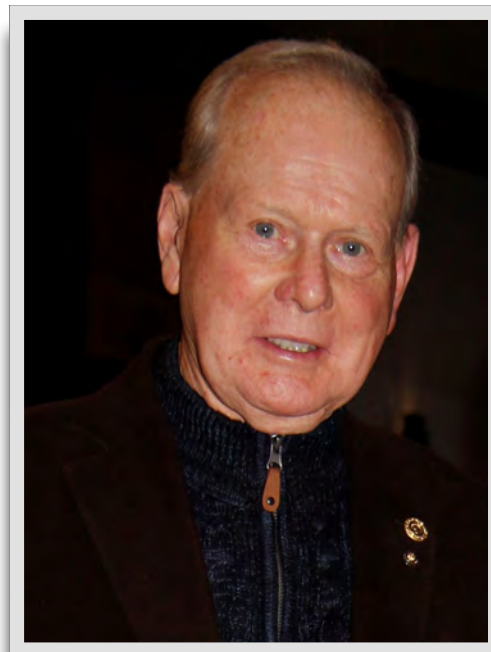
- Supporter, local youth/Mental Health organisations, 50 years.
- Sponsor, PhD Research Scholarship, researching youth suicide, University of Wollongong, current.

Professional

- Owner/Managing Director, Booth Signs (Aust) Pty Ltd, since 1963.

Awards and Recognition include:

- 4 Avenues of Service Citation, Rotary International, 2016.
- Ruby and Sapphire Pins, Paul Harris Fellowship, Rotary International.
- Paul Harris Fellowship, Rotary International.





Professor Aditya Kumar Ghose PHF

It was with great sadness we were informed of the passing of our dear friend and a much-loved former Rotarian Aditya Ghose, who passed away suddenly on Sunday 19 February 2023.

Aditya was inducted into the Rotary Club of West Wollongong in December 2005 by the then President, Jason Hedley, and Aditya remained an active Rotarian for almost 17 years until his resignation in mid-2022. Aditya was recognised with a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) in 2019.

His Club industry classification of 'Computer Services' does not adequately reflect his esteemed professional status or qualifications. Nevertheless, despite Aditya's personal, family and at times heavy work commitments, he managed to occupy director roles on the Club's Board over several years in the areas of Public Relations and Membership as well as actively participate in many other Club activities and programs.

Aditya along with PP & honorary member, Michael Campbell, were instrumental in sourcing high quality keynote speakers for the Club's Annual Peace Oration, which developed into a significant event in our Club's calendar.

*West Wollongong Rotary Bulletin, Vale, 1st March 2023. pg3.



Past President Brian Hedley PHF

It was sad to hear that former member and Past President, Brian Hedley – who in recent years resided in Canberra, passed away peacefully on Tuesday 21 March 2023.

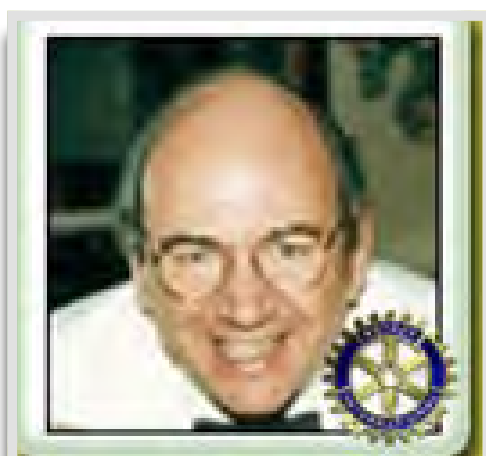
Brian was inducted into our Club in 1975 and fulfilled many roles during his membership until he resigned in 2010. He was Club President in the 1985/1986 Rotary year and, in addition to being an active Director on the Club's Board on 12 occasions, Brian was also enthusiastically involved in numerous Club committees during his membership as well as District Insurance Chair over 2002-2003.

As an aside, we can thank Brian too for introducing in the 1981-82 year the weekly 'wine raffle' that continues to this day. And ... we may well cringe at some of the jokes told during our meetings nowadays, but Brian was well-known for his "Hedley Horror Stories," which would raise a few eyebrows today!

Being community minded and a proactive leader within the Club, he initiated many projects and social activities for the Club. Brian led at least five goodwill missions to poverty-stricken areas in China from 1996 to 2000. Funds were raised ahead of each trip with a focus on supplying school supplies and medical equipment as well as generating personal donations to assist local families during these trips. Brian was recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) in 1994 for his significant contribution to Rotary, in respect to his commitment to our Club and his community both locally and overseas.

Brian's son, Jason Hedley, was also a member of our Club and President during the 2005-2006 Rotary year.

*West Wollongong Rotary Bulletin, Vale, 29th March 2023, pg3.



Past President William (Bill) Whitting

It was sad to hear of the passing of former member and Past President Bill Whitting on Tuesday 28 March 2023. Bill was inducted into Rotary in 1990 under the 'Law – General Practice' classification and remained with our Club for around 10 years.

During his membership he was an active Rotarian and occupied the roles of Youth Services Director throughout 1991-92 and Club Secretary for two successive years from 1995 to 1997.

In his Presidential year (1993-94) Bill was very committed to and productive in the Club's 'Florrawarra' and 'Seafood & Sail Festival' projects as well as the Club's furnishing of Alkira Lodge – which was built to accommodate out-patients attending renal and cancer units in Wollongong Hospital.

*West Wollongong Rotary Bulletin, Vale, 5th April 2023. pg3.





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