



Rotary Club of West Wollongong Inc.

New South Wales Australia

(Chartered 23 March 1964)

Rotary International District 9675

ANNUAL REPORT 2021/2022

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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ROTARY CLUB OF WEST WOLLONGONG INC 2021/2022 BOARD & TEAM STRUCTURE



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Club President
Joanne Glaser resigned April 2022
PDG Patrick Roberts
April 2022

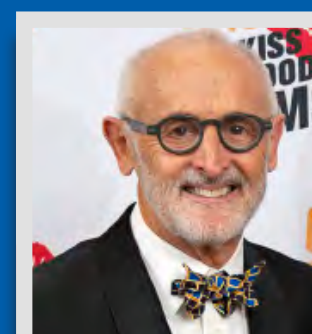
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Rose Pope
Club President Elect
PDG Patrick Roberts OAM
PP Ken Potter
PP Jim Christensen

Club Secretary
Angela Capri
Club President Nominee

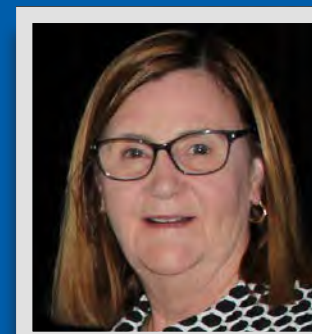
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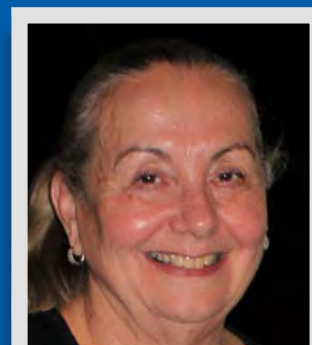
District Governor 9675
JEREMY WRIGHT AM



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JULIE COLLARDA



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JOANNE GLASER



Club Treasurer
Noel Watt

Club Bulletin Editor
Michael Crowley

Club Auditor
Albert Cachia

Director Club Administration Marilyn Phillips Team Members Bulletin <i>Michael Crowley</i> <i>Aditya Ghose</i> <i>Phil Peckman</i> Compliance <i>Bob Armessen OAM</i> <i>Albert Cachia</i> Attendance <i>Noel Watt</i> Member record <i>Noel Watt</i> Welfare <i>Anne Christensen</i> Social Event <i>Bob Armessen</i> <i>Michael Crowley</i> Club Auditor <i>Albert Cachia</i>	Director New Generations Ken Potter RYPEN RYLA RYDA NYSF Team Members <i>Marilyn Phillips</i> <i>PDG Di North OAM</i> <i>Kerrie Hayes-Williams</i> <i>Pat Di Marco</i> <i>Rita Giampieri</i> <i>Rose Pope</i>	Director Foundation/Int'l PDG Di North OAM Team Members TRF and Centurion <i>Jim Christensen</i> ARH <i>Ray Lee</i> Peace Oration <i>Aditya Ghose</i> Peace Pole <i>Dennis Simpson</i> <i>Bob Armessen OAM</i> Citizenship Ceremony <i>Marilyn Phillips</i> <i>Patrick Roberts OAM</i> Donation Tins <i>Jim Christensen</i> <i>Dennis Simpson</i>
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Members on District and Northern Illawarra Committees

District Insurance Officer - Joanne Glaser
Child Protection Officer - Joanne Glaser
Australia Day - Milan Stanojevic
Imagination Library - Tom O'Toole
RYDA - Ken Potter, Marilyn Phillips
Ride4Rotary - Rose Pope
Committee of the Association (COTA) - PDG Di North OAM

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PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2021/2022



2021-22 will be seen as a period where, our enemy was persistent, a continuing virus, torrential rain, which maintained its presence week after week with no letup. In other words, we were in a world that would normally be seen as challenging to the running of our **Rotary Club**. Notwithstanding the challenging operating conditions facing the club, the **Board** and the **Club members** were able to maintain our operations by following the lead of our two previous years.

Eventually **COVID-19** restrictions were changed, and this allowed us the freedom to meet and mix, but then, we had some three months of flooding rains, these rains restricted our outside projects, and to some degree are only now, with the ground finally drying, enabling us to recommence our work on such projects as our **Rotary Park**.

What have we learned? Well, firstly that **Zoom** was not just a focus setting for our camera but was a new way for us to hold our meetings, whilst not leaving home. I just wonder what would have happened without our **Zoom meetings**. We then were able to become adventurous and hold combined **"face to face"** and Zoom meetings; we had learned to cope.

And then, if that was not enough, another happening presented the club with still further challenges. The resignation of three **Board members** including **President, Joanne Glaser, Community Service Director Dieter Glaser and Membership Director Aditya Ghose** provided us with a major club challenge, which, it is fair to say, it was not prepared for. For their efforts up to their resignation I would like to say thank you, **Joanne, Aditya and Dieter** for the time and the effort you have given to **West Wollongong**. Notwithstanding, the Club and the **Board** were able to come together to seek a pathway though the challenges then faced. I say again, well done all members of the **2021-22 Board** for your level headedness in accepting that we all needed to come together and show loyalty to our Club and importantly work as one. The members played their important part and gave the essential support necessary; we are a united Club which by any measurement has had a successful year.

I would like to comment on the retirement of **Michael Campbell** and **Bruce Inglis** both **Past Presidents** and for many years **Board members**. Both will be missed; they were great contributors to our Club. We wish them all the very best for the future.

I look forward to our **2022-23 year** when our Club and its new board will seek to continue with the adoption of the especially important **Rotary challenge "Service above Self"**.

PDG Patrick Roberts OAM
President 2022

Board Members 2021/2022

President Joanne Glaser; Foundation Director Di North; Treasurer Noel Watt; Club Administration Director Marilyn Phillips; New Generations Director Ken Potter; Public Relations Director Jim Christensen; Community Services Director Dieter Glaser; Immediate Past President Rose Pope; Absent: President Elect & Membership Director Aditya Ghose and Secretary Angela Capri.



Friday Night at the Charles

LtoR: Phil Peckman, Mark Felton, Eduardo Tovar, Pres. Joanne Glaser, Janet Crakanthorp, Di North OAM, Dieter Glaser & Rose Pope



Bunnings BBQ - North Wollongong

Di North OAM , Pres. Joanne Glaser, Janet Crakanthorp and Dieter Glaser



President Joanne, Mitchell St Clair (our Australian Rotary Health PhD Research Scholar), Mrs Adelle Chaplin, Abigail Leplaw (our John Chaplin Scholar) and representing UOW, Thomas Daly, Development Coordinator, Advancement Division





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The difficulties in modern society bring about a need for more service organisations which in turn spreads the availability of volunteers more thinly. This added to the pressures of younger people in the workforce, make Membership one of the most challenging areas of **Rotary**.

The **Rotary Club of West Wollongong** currently has 26 Members, 7 very active Friends and 5 Honorary Members.

Unfortunately, this year we lost a few long-term members.

Michael Campbell was a member for 32 years and **Bruce Inglis** for 27 years. They are moving on to devote their time to family and other interests. Both made a huge contribution to the Club over the years and were conferred **Honorary Members**.

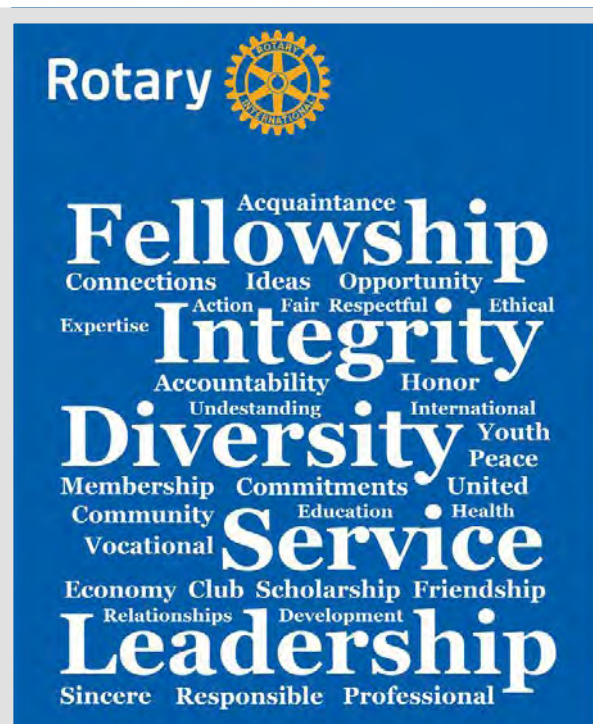
Three other members active in projects and on the Board over the years - **Aditya Ghose** and **Joanne and Dieter Glaser** – have also left the club.

We thank them all for giving generously of their time supporting our work in the community and abroad.

On the happier side, our newest members and friends are making a regular and substantial contribution to all projects and events.

All members agree that they are proud to be a part of the **Rotary Club of West Wollongong** citing reasons such as the **spirit of camaraderie, service to others, teamwork and regular fun and fellowship**.

IPP Rose Pope



Bruce Inglis - 27yrs membership



Michael Campbell- 32yrs membership



Another year of limited **Rotary** fund-raising opportunities for the first three months of the year but we have been very successful fund raising once our face-to-face meetings restarted and it can be seen in the income estimate below.

Our fund-raising has enabled the following summary of our **Donations** for the **Financial Year 2021 to 2022**. The **Charity Account** still holds the funds from the closure of the **Baby Capsule Project**; the use of these funds is presently being considered and we hope to have a determination early on in the new **Rotary** year.

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

CHARITY ACCOUNT

INCOME

Barbeques	\$ 13,000
Charles Hotel Raffle	\$ 33,000
Charles Hotel Donation	\$ 2,000
District Grant (Interplast)	\$ 1,182
7 Women Dinner	\$ 2,722
Centurion	\$ 1,200
Collection Tins	\$ 1,500
Donation from Babs Davis	\$ 2,000

EXPENDITURE

INTERNATIONAL

Interplast Australia & NZ	\$ 3,682
Polio+ & Rotary Foundation	\$ 4,378
7 Women Project	\$ 2,722

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

Supported Accommodation & Homelessness Services Shoalhaven Illawarra (SAHSSI)	\$ 4,000
Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) Ukrainian Crisis Appeal Resettlement Fund	\$ 4,000
Native Bee Project	\$ 3,300
UOW John Chaplin Scholarship	\$ 3,000
Green Connect Project	\$ 3,000
Wesley Mission Food for Needy	\$ 2,500
Homeless Hub Sleeping Bags	\$ 2,100
Imagination Library Illawarra	\$ 2,000
Towradgi Surf Life Saving Club Nipper Training Program	\$ 2,000
Neonatal Unit -Wollongong Hospital	\$ 2,000
Rotary Club of Lismore Flood Victims- Fuel Vouchers	\$ 2,000
National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)	\$ 1,500
Legacy	\$ 1,000
Wollongong Stingrays Girls/Ladies Soccer Club	\$ 1,000
Ride4Rotary (Southern Youth & Family Services - SYFS)	\$ 1,000
Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN)	\$ 900
Citizenship Dinner	\$ 710
Fruit Trees for Warrawong Primary School	\$ 350

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

Noel Watt

Treasurer 2021/2022

Barry Stevens





This is a special year as I am handing over the reigns to Janet Crakanthorp. I have had nearly 20 years in Club Administration and feel it is time for new blood at the helm. I would like to especially thank my wonderful committee for their efforts, for without their support our Club would not function with the ease and success that it does. I would also like to thank Joanne Glaser for her assistance throughout the year. This year, as with last year, continues to be quite a challenge for all at our Club, but more so for our Executive and what a wonderful job they have achieved under the circumstances.

Bulletin – Michael Crowley, Aditya Ghose and Phil Peckman

Michael is doing an excellent job with the Club Bulletin, and this is especially true during our present trying time with the continuance of COVID-19 during the year. He keeps us updated on coming events and projects along with letting us know the Rotary theme for the month. Helen Hasan ensures our bulletins are sent to our honorary members and other clubs to keep them informed of our Club's activities. Thank you, Michael for all your hard work with the bulletin. My thanks also to Aditya and Phil for filling in and continuing to ensure we remained fully informed while Michael was away.

Attendance – Noel Watt and Rose Pope

Noel keeps the records of our weekly meeting attendance; also maintains a list of each member's contribution to our Rotary year. He keeps track of the archive records of all members, and we are thankful for his dedication.

Welfare – Anne Christensen

Anne follows up on all members welfare and reports to the Club each week. She ensures that members receive phone calls, visits, cards, and flowers when they have had some difficult challenges in their life. Anne is doing a fantastic job and we congratulate her and thank her for her efforts.

Fellowship – Michael Crowley and Bob Armessen OAM

We have not had much opportunity to enjoy our special fellowship meetings due to COVID-19 and its restrictions. We went back to face to face meetings in November and have had two picnics at Sublime Point and a lunch at the Southern Gateway Restaurant. Michael and Bob have some special things planned for the rest of the year. I am very thankful they are taking on this unique opportunity. I know we will be having some fun times this coming year. Thank you to both members for their assistance.

Risk Management – Barry Stevens

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. Barry has done a wonderful job of organising this for the Club this year. Thank you Barry for your service, you are the perfect person to organise these plans.

Club Constitution and By-Laws – Bob Armessen OAM

Bob is doing a fantastic job on our Constitution and By-Laws to reflect the current policies of our Club. These are the fundamental guidelines of Rotary International by which our Club is governed. It is a written document that relates to the rights of the members of our Club and must be updated regularly to correspond to Rotary International changes in policy. We are thankful to have Bob in this position with his wealth of knowledge.



Citizenship - Patrick Roberts and Marilyn Phillips

Citizenship has become a part of our Club's calendar for over 20 years and again this year it was no different. This night was highly successful as it has been over the years, and requires a lot of effort from several Club members, in particular **Patrick and Yvonne Roberts, Joanne Glaser, Phil Peckman, Ken Potter, and me** to name a few. It is always a fantastic night and creates a lovely memory for our new citizens of their special day. We have even managed to gain some new members from this night. I would like to thank all the members who assisted on this night looking after our new Citizens and all the members who assisted Patrick and me to enable this to be such a special night for our new Citizens. This year we were especially pleased to have our own poet **Ken Potter** recite a beautiful poem he wrote for the night.

This is a rundown of **Club Administration Directorship**, and we welcome feedback and ideas to improve our Club. In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome **Janet Crakenthorp** to the position and wish her well with the **Directorship**. I would like to thank all the members for their attention to duty over the years, without such dedicated members we would not be able to continue at the high level that has become the norm in this Club, and I know that they will continue to give this level of service in the year ahead.

Marilyn Phillips

Director - Club Administration 2021/2022

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



CANDIDATES	
Michael Stephan BURRI - United States	Muhammad Fairuz Bin JAMALUDDIN - Singapore
Lukas Atsuki BURRI - Canada	Geoffrey Patrick BROWN - South Africa
Matthias Taiki BURRI - Canada	Jacqueline SANDILANDS - South Africa
Tiara Mio BURRI - Canada	Angel LINARES GARCIA - Spain
Sara HARANJI - Iran	Cristina RAMOS JAIME - Spain
Yasin JAVADI - Iran	Phuong Nam NGUYEN - Vietnam
Laura Nicole HARNISH - Canada	Nha Khanh NGUYEN - Australia Thi Nhat Anh NGUYEN - Vietnam





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COMMUNITY SERVICE AND CLUB PROJECTS



The ability to meet our **Community Service** goals, in recent years, has been hampered to an extent by external happenings, COVID-19, Government regulations pertaining etc.

During this year we again experienced COVID-19 constraints which meant we were back to **Zoom meetings** and the restrictions imposed reduced our capacity to run successful fundraisers. Then in early 2022 we received extensive, long lasting and monsoon like rainfall. Eventually the COVID-19 impact reduced following removal of regulations. This meant that we were again able to run our **Charles Hotel raffles** and the **Bunnings BBQs**. As you will see from their reports, **Dennis Simpson** and **Milan Stanojevic** were able to achieve excellent results.

Unfortunately, the rains continued, and we are only now able recommence our outdoor projects.

One new and importantly successful project was the **Bee Hive project** introduced by **Di Quinlin**. This project aims to benefit the **environment**.

Despite cancellation of the live event for 2022, **Illawarra clubs' Ride4Rotary** event was still able to raise net proceeds of \$55,129. The proceeds going straight to **Southern Youth and Family Services** in support of their **Education, Employment and Training Programs** which have such a positive impact on young vulnerable people throughout our region.

The efforts of **Community Service Director Dieter Glaser** are acknowledged especially for the leadership he provided during the year. Dieter resigned in April 2022.

PDG Patrick Roberts OAM

THE WARRAWONG PUBLIC SCHOOL PROJECT

It was only in the latter part of this Rotary year that we have been able to enter the school. A few members managed to do some weeding, some shoveling and spreading mulch and making a start on repairing the surf boat which is a feature in the main playground. As always, the pupils were delighted for us to join them.



A highlight was our club sponsoring all the children in the special classes, plus the Principal and teacher **Ben Anderson** in the **District's Adopt a Tree program**. They were all extremely excited to receive their certificates and tree number. We look forward to the planting of the trees sometime in July.

The next plan is to help the school and teacher **Ben Anderson** purchase fruit trees for the ever-expanding garden. A structure has already been built as a shop for the produce from the vegetable garden and these fruit trees. We look forward to our continuing relationship with the school and gardening classes.

IPP Rose Pope



THE CHARLES HOTEL RAFFLES

Well, the first half of this **Rotary** year was thrown into chaos once again with COVID-19 seriously affecting our being able to conduct weekly raffles and BBQs at the hotel. There were a couple of stops and starts but when we finally got back into full swing our raffle team and the patrons who very generously support our endeavors week in week out enjoyed the **Joker Chase**. The Thursday night **Joker Draw** has been a great provider for our Club for many years and continues to provide us with funding for our charitable donations.

The management of The **Charles Hotel** offered us another opportunity to raise funds by way of adding Friday meat raffles, this is in addition to our **Thursday night Joker Draw and raffle**, we kindly accepted the challenge and so another roster was added, and this has been going along nicely.

Another activity that contributes to our fundraising effort is the **Saturday afternoon BBQ** mostly conducted by a couple of **Pub Volunteers Lisa and Warren** with patrons offering donations for the scrumptious bangers on offer. This has been used by some of our members as a Saturday afternoon get together. Funds raised from this have been donated to a community group **SAHSSI, [Supported Accommodation and Homelessness Services Shoalhaven and Illawarra]** and on the 23 April members of our Club gathered in the garden of the hotel to present them with a cheque for \$2000. **CEO Kathy Colyer** and **Gianna Baldoni** were on hand to receive the cheque.

I would like to thank the efforts of our raffle roster group who get out to the hotel and sell tickets, chat to the patrons and on occasions use the evenings as a social get together.

I have said this many times, the patrons and management of **The Charles Hotel** are a wonderful group of people who love the challenge of trying to find the very elusive **JOKER**, and while ever he (or maybe she) stays in hiding the prize increases and our profits increase.

Our Club is extremely fortunate to have the very generous support of the Hotel, which has been ongoing for years, and I encourage everyone to try and support them in return.

Thank you to all the "Raffle Roster Members"
"TICKETS IN DA RAFFLE"

PP Dennis Simpson

Dennis Simpson





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ROTARY PARK GARDEN PROJECT (ARTHUR'S PARK)

It is hard to imagine that it is almost two years since **Arthur Booth** arranged a meeting with a few club members and a **Wollongong Botanic Garden** supervisor. Very shortly thereafter **Wollongong City Council (WCC)** had supplied us with 10-12 truckloads of mulch, over **300 Australian native plants**, supplied and installed two park benches (fully restored by our DIY specialist **Dennis Simpson**) and a lot of useful advice. Mulch was spread, plants were planted, then COVID-19 hit us, causing on-again, off-again, lockdowns and restrictions. During this time, and with much assistance from **Rose Pope and Dennis Simpson**, we carted water to individually feed our newly planted "little darlings."

So far, this **Rotary** year has not been good to the park. First, we had unusually wet weather which hampered our access to the area, then a severe windstorm trashed a number of trees which in turn trashed a lot of plants. **WCC** garden teams then had no choice other than to trash more plants while removing the damaged trees (safety hazard) from the park.

For months now we have been waiting for a change in the weather, and ground conditions, to enable us to do a major clean-up and replanting. As I pen this note I am hoping that this much needed work will have been completed before you have a chance to read it.

Sincere thanks to all the members, friends and relatives who have been, and will continue to be able to physically support this very worth-while project.

Also, thanks to **WCC** and **Botanic Garden** staff for all they have done, including allowing us to install the signage that was created by **Arthur Booth**.

Bob Armessen OAM



BBQ's

BBQs this **Rotary** year were truncated due to COVID-19 restrictions. We started in November 2021 and since then we have had several **Bunnings BBQs** as well as the **Shitbox Rally** (three hours) and the **Comic-Gong** event.

All-in-all, we have had a good year-to-date (after a delayed start) and we have raised well over \$10,000, with one BBQ to go in this **Rotary** year. Thanks must go to the members that were available to volunteer and there was good bonhomie and teamwork at all the BBQs.

Milan Stanojevic



RED SHIELD APPEAL 2022





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BEE HIVE PROJECT



The objective of the **Bee Hive Project** is to facilitate flower pollination for the benefit of the environment and to provide an educational opportunity in local schools.

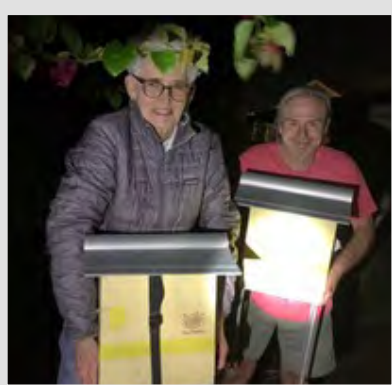
After the Committee presented to the Club a proposal to purchase stingless native beehives and this was subsequently approved, the decision was put into effect December last year.

Sugar Bag Bees Brisbane was the company chosen from whom to purchase the bees/hives. This is possible twice yearly in approximately September and February when the bee broods are available.

Eight hives were purchased at a cost of \$550 each comprising two deliveries each of four hives posted as fragile and perishable goods. The first four were installed easily, however, the second four had to be delayed because of the unrelenting rain. These had a holiday at Diane Quilin's home for a couple of weeks before being delivered to Warrawong, Lake Heights and Kemblawarra Public schools and Wollongong City Council's Greenhouse Park. The three schools have been delighted to receive the hives to use as an educational tool for the children. The pupils now know where honey comes from rather than shelf three at IGA. Thus far all hives have contented bees, however, the risk is how they go if we have a particularly cold winter.

The Club will consider the purchase of more hives this summer both to new locations and in addition to the present hives as ideally it is best to have two hives at each area. This is an ideal project for the Club as the hive can be a set and forget arrangement or have the honey harvested once each year for a little profit aside from the environmental benefits.

Dianne Quilin



NSW & ACT COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

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

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



COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Celebrating Regional Communities







EOY DONATION PRESENTATION CHARLES HOTEL



A **Certificate of Appreciation** was presented to **The Charles Hotel Fairy Meadow** acknowledging their support for our fundraising. Each of these components, The Charles Hotel, it's patrons and the team from West Wollongong Rotary club are essential to ensuring the continuation of the support that we provide today to the community.

Saturday Sausage Sizzle

ALL PROCEEDS DONATED TO CHARITY

ROTARY CLUB OF WEST WOLLONGONG

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

FUN BEGINS FROM 2PM

Jag The Joker

THURSDAYS 6PM - 7PM

JACKPOTS EVERY WEEK BY \$100 UNTIL WON!

Minimum Jackpot \$500

Plus plenty of other prizes!

THE CHARLES HOTEL



Towradgi Surf Life Saving Club Nippers training program is designed to ensure children have fun at the beach while participating in lessons that will give them a pathway to becoming a fully rounded participant in both lifesaving and sport. West Wollongong Rotary Club's donation will provide support (outfitting Nippers etc) for the conduct of this training program.



SAHSSI (Supported Accommodation & Homelessness Services Shoalhaven Illawarra). SAHSSI is a not for profit Specialist Homelessness Service supporting vulnerable women and families in the Illawarra and Shoalhaven regions.

Green Connect is a **not-for-profit social enterprise** that employs young people and former refugees in jobs that help the planet and the community – reducing waste and growing fair food.

West Wollongong Rotary Club provided assistance during COVID-19 to this multi-faceted organisation that works with, and for, the community in providing not just Op-shop services (at Unanderra) but also run a farm adjacent to Warrawong Primary and High schools that grows fresh organic fruit and vegetables (to order) and sells them in the community; pork and other animal products; they recycle; and they teach their people in these facets. Through a partner organisation (Kiama Community College), they also teach immigrants English and run a labour hire business for these immigrants.





It is an understatement, to say that **COVID-19** has had a devastating effect on **Youth Programs**. The programs were virtually at a standstill all year, except for some **Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA)** activity in December 2021. An incursion of the **RYDA** program took place at Kiama High School.

The event was well received and attended by all students in the cohort. This format for the **RYDA Program** is successful and is low in cost, in that the Program is conducted at the school, with no need for permission notes, bus expenses or venue costs. However, the **Stopping Distance Demonstration** must be presented as a static display and does not have the same “**impact on the students**” as the live demonstration at **Kembla Grange Racecourse**. RYDA is being promoted to the high schools at present, to resume on dates from July through December as an incursion and an excursion and it is anticipated that two years of students may attend from each school, to include those students who missed the Program last year.

To date we have conducted three **RYDA** sessions at **Kembla Grange Racecourse**, 19, 20 and 23 May, with two further sessions scheduled for 9 and 10 June. It is expected that further sessions will be booked for September through December. A **District Grant** has been retained for the ongoing operation of the program as well as an **IMB Community Grant** and **Club Grants NSW** money was received by **Road Safety Education (RSE)** from **The Shellharbour Club** and for which we are very grateful. With the assistance of **Marilyn Phillips, Pat Di Marco, and Rita Giampieri** we were able to compile a presentation/booklet detailing the Youth Programs that the Club promotes. We still have the presentation, and it can be updated as needs be. **Fiona Seymour**, who attended our information session last year, had booked for the **Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN)**, which was a victim of COVID-19, though she was able to book for **The Science Experience** and completed the program. She is yet to present to the club about her experience. **Ella Drady** attended the **National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)** and was fully sponsored by that program. It is my intention to have both young ladies present to the club, in the near future.

Working with Children Checks are part of this portfolio and are ably administered by **Marilyn Phillips** and I thank her for her diligence. The recipient of **“The John Chaplin Memorial Scholarship”** is **Abigail Leplaw**. The recipient of the co-funded **Australian Rotary Health PhD Scholarship** is **Mitchell St Clair-Glover**. The details of the operation of these Scholarships are outlined in the Foundation Section of the Annual Report. Both recipients of these scholarships reported to the Club.

My thanks go to those who assisted work in this portfolio in what was a difficult and challenging year.

PP Ken Potter
Director - Youth Services
2021/2022



The **Public Relations** portfolio is a complicated beast in as much as you need to be sure that those folk whom you want to write about and display their photos to the masses, (well we hope), have given their consent. In most cases this has been achieved however there is always the odd one which slips through the net.

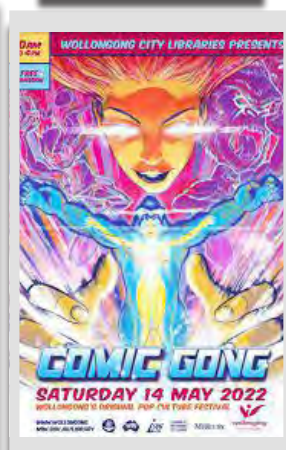
We have been limited to **social media** for the past two years in the main due to the **Advertiser** closing down and the **Mercury** not showing too much of an interest. We have had some great gigs which should have been part of our exposure to the public, like **Pride of Workmanship Awards**, **The End Polio Virtual Train Ride**, our **Native Bee project** and the **Citizenship Night**. Just to mention a few.

Undoubtedly, hard work, running a range of fundraisers such as BBQ's through **Bunnings**, **Shitbox Rally** and **Comic Gong** ensured we were able to raise much needed funds for a range of deserving services within our local community and importantly overseas. All the above needed promotion and it is my belief that with **Stephen Swan** and his efforts on **Twitter** and my use of **Facebook** we were able to provide a great audience.

Looking forward to the **2022/23 Rotary year** with the assistance of **Helen Hasan** and **Angela Capri**.

PP Jim Christensen
Director - Public Relations 2021/2022

Shitbox Rally



Green Connect Presentation

Di Reid, Rose Pope, Ann Burbrook - Green Connect, Rita Giampieri & Phil Peckman





It has been a busy year for these two portfolios. COVID-19 has taught us to be flexible with our plans but still, we have had a successful year. I extend a most sincere thank you to those who helped on the committee in organising the various events which we held.

October is **Mental Health Month**, so it was planned to have a large gathering of members, partners and Rotarians to attend a special **"Hat Night"** to fundraise for **Australian Rotary Health (ARH)**. All the local Rotary Clubs were invited. **Cheryl Deguara**, the program manager from ARH, organised our special guest speaker, **Ian Scott PhD scholar, Kelly Tow. Michael Crowley** organised for our own two scholars, **Mitchell St Clair-Glover**, and **Abigail Leplaw** to also attend to give us a very brief update.

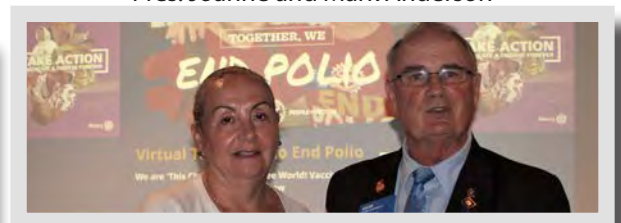
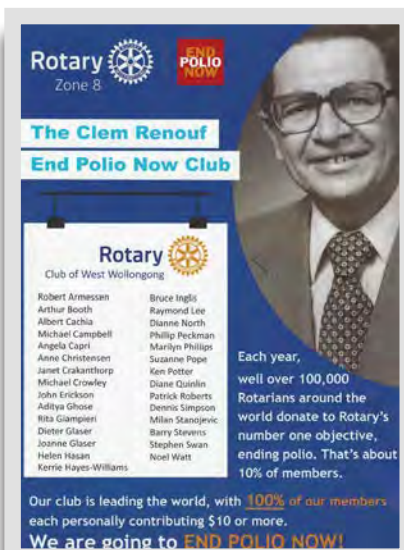
Unfortunately, COVID-19 would not allow us to have a face-to-face meeting, but we had a great Zoom meeting with everyone wearing hats to mark **"Lift the Lid"** for the occasion. **Cheryl Deguara** was asked to judge the hats and selected **Diane Quinlin** and **Michael Crowley** as the winners. The Vice Chair of ARH, **PDG Stephen Humphreys**, and his wife, Judith attended our zoom meeting and Stephen spoke to us about the magnificent work of ARH. We finished the night with a quiz testing everyone's knowledge of ARH.

November is **The Rotary Foundation Month**. **Mark Anderson** from the **Rotary International South Pacific and Philippines Office (RISPPPO)** agreed to come and speak to our club. Unfortunately, once again, COVID-19 got in the way. The night had to be postponed until 16th February. We had a good attendance with some members of other local clubs visiting. Mark spoke about the **Polio Train Ride** which had been postponed from **24 October (World Polio Day)** to **23 February (Rotary's birthday)**. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the decision was made to run this as a virtual event. Clubs were asked to go to their local railway station, take a group photo and make a donation. Several of our members went to Wollongong station and our club donated \$378 to **End Polio Now**. This amounts to \$2 for every station in the Sydney train system.

We continue to monitor the world polio situation. **Pakistan and Afghanistan** are the only two countries left where polio is still endemic. It takes three years without a single case of polio for a country to be declared polio free. **Nigeria** was declared polio free last year. Pakistan has just passed the one-year milestone of not having any cases. At the time of compiling this report **Afghanistan** has had only one case of polio this year. We must keep up this magnificent work.

The Rotary Club of West Wollongong was one of the first clubs in Australia to become a **Clem Renouf End Polio Now Club** by donating \$10 per member. We had the great honour of **Mark Anderson** presenting a certificate acknowledging this when he visited our club. **Sir Clem Renouf** was a **Past Rotary International President (1978-79)** and was the father of Rotary's campaign to end polio around the world. This started in 1988. Sadly, Clem Renouf died last year, aged 99.

Pres. Joanne and Mark Anderson



President Camden Rotary
Judith Humphreys



Several of our members attended, via Zoom, the **Peace Symposium** organised by the **Rotary Club of Strathfield** on 2 October to honour **Mahatma Gandhi's 152nd birthday**. There were some remarkably interesting guest speakers.

Unfortunately, our own Club's **Peace Oration** has had to be cancelled for this year for a number of reasons. **Charles Allen** from the **Institute of Economics and Peace (IEP)** had agreed to give the address on the night.

On 31 March I attended the **Pathways to Hope symposium** organised by the **Rotary Club of Sydney's Peacebuilding Group** to seek ideas for our **Peace Oration**. The discussion was on trying to resolve intractable conflict in both Northern Ireland and the Middle East. Two of the guest speakers had come from Israel and Pakistan. The third guest speaker was from the University of Melbourne and is an expert on Northern Ireland. It was a most informative, well organised evening and well worth the trip.

Our club was successful in its application for a **District Grant** this year. We received \$1182, to allow our club to send a total of \$3000 for **Interplast** to supply 100 hand therapy kits to Fiji for patients undergoing hand surgery following such things as traumatic injury, severe burns, and removal of tumours. It is important that these patients, both adults and children, regain as much use of their hand as possible to live an independent life without disability. These kits were sent to **Interplast** trained physiotherapists in **Suva and Labasa hospitals**. They were able to tailor the contents of each kit to each patient's specific needs and use the rehabilitation program with guidance, if needed, from Australian physiotherapists. This level of care is currently unavailable to these patients. Following on from the success of this project these kits will now be provided to other hospitals across the Pacific, to support patients who otherwise would have no access to hand rehabilitation support.

We had a special guest speaker on a zoom meeting on 3 November, **Stephanie Woollard OAM**, the founder of the **Seven Women Project in Nepal**. We decided to plan a fundraising dinner for the Seven Women project, which we were able to hold on 9 March to celebrate **International Women's Day**. We had 12 clubs from around the District represented, as well as a visiting Rotarian from the Newcastle area, 60 people in all. We showed the Seven Women documentary, **"A Spirited Journey"**. Stephanie zoomed in to speak to us from Melbourne and several of the women in Nepal also zoomed in (along with Padam, one of only two males in the organisation in Nepal). We raised just over \$2700 on the night. This was a great achievement. Thank you to the committee assisting me in organising this event, Anne Christensen and Joanne Glaser, and the many club members who volunteered to help on the night.

I have enjoyed the role as **Rotary Foundation/International Director**. We have had a productive year, but I couldn't have done it without the support of all Board members and the members of my committee. Thank you all.

PDG Di North OAM
Director - Foundation/International
2021/2022





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ROTARY FOUNDATION and INTERNATIONAL

AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH - HAT NIGHT - COVID-19 STYLE



Best hat winners – Michael Crowley and Diane Quinlin



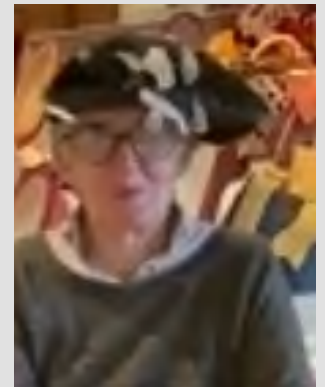
**Help for the
Helpers:**



**Mental Health
Help-Seeking in the
Emergency Services**



LIFT THE LID
on mental illness



INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT



CHANGEOVER 2021 - COVID-19 STYLE



DELAYED FACE-TO-FACE CHANGEOVER 2021

Hand-over of Charter



Immediate Past President Rose Pope receiving PP badge from Pres. Joanne Glaser



Pres. Rose Pope formally handing Presidency to new President Joanne Glaser





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PRESENTATION AWARDS NIGHT 2021

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.

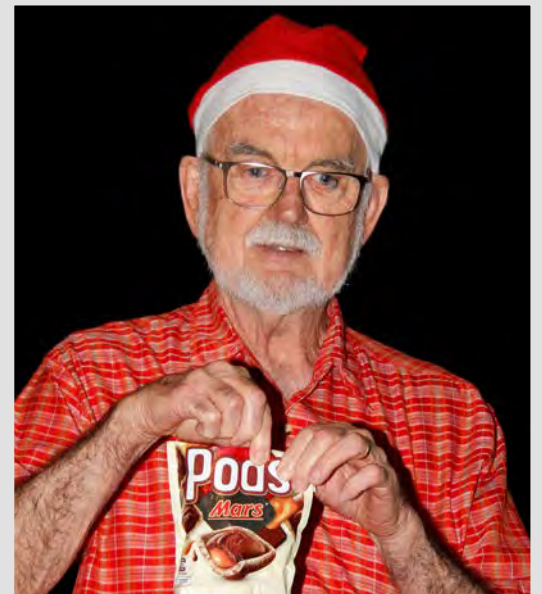
Noel Watt - PHF Sapphire



Dennis Simpson - PHF Sapphire 4



FUN PRESENTATIONS



PAST PRESIDENTS

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

DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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

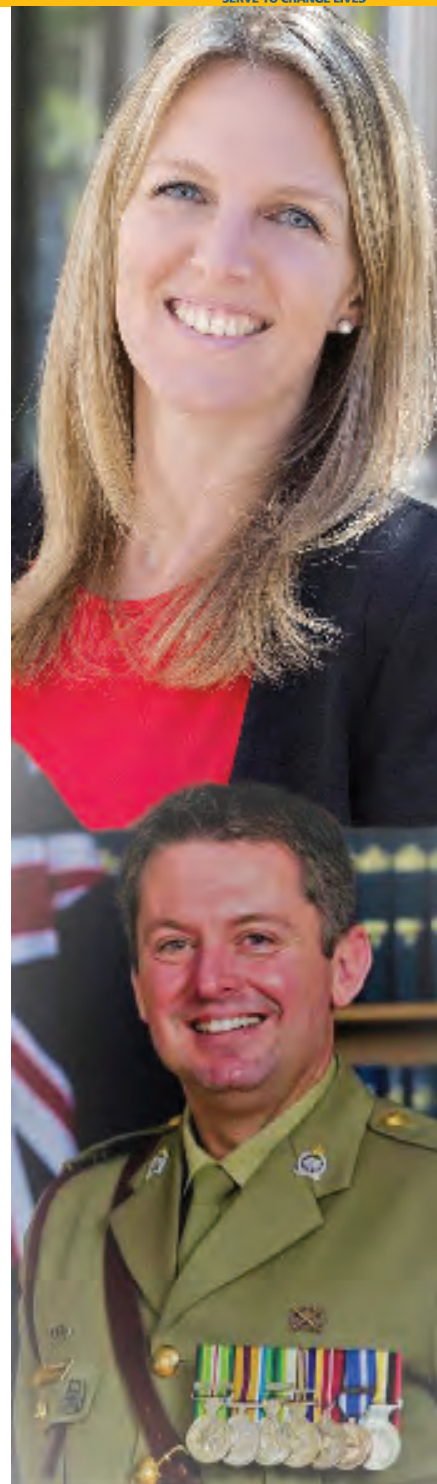
DISTRICT SECRETARY

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

HONORARY MEMBERS

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

Guest Speakers - Marina Prior & David Hobson





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WEEKLY PROGRAM JULY 2021 TO JUNE 2022



Date	Speaker & Topic	Date	Speaker & Topic
7-July-21	Zoom Meeting	5-Jan-22	No Meeting
14-July-21	Zoom Meeting-Trivia Quiz	12-Jan-22	Zoom meeting ... Our first meeting of 2022
21-July-21	Zoom Meeting: Guest Speaker - <i>Kim Paul, Doctor of Anthropology</i>	19-Jan-22	Zoom meeting - Club business
28-July-21	Zoom meeting ... <i>Your role/s within the Club!</i>	26-Jan-22	No Meeting - Australia Day
4-Aug-21	Zoom meeting ... 'A Brief History of Taiwan' – <i>Aditya Ghose</i>	2-Feb-22	Return to face-to-face meetings
11-Aug-21	Zoom meeting ... 'An Evening at the Opera' with special guests – <i>David Hobson, & Marina Prior.</i>	9-Feb-22	Club Business
18-Aug-21	District Governor <i>Jeremy Wright's</i> combined meeting of local Rotary clubs via Zoom .	16-Feb-22	The Rotary Foundation – <i>Mark Anderson</i>
25-Aug-21	Zoom meeting ... <i>Rob Edwards (RC of Corrimal) 'Web platform for clubs'</i>	23-Feb-22	Club Assembly
1-Sept-21	Zoom meeting - "Peace Pole Project within the Illawarra" ... <i>Rose Pope</i>	2-Mar-22	No meeting
8-Sept-21	Zoom Meeting – "Wave Swell – Electricity from the Ocean" ... <i>Tom Denniss</i>	9-Mar-22	Celebrating International Womens Day by screening the movie: "Seven Women"
15-Sept-21	Zoom meeting - Club business	16-Mar-22	<i>Farewell dinner PP Bruce Inglis</i>
22-Sept-21	Zoom meeting – "David's Journey" Dr <i>David Mutoro PHF</i>	23-Mar-22	<i>No meeting</i>
29-Sept-21	Zoom meeting - "The Men's Table Project" ... <i>Michael Collins</i>	30-Mar-22	"No words can describe ..." <i>The Story of an Australian Nurse in WW II – Stephen Swan</i>
6-Oct-21	"Forsaken Fighters: Flight from Kabul" - <i>Glenn Kolomeitz</i> , lawyer attached to the Australian Special Forces in Afghanistan	6-Apr-22	<i>Helen Hasan</i> - Living Connected which enables seniors improve their digital literacy skills.
13-Oct-21	Zoom meeting - "Bee Project Update" – <i>Diane Quinlin</i>	13-Apr-22	Club business
20-Oct-21	Zoom meeting - "Lift the Lid on Mental Illness" – <i>Kelly Tow, Ian Scott PhD Research Scholar, ARH</i>	20-Apr-22	<i>Command Responsibility in Ukraine Crisis - Glenn Kolomeitz</i>
27-Oct-21	Zoom meeting - "Falling Off the Perch" – <i>Graham Lancaster AM, Lawyer</i>	27-Apr-22	The Black Summer Fires – <i>Greg Wardle (RFS)</i>
3-Nov-21	Zoom meeting - "Seven Women Project" – <i>Stephanie Woollard OAM</i>	4-May-22	Citizenship Night
10-Nov-21	Zoom meeting - ROMAC (<i>Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children</i>) – <i>DGN Tonia Barnes</i>	11-May-22	Zoom Meeting - Club business
17-Nov-21	Annual General Meeting – President <i>Joanne Glaser</i>	18-May-22	SODIS – Solar Disinfection of Water & the Safe Sticker Program: <i>Martin Butson</i>
24-Nov-21	<i>Australian Rotary Health PhD Research scholar, Mitchell St Clair-Glover. 'Research Update' Abigail Leplaw – 2020/2021 RC of WW John Chaplin Memorial Scholarship recipient</i>	25-May-22	Command Responsibility in Ukraine Crisis - <i>Glenn Kolomeitz</i>
1-Dec-21	Social evening at AGA Club Germania	1-Jun-22	Native Bee Hive Project: update of the progress of this project via slides.
8-Dec-21	"Green Connect" ... <i>Ann Burbrook</i>	8-Jun-22	What's Coming Up in Wollongong - <i>Lord Mayor Gordon Bradbery AM</i>
15-Dec-21	Christmas Party & face to face Changeover - President <i>Joanne Glaser & IPP Rose Pope</i>	15-Jun-22	Club Meeting - Club business
22-Dec-21	No Meeting	22-Jun-22	"Flying in the Rain" - <i>Steve Mutch</i> (Past member: 1978-83). Experiences as an Australian Team Manager (2004), World F5B Model Aircraft Championship in York, England.
29-Dec-21	No Meeting	29-Jun--22 6-Jul-22	Club Meeting - Club business Changeover



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

Strata Management
Inducted 1 Jan 1994



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

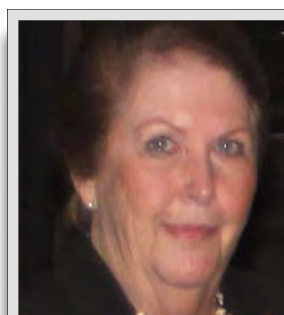


Albert Cachia PP PHF

Accountancy, Chartered
Inducted 1 May 1992



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

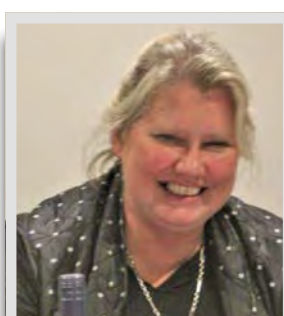


Anne Christensen PHF +
(Jim PAG PP PHF+++)

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



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



Janet Crakanthorp

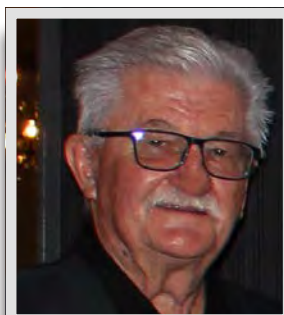
**Heavy Vehicle Haulage
Management**

Inducted 31 March 2021



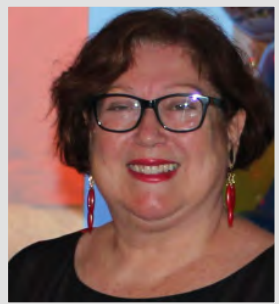
**Michael Crowley PP
PHF++++**
(Krys)

Financial Planning
Inducted 12 Nov 2003



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

Education Travel
Inducted 14 Oct 2009

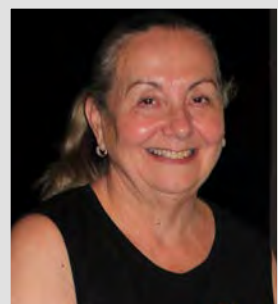


Rita Giampieri

(Roberto)

Language Teacher

Inducted 16 Dec 2020



PP. Joanne Glaser PHF

(Dieter)

Telecommunications

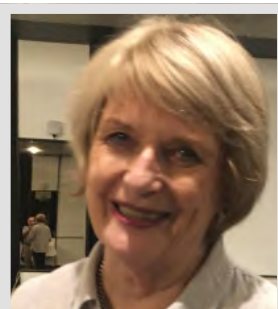
Inducted 20 May 2015



Prof. Helen Hasan PHF+

Information Technology

Inducted 19 Oct 2011



**Dr. Kerrie Hayes-Williams
PHF PP**

Education Psychology

Inducted 2 July 2009



Ray Lee PHF PP

(Jane)

Chemical Manufacturing

Inducted 5 Mar 2014



**Di North OAM PDG,PDS
PP PHF 3 rubies**

(David OAM)

Oncology Pharmacy

Inducted 15 Feb 2017



Philip Peckman

(Eduardo)

Electrical Engineering

Inducted 16 Dec 2020

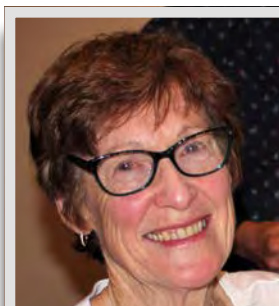


Marilyn Phillips PP PHF+++

(Peter)

Hospital Services, Nursing

Inducted 15 Nov 1999



IPP. Rose Pope PHF

Secondary Education

Inducted 16 May 2012

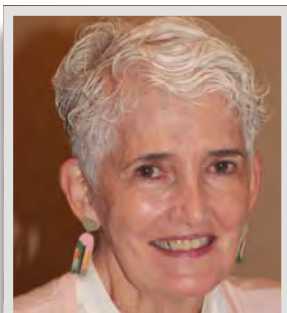


Ken Potter PP PHF+

(Jean)

Frozen Food, Retail

Inducted 30 June 2000



Diane Quinlin PHF

Dentistry

Inducted 31 Mar 2021



**Patrick Roberts OAM
PDG PP PHF++
RI "Service Above Self" Award 2016-2017**

(Yvonne PHF)

Banking, Area Management

Inducted 1 June 1994



**Dennis Simpson PP
PHF++++**

(Lynne)

Hotel Management

Inducted 11 July 2007

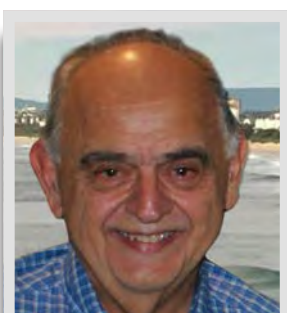


Barry Stevens PP PHF

(Nikki)

Computer Programming

Inducted 30 Nov 2011



Milan Stanojevic

HR Management

Inducted 6 May 2015



Noel Watt PP PHF+

Credit Unions

Inducted 1 Jan 1978



Stephen Swan

(Lee)

Strata Management

Inducted 17 April 2019
(Previous member of Rotary Club of Illawarra Sunrise)

Arthur Booth and Dennis Simpson



Ken Potter, Marilyn Phillips (wine raffle winner) & Barry Stevens





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FRIENDS OF THE ROTARY CLUB WEST WOLLONGONG



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

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



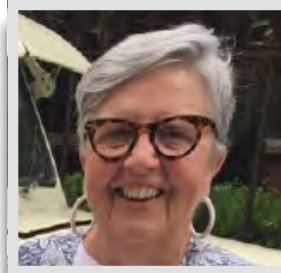
Elizabeth (Liz) Depers

(Maris)

Early Childhood Education

Inducted

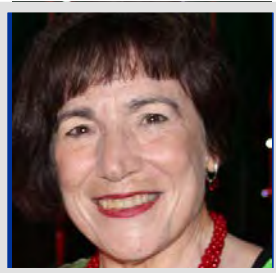
26 Aug 2009



Di Reid

Inducted

31 Mar 2021



Patricia Di Marco

Inducted

16 Dec 2020



Tim Koppel

PHF+

(Debbie)

Inducted

13 Jan 2009

Honorary

Member 2019

Now a friend 2022



Tom O'Toole

PHF

(Christine)

Chemical Engineering

Inducted

3 Jun 2015



Ros Yeomans

(Paul)

Inducted

31 Mar 2021



Eduardo Tovar

To be Inducted

6 July 2022



Mark Felton

To be Inducted

6 July 2022

HONORARY MEMBERS



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



John Harper

PHF

Honorary

Member 2012



Marcel Benson

PHF++

Past President
1978-1979

*Honorary
Member 2019*



Kim Hockings

PHF

Past President
1992-1993

Honorary

Member 2013

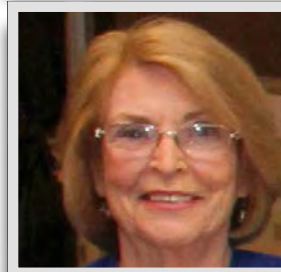


Bob Ridley

PHF

Honorary

Member 2011



Jessie Blundell

PHF+ PAG PDS

Past President
2000-2001

*Honorary
Member 2021*



Michael Campbell

PHF

Past President
1992-1993

Honorary

Member 2022



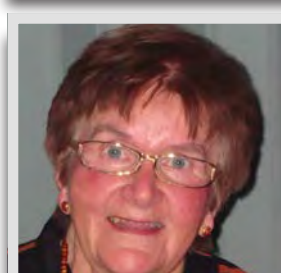
Bruce Inglis

PHF

Past President
2008-2009
2009-2010

Honorary

Member 2022



Adelle Chaplin

PHF

Honorary

Member 2022

Barry joined our Club in 1984 and on his passing, he was an honorary member. It is fair to say that had illness not intervened he may well have remained an active member.

Barry was President in the years 1989-1990. He did work in a range of portfolios, including Club Service and Youth as well as an active participant in Rotary's Village Aid Program in the Philippines.

He was a "man of any parts" He was an engineer by vocation and was known as hardworking, aspirational, passionate, gregarious and driven. He was the Club historian. Together with the assistance of his wife, Jessie (who was also a Past President and currently an honorary member of our Club), they compiled the history of our Club's first 40 years. He was a great organiser ... An example was the leadership he provided to the annual "Seafood and Sail" project which was a remarkably successful undertaking involving every member. Barry was the Club's cartoonist, regularly bringing much mirth to members with the many situations he found for them.

He gave us the membership of our own "poet laureate" Ken Potter and gave us the membership of Jessie Blundell a wonderful Rotarian at both Club and District level.

Barry Blundell PHF was a good and kind person, a decent man and a proud Australian who lived life to the fullest.

A wonderful tribute by Jennine below, to her father at the Celebration of his Life .

REFLECTION – 'DAD' by Jennine Blundell 26th May 2022

*Of all the things I could say, Of all the things I shouldn't say
How do I share the things to describe this man, our man, my dad
Son, husband, father, boss, friend
Only child
Hard tough childhood, Self-made, Self-educated*

*Achieved a career beyond his dreams
Fitter and Turner, Mechanical Engineer, Superintendent at BHP
A fine craftsman and draughtsman
A great builder - could build anything with his hands, boats, furniture, kites, billy carts
Creative ~ an artist, a painter
A lover of science, history, an astronomer, a vet,
Lover of animals - birds, dogs, cats, goats, lizards
Lover of all things boats
Sydney harbour championship sailor, Sydney to Hobart , America's cup*

*A new car every other year
Fit, strong, active, competitive
Tennis, squash, golfer, yachtsman
Not a great swimmer, but rescues a woman who falls off a boat in a foreign country
At times a klutz
Broke his Achilles tendon - twice
Best TV armchair sportsman*

*A great smile, beautiful twinkle blue eyes, Took pride in his appearance
Never embarrassed , Thoughtful, intelligent, wise
Warm, private, at times shy
Good self-awareness, Not afraid of his own opinion
Flawed, Strong self-belief
Community minded, Rotarian
A believer in people, A great leader of people*

*Always happy in the morning
Master of always laughing at his own jokes
Master Donald Duck impersonator
Found a great love in Jessie 64 years – who kept him on his toes
Adored his children
Hard task master on his son, but marshmallow on his daughter
A believer in those he loved could do anything
A believer that women could do anything and instilled this in me
Clear strong values*

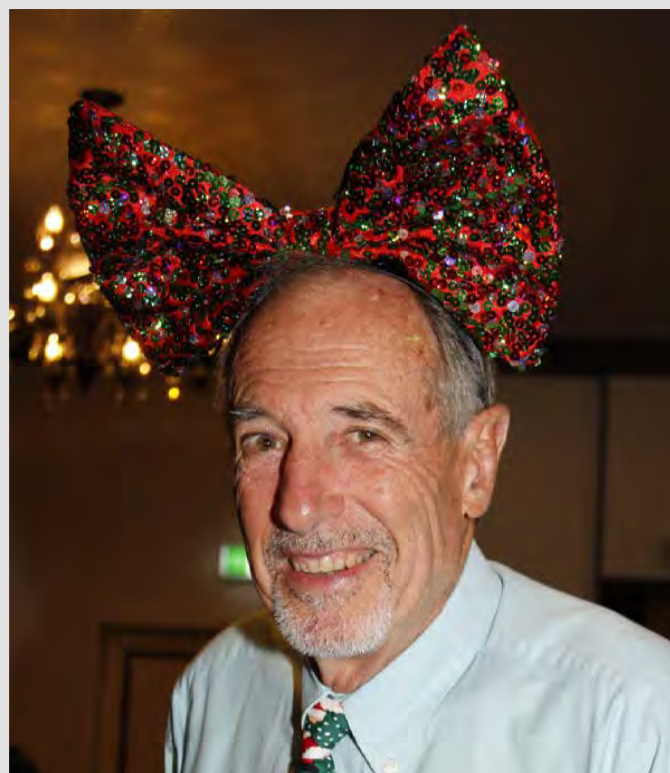
*Always had your back
His word meant everything
His handshake was his bond
Simple but complex
Hard end of life - endured a lot, never complained
Completely loved by Jessie, Leonard, Sammi, Harvey and me
An enduring love,*





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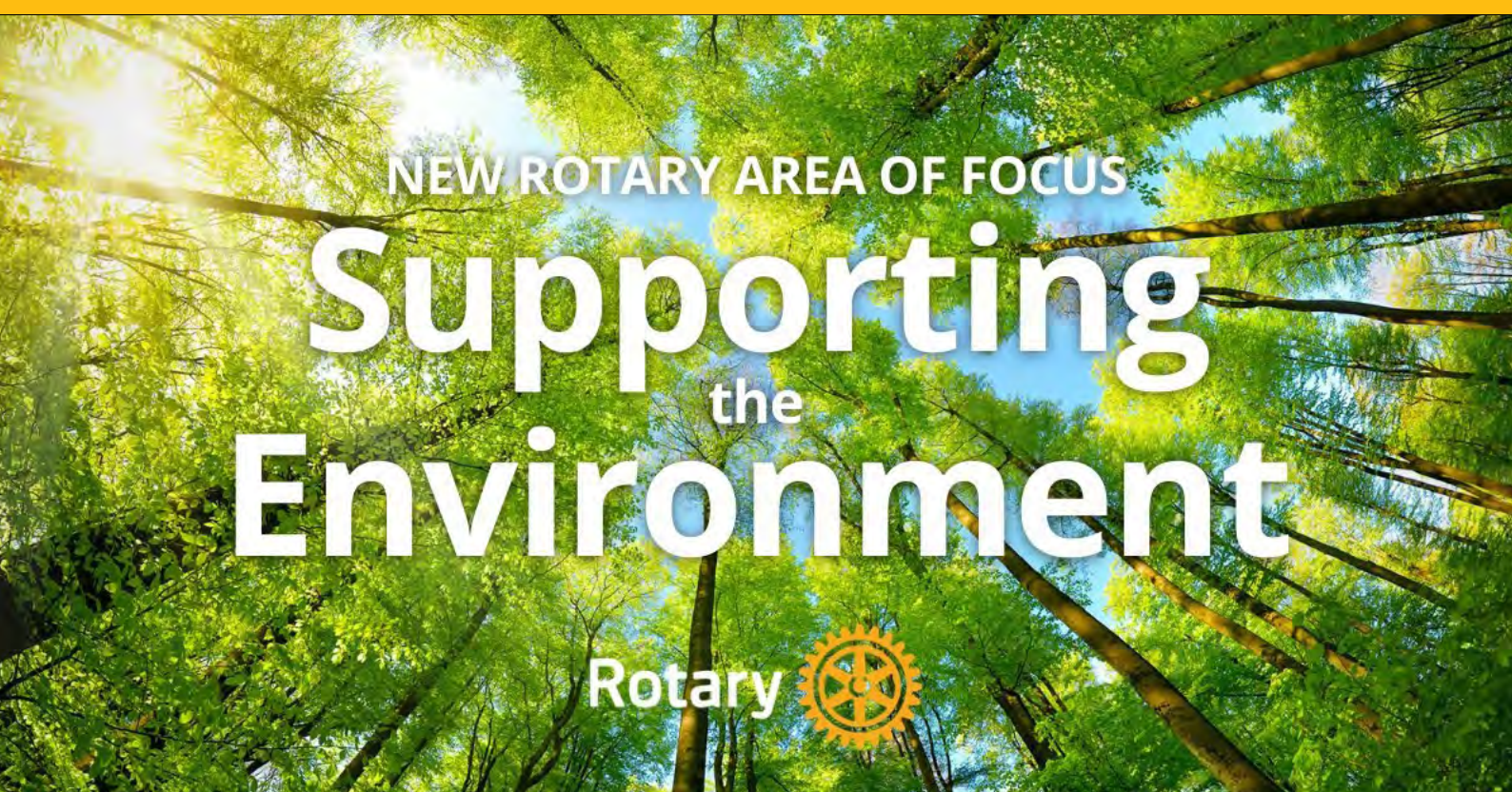
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