



Rotary
Club of North Ryde



2023-24 Annual Changeover

Friday 28th June 2024 at North Ryde RSL Club



**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**

2023-2024



**THE MAGIC
OF ROTARY**

2024-2025

- Collaboration
- Community Spirit
- Championing Our Youth



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Club Executives & Directors 2024-2025

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The President's Year in Review

- Bernie Mason 2023-2024

The Rotary Club of North Ryde is a small club, and we have continued our great traditions, and introduced some new ones in keeping with Past President Sandeep Rath's vision for the future of the Club.

- **Collaboration** – joining hands with other Rotary Clubs to achieve more.
- **Community Spirit** – encouraging and celebrating the coming together of people.
- **Championing our Youth** - empowering youth and young professionals.

We have 17 members, one honorary member and four new Friends of the Club.

We meet three times a month: two meetings via Zoom and one face-to-face Club Assembly at Dunmore Lang College (including Zoom for those at home.)

Throughout the year, **Garry Maloney and Rob Wilkinson** have kept us entertained and educated, by organising many wonderful speakers to present to our members. These guest speakers are presented with a Gro Tree, as our thanks. Each Gro-Tree certificate sees a tree planted by Landcare, currently at Lithgow, creating green corridors for our wonderful country. Go and hug a tree and claim it as your own.

When I became President, my aim was to have **more open collaboration within our cluster clubs** and open our eyes to other projects we could help with, locally, nationally, and internationally. I also wanted people in our community to know who we are and what we do. I think we have achieved that as a club.

I would like to thank the **other clubs of our District**, who took the time to invite us into their meetings and listen to their guest speakers. In keeping with our community spirit, we have collaborated with many Rotary Clubs on our projects including: **The Epping Rotary Club with DIGIT; Macquarie Park with Carols on the Common and the eFun Run; Ryde also with the eFun Run:** with Chatswood/Roseville in raising funds through **Christmas Puddings**, the proceeds going to the **"Books in Homes" project at Moree East Public School; Hunters Hill and the Youth sub committees in District 9685.**

Thank you to **AG Julie Thorp**, for encouraging our collaborations and holding the Presidents' meetings at The Ranch, for fellowship and the swapping of useful ideas.

The Club held a **"Thank You" breakfast** in July for sponsors of the **2023 eFun Run at Dunmore Lang College**. It is vital that we have support for this major fundraiser from the businesses in our community, and we thank our sponsors very much for their support.

Planning started for **2024 eFun Run** early in the year, and I wish to thank **Pam Wood** for all her hard work in organising this event. Pam invited other Clubs in our cluster to join with us, and it was a great way to learn from each other and raise much needed funds for youth mental health.



We have just concluded this event, with a greater emphasis on collaboration between **our Club, Macquarie Park, and Ryde Rotary Clubs. The Lifespan Health and Wellbeing Research Centre** (previously known as the Centre for Emotional Health) at **Macquarie University**, came onboard with events at the University this year, and had loads of fun helping us to help them with much needed funds for families to be able to attend counselling sessions at their vital centre.

The annual **Carols on the Common** is a joint project, with the **Rotary Club of Macquarie Park**. Thank you to **Joint Presidents Roseanna Gallo OAM, and Lydia Scuglia**, and the **Macquarie Park members**, for bringing your skills to the table. It's a huge undertaking with many hours of planning. Last Christmas saw the biggest crowd in attendance with the whole community enjoyed themselves.

In **October**, we hosted a breakfast and **presentation of donations to the local schools**. Each Principal or Assistant Principal attended and told us what the funds would be used for. It was very interesting to discover the many issues facing each school.

As **Youth Exchange Counsellor**, I welcomed **Luis Alonso Indiano, Currito, from Spain**, on behalf of our Club. **Luis arrived on 22 July 2023**, and we now have another son! Thank you to the four host families **Robert and Sharon Sullivan, Cath and Andrew Colville, Maria and Everard Vaz and Barry Starr**. They have taken him under their wings and made his cultural exchange such fun. He will be leaving at the end of June and we will miss him so very much.

Kazuma Calder and Nathan Young, took part in the summer **RYPEN program**. The **Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN)** is run over a weekend, and develops leadership skills, and deeper thinking of self, for Year 10 students. There is **Summer and Winter RYPEN programs** held every year. We will be sponsoring **Winter RYPEN** students again in **June 2024**.

The **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)** and is open to people who have been out of school for at least 12 months, aged **between 18 and 25 years old**. Our **2024 RYLARANS** are **Aiden Sauvano and Jane Suh**, who work for **Bunnings Gladesville**.

The **Science Experience** candidate from Marsden High was **Benjamin Rogers**.



Our Fundraising continued in earnest, with the **Gladesville Bunnings BBQs** being ably organised by **Garry Maloney**. I think that we have quite the reputation now, in efficiency and friendliness. We also have fun, with **Rob Wilkinson** providing the music for us all to groove along to. Thank you also to **Sandeep Rathi** for the yoga stretch sessions. Well done team.

Our **Trivia night team** organised wonderful evening of friendship and companionship in February. I think my brain still is recovering from the questions designed to separate the chalk from the cheese. Thank you to **Trivia Master, Brian Bailey** and the team for a very successful night. Thanks also to **Reverend John Chappell** for the use of his hall and amenities. Funds raised from the Trivia night will go towards our **youth programs and the Books in Homes Project**.

Our Club continues to support the **Riding for the Disabled at Marsfield**. Some of our members also personally sponsor a student to attend therapy sessions. Pete and I have been doing this for a few years now, and I encourage all of you to consider this project.

The **Tree of Joy at Cox's Road Mall** again spreads a lot of cheer in our community thanks to **Pam Wood and her group of helpers**. A huge number of gifts were collected and distributed. Special thanks to **Bendigo Bank North Ryde** who is a major supporter of this activity.

Some of our members attended the **Mental Health Training Course in November 2023**. Under the expert teachings of **Michele Ellery**. It was such a rewarding training course. Michele is also **Nominee for District Governor for 2025-26**. We congratulate her for her nomination.

In August, Pete and I attended the **Dunmore Lang College 2023 scholarship breakfast**. A wonderful morning to meet and greet the recipients of the scholarships. Our club provides a scholarship to a student to support them in their chosen field of study for the year.

Some members of our club also attended the principal's cocktail afternoon with **Principal Alasdair Murrie-West**. A great afternoon of networking. What a wonderful scholastic group Alasdair Murrie-West leads. So inspiring.

During the week of **12-17 May 2024**, **David Martin**, and **Peter Mason**, organised for 8 students to come to Sydney. Four from Forbes and four from Inverell. During the week, the students are exposed to many aspects of **careers in IT**. The group visit companies, including **Google, Oracle, Microsoft, Cisco, IBM, Coles Distribution centre, the Department of Home Affairs, University of Technology, Macquarie University and Cochlear**. The students get to experience Robotics, Programming, and functionality within these companies. At Macquarie University, the students met a young lady, four years their senior, who came from Tamworth. They heard how she coped with her new life in a big city and her insights into Uni life.

Under the guidance and leadership of **District Governor Christine Owen**, our Club supported her main focus for action, ***Saying NO to domestic violence and Yes to action against violence.***

Marches and awareness campaigns have been this year's achievement. It has been wonderful to be involved, and to now see the Federal and State Governments taking notice and supporting this initiative to wipe out this scourge. **DG Elect Niranjan Deodhar** has vowed to carry this initiative forward.

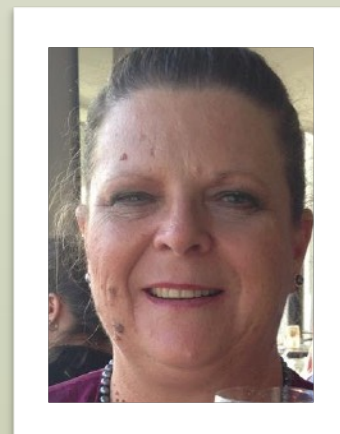
I would also like to thank the **City of Ryde** for their continued support of our Club.



Thanks for your support

Bernie Mason

Rotary Club of North Ryde Inc
President 2023-2024 Rotary District 9685
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President -Bernie Mason
2023-2024

Community Service - Pamela Wood

Community Service encourages every Rotarian to find ways to improve the quality of life for people in their communities and to serve the public interest.

- Encouraging and fostering the ideal of service to the personal, business and community life of every Rotarian.
- Opportunities for every Rotarian to exemplify "Service Above Self".
- A chance to respond to the needs of the local community.

The club has continued to have a busy year with our Community Service projects.

The regular **bi-monthly BBQ's at Bunnings Gladesville** have been a great fundraising activity for the club. These BBQ's have provided a fundraising stream for club projects, as well as raising our profile in the community. We have a team of up to 8 or 9 members and friends of the club who help throughout the day and make the day enjoyable for all involved.

We are very appreciative of the ongoing support from **Bunnings Gladesville, Bush's Meats Gladesville, Ritchies IGA, Cox's Road Fruit Market and Kwik Kopy North Ryde**.

Our thanks also to **Em Serrao and Ron Marton** for their assistance in designing the signage for the Tree of Joy and the BBQ's respectively.

The Club continued to provide a donation of **\$500 to each of the 6 local Primary schools and \$1000 to Ryde Secondary College** to support programs for the students. We hosted four principals and teacher representatives at a breakfast meeting at Dunmore Lang College in October. This was a great opportunity to hear about what is happening in the schools and how these donations are used to support specific programs.



We provide an **annual scholarship of \$1000** to a selected student from **Dunmore Lang College** to help cover their educational expenses for the year. We also continue our sponsorship of a student through **the Smith Family Learning for Life Program**. This year we also provided a \$200 sponsorship for the **City of Ryde Eisteddfod**.

We continued to work with the **Rotary Club of Macquarie Park** on planning the Carols on the Common. This year, the Carols were held at **North Ryde Common on Sunday 17 December** along with the much-anticipated fireworks finale. The event was well supported and appreciated by the community with one of the best crowds in attendance yet.

The annual **Carols on the Common** are supported and sponsored by local community members, groups and businesses, the City of Ryde Council and State and Federal Members of Parliament. **Stephen Sim** was, once again, MC for the event and **Roseanna Gallo OAM** organised and lead the performances, as well as being Chairperson for the committee.

This year each club raised **\$11864** to go towards our **annual giving programs** through the Carols. From total funds raised **\$500 each** was donated to **St John's Ambulance, Ryde SES, Warringah Headquarters SES and East Ryde Scout group**. Funds raised from the bucket collection went to **CCA NSW Community Hub**, to support victims of domestic violence.



Throughout **November and December**, the Rotary Club of North Ryde sets up the **Tree of Joy at Cox's Road Mall**. Our thanks to **Cox's Road Mall** for the continued support of the **Tree of Joy** and to **Bendigo Bank North Ryde** for the sponsorship of \$1000 which helped provide gifts for residents of **Macquarie Hospital and Baptist Care Aged Care Homes**.

Gifts from the Tree of Joy were donated to **North Ryde Community Aid-Presbyterian Aged Care, CCA Community Hub, St Vincent De Paul, Macquarie Hospital and Baptist Care Aged Care Homes at Marsfield**.



The North Ryde community was again, very generous with their donations with approximately **2000 gifts** donated. **Reverend John Chappell** provided storage at St John's Anglican Church Hall as gifts came in and were collected. Businesses in the Mall also provided support for the Tree of Joy including **Ritchies IGA Supa Market, North Ryde Pharmacy and Café SaBu**.

We continued the **Christmas pudding drive** which was undertaken with **Chatswood/Roseville, Wahroonga, Pennant Hills and Turramurra Rotary Clubs** to raise funds for a literacy program called "**Books in Homes**" for **Moree East Public School**.

Nearly 90% of the students at the school come from the local Aboriginal community. The program has had a profound positive effect on the literacy skills of the students. The program provides "...quality books-of-choice to children living in remote, disadvantaged and low socio-economic circumstances, ensuring crucial early literacy engagement and the development of reading skills needed for lifelong achievement." **The Rotary Clubs in Moree** are our local representatives.

Some of our members joined other local community group in the **Walk against Domestic Violence held on Thursday 23 November 2023**. The aim of this walk was to draw attention to the need to stop domestic violence in the world and give a sense of hope for the victims. We also had members join in the **District 9685 Walk Against Domestic Violence** held at Terrigal prior to the District Conference in March. This walk raised \$2000 to go towards support for victims of domestic violence.

Five of our members and one member from Macquarie Park Rotary Club participated in the **Mental Health First Aid Training** over the **weekend of the 4-5 November at Epping**. The course was run by **District Governor Nominee Designate, Michele Ellery**.

We congratulated club members **Mandy Van and Rob Wilkinson** for their nominations in the **City of Ryde Australia Day Citizen of the Year** awards. Rob was awarded a local **Community Hero** award at the presentation event.



The North Ryde eFun Run for Youth Mental Health was virtual, once again, this year. The eFun Run was held in partnership with **the Rotary Clubs of Macquarie Park and Ryde and Macquarie University's Lifespan Health and Wellbeing Research Centre**. It was held over a week from **29 April until 5 May 2024**.

This year the eFun Run raised **approximately \$14 000** through direct sponsorship of participants by their friends, families and colleagues, as well as corporate sponsorship from **Bendigo Bank North Ryde and North Ryde RSL**. **Bunnings Gladesville** once again provided a **\$250 voucher** as a prize for the entrant who raised the most money individually.

Funds will be distributed between **Australian Rotary Health and Macquarie University Lifespan Health and Wellbeing Research Centre's Cool Kids Program.**

Whilst we have a small membership, our club has worked hard to have a strong and positive profile in the local community and continue to support the community throughout the year.



Fun Run /Walk on the last day touring
by Bob Selinger OAM



Friend of Rotary - Jordan Lane MP



District Conference



Friend of Rotary - Jerome Laxale MP



Friends of Rotary Seb & Annette

Pamela Wood
Community Director 2023-24

● Youth Service - Bernie Mason

As Youth Exchange Counsellors, Mandy and I welcomed **Luis Alonso Indiano, (Currito), from Spain**, on behalf of our Club. Luis arrived on **Friday 22 July 2023**, and we now have another son. Thank you to the four host families who have taken him under their wings and made his cultural exchange such fun. He will be leaving at the end of June, and we will miss him so very much.

Currito, as Luis likes to be called, has a passion for sport, **especially soccer and basketball**. Now he has an adopted team too in **the Matildas**, with **Rob Wilkinson** organising for us all to go **North Ryde RSL** and watch the games together. Rob has also instilled a love of **Sydney FC** in Currito, and they have attended many games together. You can't wipe the smile off Curritos' face.

Thank you to our marvellous **Youth Exchange host families: Robert and Sharon Sullivan, Cath and Andrew Colville, Maria and Everard Vaz and Barry Starr**. Youth Cultural Exchange doesn't just happen. It is hugely dependent upon families becoming host families. I strongly urge you to consider hosting an international student into your home, for three months. It is highly rewarding.

Garry Maloney organised the participant's breakfast for those young people who took part in **District 9685 leadership courses**. We welcomed **Kazuma Calder, and his mum, Yoke, and Nathan Young, and his mum Jackie**, who took part in the **summer Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN)**. This program is open to students in year 10.

We have received the names of two candidates from **Marsden High School for the Winter RYPEN**. This will be held in **Springwood from 15-17 June 2024**.

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) and is open to people who have been out of school for at least 12 months, aged **between 18 and 25 years old**. Our **RYLARIANS** were **Aiden Sauvano and Jane Suh**, who work for **Bunnings Gladesville** also came to the breakfast.

Aiden and Jane reported on **their experiences at RYLA**, and we had to remember, "what went down at RYLA stayed at RYLA." We, however, did get some very interesting insights into the challenges that all the RYLARIANS faced. The program develops leadership skills, also making participants question "self" and what they can achieve, which will, no doubt, assist team building in their workplace.



The Science Experience candidate, Benjamin Rogers, from Marsden High School, experienced all things science and had a wonderful weekend doing so.

We are in the process of helping reignite the **Rotaract Club of Macquarie University**. This is in the planning stages, and when they have 30 members, 80% of whom must be enrolled at the University, they can move forward to charter. Thank you to District Rotaract Chair Krissie Webb for leading this venture.

If you know any young people who would qualify for any of these programs, please let us know.

Bernadette Mason & Mandy Van

Youth Coordinators

RYLA with Bernadette



Presented Rotary Citizenship Award at North Ryde Public School



Farewell for Currito Youth Exchange Student

● Vocational Service - Peter Mason

This past year has seen our Club's **Vocational Avenue of Service** Involved in the **City of Ryde's Volunteer of the Year, Citizen of the Year Awards** as well as the **Pride of Workmanship Award**, and the **Country Students' DIGIT week**.



Club members **Mandy Van** and **Rob Wilkinson** were nominated in the **City of Ryde, Citizen of the Year Awards** in recognition for all the voluntary hard work that they perform. **Lyn Mann** from **Ryde East Scout Group** was the winning citizen, and our **Rob** was recognised as a **Local Hero** in our area. As we in our Club well know, Mandy and Rob are both heroes!



At this year's **Annual Club Celebration**

dinner on **Friday 28 June**, our Club will be honoured to present the **Pride of Workmanship Award** to a very deserving person who works in our local area. This individual, who is a member of an enthusiastic team, often demonstrates their willingness and ability to go above and beyond, to help community members and especially those of our Club. It will be exciting to reveal this worthy person on the night.



From

Sunday 12 May until 17 May we had a wonderful time bringing seven Year 10 students and one Year 11 student to Sydney from **Forbes High School** and **McIntyre High School** in Inverell for the **DIGIT week**. The four students from Forbes were Ben, Kai, Ashden and Ewan with the four students from Inverell being Landyn, Henry, Isaac and Tenny.

Every day was busy with visits to many and varied businesses to see how they develop IT and/or implement this.

The places we visited were **Cochlear, Oracle, Coles Distribution Centre**, and **Department of Home Affairs**

on Monday. Tuesday and Wednesday were public transport days in the city to visit **The University of Technology (the Library and Robotics Lab), CISCO, IBM, Google and Microsoft**. Thursday was local at North Ryde with a visit to **Macquarie University**. It was not all hard work though, we did have fun times as well, **Monday dinner at Epping RSL Club**, an exploratory evening walk around Circular Quay and the Opera House plus a Bowling/Laser Tag evening at **Strike Bowling Macquarie Centre** (thank you Garry Maloney for arranging the tickets). The Thursday night Dinner at **Riding for the Disabled Centre (RDA)** was well attended by all involved, with a big thanks to the organisers from RDA and our Club.

A big thank you must go to all the businesses we visited for they all made us feel very welcome and not an interference. They were enthusiastic and listened to all the questions the boys asked and have expressed interest to be involved again next year.

Congratulations must go to **David Martin** for the months of hard work and the many email/phone calls in coordinating this successful week. It was, by all accounts, an enjoyable and inspiring week for the students.

Thank you also to **Mandy Van, Brian Bailey and Garry Maloney** for being invaluable assistants to myself throughout the week. I thank **all the host families** from our Club members and from our sister club the **Rotary Club of Epping** for looking after the students during their stay in Sydney.

Peter Mason

Vocational Service Coordinator





The Club continued with our support for **Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC)** **this** year with ROMAC commencing operations again after COVID 19 affecting this valuable program. This year our club **donated \$2000 to ROMAC** as part of our annual giving.

We have always had a strong interest in helping countries, including our own, that have been engulfed in natural disasters or wars. This year we have been able to donate **\$2000 for two ShelterBoxes**.

The ShelterBox is sent to areas where homes have been destroyed, by natural disaster or war and contains a tent for up to 10 people, all the equipment a family would need to cook and purify water, and books and pencils etc for children.



Each year, our Club also supports **Rotary's End Polio Campaign** through an annual donation to **the Rotary Foundation**. This year we have contributed \$3004 to the Foundation through the Centurion program.



● Club Service - Garry Maloney and Rob Wilkinson



Continuing with the format from last year all **Club Meetings and Board Meetings** have been held over **Zoom** and we have a breakfast meeting, at **Dunmore Lang College**, for our **Club Assemblies**, which can also be attended via Zoom.

The **Club Annual Celebration Dinner** was held on **Friday 30 June 2023** at the **North Ryde RSL Club**.

The Club has had various social events which have included, **breakfasts at Sotto on Ryde Café and Café SaBu in Cox's Road Mall**. In **September 2023** some members

attended the **fundraising trivia night conducted by the Rotary Club of Eastwood Gladesville**. We had our Christmas Party at the **North Ryde Golf Club**, once again, in **December**.

In **December 2023**, in partnership with the **Rotary Club of Macquarie Park**, we held the **Carols on the Common at the North Ryde Common**. It was one of the most successful Carols that the Clubs have held and was greatly supported and appreciated by the community.

We held our traditional, start of the year, breakfast at **Café SaBu in January 2024**.

Our club held a **Trivia Night in February 2024 at St John's Anglican Church, North Ryde**, and had great support from other Rotary Clubs. Funds raised went to support our **Youth programs and Books in Homes Project**

In **March** five members attended the **Rotary District 9685 Conference in Terrigal**.

From **Sunday 28 April-5 May inclusive**, we held our **eFun Run** to raise funds for Youth Mental Health.

In **May** we had dinner at the **Riding for the Disabled Marsfield** for the students, from regional schools, that we bring to Sydney for the week to visit various organisations with a focus on IT.

The club continues to participate in the **Bunnings Sausage Sizzles** at the **Gladesville store** every 2 months.

Due to the efforts particularly of club member **Rob Wilkinson**, plus other members of our club we have had some **wonderful guest speakers** over the last year attend our meetings via Zoom and in person. Here are some highlights:

August 2023

Dr Lauren McLennan (Director of Voluntary Mental Health Check Tool – Lifespan Health and Wellbeing Research Centre) – Technology vs barriers to youth anxiety assessment and treatment.

Michele Ellery – My weekend as a RYPEN Camp Mum.

September 2023

Noura Abdo and Isabel White - My RYPEN Experience.

Ed Sobiesiak – RYPEN in Timor Leste



Special meet with Rotarians from Brazil at the Bunnings BBQ



2023 Club Xmas Party

October 2023

Yeoman Yu – Differently abled people association and technology.

Ari Jadi (St Vincent De Paul Society) – What happens to the Tree of Joy gifts donated to Vinnies

November 2023

Bob Kaye-Smith – Australian Rotary Health.

Krissie Webb – ROTARACT – Partners in service.

Lance Berry (Principal of Marsden High School) – The Life of a Principal

February 2024

Bernard Purcell (Ryde City Councillor) – The life of a councillor.

March 2024

Rachel Krippner (Community Engagement Manager Lifeline) – Lifeline H2HS supporting the community.

Aiden Sauvano and Jane Suh – My RYLA Experience

Nathan Young and Kazuma Calder – My RYPEN Experience

April 2024

Peter Garrard (Chairperson CCA NSW) – CCA and what it does for the community.

May 2024

Peter Colthorpe – My history in the Navy; The Spirit of ANZAC; Some local War Heroes.

As a thank you to our guest speakers the club has continued an initiative started by club member, **Bob Selinger OAM**, when he joined our club from the Rotary Club of Chatswood Sunrise by donating a tree, on behalf of the guest speaker,

In this great tradition, **GroTrees** hopes to “green” Australia (and perhaps the World!) one tree at a time. Since 2007, GroTrees has been a **partnership between Rotary Clubs and a Landcare group**. GroTrees are given as gifts – for guest speakers, thank you for a job well done, congratulations on a birthday and so on. Each recipient gets a numbered certificate.

We donate funds raised through purchasing the **GroTrees to Landcare in Lithgow** once we reach **100 trees**. Our club achieved this in March 2023. This Rotary year we have given 81 GroTrees to date.

We encourage recipients to visit and hug their tree! Currently they are planting in Lithgow.

Garry Maloney & Rob Wilkinson

Club Service Directors



● Treasurer - Binoe Verghese

Annual Report – Treasurer’s Report

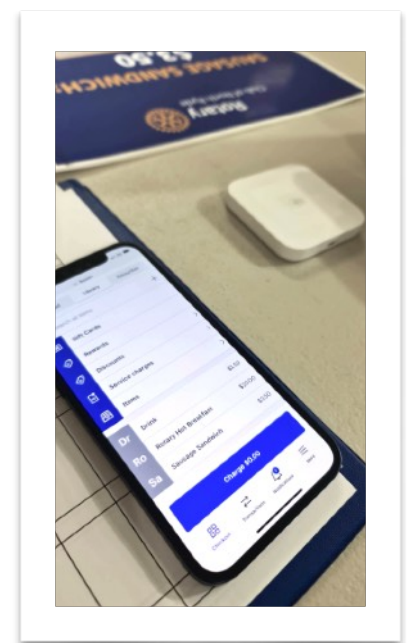
Our accounts will be finalised after 30th June. Preliminary results are shown below.

Fund Raising

Throughout the year, the Club persisted in organising fundraising endeavours, taking advantage of the increasing number of permitted physical events.

Most of our **charitable net income** was generated from:

North Ryde eFun Run for Youth Mental Health	\$14,311
BBQs	\$14,087
Shared of “Carols on the Common” event	\$11,980
Trivia Night	\$ 5,606
Sale of Christmas Puddings (in collaboration with 5 other Clubs)	\$ 1,487
Total	\$47,471



Donations & Projects

The Club allocated funds for various programs and services to benefit the local community and support charitable initiatives.

Rotary Programs (Australian Rotary Health, Rotary Foundation, Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children, Rotary Australia World Community Service, Shelter Box).	\$15,840
RAWCS Project - To provide support humanitarian relief projects for those impacted by flood disasters within Australia.	\$ 500
Youth Programs (Rotary Exchange students, Rotary Youth Leadership Programs, National Youth Science Forum)	\$ 8,093
Local Education Institutions (6 Local Primary schools & Ryde Secondary College, Dunmore Lang College Scholarships).	\$5,000
Community Donations (Lifespan Health and Wellbeing Centre (UMQ), North Ryde Community Aid, New Horizons, Riding for Disabled Association, St Michael Mission, St John's Anglican Church and The Smith Family, 1st East Ryde Scouts, St Johns Ambulance, NSW-RFS-Warringa, SES-Ryde)	\$15,570
Other Club Projects	\$3,178
Sustainability related projects	\$ 500
Community Awards	\$ 583
Total	\$49,264

Acknowledgements

We sincerely thank all members for their timely payment of dues and active participation in fundraising activities. We also appreciate the support and generosity of our donors and the local community, without whom our charitable endeavours would not have been possible.



Conclusion

The Rotary Club of North Ryde's financial health remains stable thanks to our members' and supporters' collective efforts and contributions. We will continue prioritising transparency and prudent financial management to further our mission of serving the community.

It's important to know what keeps the wheel turning.

Fun Time during 2023-2024





Community Recognition Statement

Jordan Lane MP
Member for Ryde
Shadow Assistant Minister for Health
Shadow Assistant for Multiculturalism

Mr JORDAN LANE (Ryde) – 03/08/2023

Mr Speaker,

I congratulate the 2023-24 North Ryde Rotary executive team on their election, and wish incoming president, Bernie Mason, all the very best for what will no doubt be a successful term.

Bernie brings with her a wealth of experience and a commitment to service as a Centurion Donor, and will be joined on her executive by Garry Maloney, President Elect and a Paul Harris Fellow. Bob Selinger joins as Secretary, ensuring effective communication and organisation within the club. Binoe Verghese takes charge of the club's finances as the Treasurer, ensuring responsible management of funds. Sandeep Rathi, the Immediate Past President, and a Paul Harris Fellow, offers invaluable insights and will continue on the executive team taking charge of membership. Garry Maloney and Rob Wilkinson share the responsibility for Club Administration and Service, bringing their experience and dedication to the role.

I also acknowledge the following Directors on their election: Mandy Van, Public Image and Youth; Pamela Wood, Community Service and Web Manager; and Peter Mason, Vocational Service. With this diverse and dedicated team, the North Ryde Rotary Club is well-positioned to make a positive impact on the Ryde community during the 2023-24 term. Congratulations!

Our Causes

ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children)

<https://www.romac.org.au/>

YEP (Youth Exchange Program) 15-17 years old

<https://9685.ryea.org.au/>

RYLA (Rotary Leadership Award) 18-26 years old

<https://www.d9685ryla.org.au/>

RYPEN (Rotary Program of Enrichment) School Yr 9/10

<https://rotarydistrict9685.org.au/committee/rypen-1>

MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly) School Yr 10/11

<https://rotarydistrict9685.org.au/sitepage/muna>

North Ryde eFun Run for Youth Mental Health

Beneficiaries include Australian Rotary Health and Macquarie University Lifespan Health Wellbeing Research Centre

The Tree of Joy at Cox's Rd Mall

Beneficiaries include cca New South Wales, Macquarie Hospital(Wicks Rd), St Vincent De Paul Society, North Ryde Community Aid and Baptist Care Aged Care Homes at Marsfield.

North Ryde “Carols on the Common” (partner with Macquarie Park Rotary)

DIGIT (IT support program for country students)

Donations: Riding for the Disabled, 6 local Primary Schools and Ryde Secondary School as well as scholarship at Dunmore Lang College. Others include Polio Plus, Shelter Box, St Michael Mission, St John's Anglican Church and The Smith Family

Fund-raising: BBQs at Bunnings Gladesville

Social events: monthly gatherings include Opera in the Arboretum at Pearl Beach (organised by the Rotary Club of Woy Woy); Club picnic at Blenheim Park, Kissing Point Park; Christmas party at local golf club, Social breakfast at local cafe, Annual Celebration Dinner for Changeover, Cultural celebration, District Conference



Sustainability Project - initiated from Rotary Club of Chatswood Sunrise

Since 2007, 'GroTrees' has been a partnership between Rotary Clubs and a Landcare group. 'GroTrees' are given as gifts – for guest speakers, thank you for a job well done, congratulations on a birthday and so on. Each recipient gets a numbered certificate.



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OBJECT OF ROTARY

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 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 world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

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Of the things we think, say and do:

1. *Is it the truth?*
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