



ROTARY CLUB OF WEST WOLLONGONG INC. NEW SOUTH WALES AUSTRALIA

(CHARTERED 23 MARCH 1964)

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 9675

ANNUAL REPORT 2016/2017

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.



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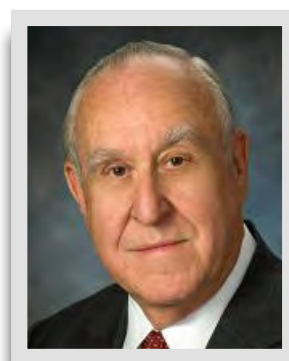
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- Ride 4 Rotary PP Michael Crowley

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- Billy Cart Derby Jessica Gnata
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- RACS Awards PP John Erickson Dot Hennessy
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- Wings over Illawarra Brendan Bermingham

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- Promotions
- Social Media
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- District Literacy Project
- MUNA
- NYSF/Science Expo
- Road Safety Ed. Aust.
- Rotaract
- RYE/Ryla/ADV.Ryla
- School Liaison
- UoW Scholarship PP Michael Crowley

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- ARH (incl. PhD scholar) PP Michael Crowley
- Centurion Club PP Arthur Booth
- Education
- Future Vision Program
- Pacific Literacy Project
- Peace Scholar/Lecture
- PolioPlus
- RAM/RAWCS/ROMAC
- ShelterBox
- VTT
- All other Fdn/Int Projects

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PP Ken Potter
Tom O'Toole

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District 9675 Bulletin Editor
Wings Over Illawarra (WOI)
Port Kembla Billy Cart Derby
Group F & H PR Committee
RSE (Road Safety Education)
RSE (Road Safety Education)
Imagination Library Illawarra



District Governor
Stephen Humphreys



Assistant Governor
Sue Clark



President
Jim Christensen

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2016/2017

Wow what a year, it's always better second time around, may I suggest others try and experience a second year. I would like to thank **Secretary and PE Jessica** for her kind and professional assistance in standing in for me many times whilst I was enjoying travels.

Again, one of my learning experiences was to see how so many members spend so much of their own quality time silently conducting **Rotary** business that many members would not be aware of, there is no need to mention these great folk as they know who they are. To my Board, I thank you for making my year so easy and to all the members, thanks for **just being Rotarians**.

Some highlights during the year.

- Succession Plan, PE/PN and beyond
- Rotary Emergency Services Awards
- District Combined meeting, Paragliding adventure - Ken Hutt
- The history of Centro
- Mad Hat meeting
- District Conference
- Wild West Girls great outback trek
- Joanne unusual German currency
- Our Christmas party
- Movie night
- Australia Day
- Congratulations to Patricks OAM
- Australian Citizenship ceremony
- Arthurs fantastic donation of fishing line/hook bins
- Peace Oration
- MUNA
- School of St Jude
- The Great Debate
- Cook Island Project
- Wings over Illawarra
- Ride 4 Rotary
- DG Nominee Di North
- Membership Initiative meeting

Thank you all.

JIM CHRISTENSEN
PRESIDENT 2016/2017

Board Members 2016/2017

L to R. Pres. Jim Christensen, Ray Lee, Nerida Smith, Brendan Bermingham, Jessica Gnata, Tim Koppel, Dr Helen Hasan, Joanne Glaser, Ken Potter and Marilyn Phillips,



Citizenship Night 2017



Jessica Gnata and Lord Mayor Gordon Bradbury OAM
with new Australian citizen Shiva Pedram



Jim Christensen exchanging banners with President
of Rarotonga Rotary Club - Cook Islands



District Governor's visit



District Governor's visit

President Jim Christensen with
District Governor Stephen Humphreys and his wife, Judith



COOK ISLANDS



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Some members from the Rotary Club of West Wollongong, under the leadership of Rtn. Bob Armessen, travelled to Rarotonga to present a container full of medical, educational and sporting equipment.



It has been a privilege to serve as **Treasurer** on the board of such a vibrant club, which puts into practice, the maxim of **"service above self"**. It would be remiss of me, not to thank my illustrious predecessors whose processes I have simply followed.

It has been another active year in the life of our club, and it gives me pleasure to highlight income and expenditure resulting from the activities of the members of our club. I would also like to take the opportunity of recognising the **generous support from not only members of the community, but donations by club members**, whose anonymity has been requested.

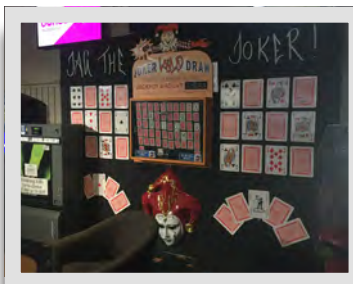
Special mention to **Bob Armessen** and his team. Their efforts are conservatively recognised financially, below. The container of medical supplies, paint and much more, was personally and selflessly, offloaded by Bob and his team at the **Cook Islands**, and dominates the club's **International Service** efforts.

Income	\$
Donations for Cook Islands	65,000
Charles Hotel Raffle	9,000
Wollongong City Council - Australia Day	5,600
Barbeques	5,500
Wings over Illawarra in lieu of Services provided by Club	2,000
Grant Rotary	3,500
RYDA Donations: Rotary Clubs Corrimal, Kiama, and Shellharbour	2,000
Other donations	2,000
Specific Fundraising for Polio plus - Incl Hat night, "Jim's Tins", and Movie night.	1,500

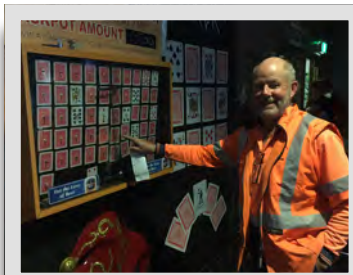
Expenditure	
International Service	
Cook Island Supplies incl medical equipment and paint	65,000
Shipping costs of Cook Islands' container	6,000
Rotary Foundation (including Centurion and Polio Plus)	5,500
School of St Jude Tanzania	3,000
Sky's the Limit Fund	2,000
Rotarians Against Malaria	2,000
Disability Aid	1,000
Mercy Ships	1,000
Interplast	1,000
Australian Rotary Health	1,000
Model United Nations Sponsorship (MUNA)	1,000
Ride for Rotary	500

Community Service:	
RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness)	3,500
Wollongong Hospital Neo-Natal Unit	2,000
Para Meadows School	2,000
Disability Trust Concert in the Park	1,700
Youth projects incl RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award)	1,500
Imagination Library	1,000
Wesley Church Christmas Dinner	750
Citizenship Ceremony	750
Exsight Tandems	500
YOTS (Youth off the Streets)	500
Razzmatazz Children's Festival - Rotary Club Fairy Meadow	300

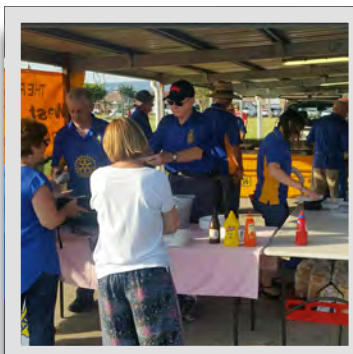
Joker Draw - Charles Hotel



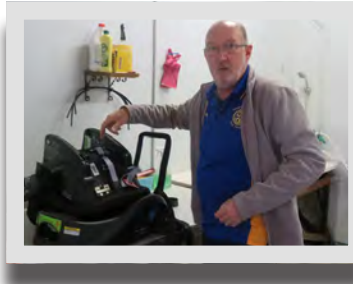
One of our many friends at the Charles Hotel



BBQ - Tom O'Toole and Arthur Booth



Baby Capsules - Paul Lee



My thanks to all the club members, as well as the board, for the support provided during the year. 2017/2018 is shaping up to provide even more opportunities to do what our club does best.

TIM KOPPEL
TREASURER 2016/2017



The aim of **Club Administration** is to maintain the effective operations of the Club. We have had another fantastic year and I would like to start by thanking club members for their contribution to our outstanding success. We are lucky in our club to have a team of dedicated members and this makes my portfolio as **Club Administration Director** an enjoyable and fruitful endeavour. I would like to thank my **wonderful committee** for their continued efforts for without their support our Club would not function with the ease and success that it does.

BULLETIN - HELEN HASAN AND ADITYA GHOSE

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

PROGRAM - JOHN ERICKSON

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

ATTENDANCE - MARILYN PHILLIPS

I continue to maintain our attendance and forward the hours our Club members dedicate to **Rotary to District 9675**. We average between 500-700 hours per week.

SERGEANT - DENNIS SIMPSON

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

SOCIAL EVENTS - NETTY BROEKMANN

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

RISK MANAGEMENT - MARILYN PHILLIPS

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

In closing, I would like to thank all the **Committee Chairpersons and Committee members** for their wonderful contributions. Without such dedicated members we would not be able to continue at the high level that has become the norm in this Club.

PP MARILYN PHILLIPS

DIRECTOR - CLUB ADMINISTRATION 2016/2017



The **Rotary Club of West Wollongong** certainly has been a very busy one in the past year. With so many projects and fundraisers on the go at any one time, it really is a club that **needs a strong membership base**. At a time when many clubs are not only struggling to attract new members, but also retain the ones they have, it is testimony to the strength of our club that we have managed to retain members, even if recruiting new members has proven challenging. We have finished the year with **35 members and 1 friend of Rotary**.

It is pleasing that our club has committed to being on the front foot in relation to looking at how we can do things better. How we can make our club, and **Rotary** in general, more attractive to existing and potential new members. I have made the analogy in the past, that while the best form of cricket may be the 5 day game, the survival of that game required major changes. The same applies to Rotary, that while the way it once was may be the best form of the game, we do need major changes to ensure our survival.

It is not so long ago that **Rotary** was a men only organisation, and wow how times have changed, especially at our club. I am very proud that we can say that **40% of our members are female**, and I cannot imagine our club being where it is today without them. I was approached by a gentleman with a perplexed look on his face, saying to me quizzically "Are there women in your club?" He was so surprised; as he had thought that **Rotary** was men only. I guess it goes to show that we still have a way to go, to explain what and who **Rotary** is.

Finally, I must say a big thank you to our **Board of Directors** for their, **Leadership, Support and Friendship**. They have played a major part in ensuring that the club remains strong and vibrant.

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 Jessica**, and our **new Membership Director Barry**, that the club's future membership growth is in great hands.

BRENDAN BERMINGHAM
DIRECTOR- MEMBERSHIP 2016/2017

We welcomed Di North, who transferred from Illawarra Sunrise Club, as a member of our Club this year.





Our 2016/17 **Club Community Services** was a solid endeavour with many challenges for all Club members, however as always, all hands enabled a smooth and effective ability to achieve our aims, to raise awareness, raise funds and to have fun.

The projects are listed in no order of importance.

- **AUSTRALIA DAY EVENT.** This is our fourth year of involvement with the event and it was well supported by all members. Thanks all for achieving a great result raising \$5,575 on the day. This was my first year in charge and a big challenge. The very successful outcome was only possible through the continued support and guidance from President Jim and all others involved. The scope of our role in this event continues to increase, and we anticipate a successful tender for 2018 will provide an increased return, commensurate with the input involved.
- **BABY CAPSULES.** The Baby Capsule Rental project has become more of a community service rather than a fund raising venture. We have downscaled hours to two hours Saturdays only due to drop in demand. In this last year it was necessary to purchase new liners as the liners in the original capsule purchase were no longer suitable for rental. This purchase made a dent in our profits but we were still able to donate funds to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Wollongong Hospital.
- **BBQ EVENTS.** A wide cross section of Club members contribute their time and energy to these activities. The focus has evolved into two main categories:
 - o ex gratia provision of barbeque foods for worthy events eg Disability Trust Day at TIGS.
 - o simplified fundraisers such as regular Bunnings days. Commencing on ANZAC Day we have a series of slots at about one month intervals into the coming year.

Other events supported were the **Lord Mayor's Picnic** and **Carols by Candlelight** in **JJ Kelly Park**. Overall net barbeque income for the year contributed approximately \$3,500 to the Charity account.

Jessica Gnata presenting the 2016 Rise & Shine Environmental Award to Arthur Booth for the work undertaken in developing and organising the installation of the Fishing Line Disposal System at various places within the Illawarra area,

Dennis Simpson with Lord Mayor
Gordon Bradbury OAM at the launch of the Fishing Line
Disposal System



- **PORT KEMBLA BILLY CART.** This event has been rescheduled to September 2017 so no event took place in this reporting year. There is a possibility of the Club taking over this event as the **Port Kembla Chamber of Commerce** is under-resourced. Great work from **PE Jessica** has enabled this opportunity.
- **BOWEL SCAN.** Thanks to **John Erickson** and Club members, we delivered over 3000 flyers, distributed and topped up stocks of kits to our allocated pharmacies and sold kits to promote this worthy project which provides a great service to our community.
- **CHARLES HOTEL RAFFLE.** Under the ongoing stewardship of **Dennis Simpson**, we are still enjoying a friendly get together on Thursday evenings at the Charles. After a bumper start to the year, funds raised have returned to more normal levels with the Joker Draw being claimed more frequently. Overall income for the year was close to \$9,000.
- **CITIZENSHIP.** **PDG Patrick** and **PP Marilyn** have been the stalwarts behind this fantastic ongoing Community project with 13 new citizens inducted this year.

The new citizens are:

Sian Elizabeth MOORE -United Arab Emirates

Claudia ROGGE - Germany

Majid NAJAFIZEINI - Iran

Niels ROGGE - Germany

Shiva PEDRAM - Iran

Sven ROGGE - Germany

Richard Josef PRYOR - United States of America

Khay Wai SEE - Malaysia

Olivia Jane PRYOR - United States of America

Rachael Leanne REECE - United Kingdom

Sophia Elise PRYOR - United States of America

Stephen James STYLES - United States of America

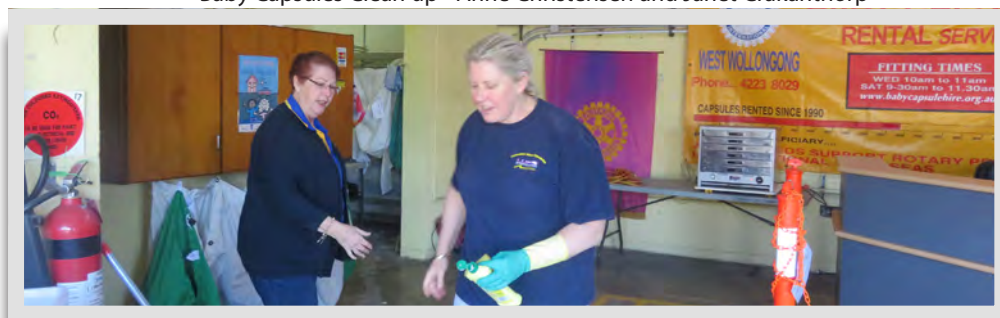
Deidre Jane PRYOR - United States of America

- **GRAND STORIES.** The Grand Stories project has been lower key recently. **PDG Patrick** and **John Chaplin** are monitoring interest.
- **WINGS OVER THE ILLAWARRA (WOI).** This year **WOI** task of parking Classic cars was once again managed successfully managed by Brendan and his team with funds raised despatched to Local Youth projects.
- **DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY.** With **ADG Sue Clark (Corrimal)**, **Treasurer David Guillaume (Fairy Meadow)** and **Registrations Tom O'Toole (West Wollongong)**, this combined **Rotary** clubs project is running exceptionally well with a great deal of positive feedback. Since its launch 4 years ago, there have been 244 children graduate at 5 years of age and there are currently 273 children from low socio-economic areas receiving a book in the mail monthly. These cost \$90 each per year and funding is constantly being sought.
- **RIDE FOR ROTARY.** This successful project has been running as a combined Rotary Clubs of the Illawarra project for the four years. This year we had 3 members (Brendan, Noel and Rose) ride in the event with 3 friends joining our team of **Wobbly Wheelers**. It was a fun day and raised about \$13,000 for **SYFS - Southern Youth and Family Services**. Thank you to all those who sponsored the riders.

RAY LEE

DIRECTOR - CLUB SERVICE 2016/2017

Baby Capsules Clean up - Anne Christensen and Janet Crakanthorp





Public Relations (PR) endeavours to make Rotary, and the events of the **Rotary Club of West Wollongong**, better known in the local community, with an eye to increasing membership. This year we are making sure that our own members are kept up to date with upcoming events, particularly those where help is needed. Our Calendar and Rosters are available online.

We also have made a concerted effort to see that the many successful events of the club are widely publicised. These have included our **District Conference, Peace Oration, School of St Jude (Tanzania) Australian Tour, Citizenship Ceremony, Great Debate, and the Cook Islands Project visit**. For the latter we received great local media coverage which can be seen in two articles in the Cook Islands News:

<http://www.cookislandsnews.com/national/local/item/64352-container-of-goodies-arrives-on-island>

<http://www.cookislandsnews.com/national/local/item/64432-paint-donation-set-to-brighten-up-hospital>

and a report on our contribution to the local community was aired on CITV and can be seen at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_HU40-b_on0

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

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

We have a Facebook page where many of our club members add to our online presence with pictures of recent events.

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

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

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

DR HELEN HASAN
DIRECTOR - PUBLIC RELATIONS 2016/2017

Peace Oration - Edmund Rice College



Our Club has continued its tradition of strong support of the **Youth Services Portfolio**. In December, the Club supported **Finn Woolley, of Warrawong High School**, to attend **The Honeywell Engineering Summer Science program at U.N.S.W.** Finn came back to the club and reported that the program reinforced his determination to go into aeronautical engineering.

The Club usually supports a student to **R.Y.P.E.N.** but this year we were not able to secure an applicant in time. Again, program changes and school holidays made procuring student applications difficult. **R.Y.P.E.N.** is a program for students who show potential, but who perhaps need “a gentle push”.

The Club has continued its support of the **R.S.E. Program[Road safety Education Australia]** formerly known as **R.Y.D.A. [Rotary Youth Driver Awareness]**. This valuable program sees 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 or Plan B**”, Road accident victims and **Emergency Services** personnel tell of the impact on their lives, as a result of motor vehicle accidents. Responsibilities such as registration and insurance are also covered in the program. The Program takes place over 4 weeks during August and September each year and gives benefits to some 1600 students in the Illawarra and, since its inception “**500,000 nationally as well as New Zealand**”, milestone was celebrated recently.

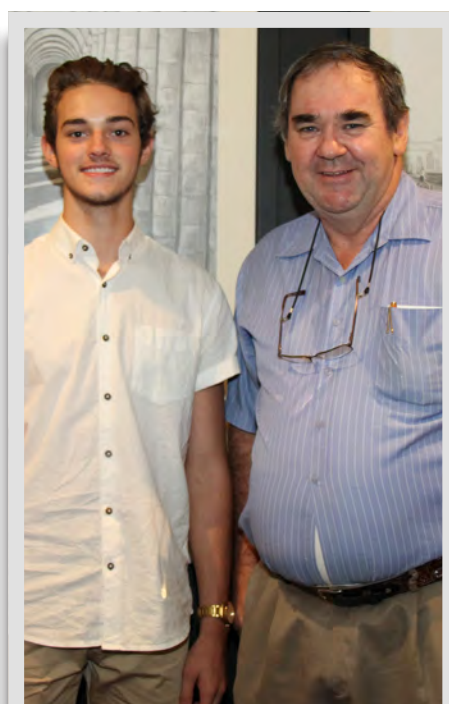
In December 2016, we had contacted **Gemma Curcio** and supported her application to **R.Y.L.A. [Rotary Youth Leadership Awards]**. This is a Program for 18-25 year olds, who show leadership potential and is often described by returning Rylarians as “**Life Changing**”. The Program took place at a venue near Springwood in mid-January and ran for a week. As part of the Program, Rylarians organize and present a luncheon on the Saturday and the experiences gained tend to become a highlight for Rotarians and Rylarians. Writing now in May 2017, Gemma subsequently completed the **R.Y.L.A.** course and reported back to the club in March.

The Club continues to support a **scholarship of \$2000/year for a student studying at UOW**. The current recipient of that support was unable to fulfil commitments and forfeited the scholarship. As part of a review, the amount of the scholarship was increased to **\$3000/year** and the vacancy is being filled.

Finn Woolley and Ken Potter



Gemma Curcio, a University student in her second year of a double degree of Law and International Studies, attended RYLA at Yarramundi in January 2017



The next **Rotary** program for youth is **Model United Nations Assembly [MUNA]** where the club supports a team. Students are encouraged to argue resolutions in a manner in which the country they represent might argue those same resolutions. 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**. At the time of writing a late application to attend this years' event has been supported for **Keira High School's second team** and they **won best costumed team** at the event.

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 2016/2017

MUNA - Keira High School representing Afghanistan with DG Stephen and Judith.
Winners of "Best Dressed" at MUNA



The Imagination Library - A child reads with Wollongong
Lord Mayor Gordon Bradbury OAM at Barnardos Warrawong.



The last 12 months have seen the **Foundation Portfolio** have some exciting events with increased numbers participating. We have had many insights and laughs during this time as well as continued education re the role of Foundation and our continuing learning about its role within **Rotary**.

Thanks to **Arthur Booth** for his solid and continuous dedication to the **Centurions** in our Rotary Club. This year we proposed that if a member joined **Centurions**, the Club would pay next year's contribution. This was taken up enthusiastically by Club members with over 30 members availing themselves of this opportunity and shows our continued and strong support of **Foundation**.

Our **Mad Hat Day** was a spontaneous event loosely organised to have fun and enjoy each other's company as well as raise money for **Mental Health Awareness**, a campaign dear to the heart of Foundation. In total some \$115 was raised by our Club members.



"**You Can Trust A Skinny Chef**" was the topic chosen for our **Great Debate**. Some small changes took place such as elevating our exceptional Time Keeper to Adjudicator and our esteemed Adjudicator to a member of one of the teams. For the Affirmative, the team comprised **Anne Christensen, Ken Potter and John Chaplin** and for the Negative, **Di North, Albert Cachia and Jessica Gnata**.

What a battle, **The Affirmative** led off with their own Donald Trump look alike **John Chaplin** and was then ably supported by **Anne Christensen** who brought her culinary skills and terminology to the debate and then **Ken Potter** who waxed lyrical in culinary prose. The **Negative team** who took the bit between their teeth and raised their sharpened paring knives, were not daunted at all and through diligent research and excellent debating skills, "carved up" the opposition!

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



EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR
MAKE A DIFFERENCE





March was a big month for us as we celebrated the return talk by our **PHD candidate Sarah Furlong**. It is always an informative and educational evening when we can listen to the developments of Sarah's subject and how it is progressing.

Our **Peace Oration**, which was held at **Edmund Rice College**, was a huge success. We had close to 100 people attend and listen to **Mr Phil Glendenning** talk about refugee welfare. It was an evening full of information, challenging ideas and rethinking of refugee care and resettlement. The evening also gave us time to ponder the future of refugees and the best practices in the eventual repatriation of them to their homelands when they become safe, stable and secure. This **Oration** would not have been the success it was without the determined and sustained hard work from both **Michael Campbell** and **Aditya Ghose**.

President of the Australian Council of Refugees, Phil Glendenning



Our club project to support the **Cook Islands** with items that the community urgently require has been made so successful by **Bob Armessen**. Without his vision, compassion and drive, the successful trip to the **Cook Islands** would not have eventuated. Items such as crutches, bandages, non-perishable medical supplies, sporting equipment, school desks, paint and many more items were packed into a container by members of the Club and sent to the **Cook Islands**. A number of members accompanied Bob to unpack the container and help distribute items as well as help with some repairs and painting. This was a wonderful opportunity to not only help some disadvantaged communities but enjoy some much needed "down" time and relaxation for our members.

All in all, the Foundation portfolio has had a successful year.

JOANNE GLASER

DIRECTOR - ROTARY FOUNDATION 2016/2017



YOUTH SUICIDE RESEARCH

Sarah Furlong

Using a multi-level nation-wide approach to improve the identification of young people at risk for suicide and motivate them to access and engage with appropriate treatment.

University of Wollongong, NSW

Awarded 2016

Co-funded by the Rotary Club of West Wollongong

Sarah Furlong is a PhD candidate in the **School of Medicine at the University of Wollongong**. Throughout 2014 Sarah developed a passion for research through her volunteer work as a Research Assistant.

Since the start of 2014 Sarah also developed her passion for service in suicide crisis intervention by volunteering as a Lifeline telephone crisis supporter.

Sarah completed her **Bachelor of Psychological Sciences (Hons)** in 2015. Her thesis investigated the biobehavioural, psychological and social determinants of accessing and engaging with telephone and online crisis support in suicidal crisis. Inspired by the work of **ReachOut**, Sarah has now extended her research interests to understand what young people do in response to different types of suicidal thoughts and the role that parents and other family members can play in improving treatment access and engagement for youth experiencing different types of suicidal.

CLUB MEETINGS



The Great Debate - Affirmative Team
L to R. Ken Potter, Anne Christensen and John Chaplin with Adjudicator PDG Patrick Roberts



COOK ISLANDS PROJECT



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"A container of medical supplies and equipment has been donated to Rarotonga by the Rotary Club of West Wollongong, Australia.

Fifteen Rotary members arrived on Rarotonga this week along with a container of goodies.

West Wollongong Rotary Club member Robert Armessen said on a recent holiday in Rarotonga, he was asked by the local Rotary Club if he could assist with bringing over some products for the island.

"Over the past 11 months we have collected medical gears, crutches, school seats, brand new health equipment, lots of sports uniforms, 200 boxes of school books and \$3500 worth of paint." He says they are supporting schools, clubs, clinics, government ministries, the Pa Enua and other organisations.

"A lot of the equipment was heading to the rubbish tip in Australia, but various Rotary Clubs intercepted it," he said.

Armessen says the worldwide organisation motto is "Service Above Self".

"We do things to help people, whether it's schools, families or clinics."

Rarotonga Rotary Club project co-ordinator Greg Amos said the materials will get distributed to the various ministries around the island.

"Each Rotary club has a responsibility to have some sort of overseas input and project. This is a joint project between Rotary Club of West Wollongong, Australia, and the Rotary Club of Rarotonga," Amos said.

Meanwhile, the Rotary club members of West Wollongong are in the Cook Islands for 10 days and will be spending four days in Aitutaki."





CHANGEOVER 2016

In recognition of the hard work and dedication of Michael and his hard-working and exceptional team at Centro CBD ... IPP Kerrie presented Michael with a Pride of Workmanship Award.



Pres. Kerrie presenting President's Chain to Jim Christensen

Gail and Bruce Inglis



AG Sue Clark announced three District RYDA PHFs, which were presented by DGE Stephen Britten to Marilyn Phillips, Harry Gooden and David Hooper



PAUL HARRIS FELLOW



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

PP Dr Kerrie Hayes-Willaims - PHF



PP Marilyn Phillips
PHF Sapphire

Tim Koppel
PHF Sapphire



PP Ken Potter
PHF Sapphire

DR Helen Hasan PHF



SOME OF OUR SPECIAL EVENTS

Rotary
District 9675

FOUNDATIONS for SUCCESS

conference
10-12 March 2017



DISTRICT 9675 CONFERENCE 2017

PDG PATRICK ROBERTS OAM WAS PRESENTED WITH A
"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"
AWARD FOR HIS WORK WITH
CRAM FOUNDATION AND ROTARY



PEACE ORATION - 22 MARCH 2017



RIDE 4 ROTARY - 21 MAY 2017



SOME OF OUR SPECIAL EVENTS



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



CPR Demonstration
Paul Adams, Training & Development Officer
from St John Ambulance and Albert Cachia



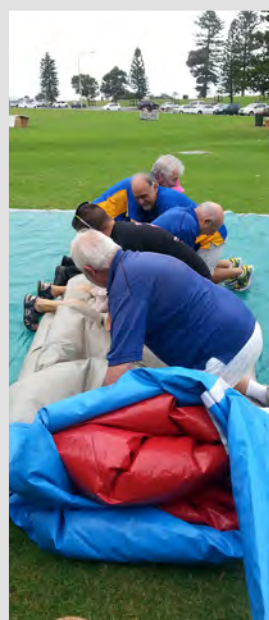
On behalf of the Rotary Club of West Wollongong, President Jim Christensen and Director Brendan Bermingham presented a cheque for \$3,000 to Gemma to assist with the continuation of the great work undertaken by the School of St Jude in Tanzania.



Rotary presentation to the Mini-Olympics at HARS.
Rear, from L to R: Toni Losinno, Brendan Bermingham, President
Jim Christensen and Matt Spence.
Front: Melinda Montgomery



Mothers Day Classic BBQ



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		
1991-1992	Brian Davis		

David Ferne- Minnamurra RC and
PDG Patrick Roberts - Emergency Services Expo

DISTRICT GOVERNOR

2005-2006	Patrick Roberts OAM
2008	Patrick Roberts OAM

DISTRICT SECRETARY

John Chaplin OAM 1984-1985
Jessie Blundell 2005-2006
DGN (Designate) Di North 2016-2017

DGN (Designate) Di North and Dr Helen Hasan



WEEKLY PROGRAM JULY 2016 TO JUNE 2017



Date	Topic & Speaker	Date	Topic & Speaker
6-Jul-16	Supporting and linking trade women <i>Fiona Shewing</i>	4-Jan-17	No Meeting
13-Jul-16	Club Assembly Board Meeting	11-Jan-17	Important changes to Strata Law <i>Angela Capri</i>
20-Jul-16	Getting Older/Getting Better <i>Maggie Sydenham</i>	18-Jan-17	DIK (Donations in Kind) for RAWCS <i>Keith Roffey - National Manager</i>
27-Jul-16	Senior Rights Services <i>Melisa Camperlin</i>	25-Jan-17	Club Assembly & Board Meeting
3-Aug-16	Cook Islands Project <i>Bob Armessen</i>	1-Feb-17	PolioPlus Fundraiser Movie Night "Hidden Figures"
10-Aug-16	Paragliding Adventure <i>Ken Hutt</i>	8-Feb-17	Update on Surrogacy Laws <i>Linda Wright DGB Lawyers</i>
17-Aug-16	Visit by District Governor <i>DG Stephen Humphreys</i>	15-Feb-17	Understanding Different Personalities in Service Organisations <i>Kate Quinlivan - Qulture</i>
24-Aug-16	Importance of your will & develop- ments involving blended families <i>AG David Burrows</i>	22-Feb-17	Citizenship Night <i>Partner's Night</i>
31-Aug-16	Volunteers - Speak on something not known about themselves - <i>Tom O'Toole, Ray & Paul Lee, Albert Cachia, Tim Koppel</i>	1-Mar-17	Australian Rotary Health <i>Fayez Nour</i>
7-Sept-16	The History of CENTRO Restaurant <i>Rob Specogna</i>	8-Mar-17	Disabled Surfers Association <i>Ian Picton</i>
14-Sept-16	The History of the Dion Family in the Illawarra - <i>Les Dion</i>	15-Mar-17	Update on Research Project Youth Suicide - <i>Sarah Furlong</i>
21-Sept-16	Board Meeting	22-Mar-17	Peace Oration <i>Phil Glendenning</i>
28-Sept-16	"Wild West Girls" Dis-aster <i>Rose, Joanne & Helen</i> Board Meeting	29-Mar-17	School of St Jude <i>Gemma Sisia</i>
5-Oct-16	Hat Day for Australian Rotary Health <i>Joanne Glaser (Foundation Director)</i>	5-Apr-17	The Great Debate <i>Joanne Glaser</i>
12-Oct-16	Unusual German Currency <i>Joanne Glaser</i>	12-Apr-17	High Country Presentation <i>Rose Pope, Helen Hasan & Joanne Glaser</i>
19-Oct-16	Club Assembly and Board meeting	19-Apr-17	Club Assembly and Board Meeting
26-Oct-16	Mt Kembla Mining Heritage <i>Elizabeth Roberts</i>	26-Apr-17	Marriage Celebrant - <i>Sharon Cleaver</i> Board Meeting
2-Nov-16	CPR Demonstration <i>Lionel Fuller</i>	3-May-17	Exsight Tandems <i>Geoff Stratton & Peter Meers</i>
9-Nov-16	Legacy - History & Origins <i>Bob McClean</i>	10-May-17	The WEC.....Past. Present Future <i>Stuart Barnes</i>
16-Nov-16	Unsung Local Heros <i>Mark Anderson</i>	17-May-17	Board Meeting
23-Nov-16	AGM & Social Evening	24-May-17	Skies the Limit - Mini Olympics <i>Matt Spence</i>
30-Nov-16	Innovation and Entrepreneurship in a modern environment - <i>Elaine Saunders</i>	31-May-17	Meeting on initiatives to improve membership
7-Dec-16	Director of Rugby League Illawarra <i>Bob Millward OAM</i>	7-Jun-17	TV News..... Past, Present & Future <i>Geoff Phillips</i>
14-Dec-16	<i>Mr Tie-Man</i> <i>Ray Lee</i>	14-Jun-17	Marriage Celebrant <i>Sharon Cleaver</i>
21-Dec-16	Need a Feed - <i>Shaz Harrison-Shaw</i> Board Meeting	21-Jun-17	Illawarra Historical Society <i>Lorraine Neate - President</i>
28-Dec-16	No Meeting	28-Jun-17	Club Changeover



LIST OF CURRENT MEMBERS



Bob Armessen PHF

(June (Sam))

Strata Management

Inducted 1 Jan 1994



Brendan Bermingham PHF

Trophy Manufacture

Inducted 14 Oct 2009



Netty Broekman PP

(Ben)

Educational Services

Inducted 20 Jun 2002

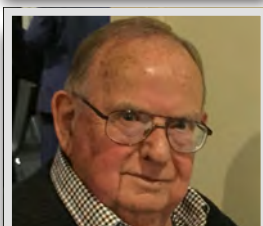


Michael Campbell PP PHF

(Louise)

Surveying

Inducted 1 May 1989



John Chaplin OAM PP PHF+

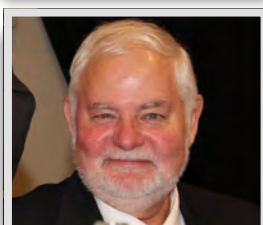
RI "4 Avenues of Service"

Citation 2009-10

(Adelle)

Steel Industry Law

Inducted 1 Jul 1975



Jim Christensen PAG PP PHF+

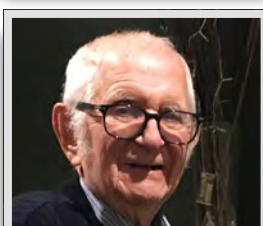
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(Anne PHF)

Marketing & Sales

Inducted 21 May 2008

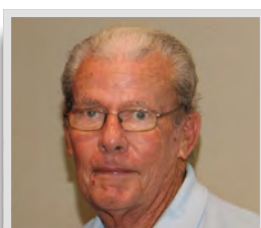


Brian Davis PP PHF

(Babs)

Automobile Spare Parts

Inducted 1 Aug 1972



Marcel Benson PP PHF+

(Bev)

Electricity Services Distribution

Inducted 1 Aug 1972



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

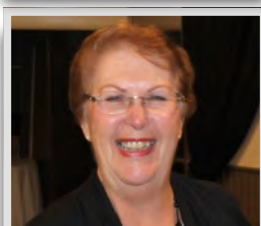


Angela Capri PHF

(Sal)

Strata Services

Inducted 14 May 2008



Anne Christensen PHF

(Jim PAG PP PHF+)

Hospital Services, Midwifery

Inducted 15 Feb 1997

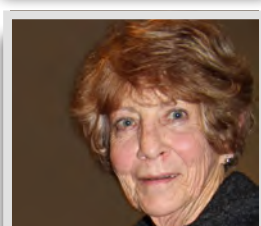


Michael Crowley PP PHF+

(Krys)

Financial Planning

Inducted 12 Nov 2008



Lyn Epps

(Joe)

Interior Design

Inducted 16 May 2012

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



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



Joanne Glaser
(Dieter)
Telecommunications
Inducted 20 May 2015



Jessica Gnata PE
Executive Coach
Inducted 17 Sept 2015



Dr. Helen Hasan PHF
Information Technology
Inducted 19 Oct 2011



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



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



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



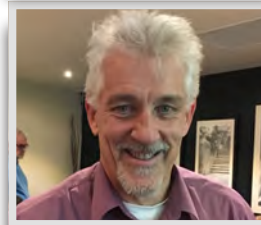
Ray Lee PHF
(Jane)
Chemical Manufacturing
Inducted 5 Mar 2014



Paul Lee
(Anna)
Civil Engineering
Inducted 17 Sept 2014



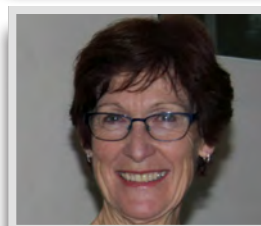
Di North DGN(Designate) PP PHF
(David)
Oncology Pharmacy
Inducted 15 Feb 2017



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



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



Rose Pope PHF
(Barry)
Secondary Education
Inducted 16 May 2012

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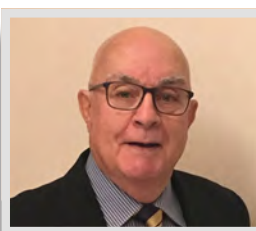


Ken Potter PP PHF+

(Jean)

Frozen Food, Retail

Inducted 30 Jun 2000



Patrick Roberts OAM

PDG PP PHF+

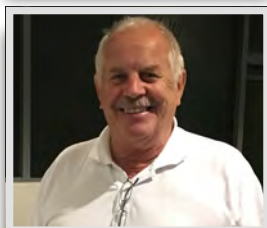
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Award 2016-2017

(Yvonne PHF)

Banking, Area Management

Inducted 1 June 1994

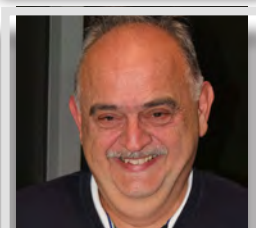


Dennis Simpson PP PHF+

(Lynne)

Hotel Management

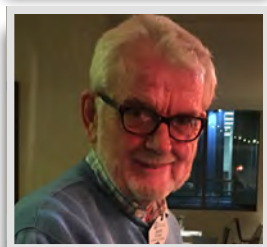
Inducted 11 July 2007



Milan Stanojevic

HR Management

Inducted 6 May 2015

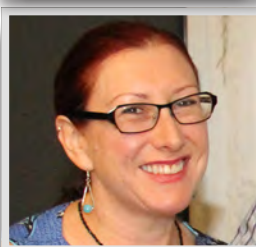


Barry Stevens PP PHF

(Nikki)

Computer Programming

Inducted 30 Nov 2011



Yvonne Walker

HR Consulting

(Paul)

Inducted 25 June 2014



Noel Watt PP PHF

(Caroline)

Credit Unions

Inducted 1 Jan 1978

FRIEND OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST WOLLONGONG



Janet Crakanthorp

Introduced 9 Dec 2015

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2016



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