



ROTARY CLUB OF WEST WOLLONGONG INC. NEW SOUTH WALES AUSTRALIA

(CHARTERED 23 MARCH 1964)

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 9750

ANNUAL REPORT 2012/2013

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?

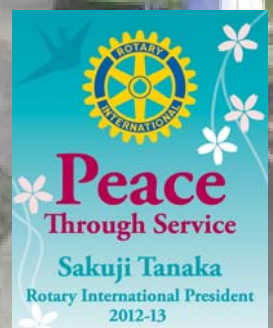
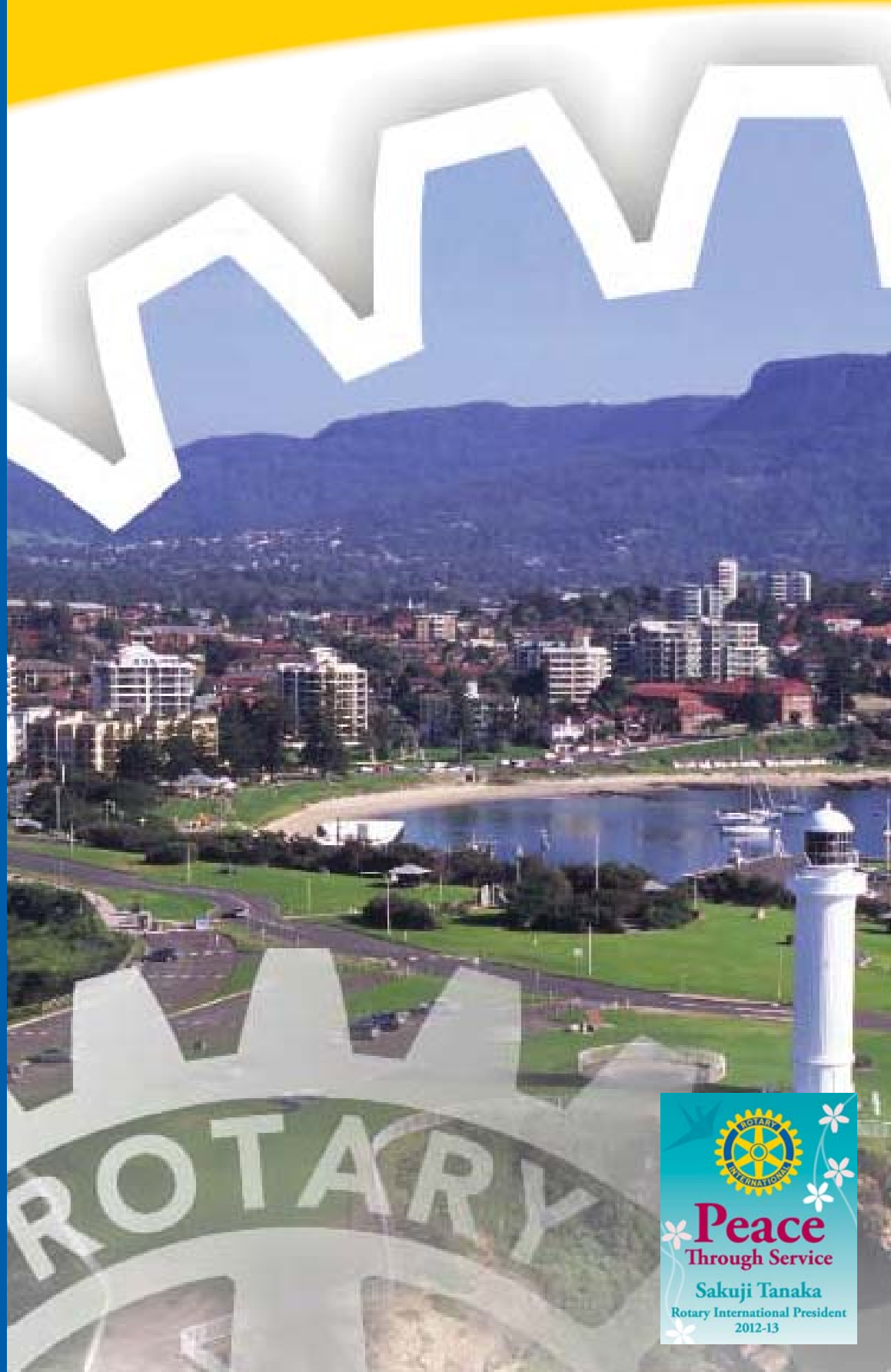
THE OBJECT OF ROTARY is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

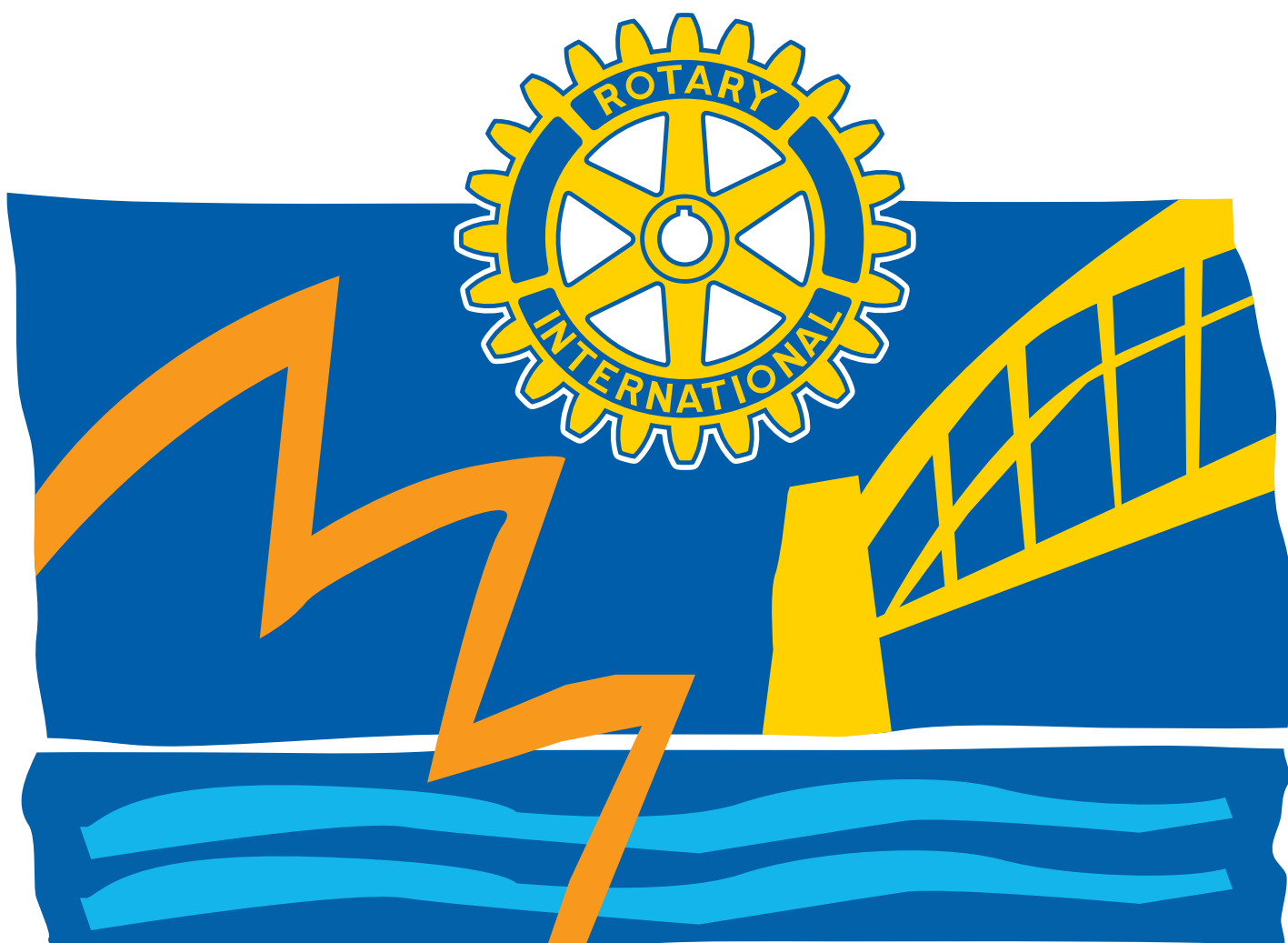
FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service:

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;

FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.





ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Sydney
Australia 1-4 June 2014



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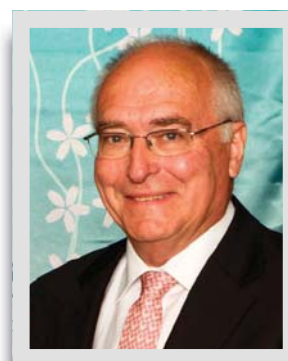
RYLA, RYPEN, RYDA, MUNA, Youth Exchange	PP Arthur Booth, PAG Jessie Blundell, Liz Depers, Angela Capri, President Marilyn Phillips, Kerry Hayes-Williams, Helen Hasan, Peter Sewell, Rose Pope
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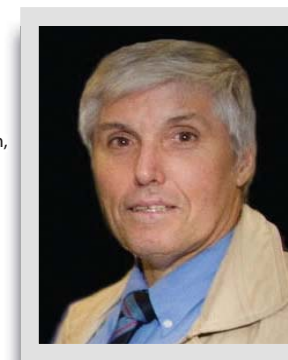
Foundation Projects, International	PP Bruce Inglis, Julie Price, PP Michael Campbell, Lyn Epps, Rose Pope, IPP Netty Broekman, PN Brendan Birmingham, Liz Depers, PP Marcel Benson,
ShelterBox & GSE	Ken Dixon, Tim Koppel,

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PP Jim Christensen	Wings Over Illawarra (WOI)		Community Service
			Convenor GRAND Stories Project



District Governor
Bill Salter



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Lloyd Chatfield



President
Marilyn Phillips

What a great year we have had through 2012 and 2013. I would like to start by thanking each and every club member for a fantastic year. I will admit I was fairly reticent about my year as president but I must say with the assistance and encouragement I have received from all the club members especially my Board members I have thoroughly enjoyed my position.

I would like to add for anyone with negative feelings about being President that this team makes the job a lot easier and enjoyable. I would also like to thank our **wonderful support team** for without the partners and friends we would not be able to do many of the projects we entertain. We have a generous hardworking club and this makes it much easier to navigate the team when the crew is focusing on the same outcomes as the executive. So once again thank you to one and all for your devotion over the past 12 months.

My special thanks must firstly go to **Patrick Roberts** who has been assisting and mentoring me throughout this year and as well as continued with all the secretarial duties. I am sure a lot of the thanks should also go to his PA Yvonne. Keeping our funds in the black with some fancy accounting was our **Treasurer Bob Armessen** and my thanks go to him for a job well done. Unfortunately we will have little left to leave for our new President but he will have our support. We also have over a third of our club members serving on **District and Group F committees** and I would like to thank those members for their continued support. Our Directors have led the way with each of their portfolios and will give a detailed report later in this testimony. **Club Administration** was led by **Bruce Inglis** and his team.

We have had some grand adventures and some lovely meals together thanks to the organisation of **Brian Davis**. The calibre of speakers is a testimony to the dedication of **Marcel Benson** and his helpers. Sergeant Sessions ran smoothly with fines for good deeds outnumbering misdemeanours. I must congratulate **Jim Christensen** on the outstanding job he does on the **bulletin** each week. I also must thank **Angela Capri** for printing the bulletins each week and **Rose Pope** for stepping in as editor during Jim's adventures overseas.

Service Projects are on track thanks to **Jim Christensen**. We have not had the revenue this year from both **Baby Capsules** and the **Charles Hotel** that we have experienced in previous years but we are continuing to support some very worthy causes. With the commencement of renting the **Strider Capsules** we may see our funds increase in the near future. I would like to thank **Peter Sewell** for stepping in and taking over the Capsule management and congratulate him on a job well done. The **Charles Hotel** continues to raise funds with the wonderful efforts of **Dennis Simpson**. Even when he was recuperating from major surgery he was checking on the state of the raffle. We have had a number of successful **BBQ's** thanks to **Jim Christensen** and keep your aprons handy because he has a lot more planned for us. **Kerry Hayes-Williams** does a wonderful job with **Bowelscan** and the results this year show the continued need for this project.

One of our key targets this year was to source a venture to celebrate our **50th Anniversary** and I must thank **John Chaplin, Michael Crowley and Patrick Roberts** for the work they have contributed. We are uniting with **Australian Rotary Health and University of Wollongong (UOW)** to sponsor a **research project into dementia in the community**. It will be an interesting project that all the members will enjoy learning about as we are all affected by dementia in our lives in some way.

As you know our **Samoa project** is progressing and we have another container of goods ready to depart. The computer education sessions held by **Kim Hockings and Helen Hasan in Samoa** were a great success and the team received accolades from the Government official.

We had a fantastic **Op-Shop Ball** last October organised by **Dennis and Lynne Simpson** with funds going to **Community Cancer Care and Denny Foundation**.

President Marilyn with DG Bill and Christine Salter



Membership was led by **Netty Broekman** and my thanks to Netty for her work. It was a sad departure to lose **Julie Price and Kim Hockings** from our team. Both have been very dedicated members and will be missed by us all. We would like to wish them success in the future and would welcome their return if their situations change.

John Erickson was our **public relations officer** and is working hard to get our **club history** up to date for our **50th Anniversary**. **Helen Hasan** has revitalised our webpage and keeps us up to date with all our information.

Ken Potter organised a number of **New Generations projects** including **MUNA, RYLA, RYDA, NYSF** and **RYPEN**. We have had reports from the students attending these events and all remark on how enjoyable the events were and how they have increased their experience.

Rotary Foundation under director **Michael Crowley** has continued to keep **Rotary projects** at the forefront of our club. The **Peace lecture** was an outstanding success and I am sure all members were taken by this amazing speaker. **ShelterBox** continues to be busy and my thanks go to **Tim Koppel** who spending many hours transporting the gear to clubs all over the **District** along with the hours he manned the tent at **Community events**. We are continuing with our **UOW Scholarship** this year and have had a number of reports from **Blake Milton** on his progress at **UOW**. Our numbers are increasing for the **Centurion Club** with well over half our members contributing.

The theme for this year was **"Peace through Service"** and I certainly feel our club has attained the highest level of support for this theme. We were unfortunate not to increase our membership this year but I am sure we will double our efforts for next year. We have applied for a **Rotary International President's Citation** as we meet the criteria on a number of fronts apart from membership and as a Club it is well deserved. It is the efforts of the members, not their President that allows us to be considered for this award. It should be called a **Club Citation** not a **President's Citation** for it is the work of the club that allows us to be considered for this success. The President can not achieve this alone and without such wonderful support from the members and their partners we would not be able to apply.

Once again I would like to express my sincere thanks to the **members of the Board** who have supported me over the last 12 months. It has been a great help to me to have such committed executive team. But we would not be able to achieve such high levels if it wasn't for the dedication of our members. No team can achieve if the grass roots are not growing the team. Our club is moving with the times and the amalgamation of the Districts to become **District 9675** in a few days is evidence of this progression.

My congratulations to **Michael Crowley** who will lead the team for the next 12 months and I feel we could not be in better hands. I know Michael will receive the same wonderful support that I had during this past year and he will move the club to bigger and better things.

MARILYN PHILLIPS
PRESIDENT 2012/2013

Board Members 2012/2013

L to R. Ken Potter, Jim Christensen, Bruce Inglis, Pres. Marilyn Phillips, Brendan Bermingham, Netty Broekman, Bob Armessen, Patrick Roberts
Inset . Michael Crowley, John Erickson

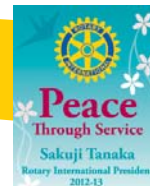




Wings over Illawarra



TREASURER'S REPORT



Well done **President Marilyn and the 2012-13 board**. While many an incoming political group complain that their predecessors have left a “**black hole**” or “**fiscal cliff**” to be over-come, not so for **President Elect Michael**. The club's finances are very sound and I am sure this will continue with such an **active membership**.

Although income from some sources was below expectations, this was more than made up for by **BBQ Jim** grossing **\$7,669**, and **Dancing Dennis and his Op-Shop Ball committee** sharing their **\$9,212 profit** with two local charities.

The **Charles Hotel raffle** and **Baby Capsules** continue to be very worthwhile projects netting us **\$14,800** this year.

Overall, income to the club's **Charity Account** this year was **\$62,740** with total expenditure of **\$60,077**.

During this same period support and assistance was given to the following organizations....

YOUTH PROGRAMS

- UOW scholarship
- Youth Off The Streets
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
- Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment
- National Youth Science Forum

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Riding For The Disabled
- The Denny Foundation
- Community Cancer Link
- Citizenship Ceremony

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

- Pacific Literacy – Samoa
- ShelterBox

ROTARY PROGRAMS

- Australian Rotary Health
- The Rotary Foundation
- Polio Plus
- Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children
- Ranfurly Library

BOB ARMESSEN
TREASURER 2012/2013



PP John Chaplin OAM



CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Communication by way of our Rotary club bulletin has kept members informed and entertained thanks once again by bulletin editor **Jim Christensen** supported by **Rose Pope, Noel Watt** and **Angela Capri**. With the use of online facilities members have been able to download and view the bulletin prior to the meeting.

The weekly photo gallery provided by **Jim Christensen** has been quite entertaining and has provided ample material for the Sergeant's sessions.

Preparation of the **Clubs program** for the year has once again been ably done by **Marcel Benson**. Arranging and filling the programme is quite demanding, with changes at short notice, but with years of experience in the portfolio Marcel gave the club an interesting and varied programme.

Our **attendance averages** for the year have exceeded 90% including make-ups but actual dinner attendances have only averaged approx 70%. This has created some difficulties with rosters and member participation in the meetings and so I would encourage members to make every effort to attend meetings and help maintain our clubs vibrant atmosphere.

Thanks to **Marilyn Phillips** for maintaining the attendance records.

The **Sergeant's team** of **Ken Potter, Anne & Jim Christensen, John Erickson, Liz Depers** and **Dennis Simpson** provided light relief to the meetings while swelling the treasurer's piggy bank.

On the social and fellowship side, **Brian Davis** has given us some varied social functions, including Restaurant nights at **Jasmine Rice II, Thai Basil, Hanoi Vietnamese, Manjit Indian, Tukkies Thai, Tenpin bowling**.

Theatre visits to **Mousetrap, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang** and **Warhorse**.

Also included in our **social functions** was a car trial and picnic at **Dennis & Lyn Simpson's** holiday house.

Member participation in social functions has been 26-30 each time which made for excellent fellowship.

The recent introduction by **John Erickson** of pre-dinner drinks and nibbles at the first meeting of the month has proved very successful.

PP BRUCE INGLIS
DIRECTOR - CLUB ADMINISTRATION 2012/2013



Membership is one of the most challenging areas of **Rotary** as we strive to survive, along with other service organizations, in an ever-changing cultural environment. The membership of our club is ageing and if we wish to sustain or even expand our community service in the future we must be proactive in engaging more, and especially, younger members.

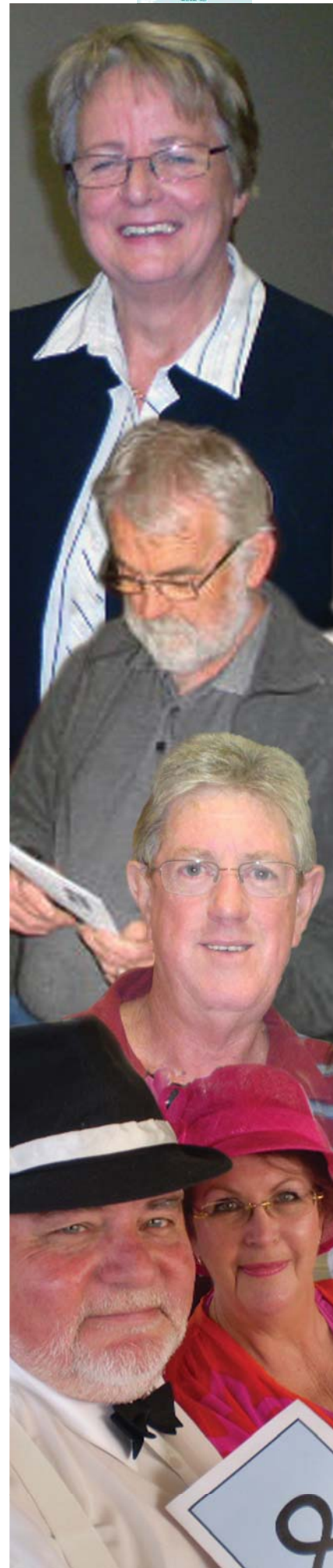
Our club membership at present is **31 active members**. During the past year our membership decreased by two members: **PP Kim Hocking** moved to **Queensland**, we will miss his valuable service, especially in the **Baby Capsule program**; **Julie Price**, another stalwart of **Baby Capsules**, left our club to devote her time to her many other voluntary commitments. The club recognized **Kim Hocking's many years of service** by awarding him an **honorary membership**, taking our total club membership to **38**. The slight decrease in active membership, however, is already reflected in some challenges in maintaining current rosters as well as staffing new opportunities for community involvement and fundraising projects. We have a number of club members who give generously of their time, often on a weekly basis. Our newer members in particular are actively involved in a variety of projects and are injecting enthusiasm and innovation in a number of ways. **Increasing our membership is essential to sustaining our involvement in club projects and community service.**

During our **club membership night**, three new members shared their reasons for joining **Rotary**, what they liked about our club, and what they would like to see our club be involved with in the future. They spoke about the positive influence of other **Rotarians** in their lives and their passion and commitment to be doing something worthwhile in the community. These are surely valuable pointers to us all for the type of people to consider inviting as potential members. The general discussion which followed the inspiring presentation of our new members indicated that our members are proud to belong to the **Rotary Club of West Wollongong** and cited reasons such as the **spirit of camaraderie, service to others, teamwork and a vibrant social life**. Nevertheless, our active and engaged members need the support of a growing club with a larger pool of potential volunteer leaders. **Our challenge is how to bring this about!**

As a club we often speak about ways to create an organization that appeals to **younger generations**. To bring these strategies to reality needs a **proactive, welcoming and inclusive club culture**. We need to review current practice to ascertain whether it is relevant and engaging for new and younger members. A successful **social and networking opportunity** introduced this year was the **'Happy Hour' 5.30 pm** start on the **first Wednesday of the month** prior to the **Rotary** meeting. Another worthwhile existing initiative is the arrangement to allow potential members to 'try before you buy' for several months before asking for a full commitment as a **Rotarian**. In addition, the fact that our newer members have established themselves as such **active Rotarians**, is an indication of the success of the mentoring program and the practice of involving new members in club committees and events. **The 'seeds' of innovation are there; we now need to nurture them to 'green shoots'.**

The **incoming Board** has already identified a number of innovations for recruitment and retaining of present members. As we prepare to **celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our Club in 2014** and planning for our club to thrive into the next 50 years we will need to wholeheartedly consider and implement these new ideas. We may need to let go of some club aspects which no longer serve our purpose and be open to and willing to change so as to broaden our relevance in the community and our engagement with potential members. **These are certainly challenges, but well within our capability!**

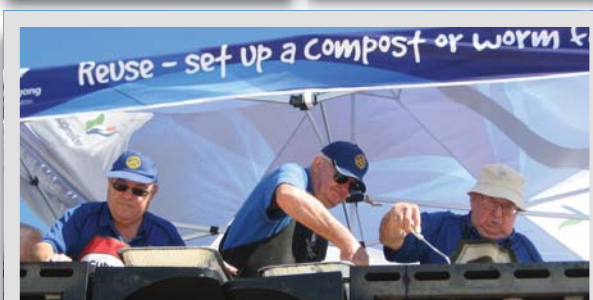
IPP NETTY BROEKMAN
DIRECTOR - MEMBERSHIP 2012/2013



2 012-13 was a very busy year for our **Club Community Services** with a 100% support which always makes our projects not just a success but enjoyable, lots of friendship as well.

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

- **50TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:** **John Chaplin** and his committee are well established for our 50th in March 2014 with a \$100,000 3 year medical scholarship in conjunction with the **University of Wollongong** and **Australia Rotary Health**.
- **AUSTRALIA DAY EVENT:** Our on going relationship with Wollongong Council have allowed us to put in an Expression of Interest (EOI) for the Australia day market stall placement and clean up.
- **BABY CAPSULES:** This 20+ year Community long standing project has again been one of our main fund raisers but definitely our highest Community project. Under the chairmanship of **Peter Sewell**, we have managed to grow the project through a successful advertising scheme, using the internet as well as **"Google Find"** Our next direction will be to start replacing our existing fleet of capsules with the new generation units, this has already proven a great success.
- **BBQ EVENTS:** The need to try and raise more funds have lead to a renewed BBQ energy and the following events both past and on the radar.
 - o **Bunnings.** We have formed a great relationship with **Warrawong Bunnings** and have a total of 11 BBQ's booked for 2012/13, estimated earnings \$1,500.
 - o **Wollongong Council.** Selected us to provide their BBQ for the opening of the Bathers pavilion which raised \$1,000.
 - o **Corrimal Spring Fair.** Another of our potential events again estimated to raise \$1,500.
 - o **Port Kembla Billy Cart.** Another of our potential events again estimated to raise \$1,500.
- **CHARLES HOTEL MEAT RAFFLE:** Under the ongoing stewardship of **Dennis Simpson**, we are still enjoying a friendly get together Thursday evenings and raising a good \$10,000 p/a, a long standing and successful project.



- CITIZENSHIP:** PDG Patrick Roberts and President Marilyn Phillips have been the stalwarts behind this fantastic Community ongoing project. Lord Mayor Councillor Gordon Bradbery OAM officiated. The recipients were Ronald ARCHIBALD - Scotland, Ralph CHERRY - United Kingdom, Sandra DIMOVSKI - Brazil, Michael DODD - United Kingdom, Rosemary EARLEY - United Kingdom, George FREEBOROUGH - England, Roy HARRIS - South Africa, Janice LAMONT - United Kingdom, Luigi SPANALATTE - Italy, Patrick VINCENT - Germany
- GRAND STORIES:** The Grand Stories project is still humming away in the background. Our District have trained about 60 Rotarians, the team have moved on to follow up interest expressed by the **Probus** community, PDG Patrick Roberts and PAG Jessie Blundell are still very active with this grand project.
- LITERACY PROJECT:** A new initiative by District, piloted here in the **Illawarra**.
- PRIDE OF THE ILLAWARRA:** What a great event, with John Erickson and Ken Potter our Club representatives. Representatives from **Ambulance Service of NSW, Fire and Rescue NSW, Marine Rescue NSW, NSW Police Force, NSW Rural Fire Service, NSW State Emergency Services, NSW Volunteer Rescue Association.**
- SAMOA LITERACY PROJECT:** Under the Chairmanship of Bob Armessen a great International project which has reached dozens of schools and hundreds of students all over **Samoa**.
- WINGS OVER THE ILLAWARRA:** This is our 5th year our Club have been involved again providing more volunteers than any other **Illawarra Club**. This is a great exposure for rotary but more to the point, a great Project for the **Illawarra** in general.

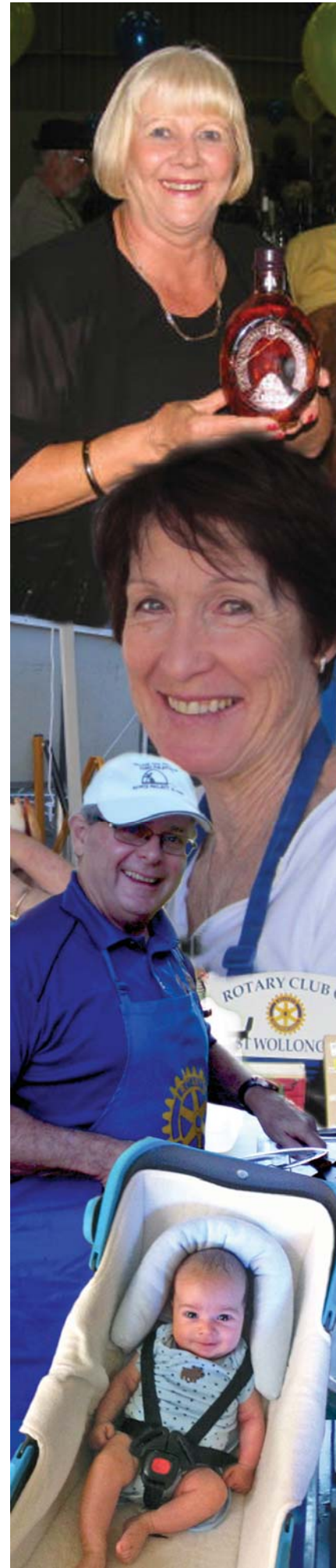
PP JIM CHRISTENSEN

DIRECTOR - COMMUNITY SERVICE AND PROJECTS 2012/2013



Peter Sewell and Kim Hockings - Baby Capsules

Below. L to R Patrick Vincent - Germany, Lord Mayor Councillor Gordon Bradbery OAM and Pres. Marilyn Phillips - Citizenship Ceremony



Rotary International's **2012/2013 theme** of building 'Peace Through Service' was certainly a focus throughout the year with the Foundation committee again very active in embracing the meaning behind the theme. **Our Club** continued to strongly support The **Rotary Foundation** by participating in various programs, educating members, providing financial contributions as well as **personal involvement in community and international service**.

The myriad of activities organised during the year included:

- **POLIOPLUS:** This is one of the Foundation's flagship programs and has been a prime focus of our Club for many years. **PolioPlus** is the volunteer arm of the **Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI)** and, for more than **28 years**, **Rotary** has led the private sector in the global effort to rid the world of this crippling disease. Today **PolioPlus** and its role in the **GPEI** are recognised worldwide as a model of public-private cooperation in pursuit of a humanitarian goal. Since the **PolioPlus** program's inception in 1985, more than two billion children have received oral polio vaccine.

But Rotary's work is not done: The disease has not yet been eradicated as the world is 99 percent polio-free. **Polio** is still endemic in only four countries; namely, **Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan**. As recently as May this year **Bill Gates**, **global health campaigner** and strong supporter of **Rotary** and the **PolioPlus** program, successfully encouraged **Australia's Federal Government** to **contribute a further A\$80M on polio eradication**.

During **Foundation Month** (November), the committee (led by **Brendan Bermingham, Lyn Epps & Rose Pope**) along with support from members and partners, held a successful **barefoot bowls day** at **Wisemans Park Bowling Club**. Apart from being a great social event, a significant amount of funds was raised specifically for the **PolioPlus program**.

- **SHELTERBOX:** Our Club continues to be a regular financial supporter of **ShelterBox** and the tireless efforts of **Tim Koppel & Ken Dixon** as organisers of equipment displays and information points throughout the District go a long way towards providing vital exposure and fund raising for this worthwhile project.

ShelterBox was founded in 2000, with the primary objective of restoring dignity to people where all had been lost. Since then, 128,000 boxes have been deployed to over 200 disasters in 90 different countries. In the first 5 years between 2000 and 2004, some 2,600 boxes were deployed. Since then demand has been growing exponentially with 125,000 additional boxes added to the total in the last 7 years.

Unfortunately, it has been another busy year for **ShelterBox** throughout the world with some **50,000 boxes** distributed. Affiliates such as **ShelterBox Australia** contribute to this need and is supported through generous donations sourced from **Rotary clubs, companies and individuals**. Our Club is no exception here and has been supportive of this project since its inception in 2006 by accepting responsibility for promoting **ShelterBox** in our region. As the project has grown, more clubs have come on board and our **Club services an area from Sutherland to Kiama and west to the Camden/Narellan area**.

This year has been busy for our Club, arranging 12 displays/presentations in our region, including **Wings over the Illawarra, University Wollongong, Narellan Blues Festival, Relay for Life in Camden, Cronulla, Concert for Shelter at the Master builders Club, Antique Fair in Kiama, and the Oakdale swap meet**, to name a few.

The most current disasters where **ShelterBox** has been active include: The **Pakistan earthquake in April, the Syrian refugee crisis and almost 800 tents were deployed in response to the cyclone in the Philippines**.

As stated previously, the **Rotary Club of West Wollongong** supports **ShelterBox** in various ways and has donated **7 tents** to date, which have been deployed to the following areas:

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| 1) Box 11609: | Lebanon - 5/7/2012 |
| 2) Box 7899: | Haiti - 30/4/2010 |
| 3) Box 7032: | Peru - 31/12/2009 |
| 4) Box 6152: | Burkina Faso (West Africa) - 10/8/2009 |
| 5) Box 5306: | Sri Lanka - 19/3/2009 |
| 6) Box 1648: | Papua New Guinea - 23/4/2007 |
| 7) Box 974: | Islamabad - 23/12/2005 |



Kim Hockings tutoring Students - Samoa



Helen Hasan tutoring Teachers - Samoa

- **PACIFIC LITERACY (SAMOA) PROJECT** is one of the **Club's great success stories** thanks primarily to the driving force, enthusiasm and watchful eye of our **Treasurer, Bob Armessen**. In essence, this project involves the sourcing, collection, dispatch and distribution of educational equipment and materials to underprivileged schools in **Samoa**.

In September last year, the Club distributed another shipping container of educational material to a number of schools on the main island of **Samoa, Upolu**. While in **Samoa, Kim Hockings and Helen Hasan** (ably assisted by **Rowena Hockings and Bob Armessen**) conducted a week of basic computer training for **17 teachers** from **8 different schools**. Notwithstanding many of these teachers had to travel a significant distance to attend, the desire to learn was high. This training program was created by Kim and Helen and was such a success that significant media coverage was generated for **Rotary** and the project as well as a plea for our members to return and conduct a similar program for teachers on **Savaii**, which is another island within the **Samoa group**.

As a result, a team will be heading to **Samoa in August 2013** and will be taking much needed computer equipment that has been collected by members over the past year.

The success of the **Pacific Literacy Project** is attributable to not only those directly involved, but also to **members, Rotaractors, and friends** who collectively worked together in sourcing and ultimately dispatching the equipment and materials needed by those less fortunate.

- **PEACE LECTURE – WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH (FEBRUARY):** Thanks to the efforts of **Michael Campbell** and **Aditya Ghose**, we were extremely fortunate to have **Rotary Peace Scholar, Yvette Salim**, address our Club during this important month in the Rotary calendar. Yvette provided the Club with an outstanding and powerful presentation during which, amongst other issues, she outlined her educational background and experience.

Yvette was awarded a **Rotary Peace Fellowship** and was one of 70 students chosen to study at one of five nominated universities throughout the world. She elected to undertake her **Masters in Conflict Resolution at Bradfield University in the UK in 2009**. Yvette had previously completed a **MA in Conflict Resolutions, a MA in Bioethics, a Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of Medical Science**. At the time of the **Peace Lecture** she was a **PhD candidate at the University of NSW** and her research focused on peace building, transitional justice, conflict resolution and human rights. She also lectured and gave tutorials at the **University on International Relations and Development Studies**.

Yvette was also chosen to be an intern with the **United Nations Headquarters** working in the **Office of Legal Affairs and the Department of Disarmament Affairs** while completing her **Law Degree**. In addition, she was a **legal counsel in Sri Lanka as part of the International Development Law Organisation's post tsunami project** from which she gained valuable experience. She spent time in **Kenya in March 2009** and realised the many problems with religion and politics.

One of Yvette's final comments was that **"Peace is more than the absence of war"** and she has certainly demonstrated that point during her presentation by describing the extent of her education and life's work.



AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH (ARH) MONTH - MAY: We were privileged to have **Barney Koo, Director and Diamond Companion of Australian Rotary Health**, give a passionate account of the uniqueness of **Australian Rotary Health (ARH)** in the **Rotary world**. In addition to covering the background to **ARH**, Barney also covered extent to which **PhD Scholarships** are awarded and the long-term benefits to be derived by the community at large, the student and Rotary itself. **ARH** has a broad vision of health and is the catalyst for projects that improve the quality of life for people who are least able to assist themselves.

Kate Roberts, a Bachelor of Science graduate now undertaking an **Honours program at University of Wollongong** researching **Motor Neurone Disease (MND)** with the help of a **ARH scholarship**, also provided an insight into her research on the same evening. Kate secured the project involving research into an inherited form of **MND**.



L to R PDG Barney Koo, President Marilyn Phillips and Kate Roberts

- **FUTURE VISION PLAN:** During **Foundation Month (November)** we were fortunate to have **Bruce Allen, Manager of The Rotary Foundation South Pacific and Philippines Office**, address members on the work of **The Rotary Foundation** as well as an advanced preview of the **Future Vision Plan**.

Bruce outlined that the areas of focus for **The Rotary Foundation** (summarised below) and how the new **Future Vision Grants (ie. District, Global and Packaged Grants)** will be inextricably linked to these areas:

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution;
- Disease prevention and treatment;
- Water and sanitation;
- Maternal and child health;
- Basic education and literacy; and
- Economic and community development.

Our Club has been a participant of the grants system in the past (e.g. **Pacific Literacy Project**) and, as members, we can be proud of the generous support our Club has provided **The Rotary Foundation** over the years which will undoubtedly continue into the future.



President Marilyn and Bruce Allen

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summary of other areas of activity the committee has been involved with during 2012/2013 included:

- **HAT DAY (17 OCTOBER)** – A novel event designed to create a bit of fun as well as raise money for **Australian Rotary Health's Mental Awareness Month**;
- **CENTURION CLUB MEMBERSHIP** – Thanks to 17 of the Club's members who generously participated in contributing to Rotary's own charity: **The Rotary Foundation**;
- **MERCY SHIPS AUSTRALIA: Mercy Ships** operates a hospital ship that provides free medical surgeries to the poorest nations on earth. **Paula Smith**, who presented to the Club in June, said that **Mercy Ships** is manned by volunteer doctors, dentists, nurses and other health care professionals performing life-saving and, in some cases, life-changing surgery for thousands of patients each year.
- **THE GREAT DEBATE** in 2013 was another great event with the topic **"Women make better politicians than men"** generating vigorous debate amongst the teams. Team **'Veracious, Curvaceous Duo plus Aditya'** made up of **Jessie Blundell, Lyn Epps** and **Aditya Ghose**, put up many compelling arguments supporting the motion; however, team **'Blood & Beer'** comprising members **Rose Pope, Bob Armessen** and **Ken Potter** managed to produce enough debating fodder to win the case for the opposition in the eyes of our impartial adjudicator, **John Chaplin**. Thanks too to our timekeeper, **John Erickson**, who somehow managed to provide fair time to all debaters. This was a really entertaining evening and demonstrated the ingenuity and creative skills of both teams. Team **'Blood & Beer'** has the privilege of being recorded as the 2013 victors on the **Great Debate** perpetual trophy.

Hat Day for Mental Health Research



L to R. Babs Davis, Bob Armessen, Ken Potter, Jim Christensen, Netty Broekman



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- **I**NTERPLAST is a not-for-profit organisation that has been working for nearly 30 years to improve the quality of life for people who are disabled as a result of congenital or acquired medical conditions such as cleft lip and palate or burn scar contractures. This is achieved by sending fully qualified **Australian and New Zealand volunteer plastic and reconstructive surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and allied health professionals** to the **Asia Pacific region** to provide free surgical treatment for patients who would otherwise not be able to afford access to such services. We were appreciative of having **Di North** speak to the Club during February and elaborating on **Interplast's motto** of **'Repairing bodies and rebuilding lives in the Asia Pacific region'**.
- The Club again supported the work of the **Indigo Foundation** and members received an update from the **Chair, Sally Stevenson** in October. For those unaware, the **Indigo Foundation** is a **Wollongong** based foundation that is an innovative, independent community development organisation in the areas of health, education, and human rights. The aim of the **Indigo Foundation** is to empower small communities to access resources and have control over decisions that determine their basic needs and human rights. While based in **Wollongong**, the **Indigo Foundation** has projects operating both within **Australia (Northern Territory)** and overseas (**Afghanistan, Indonesia, Solomon Islands, Uganda, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda and India**).
- Our Club has been providing **Community Scholarships** to **University of Wollongong** students since 2005. Our current scholarship recipient, **Blake Milton**, has addressed members on several occasions throughout the year. In July 2012, both Blake and the previous recipient of the scholarship, **Tim Mathie**, gave short presentations to members on the benefits they received from the **Club's scholarship** and their respective future career aspirations.
- A special thanks to **John Chaplin** and other members who throughout the year have delivered our **International Toasts**. This exercise clearly demonstrates the depth of **Rotary** and the vast efforts undertaken by Rotarians across the globe.
- As outlined in this report, it is not only the work of the **Foundation committee** but the input and cooperation of all members of our Club that enabled us to participate in such a wide array of interesting activities and support projects. I extend my thanks to each and every member that supported the **Foundation committee's activities** throughout 2012/2013.

PE MICHAEL CROWLEY

DIRECTOR - ROTARY FOUNDATION 2012/2013



L to R Renae Burton, Blake Milton, Tim Mathie and President Marilyn Phillips

This year's public relations role has been a real team effort with several of the committee directors undertaking their own promotion efforts.

The **Baby Capsule** team has undertaken an extensive promotional campaign with the distribution of advertising material to baby related entities such as hospitals, baby health centres and doctors waiting rooms. Newspaper articles combined with the upgraded sophistication of our website has resulted in an increased number of rentals throughout the year.

The excellent work of **Jessie Blundell** and **Helen Hasan** is recognised with the continual refreshing of the **Club website** to reflect our current activities and future plans. This site provides information on:

- Our Baby Capsule hire service
- Pride of the Illawarra Awards.
- Our Shelterbox program.
- Bowelscan project.
- Fundraising activities.
- Our monthly Service Project
- Club contact details, and,
- More about the aims and aspirations of Rotary.

In keeping with Privacy provisions a **"members only"** section has been created on the website to keep members up to date and informed. Access via **Facebook** and **Twitter** has also been established.

My sincere thanks to all of our members who have assisted in the publicity for the Club in all forms that our promotion can take.

PP JOHN ERICKSON
DIRECTOR - PUBLIC RELATIONS 2012/2013



Dinner - Thai Basil Figtree



Pres. Marilyn with 3 Centurions , L to R. Bruce Inglis, Angela Capri and John Erickson



I am pleased to report, that the Club has been quite active in the portfolio of **Youth Services**. However some of the areas were a disappointment, in particular **Rotary Youth Exchange**, where we were unable to find host families for our incoming student. This coming year, with board approval, we will be hosting an outgoing student and this will make the situation easier as the outgoing student's family is obliged to host the incoming student.

We have met with much success in other areas of the portfolio with our continuing support of the **REA. program [RYDA] Road safety Education Australia**. The Club again supported the activity of the program at the **Croome Road Sports Complex at Albion Park Rail**, operated over 5 weeks with some 1600 students attending. Again **Marilyn Phillips** was heavily involved at both **District and Club level**, in this worthwhile Project. The program aims to teach years 10 and 11 students, a healthy respect for the capabilities of motor vehicles. Areas addressed are "stopping distances" via a dramatic hands on demonstration, safe partying or "plan B", road accident victims and emergency services personnel stories and obligations like registration and insurance. If you haven't been to this program I urge you to take a look in late October or early November.

The Club supported the application of **Michael Wells to attend RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)**, a week long course held at the **Stanwell Tops Christian Centre in mid January**. I like to describe this course as **"Life Changing"** and that seemed to be reinforced in Michael's report back to the Club.

The Club supported the application of **Cassie Lieschke to the NYSF (National Youth Science Forum)**, also held in January this year. Cassie so impressed the staff of the **NYSF** that she has been selected to attend the **International Youth Seminar in Stockholm, Sweden**, in November.

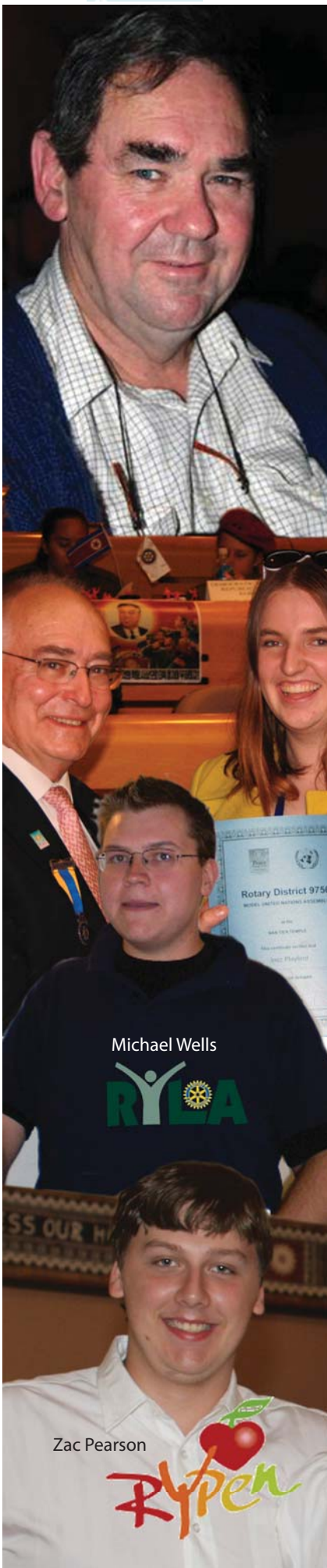
This year the Club again supported **MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly)** with **Marilyn Phillips**, again prominent at both **District and Club levels** in the organization of this project. The Club supported a team from **TIGS** and they reported back to us recently. The standard of competition was higher than in previous years and the team representing **North Korea** won on the day. This project has been held at the **Nan Tien Temple** for many years, often the day before **Mother's Day**. Teams debate resolutions from the point of view of the country they represent and much research is involved. Teams are encouraged to dress in the national costumes of the country. This is an excellent program and I invite you to view it in operation.

The Club recently supported 2 students to attend **RYPEN (Rotary Program of Enrichment)**, a weekend course held at **Deer Park Sutherland**. **Zac Pearson and Amelia Frishe** were our representatives and are yet to report back to the Club.

My thanks to all those who assisted with this portfolio during the year. I wish to state that I remain heavily reliant on members for the names of young people who might be able to benefit from some of the programs the Club supports.

PP KEN POTTER
DIRECTOR - YOUTH SERVICES 2012/2013

TIGS Muna 2013 team representing United Kingdom
Inez Playford, Keur Bul and Elise Morton

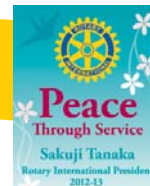


Michael Wells



Zac Pearson





NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM (NYSF) is a highly selective Australia wide Seminar for Year 11/12 students who intend to pursue a career in the Sciences or Engineering. The Seminar involves approximately two weeks of intensive live-in lectures, visits and discussions at the **Australian National University** or at the **University of Western Australia in Perth**.

Our nominee, **KAITLYN LIESCHKE**, was successful in being selected to attend NYSF at the ANU in January 2011 at the beginning of her year 12. Kaitlyn reported to the Club that her time at NYSF was especially rewarding and helped her to focus on a future career as a research scientist. Kaitlyn achieved an ATAR of 97 in the HSC and is now in her second year of **Advanced Chemistry at Wollongong University**.

Earlier this year our Nominee **CASSANDRA LIESCHKE** was successful in being selected for NYSF at ANU. Cassie had a most successful NYSF experience and has since been selected to participate in an NYSF leadership camp.

From the camp attendees the NYSF alumni staff members to participate in next year's NYSF will be selected. Cassie has also been selected as one of only two of this year's NYSF attendees to attend the International Youth Seminar in Stockholm, Sweden, in November. While there Cassie will be a guest at the presentation of the Nobel Prizes for 2013.

Kaitlyn and Cassie are sisters.

KARINA CAPRI - ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE 2009

Since completing her Rotary Youth Exchange Programme in Vienna, Austria in January 2011 Karina has been studying at the Australian National University in Canberra. She is currently undertaking a double degree in Economics and Finance. Her degree will be completed at the end of 2014 following which she hopes to work in the area of Health Economics with a potential to pursue a Masters in future years.

Karina's studies have been going well and recently she was invited to join the "Golden Keys" programme. This is a global "academic" networking programme for students who are in the top 15% of their course.

In 2012 Karina was elected as Treasurer of Burton and Garran Hall (college residence) and this year she has been appointed as an Ambassador for the College of Business and Economics at ANU.

In December 2012/January 2013 Karina was fortunate enough to travel to Argentina, Brazil, London and Vienna to visit the many friends she had made during her year of Exchange.

Karina has recently been contacted by the University Rotaract Club and will become involved with the Club in Second Semester.

BRENT KOPPEL - RYLA 2008



Since attending RYLA in 2008, Brent has completed his Bachelor of Science majoring in Geosciences with Honours in archaeology.

Following this he has been offered a position within a research grant to pursue his PhD research in past environmental conditions in Australian archaeological sites.

DARREN KOPPEL - RYLA 2009



Attended Ryla in 2009, and still communicates regularly with his fellow Rylarians. Darren has been active within UOW Rotaract, as well as the SES. He is presently the President of The Rotaract Club of the University of Wollongong.

He completed the requirements for an International Science degree at UOW in June 2013, which involved spending 6 months at the University of Boulder Colorado. After travelling to Asia for the next few months, he is considering both academic, and work options for 2014.



Kaitlyn Lieschke



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Karina Capri



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CITIZENSHIP NIGHT



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

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR

2005-2006	Patrick Roberts
2008	Patrick Roberts

VALE

PP TUDOR MACKAY - PHF SAPPHIRE 19/09/1923 - 25/10/2012



Our esteemed former member Tudor Mackay was a wonderful contributor to Rotary for over 34 years. Tudor joined West Wollongong club on the 1st March 1976 and resigned, due to ill health, on 22nd September 2010. His association with the club continued through honorary membership which was maintained till his death.

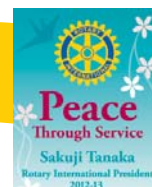
Tudor was a past club President (1981-1982) He held a range of Board positions over many years. He contributed much time and effort to the development of one of our more noteworthy projects Baby Capsule's. His guidance and support of the YEP program over many years ensured that West Wollongong remained a significant contributor to the program for over 40 years.

Not confining himself to club level Rotary, Tudor was a major contributor to Rotary at a District level. He was a Past District Secretary, and at various times was past Treasurer, Secretary and Chairman of D9750 YEP program. Tudor was a "legend" in D9750 so well known and so highly regarded.

In all his Rotary duties he received the indefatigable support of his wife Lillian who predeceased Tudor in 2009.

Tudor Mackay will be long remembered for his many contributions to Rotary.

WEEKLY PROGRAM JULY 2012 TO JUNE 2013

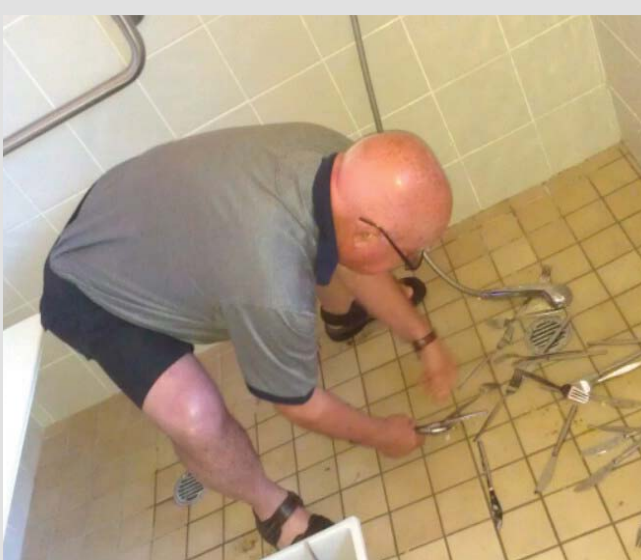


Date	Topic & Speaker	Date	Topic & Speaker
4-Jul-12	Cruise to remote West Papua Village <i>PP Noel Watt</i>	2-Jan-13	No Meeting
11-Jul-12	Upper Cervical Chiropractic <i>Travis Powell</i>	9-Jan-13	No Meeting
18-Jul-12	Short Night - <i>Committee and Board Meeting</i> - Blake Milton & Tim Mathie	16-Jan-13	Short Night - <i>Committee and Board Meeting</i>
25-Jul-12	Club Assembly	23-Jan-13	Indigenous Programme <i>Leigh Stewart/PP Dennis Simpson</i>
1-Aug-12	Neo-Natal Equipment <i>Wollongong Hospital/Sylvia Lees</i>	30-Jan-13	Club Assembly - RYLA Experience
8-Aug-12	Assistant Governor's Visit <i>AG Lloyd Chatfield</i>	6-Feb-13	Short Night - <i>Committee and Board Meeting</i>
15-Aug-12	Short Night - <i>Committee and Board Meeting</i>	13-Feb-13	Rotary Peace Scholar <i>Yvette Salim</i>
22-Aug-12	District Governor's Visit <i>DG Bill Salter</i>	20-Feb-13	Interplast <i>Di North</i>
29-Aug-12	Club Membership <i>PP Netty Broekman</i>	27-Feb-13	Citizenship Night <i>Partner's Night</i>
5-Sept-12	Fifth Avenue of Service <i>PP Ken Potter</i>	6-Mar-13	Disabled Surfers Association <i>Jim Bradley/Len Snowden</i>
12-Sept-12	Illawarra Rotaract Club <i>Darren Koppel</i>	13-Mar-13	Great Debate - PE Michael Crowley <i>Partner's Night</i>
19-Sept-12	Short Night - <i>Committee and Board Meeting</i>	20-Mar-13	Short Night - <i>Committee and Board Meeting</i>
26-Sept-12	The Denny Foundation <i>John Purcell/PN Brendan Bermingham</i>	27-Mar-13	Holiday Slides <i>PP Jim Christensen</i>
3-Oct-12	Club Assembly	3-Apr-13	West Wollongong Scouts <i>John Latham/Nerida Smith/Alison Scobie</i>
10-Oct-12	Riding for the disabled <i>Denese Tozer/PN Brendan Bermingham</i>	10-Apr-13	Disability Trust <i>Michael Norris</i>
17-Oct-12	Short Night - <i>Committee and Board Meeting</i>	17-Apr-13	Short Night - <i>Committee and Board Meeting</i>
24-Oct-12	Indigo Foundation <i>Sally Stevenson/PE Michael Crowley</i>	24-Apr-13	Meeting Charles Hotel
31-Oct-12	Club Education Night	1-May-13	Samoa Update <i>Bob Armessen</i>
7-Nov-12	The Rotary Foundation <i>Bruce Allen/PE Michael Crowley</i>	8-May-13	Club Assembly
14-Nov-12	Short Night - <i>Committee and Board Meeting</i>	15-May-13	Short Night - <i>Committee and Board Meeting</i>
21-Nov-12	International Convention <i>PDG Patrick Roberts</i>	22-May-13	Australian Rotary Health <i>PDG Barney Koo</i>
28-Nov-12	Board Elections & AGM	29-May-13	Red Shield Appeal <i>Jane Wilson - Salvation Army</i>
5-Dec-12	Club Christmas Dinner <i>Partner's Night</i>	5-Jun-13	Unclimbing Everest <i>Phil Preston</i>
12-Dec-12	Short Night - <i>Committee and Board Meeting</i>	12-Jun-13	Mercy Ships Australia <i>James Bird/PE Michael Crowley</i>
19-Dec-12	Fellowship Evening	19-Jun-13	Short Night - <i>Committee and Board Meeting</i>
26-Dec-12	No Meeting	26-Jun-13	Club Changeover



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