



ROTARY CLUB OF WEST WOLLONGONG INC. NEW SOUTH WALES AUSTRALIA

(CHARTERED 23 MARCH 1964)

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 9675

ANNUAL REPORT 2018/2019

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.



BE THE INSPIRATION



TOGETHER, WE

FIGHT HUNGER

Rotary



PEOPLE OF ACTION



TOGETHER, WE

SAVE LIVES

Rotary



PEOPLE OF ACTION

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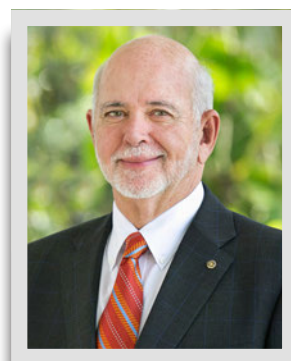
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- Sergeant: PP Dennis Simpson
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- Retention: Barry Stevens
- New Membership: Barry Stevens
- Welfare: Milan Stanojevic

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- Fundraising Functions: Joanne Glaser
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- Ride 4 Rotary: Rose Pope
- Barbeques: Joanne Glaser
- Charles Hotel: PP Dennis Simpson
- Cook Island Project: Bob Armessen
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- RACS Awards: PP John Erickson/Joanne Glaser
- Wings over Illawarra: Milan Stanojevic

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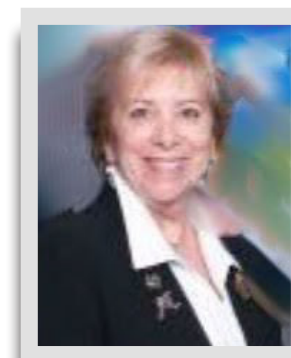
- Advertising/Press releases
- Education
- Promotions
- Social Media: Prof. Helen Hasan
- Webmaster: Prof. Helen Hasan

NEW GENERATIONS - DIRECTOR PP KEN POTTER

- Child Protection: PP Marilyn Phillips/Joanne Glaser
- MUNA
- NYSF/Science Expo
- RYDA
- RYE/RULA/ADV.RULA
- UoW Scholarship: PP Michael Crowley

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- Centurion Club: PP Arthur Booth
- Pacific Literacy Project: Bob Armessen
- Peace Scholar/Lecture: Prof. Aditya Grose/PP Michael Campbell
- PolioPlus: PP Jim Christensen
- RAM/RAWCS/ROMAC: DGE Di North OAM
- Interplast: DGE Di North OAM
- End Trachoma: DGE Di North OAM
- Every Child a Future: Prof. Helen Hasan
- All other Fdn/Int Projects: Dieter Glaser



District Governor
Sue Hayward



Assistant Governor
Frank Pezzimenti



President
Prof. Helen Hasan

MEMBERS ON DISTRICT and GROUP F COMMITTEES

District Alumni Committee - PP John Erickson
District Insurance officer - Joanne Glaser
District Conference Committee - DGE Di North OAM
Home Hosting - PP Jim Christensen
Accommodation - Joanne Glaser
District Bulletin Editor - PP Michael Crowley

PP Marilyn Phillips - Road Safety Education
Tom O'Toole - Imagination Library
Milan Stanojevic - Wings Over Illawarra
PP Ken Potter - Road Safety Education



When reviewing my year as president, words such as busy, productive, challenging and yet exciting come to mind. At the start of the year, I decided to focus on (1) maintaining a strong and viable club, (2) making more effective use of information technology, (3) promoting more effective ways to decide on and record club projects and (4) continue to raise funds and engage in community service projects. My aims were to encourage a balance of service activities at local national and international level and include lots of fun fellowship activities as well. I can now look back over the year to see what the club has achieved on my watch.

As always, the club has been most successful at fundraising. This has included **Comedy for a Cause** in August; **District and IMB community grants**; **Jim's tins** (strategically placed around town); Movie nights; our **Baby Capsules** service; **Ride for Rotary** and our team the magnificent **Wobbly Wheelers**; the **Charles Raffle**; and, of course, a great many BBQs. Whenever possible, I remind people that every cent of the money we raise goes to helping people in need from local community projects to large global initiatives.

Some local community service projects this year have been: a new sensory wall at **Para Meadows School** for children with special needs from the proceeds of **Comedy for a Cause**; a new chicken coop for the **Cringila Pubic School permaculture garden** supported by a District Grant; the **Imagination Library**; **Graffiti Removal Day**; **Baby Capsules**; and the revival of the **Rotary Park** at the intersection of Throsby Drive and Denison Street. One of my favourite events for the year is the **Citizenship Ceremony**. This year 10 new Australians were welcomed into the community by **Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor David Brown**.

The desire to help people in country NSW suffering from the drought meant that our main national service activity was drought relief. An initial \$2000 donation was made to the **RAWCS** initiative. Then, with the help of Sunday sausage sizzles at the **Charles Hotel** raised \$2000. With matching Club funds, a group of **West Wollongong Rotarians and friends** took \$5000 to the **Rotary Club of Lightning Ridge**, who used the funds to prepare food parcels for about 40 families in their area. The Club was also recognised for its cumulative support for **Australian Rotary Health** contributing to date over \$2000 per member.

On the international front we continue to support the global effort to **End Polio Now** and the **Rotary Foundation** through the **Centurion Club**. I have encouraged our support of the Australian Rotary's **"Give Every Child A Future"** project celebrating 100 years of Rotary in Australia and New Zealand. For this project, Rotary has teamed up with **UNICEF** to give life-saving vaccines to 100,000 children across the Pacific. **Nine Pacific countries are targeted, including Samoa, Cook Islands and Niue which are special partners of our club.**

We always support Rotary New Generations projects where ever possible. Our club takes the lead on the **Illawarra RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness)** programme with a huge effort from Ken and Marilyn and an IMB Community Grant. We also provided support from amazing students **Maria Micale** and **Jarrad Pritchard** from Kiera High to attend the **Youth Science Forum** in London.

This year our University of Wollongong Community Scholarship was renamed the '**Rotary Club of West Wollongong John Chaplin Memorial Scholarship**' this was first presented to the recipient **Jacqueline Hobbs** in September and later in April to Philip Martin by **Mrs Adelle Chaplin**. We are also seeking applicants for our **Australian Rotary Health (ARH) PhD Research Scholarship**.

Our enjoyable fellowship events have included **Comedy for a Cause**, our **TAFE Christmas party**, **movie nights**, the **Car Observation Drive**, our week away out west, the **Citizenship Ceremony** and numerous fun times at our regular meetings.

I am most grateful for the support of the 2018-19 Board who have each contributed to everything we have accomplished this year and been a wonderful help to me. I would certainly not have survived the year without the willing support of Secretary Kerrie and Treasurer Rose. The club, as well as myself owe so much to each of the Directors, Marilyn with her vast experience of Club

Administration, Ken with his knowledge of our new Generation activities, Joanne, who was inducted as the BBQ Queen in July 2018 and who takes on other community project tasks as they come up, Barry has organised successful members evenings, Jim has put together several PR articles, Dieter has applied what he has learnt about the Rotary Foundation. Ray has been active for many months preparing to take over as president in July 2019 and I wish him and the new board well.

I'd also like to pay tribute to all the tasks that non-board members and friends have done this year, often without much fanfare. In particular, I would mention: Dennis at the Charles, Michael Crowley with the Bulletin, Netty arranging great Fellowship activities, Bob organising the Western NSW trip and our Pacific Island Projects, Milan as Welfare Officer, Arthur with Centurion, Aditya arranging speakers and the Peace oration with Michael Campbell, Bruce and the contacts list, Albert our auditor, Anne with Marilyn at Capsules, Rotary Friend Janet at the BBQs and the important contributions of John and Patrick behind the scenes. I apologise for those I have not mentioned. I appreciate that everyone helps with club activities when they can and that age, travel, work and family commitments mean that it is not always possible. And last but definitely not least I give a special thanks to Yvonne Roberts for the brilliant work she undertakes in preparing and producing the Club's Annual Reports.

On a sad note I would like to pay my tribute to long standing member **PP Brian Davis** whom we lost this year. Brian was a real gentleman, with a quiet sense of humour and genuine concern for his fellow man (and woman). He was a wonderful family man, a great Rotarian and a valued friend.

On a brighter note, the club is proud to have **DGE Di North OAM** as a member of our club and look forward to her 2019-20 term as **District Governor**. We support her interests in Interplast and End Trachoma and several club members are on the Committee for the 2020 District conference to be held here in Wollongong. Among other member news, Paul Lee reluctantly left the club when he moved out of the area but we were pleased to welcome new member Stephen Swan.

We also have a couple of visits from Brisbane by former member **PP Kim Hockings**.

When I become IPP in July, I plan to focus on putting together a Club recipe book which we will publish and sell as a fundraiser before Christmas. I wish Ray and the new board a great 2019-20 year.

PROF. HELEN HASAN PRESIDENT 2018/2019

Board Members 2018/2019

L to R. Dieter Glaser, Joanne Glaser, Pres. Prof. Helen Hasan, Treasurer Rose Pope, PP Marilyn Phillips, PP Ken Potter, PP Jessica Gnata, PE Ray Lee
(absent: Secretary Kerri Hayes-Williams, Barry Stevens, PP Jim Christensen)



SERVICE ACTIVITIES AT LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Sensory Wall for Para Meadows - proceeds from
Comedy for a Cause



Chicken Coop
Cringila Public School permaculture garden



Graffiti Removal day



Permaculture garden Cringila Public School



Citizenship Ceremony - Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor David Brown
welcomed the new Australians into our community.

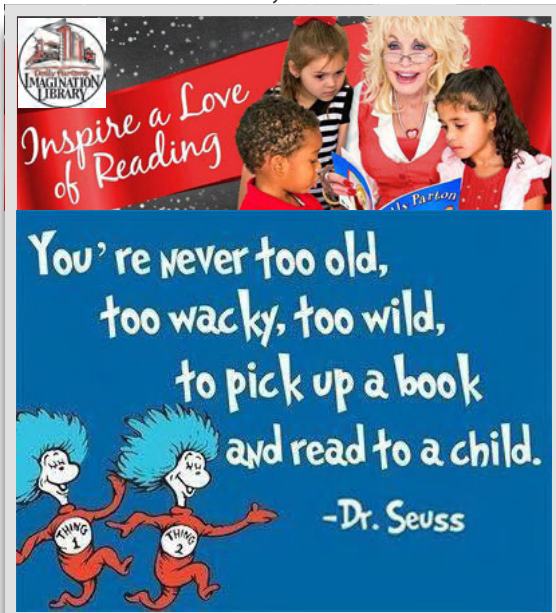


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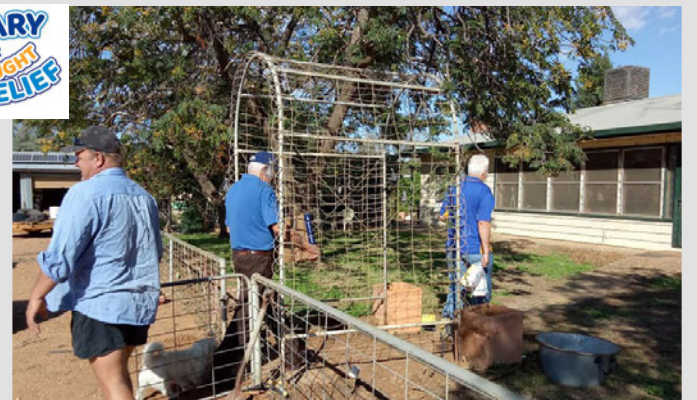
Dolly Parton Imagination Library is a Rotary Literacy program devoted to inspiring a love of reading in the hearts of children everywhere.



Baby Capsule Rental Service



NATIONAL SERVICE ACTIVITY - DROUGHT RELIEF



INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT

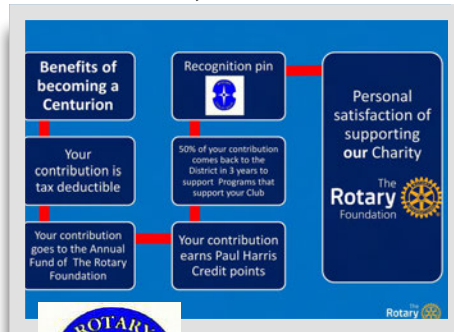
This year we gave a donation to the Rotary Club of Rarotonga in the Cook Islands and we are investigating support for the hospital on the Island of Niue.



TREASURER'S REPORT



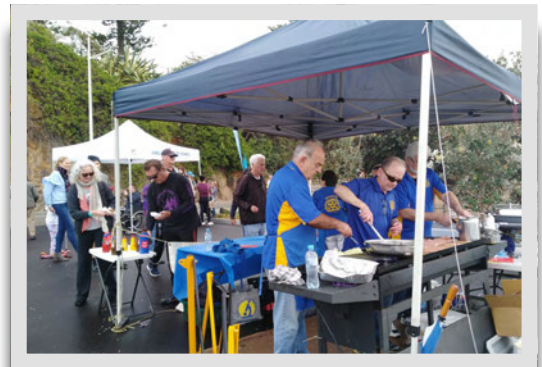
Rotary Centurion - Members personal giving to Rotary Foundation



Jim's Tins



Milan Stanojevic, Tim Koppel and Dieter Glaser



Albert Cachia, Jim Christensen and John Erickson
"Three of four components to a sausage sandwich"



Rescue Boards donated to Towradgi S.L.S.C by Dennis Simpson on behalf of RC of WW



Dennis Simpson - Charles Hotel Joker Draw



TREASURER'S REPORT



Due to the previous thrifty Treasurer and Board, we began the year with a healthy balance. The BBQ's and Charles Hotel raffle have been an excellent source of income for which we give a special thank you to Joanne Glaser and Dennis Simpson. But it is only with the support and efforts of all members in these activities plus Baby Capsules, Centurion and Jim's Tins (charity tins placed in various businesses and on the counter at BBQ's), and the addition of funds from an IMB Grant and a District Grant, that we've been able to support many organisations as follows:

Net Income

Barbeques	16,200
Charles Hotel Raffle	12,400
IMB Grant	7,000
District Grant	4,199
Baby Capsule Project	2,000
Charles Hotel Donation toward Lightning Ridge drought relief	2,018
Jim's Tins – for Polio Plus, Drought and Community Service	1,350
Centurion	2,100

Expenditure

International Service	
Rotary Foundation incl Centurion and Polio Plus	2,515
Cook Islands	1,500
Peace Oration	500

Community Service	
RAWCS (Rotary Australia World Community Service) – Drought Relief	3,000
Lightning Ridge Rotary – Drought Relief	5,500
Permaculture and Living Classrooms Programme	7,580
Wollongong Hospital NIC Unit	2,000
Para Meadows School	2,900
Ovarian Cancer Inc	2,000
World's Greatest Shave – Leukaemia Foundation	1,750
Towradgi Surf Life Saving Club	1,020
Citizenship Ceremony Night	800
Wesley Church Christmas Dinner	860
Australian Ecosystems Foundation	200

New Generations Service / Youth Projects	
RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness)	7,000
University of Wollongong Scholarship	3,000
RYPEN (Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment)	650
SYFS (Southern Youth and Family Services)	630
YOTS (Youth off the Streets)	500

ROSE POPE
TREASURER 2018/2019



CLUB ADMINISTRATION



The role of Club Administration is to conduct activities that involve the effective operation of the Club and this year is no different. What a great year we have had at our **Rotary Club** thanks to the wonderful leadership of **Helen Hasan**. This is also due to the dedication and outstanding performance of our members. My Directorship in this Club is made a lot easier when one is leading a team of members who are so willing to assist and support all our projects.

ATTENDANCE - MARILYN PHILLIPS.

It is no longer necessary to record our attendance, only our hours spend doing **Rotary Projects**, and we average 500-700 hours per month. This is why we record Rotary hours at each meeting. It is important that all members give this information to the Door Attendant at the beginning of each meeting.

BULLETIN — MICHAEL CROWLEY.

Michael is doing an outstanding job with the **Bulletin**. He also ensures our bulletins are forwarded to our honorary members and other Clubs to keep them informed of our Club's activities. Our **International Toasts** are always well researched, interesting and varied and teach us a lot about other Rotary Clubs. Thank you Michael for the great bulletin.

PROGRAM — ADITYA GHOSE

Aditya has excelled at maintaining the high tradition of first-rate speakers that we are familiar with in our Club. Please continue to assist the program director to keep up the good work, as we all enjoy coming to the meetings to hear the high calibre of speakers presented. But remember to achieve such a standard requires your help and suggestions. My thanks to Aditya for such an appealing program.

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.

SERGEANT — JOHN ERICKSON.

It is the job of the **Sergeant** to keep our meetings light hearted and fun and John and his team are excellent at this task. They ensure our fine sessions raise valuable funds for the Club, and that the jokes presented give great amusement and lots of laughs to our members. Many thanks to the team members for all their work.

John Erickson - The kiss of Life



Cheque presented by Anne Christensen on behalf of the club, to representatives from Wollongong Hospital's Neonatal Unit, to assist in updating much needed equipment.
L to R. Sue Symonds, Anne Christensen & Belinda Todd



SOCIAL EVENTS – NETTY BROEKMANN.

Over the past year we have had some great fellowship times thanks to the efforts of **Netty**, such as, lunches, car rallies, week-ends away and restaurant nights. I am sure we will continue this tradition into the future. We are always grateful for suggestions from our members. I would like to thank Netty for her effort.

The Charles Hotel Thursday night raffles have continued to be a very good fundraising opportunity for our Club.

Dennis Simpson has written this note for members about the Charles:

“The funds raised have allowed our Club to provide much needed support for some very worthwhile causes around **Wollongong and beyond**. As well as the raffle nights **The Charles Hotel** raised a considerable amount of money from their **Sunday BBQs** and kindly donated the money to our Club, and we intern donated it to **The Rotary Club of Lightning Ridge**, to assist them in their campaign to provide hampers to the needy within their area. Once again we thank the generosity of **the patrons of The Charles and the Management and Staff for their ongoing support to our Club**.
Thank you to our Raffle Team for your Thursday Night contribution”

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

PP MARILYN PHILLIPS

DIRECTOR - CLUB ADMINISTRATION 2018/2019

Aditya Ghose with Guest Speaker Glenn Kolomeitz
who spoke about his deployment to East Timor and later Afghanistan.



Lunch Mudgee Winery - Western NSW Trip 2019



MEMBERSHIP



We finished the year with 31 active members; 5 honorary members and 4 friends-of-rotary.

We welcomed our new member **Stephen Swan** from the Sunrise club, who has 13 years of active service behind him.

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 8 people to attend. We have indications from 2 persons from the night that they would like to become members and also 1 as a friend-of-rotary.

We are looking at follow-up invitations to interesting club events for all these people.

We sadly had the passing of our dear friends **Brian Davis** and **Peter Lainela**.

We also had the resignation of our member **Paul Lee** due to relocation.

I would like to thank all the members and board for their support during the year.

The Rotary Club of West Wollongong is an important part of our community, and I look forward to seeing it continue to grow and prosper in the coming years. I have no doubt that under the guidance of our new **President Ray**, and our new **Membership Director John**, that the club's future membership growth is in great hands.

BARRY STEVENS
DIRECTOR- MEMBERSHIP 2018/2019

Congratulations to Stephen Swan, inducted 17 April 2019 into West Wollongong Rotary Club. Stephen was previously a member of the Rotary Club of Illawarra Sunrise.



This is my first year as **Community Service Director** and what a year it has been for me. It has been an amazing learning curve and it has also given me the privilege of working with many of my fellow members in **West Wollongong Rotary**.

The **Charles Hotel** has been a great venue and **Dennis Simpson** and the team have been amazing. Dennis, week after week, quietly organises the Gift Cards and manages to sell tickets with the help of a happy assistant who adeptly supports him. The patrons of the Hotel come back week after week and support our projects through the raffle. In all, the **total this year is \$12,400**. The Hotel has also contributed to the **Drought Relief** by running a number of BBQ's on a Sunday during the summer months. This raised some **\$2,018 for farmers in need at Lightning Ridge**.

BBQ Events have been a main stay of our Club and once again thanks to all our volunteers who tirelessly give of their time, we have raised some **\$16,200** with one more BBQ to go! The team of volunteers are amazing and include members and friends of the Club. We have forged a reputation for being the **"Fill in" BBQers for Bellambi, North Wollongong and Warrawong** and are called on frequently to fill that role. Through this, we have BBQed for **Boxing Day, New Year's Day and Mother's Day** to name a few. **Comic Gong, through Wollongong Council Library**, has proven to be a very worthwhile form of fund raising for us. It is no doubt exhausting for all concerned (and I am still trying to get the onion smell out of the car!) as it is a long day but so beneficial. The challenge for sustainable income from BBQs, will be to see what happens with **North Wollongong Bunnings** when **Kembla Grange Bunnings** opens next year.

As usual, our **Citizenship night** was again extremely successful. Under the stewardship of **Patrick Roberts and Marilyn Phillips**, it was again well patronised by members who joined families from around the globe to celebrate their citizenship. Although our **Lord Mayor, Gordon Bradbury OAM**, was unable to attend, the **Deputy Lord Mayor, David Martin**, did a fabulous job. Patrick and Marilyn always have a way of making us realise how lucky we are to live in this amazing country.

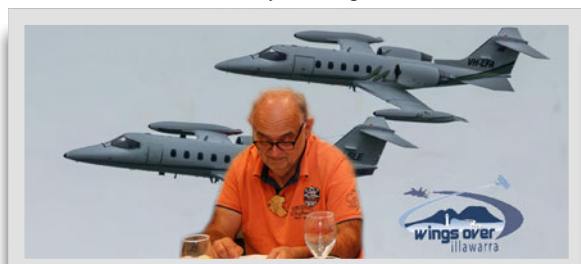
Our commitment to **"Wings Over the Illawarra"** was again fulfilled with our participation in organising the parking for the **Classic and Vintage cars**. The weekend was cold, windy and wet but all the volunteers turned up and enjoyed the camaraderie. My thanks to Milan for organising the days and for the hot coffee and tea at Maccas although he had promised us Schnapps!

Jim's tins have proven to be a lucrative and easy fund raiser. My thanks to Jim for this idea which is passive in nature and requires little work but does require collection of the tins on a regular basis. This has raised some **\$1,350** for our Club.

The core of volunteers that keep coming back for each event have been amazing and they have contributed to the success of this portfolio. Without them, this money would not have been raised. Many thanks to **Michael Crowley, Bob Armessen and Ken Potter** for taking provisions to the venues. To **Marilyn Phillips, John Erikson, Dianne North, Dieter Glaser, Jim Christensen, Anne Christensen, Patrick Roberts, Ray Lee, Tim Koppel, Debbie Koppel, Milan Stanojevic, Janet Crackenthorp, Rose Pope, Helen Hasan, Arthur Booth, Angela Capri, Aditya Ghose and Barry Stevens** who tirelessly keep volunteering even when I have organised two BBQs on the one weekend!!

JOANNE GLASER
DIRECTOR - COMMUNITY SERVICES 2018/2019

Milan Stanojevic - Wings over Illawarra



PP Michael Crowley



NEW GENERATIONS



Our Club has had very limited success in the Youth portfolio. Despite offerings to various schools the take-up rate has been disappointing. It seems there are not enough teachers in a position to drive activity across the **Youth Programs**, with no take-up of **MUNA** this year. The Club's candidate for this year's **RYPEN [Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment]**, held at the Royal National Park in early August, was **Aemelia Romos** from the **Wollongong School of Performing Arts**.

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



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



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

The Program takes place over 4 weeks during April, September and October each year and gives benefits to some 1469 students in the Illawarra and, since its inception **"510,000 nationally including New Zealand"**, milestone was celebrated recently. At the time of writing this report, the program has had sponsorship, of \$6,000 confirmed by **The I.M.B. Community Foundation**, for 2019-20 following \$7,000 for the operation of the program in the current year. The **Shellharbour Club** provided funding through **"Club Grants"** of \$2,350 in the current year. The operation of **RYDA** in the Illawarra is a project of all **Rotary clubs in the Illawarra area**, though the bank account is operated by our club. It is our intention to apply for a **District Grant** to enable us to reduce the cost of the program to the students.



RYDA grant from IMB accepted by Pres. Prof Helen Hasan, PP Marilyn Phillips and PP Ken Potter

In December we had a tentative application to **R.Y.L.A. [Rotary Youth Leadership Awards]** though the applicant could not avail himself of the opportunity to attend. RYLA is a Program for 18-25 year olds, who show leadership potential and is often described by returning Rylarians as “Life Changing”. The Program takes place at a venue near Springwood in early January and runs for a week. As part of the Program, Rylarians organize and present a luncheon on the Saturday and the experiences gained tend to become a highlight for Rotarians and Rylarians. Please do not hesitate to inform me of any young person you know who might be interested in attending the program.

Maria Micale and **Jarrad Pritchard** from Keira High have attended **London Youth Science Forum** and the Club paid joint sponsorship, to match **R.C. of Wollongong**, of \$1,000. They are yet to provide a report to the club.

The Club continues to support a **Community Scholarship** for a student’s post graduate studies. As part of a review, the amount of the scholarship was increased to \$3000/year and has been renamed “**The John Chaplin Memorial Community Scholarship**” the successful applicant was **Phillip Martin** who reported to the club in April and detailed his studies in **Radiation Physics applied to Brain Cancer**.

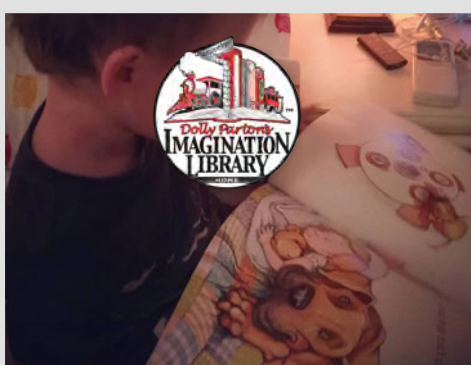
The next Rotary program for youth is **Model United Nations Assembly [MUNA]** where the club attempted to support a team from **Smith’s Hill High School**. Students are encouraged to argue resolutions in a manner in which the country they represent might argue those same resolutions. So, a large amount of research is necessary and the students become very interested in their role, and in the competition they gain very important skills and experiences from **MUNA**. Please tell any school students you know about this excellent program. Details of all **Rotary Youth Programs** are on the **District website** and I commend them to you.

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.

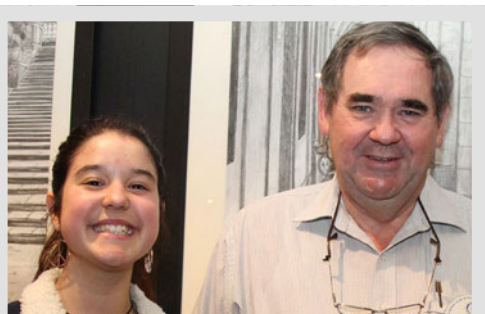
PP KEN POTTER

DIRECTOR - YOUTH SERVICES 2018/2019

Imagination Library



RYPEN Student Aemelia Ramos and PP Ken Potter



RCWW John Chaplin Memorial Scholarship recipient Philip Martin and Adelle Chaplin





There is no doubt that this portfolio is one of THE MOST important for any and all Rotary Clubs. The means to promote our and other **Illawarra Rotary Clubs** within our Community is always a challenge. The opportunity for increasing membership, promote local community, Australia wide and international projects is and should be as important as the gift of fund raising.

This year we reached out to our Community through the Advertiser newspaper with 6 headline stopping articles ranging from **Australian Citizen Ceremony** to our favourite local community project, the **Cringila Public School Permaculture programme**.

We have a great public **Facebook page** which is visited by many across the seas and likes from as far as India and Europe. Our **Google account** continues after the original stewardship of **President Helen** stirring efforts.

JIM CHRISTENSEN
DIRECTOR - PUBLIC RELATIONS 2018/2019



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Taking action on graffiti

ROTARY IN ACTION
BY DI NORTH

WEST Wollongong Rotary Club joined with the New South Wales Government, which is committed to reducing graffiti vandalism by encouraging local communities, to get involved in the removal and prevention of graffiti.

To support this goal, the Government has established a State-wide graffiti removal and prevention day known as 'Graffiti Removal Day'. This year it was held on Sunday, October 21.

The aim of Graffiti Removal Day is to highlight the problem of graffiti and encourage people to volunteer their time and get involved in the removal and prevention of graffiti.

West Wollongong Rotary Club, along with many other NSW Rotary Clubs showed that they 'Love Where We Live' by getting involved in Graffiti Removal Day.

We want to make show that our community is one to be proud of.

Graffiti vandalism costs local businesses, households,



LOVING THE COMMUNITY: Volunteers working to remove unwanted graffiti as part of Graffiti Removal Day on October 21.

NSW Government and local councils millions of dollars each year.

This money could be invested into roads, sporting facilities, schools and hospitals.

Rotary Australia, Scouts Australia NSW, Girl Guides NSW & ACT and the Australian Air Force Cadets are all committed to combating graffiti.

They work with the NSW

Government, Graffiti Removal Australia and great sponsors such as Dulux and Selleys on this event.

We are extremely grateful to Dulux and Selleys who donate the paint and all the

equipment needed. All the cleaning material, paint, and safety equipment is provided free of charge.

Last year across NSW over 1,800 volunteers removed more than 30,050 square

metres of graffiti from nearly 500 sites.

West Wollongong Rotary Club was one of the Rotary Clubs from around the Illawarra volunteering for Graffiti Removal Day.

The site they chose was the tennis sheds at Wollongong Tennis Club at Beaton Park in Wollongong.

There were six sheds covered in graffiti both inside and out and also the spectator benches at the end of the courts.

It took three hours for the eight volunteers to restore the area.

The end result was extremely satisfying and very pleasing to the eye.

Dapto Rotary Club removed the unsightly graffiti from 4th Wollongong Scout Hall which is also at Beaton Park.

Graffiti Removal Day is another example of Rotary working in our local community. For information about our local clubs, visit www.rotaryclubswollongong.org.au or Dot Hennessy on 0412 120 314/dot-hennessy@gmail.com.

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 our **Club's Rotary Foundation committee** is to develop and implement a plan to support the Foundation through program participation and financial contributions to **Community and International Service**.

Our Foundation Committee were active in the following Activities:

- Centurian Club - _Arthur Booth (\$1900 donation)
- Polio Plus - Club contribution of \$615
- Peace scholars -(Aditya Ghose and Michael Campbell)
- End Trachoma and Interplast (DI North)
- Hat Day (Dieter Glaser & Club)
- Jim's Tins (Jim Christensen)
- Days for Girls (Dorothy Bahlmann)
- Rotary Australia World Community Service - Bob Armessen - Cook Islands (\$1500)

And the **Community Scholarships to the University of Wollongong** and **Australian Rotary Health**-very ably handled by **Michael Crowley**.

The **Rotary International Foundation/** Rotary is well on the way to completely eradicating Polio from the Earth. Afghanistan and Pakistan remain the major challenge. It is a commendable achievement.

I would just like to mention that we achieved a significant and meritorious service award from **Australian Rotary Health** for attaining a level of contribution equivalent to \$2000 per member by the end of March 2019. Well Done!

My appreciation goes to all our club members who contributed to the Foundation this year. It is the club members and Friends who made everything we achieved possible this year and not this Director.

Thanks to you all and especially to Yvonne Roberts who prepares this Annual Report.

DIETER GLASER

DIRECTOR - ROTARY FOUNDATION 2018/2019

"The Mad Hatters"



EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR
MAKE A DIFFERENCE



VALE - 4 SPECIAL ROTARIANS



PP Ron Pedersen PHF Honorary member 1937-2018 Aged 80yrs

"Ron was always a popular fellow and before and after his Presidential year he never knocked back any request to help. He was an excellent President who maintained the club's esteem and was a great secretary. He was also highly regarded within the District and local community and will be remembered as a person from the top drawer."

Extract from "A History of the Rotary Club of West Wollongong 1964-2004"
The Author PP Barry Blundell PHF JP

Ron passed away on Wednesday 31st October 2018. He joined our Rotary Club in 1981 and was involved in all our Clubs operations and activities.

He was : Club Secretary - 1989 to 1992, 1994-1995, and 1997 to 1999.

Club Service Director 1983-1984

Community Service Director 1984-1985

International Service Director 1996-1997

At a District level he held the position of District Governors Representative. 1987-1988

Ron was the recipient of a **PHF**, under the Presidency of Goolam Ganey (1990-1991), in recognition for his many years of outstanding contribution to the Club and Rotary.

Ron was a very special man and a dedicated Rotarian.

PP Brian Davis PHF

Sadly Brian passed away on 14th April 2019. He was a compassionate man, much loved and respected by his fellow members and a long standing member of our club. He was a dedicated family man and good friend to many.

Brian was inducted into the West Wollongong Rotary Club on 1st August 1972.

During Brian's year as President (1991/1992), the Wollongong Baby Capsule Rental Service successfully commenced and continues to this day.

During his Rotary years he held positions of:

Club Secretary 1987 to 1989

Club Service Director 1981 to 1983

2004-2005 (Shared with Ken Potter)

2006-2007 (Shared with Ken Potter)

International Service Director 1983-1984

Community Service Director 2002-2003

Brian received a **PHF** in 2005 in recognition of his outstanding contribution to our club and community, particularly **Service above Self**.

"Brian was a man of character who was quiet and shy by nature, but had a dry sense of humour and thoroughly enjoyed socialising." *Club Bulletin*



Honorary member Lembit (Peter) Lainela

Sadly Honorary member Peter Lainela passed away peacefully in his sleep on Friday 26th April 2019 aged 93.

Peter joined our club in the 1995/1996 Rotary year and, upon resignation was appointed an honorary member on 15 April 2009.

His welcome to new citizens on our Rotary Citizenship nights was always a special part of the program.

He is remembered with fondness by all members of the club who had met and served with him in Rotary.



PP Dr. Goolam Ganey

It was with deep sadness that we received the news that **Goolam Ganey**, President of our Club 1990-1991, had died in Melbourne on **11th June 2019** after a long illness. Goolam was born in India and came to Australia in 1978 with his wife Indira.

He was inducted into our Rotary Club in 1981.

During his Rotary years he held positions of:

Club Secretary 1983-1984
(shared with Chris Bell)
1984-1985

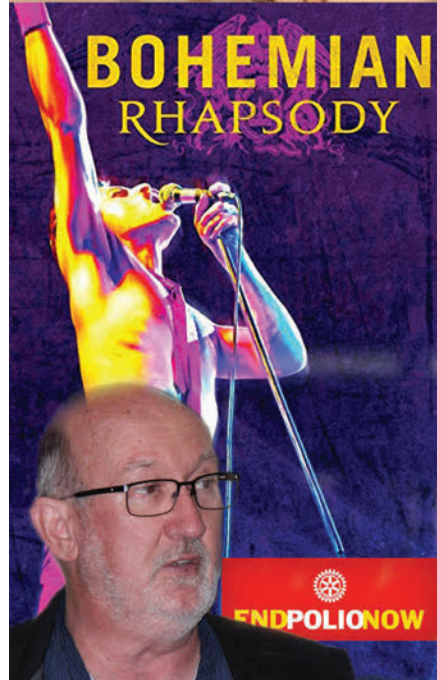
Club Sergeant 1985-1986
International Service Director 1986-1989

Goolam was a very popular member of the club. His reputation for delivering mystifying results in the clubs wine raffle still brings a smile to our longer serving members.

Goolam was a Gynecologist operating out of Wollongong hospital. Through his contacts at Wollongong hospital Goolam was able to gain us access to the Baby Capsule Service then run by the hospital. That Baby Capsule service is still a part of our Community Service programme.

During the Rotary year 2006-2007 Goolam resigned due to ill health and at his last meeting he was given honorary membership. He later relocated to Melbourne.

He was a gentle, thoughtful and warm person and we were privileged & honoured to have had him as a member of our club.



CLUB MEETINGS



CHANGEOVER 2018

Deborah Dixon, Cringila Public School, receiving a cheque from DGE Di North OAM for the Permaculture Partners Project



Pres. Jessica presenting President's Chain to Prof. Helen Hasan

Pres. Jessica Gnata



PP Jessica Gnata and President Prof. Helen Hasan

Rose Pope presenting wine to winner of raffle PP Bruce Inglis



PAUL HARRIS FELLOW



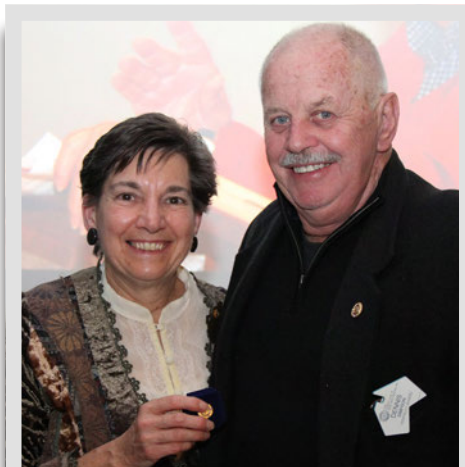
In appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world.

Netty Broekman - PHF



Netty Broekman - PHF

DGE Di North OAM and
Dennis Simpson - PHF Sapphire



SOME OF OUR SPECIAL EVENTS



Car Observation Drive

Pam Halcrow & Rose Pope and Bob & Sam Armessen. Presented with prize by PP Nett Broekman



Ride for Rotary 2019 to support youth at risk in the Illawarra Rotary Club of West Wollongong Wobbly Wheelers Team Arthur Booth, Roberto Gianpieri and Rose Pope



Rotary Mental Health Hat Day

Dieter Glaser, Pres. Prof. Helen Hasan, winner of best hat **Jane Lee** & Yvonne Roberts



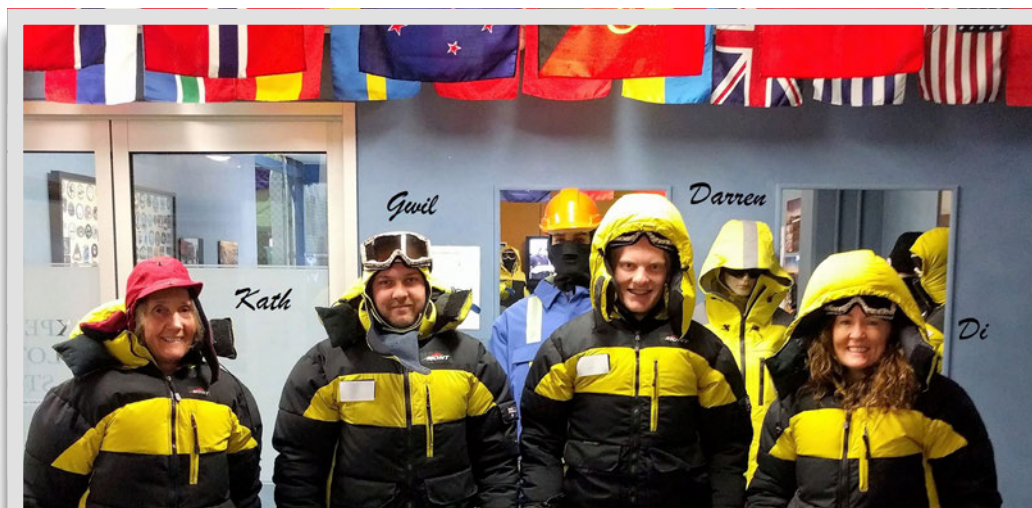
SOME OF OUR SPECIAL EVENTS



Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal
Joanne Glaser, Dieter Glaser and David North OAM



Dr Darren Koppel - Experiences & research activities in Antarctica



Car Observation Drive
PP Netty announcing winners at Albert Cachia's "little bit of paradise"



HONOUR ROLL

PAST PRESIDENTS

Charter 1964	Elwyn Mackay	1992-1993	Michael Campbell
1965-1966	Alan Reid	1993-1994	Bill Whitting
1966-1967	Jack Poel	1994-1995	Darryl Pearce
1967	Neville Trotter	1995-1996	Michael Mitchell
1968	Elwyn Mackay	1996-1997	Arthur Booth
1968-1969	Bill Shoobert	1997-1998	Ross Willmot
1969-1970	Ron King	1998	Arthur Booth
1970-1971	Roger Kee	1998-1999	Albert Cachia
1971-1972	Doug Gorrell	1999-2000	Patrick Roberts
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

DISTRICT GOVERNOR

2005-2006	Patrick Roberts OAM
2008	Patrick Roberts OAM

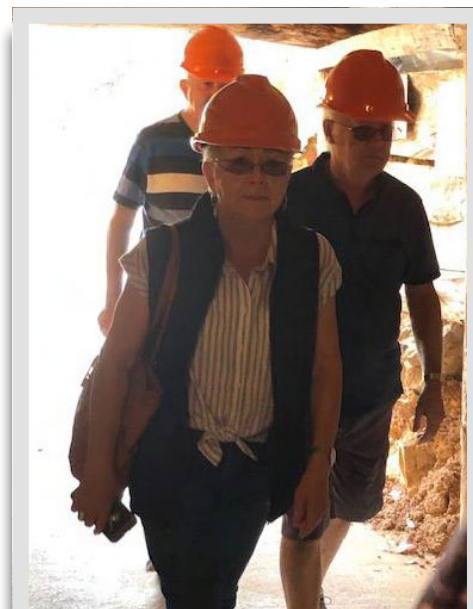
DISTRICT SECRETARY

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

PP Bruce Inglis



Coral Erickson & fellow cavers



WEEKLY PROGRAM JULY 2018 TO JUNE 2019



Date	Topic & Speaker	Date	Topic & Speaker
4-Jul-18	Antarctica Research <i>Dr Darren Koppel</i>	2-Jan-19	No Meeting
11-Jul-18	Meeting of 3 committees 1. Club Administration 2. Club Service/ Humanitarian (CSWG) 3. Enhancing Public Image (PR), Youth and Foundation	9-Jan-19	Videos and discussion on District merger
18-Jul-18	RI President video <i>Board Meeting</i>	16-Jan-19	Committee Meetings
25-Jul-18	Ordervous - a marketplace sharing home cooked meals within our community <i>Brett Murray</i>	23-Jan-19	Assembly/ Committees Board Meeting
1-Aug-18	Twenty minutes with Anne Christensen	30-Jan-19	"Every child has a future" <i>James Allen</i>
8-Aug-18	Club Assembly	6-Feb-19	Club Assembly
15-Aug-18	Board Meeting	13-Feb-19	PDG <i>Stephen Humphreys</i>
22-Aug-18	Combined clubs meeting with District Governor, <i>Sue Hayward</i>	20-Feb-19	<i>Jade Hutchinson</i> - UoW Researcher Part 1 and II <i>Board Meeting</i>
29-Aug-18	Club Assembly	27-Feb-19	Citizenship Night <i>Partner's Night</i>
5-Sept-18	Meeting of 3 committees: 1. Support & Strengthening Clubs 2. Focus & Increase Humanitarian Service 3. Enhance Public Image & Awareness	6-Mar-19	Alex Trauth-Goik - UoW Researcher Part II of II "China's Xinjiang: The New Frontier of Surveillance" <i>Committee Meetings</i>
12-Sept-18	A Personal view of the Middle East <i>Dr Helen Hasan</i>	13-Mar-19	DGE Di North OAM - "Where to from here!"
19-Sept-18	Meeting of 3 committees: 1. Support & Strengthening Clubs 2. Focus & Increase Humanitarian Service 3. Enhance Public Image & Awareness <i>Board Meeting</i>	20-Mar-19	Board Meeting
26-Sept-18	<i>John Monteleone</i> , Gallery Program Director, Wollongong Art Gallery "Wollongong Art Gallery : 40yrs of Art & Culture	27-Mar-19	Social evening at Aqua Cafe Wollongong - <i>Milan Stanojevic</i>
3-Oct-18	Committee meetings	3-Apr-19	Federal Budget Overview Report on the outback NSW trip Meeting of 2019/2020 Board
10-Oct-18	Hat Day for Australian Rotary Health	10-Apr-19	Prospective members' information night <i>Barry Stevens</i> <i>Phillip Martin</i> - UoW/RC WW John Chaplin Memorial Scholarship recipient 2019
17-Oct-18	Committee meetings	17-Apr-19	Philippines medical/dental mission <i>Stephen Swan</i>
24-Oct-18	East Timor to Afghanistan - <i>Glenn Kolomeitz</i> - ex Australian Army Legal Officer World Polio Day	24-Apr-19	No Meeting - ANZAC DAY
31-Oct-18	Assistant District Governor visit <i>Frank Pezzimenti</i>	1-May-19	<i>Steve Goodley</i> - Permaculture Gardens as a means of Education and Engagement
7-Nov-18	Christmas Party at Twenty Twenty Restaurant Wollongong Tafe	8-May-19	<i>Club Assembly</i>
14-Nov-18	Club Assembly	15-May-19	<i>Helen Hasan</i> - a quick tutorial on using links to Google Drive and great ways to store and retrieve data.
21-Nov-18	Days for Girls - <i>Dorothy Bahlmann</i> <i>Board Meeting</i>	22-May-19	<i>Dr Rowena Morris</i> - Ranger, National Parks & Wildlife Service: Working with penguin colonies on the Five Islands
28-Nov-18	AGM Q & A Session	29-May-19	20 minutes with <i>Dennis Simpson</i>
5-Dec-18	"The Rotary Foundation - Your Gift of Life" PDG <i>Stephen Humphreys</i>	5-Jun-19	Creating Grand Stories on Video. Venue: UoW Innovation Campus
12-Dec-18	Para Meadows School Presentation <i>Committee meetings</i>	12-Jun-19	Wild West Adventures - members recent trip to deliver hampers to Lightning Ridge area
19-Dec-18	Last Meeting - Fun night	19-Jun-19	<i>Deb Dixon</i> - Permaculture Project: Cringila Public School
26-Dec-18	No Meeting	26-Jun-19	Club Changeover



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”

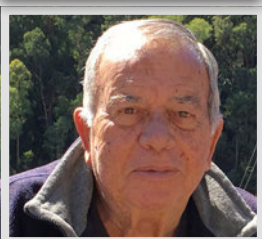
Citation 2015-16

(Carole PHF)

Screenprinting/

Signwriting

Inducted 1 June 1966

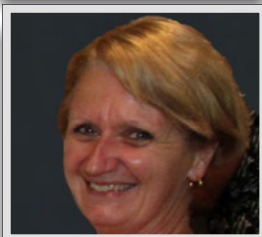


Albert Cachia PP

(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

(Deceased 14 April 2019)

(Babs)

Automobile Spare Parts

Inducted 1 Aug 1972

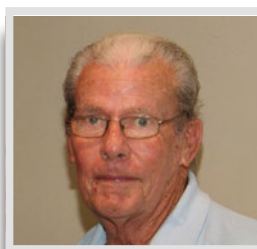


Prof. Aditya Ghose

(Hui Ling)

Computer Sciences

Inducted 31 Dec 2005



Marcel Benson PP PHF⁺⁺

(Bev)

Electricity Services Distribution

Inducted 1 Aug 1972



Netty Broekman PP PHF

(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 2003

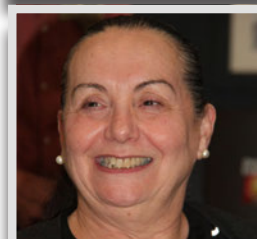


John Erickson PP PHF

(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 President PHF+

Information Technology

Inducted 19 Oct 2011



Bruce Inglis PP PHF

(Gail PHF)

Rubber Stamp Manufacture

Inducted 1 Apr 1994



Ray Lee PHF PE

(Jane)

Chemical Manufacturing

Inducted 5 Mar 2014



Tom O'Toole

(Christine)

Chemical Engineering

Inducted 3 Jun 2015



Rose Pope PHF

Secondary Education

Inducted 16 May 2012



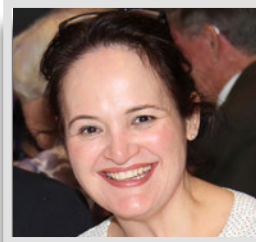
Patrick Roberts OAM PDG PP PHF+

RI "Service Above Self" Award 2016-2017

(Yvonne PHF)

Banking, Area Management

Inducted 1 June 1994



Jessica Gnata PP

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



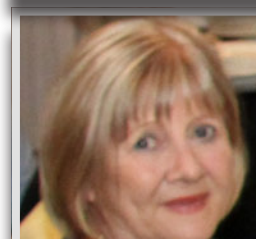
Di North OAM

DGE PP PHF

(David)

Oncology Pharmacy

Inducted 15 Feb 2017



Marilyn Phillips PP PHF+

(Peter)

Hospital Services, Nursing

Inducted 15 Nov 1999

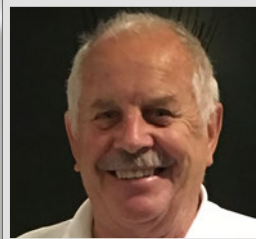


Ken Potter PP PHF+

(Jean)

Frozen Food, Retail

Inducted 30 Jun 2000



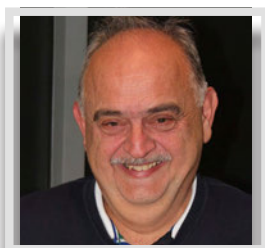
Dennis Simpson PP PHF++

(Lynne)

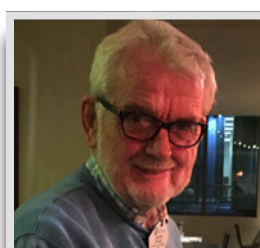
Hotel Management

Inducted 11 July 2007

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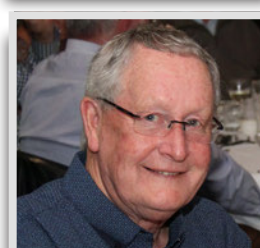
Milan Stanojevic
HR Management
Inducted 6 May 2015



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

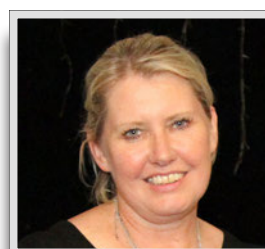


Stephen Swan
(Lee)
Strata Management
Inducted 17 April 2019
(previous member of Rotary Club
of Illawarra Sunrise)

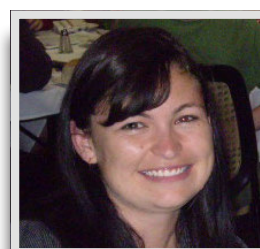


Noel Watt PP PHF
(Caroline)
Credit Unions
Inducted 1 Jan 1978

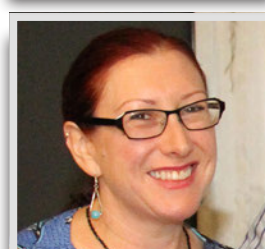
FRIENDS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST WOLLONGONG



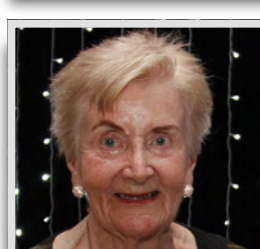
Janet Crakanthorp
Introduced 9 Dec 2015



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



Yvonne Walker
HR Consulting
(Paul)
Inducted 25 June 2014



Adelle Chaplin
Inducted

Fellowship Dinner



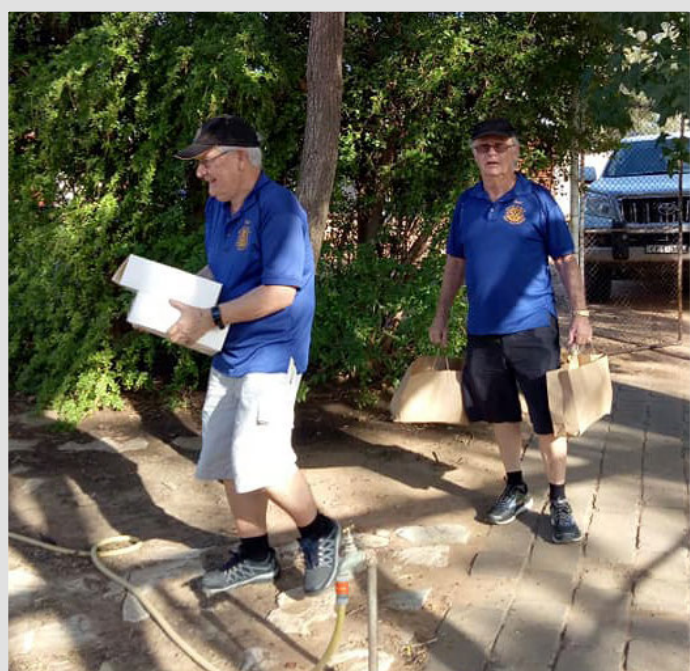
Lightning Ridge and the Drought Effort

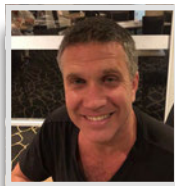
The Rotary Club of Lightning Ridge has 16 members who have been working extremely hard for 3 or 4 years to help the farmers in the drought stricken outlying area. Our club and the Charles Hotel donated funds to their efforts and 8 of us drove up and spent a few days there to see for ourselves how desperate the situation is.

Lightning Ridge is a fascinating place to visit. We enjoyed having dinner and helping sell raffle tickets with the Rotarians on the Federal election weekend.

Our donation was used to provide hampers of groceries, especially meat. We were fortunate enough to not only meet a few families but to also be taken out to three properties. All resembled rocky deserts and owners were struggling to feed what animals they had left. Not only is there a lack of suitable fodder, the transportation costs are prohibitive.

It was sad but the farmers and wives we met were deeply grateful for all that Rotary has been doing for them over the last few years and expressed their appreciation for our making the effort to not only contribute financially but to also drive up, help deliver parcels, talk to them and spend money in the area to help the whole community.





Rotary road-trip in country NSW ... An edited version of the travel log provided by **Dimitri Cachia**

Dad & my first stop was Lithgow, on the other side of Blue Mountains after leaving Maianbar at 7.30am, Monday 25th March. A small nature park with (a strange mix of) dingoes, geese and wallabies in dense bushland behind Lithgow (secretcreekcafe.com) provided our first lunch as a group, which was fully vegan, copious and delicious.

Two nights in Mudgee, the first afternoon (after Lithgow) we visited Aril Estates (<http://www.arilestate.com>) near Mullamuddy, a pomegranates/olive oil/jams farm run by old Greeks from Sydney and then some quiet time back at the motel with a small swimming pool and dinner together at the motel restaurant.

The second day we visited honey farms (mudgeehoneyhaven.com.au) followed by a small hazelnut operation (gourmethazelnuts.com.au) then a tasting at a Mudgee winery; (viniferawines.com.au) which was also a whisky & fortified-wines distillery. Lunch was a delicious "cheese, meats and pizza" affair at another Mudgee winery (burnbraewines.com.au), and then quiet-time at the motel was again very welcome before dinner (at Kelly's Irish Pub).

Leaving Mudgee on Wednesday morning northbound for Gulgong, we went back-in-time to the pioneer/historical museum which was so extensive; it was surprising that it wasn't located in Sydney's Rocks or another major city. Coffee & quiches with just Dad & I around the corner, we were then on the road to Dubbo. Another massive platter-lunch at the leafy outdoor "Alchemy Cafe" on arriving in town, Dad and I avoided wines & beers at lunch because there was always so much more to come. Although it was heating up, the old Dubbo Gaol, another historical marvel occupied our afternoon and Dad (plus others in the group) helped a lot to make it possible for me too. Quiet time at the motel (including a swim and my prior weekend's newspapers), dinner was nicely just upstairs at the motel so there was no challenge stumbling back afterwards to our room downstairs.

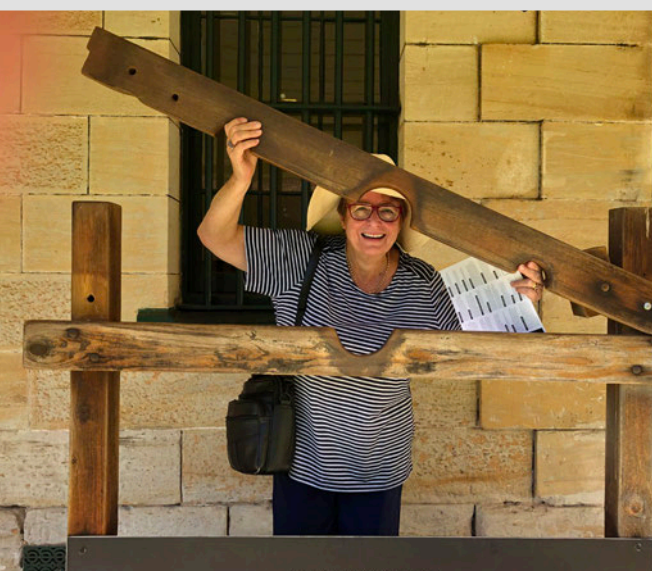
Thursday morning's visit to the organic & sustainable pig farm (extraordinarypork.com.au) was definitely a highlight of the week, and the country-hospitality and fascinating lecture by the young farmer and his 16 year-old, year-11 high-school student farm-hand were captivating for us all. Another winery for lunch (redearthestate.com.au/www/), the Chinese-Australian hosts served dumplings which were a change, plus cheese platters to kick us off. A few hours off before dinner across the road at a Thai restaurant, the next morning's breakfast was slightly hastier than usual as we were on the road early, heading south.

Leaving Dubbo for Cowra, we stopped at Wellington Caves & Phosphate mines (wellingtoncaves.com.au), just south of the town of Wellington, 100km directly West of Mudgee, 120km North East of Parkes - probably the other top highlight of the week. Operating throughout the late 1800s until the end of WW1 (when demand for phosphate decreased), the mines and un-mined surrounding caves we're fascinatingly rich in mineral, fossil and historical richness and our tour guide's passion for his subject blew us all away. Dad's expertise and general knowledge and my endless curiosity & questions were met with enthusiastic responses from the wise host. The local council had reconstructed some dinosaur and mega-fauna bones and there was even flourishing birdlife in the caves. Driving further south towards Cowra, staying West of Orange, East of Parkes but through Canowindra, we lunched at Cowra Japanese Gardens Cafe (cowragarden.com.au). Then before checking-in (to the only hotel of the trip staying just one night), we visited the WW2 Prison Breakout exhibition at the visitors centre (visitcowra.com.au/pow-the-breakout) for a very moving "hologram" experience of life in Cowra during the Second World War. The Cowra breakout occurred on 5 August 1944, when at least 1,104 Japanese prisoners of war attempted to escape from a prisoner of war camp near Cowra, in New South Wales, Australia. It was the largest prison escape of World War II, as well as one of the bloodiest. Welcomed quiet-time in the motel, gardens & pool on our last afternoon together, more wine & cheese by the pool until it rained then under the awning thanks to Bob & Sam's great organising, before dinner at the pub across the road tonight.

Another great trip away with a wonderful group of Rotarians! Nice to see those I've met at previous Rotary functions and events; great to meet new folk for the first time. Thanks to everyone who helped me out in any way.

Dimitri







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Congratulations Di and David. West Wollongong Club is very proud of you.

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Dual Order of Australia honour for Di and David North

For David and Di North, volunteering has been a family affair. So therefore it was only fitting the Mount Pleasant couple would be honoured with their OAMs together. "It's really special," Di said.

Both were nominated by good friend and fellow OAM Bill Dowson. The couple, who owned Harrison's Pharmacy in the Mall for 20 years, have a long history of volunteering.

They met while training in pharmacy at university and have been married almost 45 years.

For the Norths, community involvement has been an experience they've shared with their sons Greg and Jono and their four grandkids,

"Our kids went through scouting and now our grand daughter's doing it so now David's still out there helping with the cub pack at Dapto," Di said.

"We've made lots and lots of friends and you get back far more than what you give. "Volunteering leads to a better respect of people and a better understanding of people, I think," David said. "And I think it keeps you healthy."

David is a life member and former long-time president of the Illawarra Basketball Association, a life member of the Illawarra Pharmacists Association, Wollongong's 2018 Senior Citizen of the Year and has had a wide range of roles in Scouts Australia.

Di has been a long-time score bench official with local and NBL basketball and has held numerous roles in Rotary through the Rotary Club of Sunrise.

Di will be Rotary's District Governor for 2019-20 overseeing all clubs in the Illawarra and beyond. This will see David play a supporting role in what is a huge commitment, where Di supported David in a lot of his roles earlier.

They both volunteered during the Sydney Olympics and Paralympics and Di actually did the score bench for the gold medal basketball game at the Paralympics between the Netherlands and Canada.

