

Rotary
Woy Woy



ANNUAL REPORT
2015-16



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The Rotary Club of Woy Woy Inc Annual Report 2015-16 records the activities of the Club during the Rotary year, July 2015 to June 2016.

Our club is actively involved in projects large and small which focus on improving the wellbeing of local and international communities.

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Be a gift to the world

“Every one of us has something to give — whoever we are, whatever our place in life. We can give our talent, our knowledge, our abilities, and our effort; we can give our dedication and our devotion.

Through Rotary, we can take these gifts and make a genuine difference in the lives of others and in our world ...

... we come into this world grasping at everything, but when we leave it, we leave all material things behind as well. Through Rotary, we can leave behind something real and lasting.

Our time is now. It will never come again.

Be a Gift to the World.”

Extract from the Presidential theme
K.R. “Ravi” Ravindran
President, Rotary International, 2015-16



A message from the President



A Club can only be successful when its members work together. In reviewing the list of projects that Rotary Woy Woy has been involved in this year I feel very proud to have had the opportunity to lead such a terrific group of Rotarians who are always ready to take action and put their hand up to get the job done.

Our club applied for and was successful in receiving 3 grants: a Youth Exchange Grant, a District Grant to purchase a special needs bed for Blue Wave Living and a Volunteers Grant from the Australian Government to purchase media equipment. Rotary Woy Woy was also very fortunate to receive a bequest from the Estate of Eric Hyan Abrahams for \$10000. We hope to use this bequest for a scholarship in mental health research, through Australia Rotary Health.

We participated in the Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) Program for the first time in many years. Our inbound student Sara Ferndahl from Sweden has been a delight to have as our guest. We have all witnessed the development in this young lady and have seen her grow in confidence.

Sara has impressed us with her personality and politeness. She has been a willing speaker at our meetings, spreading the word about RYE and all that she has experienced from being in the program. We will all be sad when Sara returns to Sweden on 9 July.

Outbound student Alicia Karton has almost completed 6 months in France and we are eagerly awaiting her return to hear her story. In July, we will host an inbound student from France.

Our club was involved in a number of functions and programs organised in our zone by other clubs: Science and Engineering Challenge, Model United Nations Assembly, Women in Service, Days4Girls, and Rotary Australia World Community Service.

We held a movie night to support Coast Community Connections and a Morning Tea for Hat Day, with funds raised going to Australian Rotary Health. The Melbourne Cup Trifecta was a sell-out with funds going to aged care facility, Blue Wave Living. Christmas time saw our members selling trees, with the proceeds donated to Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.

Some members were willing to be rostered on at 5.00am over two weekends of the National Surf Life Saving Carnival where we were successful in raising a considerable





amount of money from parking fees. Two of us fundraised for Time4Kids and were put in 'goal' to help PCYC Umina. We held Book Fairs for the Boy Scouts and PCYC. Proceeds from the handmade quilt raffle will be split between Early Intervention, Riding for the Disabled and Ronald McDonald room at Gosford Hospital.

There was a good rollup of members who helped out at the Discobility BBQ and with gardening for a past member Eric Leggett, who sadly passed away this year. There were clean-ups at the Girl Guides Hall, Mary Macs and on Graffiti Day.

March once again saw perhaps the best Opera in the Arboretum, with Teddy Tahu Rhodes being the main attraction. Tickets were sold out well before the event. The weather was perfect and we were able to display the new tent purchased to cover the orchestra, just in case it rained, but, as usual, the day was perfect. We held our first Rotary Showcase Sponsor Night to thank those who helped with sponsorship for the Opera, and to say that we truly appreciate their continued support.

Our major benefactors from the proceeds raised from the Opera were PCYC Umina Beach (\$10000) and ShelterBox Australia (\$20000), a Rotary International Project Partner.

The Anzac Day Dawn Service in Woy Woy was well attended by our members who distributed candles and provided early morning cups of tea, coffee and Anzac biscuits to the public. We participated in Remembrance Day celebrations, helping Brisbane Water Secondary College (BWSC) raise funds to bring out the Menem Gate Burglars.

For the Red Shield Appeal we had members collecting by the roadside, on duty in the counting house, delivering food to the workers, picking up from the roadside collectors and returning donations to the counting house.

Our Vocational Award Night in May recognised 5 members of the community and 2 club members for their outstanding work ethics and achievements. We enjoyed a number of vocational visits: BWSC Farm, Killcare-Wagstaff Rural Fire Brigade, Gosford Fire Communications Centre at Kariong, Marine Rescue Central Coast and PCYC Umina Beach.

Fellowship is an important part of Rotary and we had a number of get-togethers with other Rotary clubs. Kariong and Woy Woy combined to run a movie for Polio Plus, we had a very enjoyable evening when we hosted a BBQ for Kincumber on the foreshores of Ettalong, and, with our good friends Umina, we held a joint meeting at Umina Surf Life Saving Club. The history cruise we organised on the Hawkesbury River was well attended by a number of other clubs. Some of our members hosted a visiting group of Rotarians from the US and Canada.

We had a wonderful trip to Floriade in Canberra, and our club was well represented at the District Conference, also held in Canberra. Our themed French, Scottish and Swedish nights were well supported by our members and partners.

We inducted 5 new members and extended a warm welcome to guests and potential members to many of our meetings. Some membership enquiries came from visitors to our new website, which went live at the end of the year.



Sue McCarthy

Mark Campbell



Being President of Rotary Woy Woy has been a wonderful experience and I thank the Club for giving me the opportunity to serve. I have really enjoyed the experience and there have been many highlights that I will cherish. Being able to give donations to our various charities and PHFs to people deserving of these awards has been very special. I have met numerous Rotarians, attended functions that I would not normally attend and, overall, have had a really great year.

I've been fortunate to have had a great deal of support, and I extend a very big thank you to our members for their constant encouragement, and the Board members for their expertise and guidance, and their tireless efforts to ensure the success of our club's projects. My very best wishes go to incoming President Vic Deeble. I have no doubt that Rotary Woy Woy will continue to thrive under his leadership.

It was a great honour and an unexpected surprise to end the year with Rotary Woy Woy receiving a Silver Presidential Citation from RI President K.R. Ravindran, recognition of our club's endeavour to –

'Be a gift to the world'.

Marie Armstrong
PRESIDENT 2015-2016

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PROJECTS



Our 11th presentation of 'Opera in the Arboretum' was held on 19 March at Pearl Beach and again, we seem to have bettered the year before. I hope that next year we will be able to say the same.

I guess one of the reasons it was such a success, is because we managed to get Teddy Tahu Rhodes as the main attraction! He created so much interest, that tickets sold like hot cakes and the event was sold out weeks before the event.

The opera itself was once again a wonderful event and enjoyed by all.

For the first time we used our new tent, thanks to a grant of \$3000 from the State Government. Although once again we were fortunate with the weather (although it did rain on either side of the Saturday) the tent proved to be a hit with both the artists and the audience. Putting it up took us quite a long time but in the end all was well.

With the funds raised from the Opera we were able to make substantial donations to our two major

recipients: ShelterBox Australia (\$20000) and PCYC Umina Beach (\$10000). In June, we held a very successful Rotary Showcase event to thank our sponsors for their support.

Thanks to Artistic Director Michael Archer for setting up the program and Justin, her husband, for his artwork for all our printed matter. Thanks also to Ian Butler for the wonderful job he does in maintaining our website, which was well used and helped to sell many tickets.

On the Rotarian side, I would like to thank Vic Brown for the many extra hours he puts into the smooth running of the event and to all our members who contributed, both before, during and after the event. Thanks to Maggie Payne and Jayne Mote for the public relations effort they put into selling the tickets.



Club Projects

As well as Opera in the Arboretum, our biggest annual fundraiser, the club has had an active and busy time on a variety of community projects.

In September last year we got stuck into Eric Leggett's garden, with Eric in a home and his wife, Meg unable to manage the garden. A great turnout by our Rotarians soon had the garden spick and span. In the same month we assisted the Boy Scouts with a big book sale in Ettalong, over 2 days.



PROJECTS

We were delighted that some of our new members were on hand to help.

In October, for the second year running, we joined other clubs in Graffiti Removal Day. We worked on 6 sites and so far they have remained graffiti free. November was the month we did the BBQ at Discobility. This is a great project and shows that we as a club serve the community.

With Christmas approaching, our club sold Christmas trees. With Don Tee running the show, everything ran very smooth. All trees were sold with half of the profit going to Grandparents looking after Grandchildren and the other half to Rotary projects.

In January, members assisted Mary Macs clean up their kitchen. This is a project that we have been involved in over number of years. The Ettalong Girl Guides had their garden cleaned up in February. Our club put in many hours assisting this organisation and have really improved their premises.

March was our busiest month. We kicked off with the parking for the NSW Surf Lifesaving Titles over a couple of weekends. This was an early start and we had some good weather for a change. Thanks to Vic Brown for running the show.

We supported Rotary Youth Drivers Awareness, a worthwhile District project helping young people to become better drivers.

The Anzac Day Dawn Service in April had great support by the club with the new battery operated candles proving a great success. This project has been run by Don Tee for many years and is a wonderful public relations exercise.

The Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal in May, once again had the support of many club members. I am sure we have assisted this road side appeal since its inception.

Ted Crawley organised the delivery of Bowelscan testing kits to pharmacies. Our last project for the year was a book sale for PCYC Umina, held over the June long weekend.

I would like to thank all Rotarians for their assistance over the past 12 months and congratulate President Marie on a wonderful year.

John Greenway
PROJECTS DIRECTOR



VOCATION



We had several informative vocational visits which our members thoroughly enjoyed. The highlight of the year was our awards night where we recognised 5 members of the public and 2 club members for their exceptional service.



Vocational Visits

Brisbane Water Secondary College Farm

Our club enjoyed an evening at the farm with our hosts Louisa Briggs and the pupils of Brisbane Water Secondary College.

We started with a tour of the grounds followed by a ring style demonstration of how the pupils have tamed and are now able to lead steers for show ring presentation. We also saw pigs that were quite tame having been in the company of many pupils of the school. We viewed the greenhouses which were high tech wonders and bursting with green produce.

At the BBQ a number of pupils thanked the club for the funds to purchase a replacement trailer for transporting stores and equipment to shows.

Rural Fire Brigade – Killcare

Our members enjoyed an evening with the members of the Killcare-Wagstaffe Rural Fire Brigade.

We received a run-down of the role played by the RFB, their area of responsibility and an introduction to their equipment. They thanked us for the donation of funds to purchase standby generators which they demonstrated by using the generators to provide lighting to the rooms in which we sat.

President Marie was particularly impressed with the fire truck and was keen to take it for a run. We were given a demonstration of putting out fires such as those that occur in the kitchen. A thoroughly enjoyable and informative evening.

Marine Rescue – Point Clare

A visit to the Point Clare Marine Rescue depot commenced with an

introduction to their boats followed by a run down of the equipment used for communications. We learnt about the different frequencies used in marine rescue situations.

Our club has made a donation to the organisation to enable them to purchase the latest radio system. An investment in community safety.

Job Talks

During the year we had members giving their job talks which are memorable occasions where we find out more about our fellow members. Some of our members have been in the club for many years and so in future we hope to rerun job talks for those members so that newer members can better know their colleagues.

Vic Deeble

VOCATIONAL DIRECTOR





Rotary Woy Woy Vocational Awards 2016

The following awards were presented at our Vocational Awards Night on 10 May 2016.
Below is an extract from the citations.

Pride of Workmanship

The award embraces all aspects of work performance including ethics, quality, output, safety, initiative and sense of responsibility.

KRIS CHARLES

Kmart Tyre & Auto Umina

Kris manages the office and workshop. He provides service above and beyond that which is often seen in workshops. He has an excellent manner and epitomises the aim of the award. Nothing ever seems to be too much trouble. He clearly enjoys his job and it is a pleasure to hear the respectful way that he speaks to the mechanics, not just the customers.

DI MATTHEWS

Chemist Outlet Umina

Di is a senior employee at the Chemist Outlet, Umina Beach. She's a very knowledgeable person and treats every customer with the utmost respect and courtesy. Di blends into the background whilst doing a great job.

TROY DOVE

Everglades Country Club

The General Manager of Everglades, Greg Hornby said that Troy was an asset to Everglades Country Club. He ensures that all of our members and guests are looked after whenever they come into the club. With his determination and desire, Troy is always prepared to go the extra mile to provide first class service to the patrons of the club.

Community Service

TIM TIERNEY

Gosford City Council

Tim was in the Library service for over thirty years with Gosford City Council and during that time he drove the mobile library to many remote areas. He has worked at Woy Woy and Umina branch offices and his duties included story time. Tim also worked tirelessly for peninsula soccer and cricket clubs.

Youth Encouragement

JESS THOMAS

Umina Beach Surf Lifesaving Club

Jess has coached Junior netball for 5 years and has umpired at all grades of club and carnival level for 6 years. She has received junior club person of the year, the club umpiring award and the top club award. Jess is the Director of Lifesaving at Umina SLSC and has participated in Rotary Youth Exchange and the Country Lifesaving exchange program.

Vocational Service

MAGGIE PAYNE | JAYNE MOTE

Rotary Woy Woy

We recognised the contribution of Maggie and Jayne to the Opera at the Arboretum event. They have been taking ticket orders for over 5 years and have created a wonderful relationship with the people they deal with. They also provide details about the event such as time to arrive, what to bring and where the funds will be going.



Above: Maggie Payne, Jayne Mote and John Greenway

Below: Tim Tierney, President Marie, Troy Dove, Di Matthews, Jess Thomas, Kris Charles and Vic Deeble

Do it Once, Do it Well – Build a Better Australia





Our club's first inbound **ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE** in a number of years began, very early, on a cold, wet morning Friday 17 July 2015.

Seven of us, in a hired mini bus, met Sara Ferndahl of Stockholm, Sweden, at Sydney International Airport.

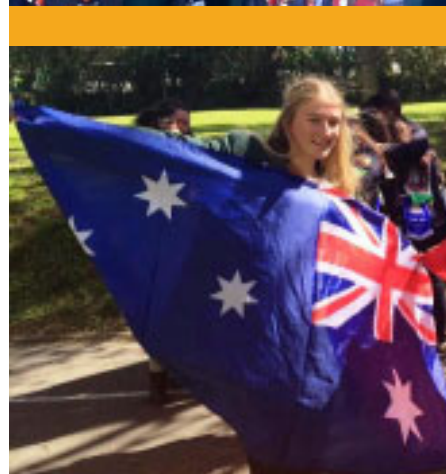
Since then Sara has met with me almost weekly after school on Monday afternoons for a catch up. We talk about her home placement, her school subjects, activities of the past week, planned future programs, how she adjusts to our weather variations, and how she is feeling in herself. Sara attended Years 11/ 12 at Brisbane Water Secondary College.

Sara has encountered a diversity of experiences: Floriade in Canberra, a week in Cairns, trips to Canowindra, the Blue Mountains and New Zealand, surfing weekends in Narrabeen and Umina Beach, a boat trip up the Hawkesbury River, a Harbour Bridge climb, ballet at the Opera House, many theatre performances, outings to Central Coast beaches, the Rocks, the Zoo, the Sydney Vivid Festival and a tour of the Opera House. She has had regular swimming lessons on the Australian crawl and swims at Umina Beach. Sara enjoys cooking meals for her hosts, and has attended many birthday parties and a 50th wedding anniversary. She had a marvellous 10 days with her younger sister, Sophia, in January and attended our District Conference in Canberra.

The standout event was the Safari where Sara and the entire exchange student cohort experienced "once in a lifetime" moments in Queensland and Central Australia. Sarah's final trip will be to the Snowy Mountains for a week's skiing.

A special thank you to our host families and all our club members who have gone out of their way to spend time with Sara.

Alicia Karton, our outbound student, departed Sydney on 16 January for Rotary Seesgace, District 1640 in Normandy, France. Alicia has experienced many host situations, and tells us she can now hold a long conversation in French, and is thoroughly enjoying the cultural experience of living in France.





RYPEN

ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAM OF ENRICHMENT

Clare Ashby, Year 9 at Kariong Mountain High School, attended Summer RYPEN from 29-31 January at Narrabeen Academy of Sport. Clare, who enjoys scouts, surfing and music addressed our club in December and played her guitar. She visited us again after the weekend and said she found the whole time a most enriching experience.

Three applications are being processed for Winter RYPEN 2016.

INTERACT

A special thank you to Annette Karton for all her tireless work with the Interact Club at BWSC Umina Campus and for the club members who have assisted her throughout the year.

Thank you to all our members who helped with the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness day, the Engineering and Science Challenge, the National Science School and Model United Nations Assembly.

Arthur Pearce
YOUTH DIRECTOR

MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY



Rotary Woy Woy prepared 2 teams from Brisbane Water Secondary College, Years 10-12, who represented Saudi Arabia and Syria at MUNA on May 19 at the Erina Centre. Secretary General for the day, Russell Grove spoke to the teams on procedures and Vic Brown, who has lived and worked in both countries, also addressed the groups on cultural, economic and political implications.

Taking part were 23 teams representing 43 countries. Each team had two speakers and one advisor. The University of Newcastle provided excellent resources for team preparation. The winner was St Edward's College (Ethiopia) with Erina High School (India) taking out the Linda MacLean Memorial Peace Prize.

Thank you to Rotary Umina for sponsoring one of the teams, the supervising teachers Nadia Scott and Dylan Houghton, and our members who assisted on the day.

Above: BWSC teams representing Syria and Saudi Arabia are pictured with President Marie, Russell Grove (AG Upper Central Coast) and Bobby Redman (AG Lower Central Coast)

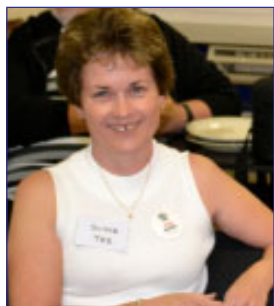
SAPPHIRE PIN AWARD

Youth Director Arthur Pearce PHF was awarded a Sapphire Pin for his dedicated service to Rotary Youth programs, and his outstanding service to Rotary Woy Woy during 2015-16.



President Marie with Arthur and Alison Pearce

CLUB SERVICE



Once again we had a very capable group of people working on the Admin committee, who performed above and beyond without any prompting from me.

Fiona Hunt has excelled in organising our guest speaker program. Although not always enjoying the best of health, Fiona has found a wide variety of interesting guests to enlighten and inform us on all sorts of things. We have also had the opportunity to learn about our fellow Rotarians who have had guest speaker spots, organised by Vocational Director Vic Deeble.

Bill Cook kept the Sergeant at Arms roster running smoothly with a core group assisting to extract many a dollar from the members. Thanks to Bill and all those who volunteered to help. Sara made a great Corporal and as the year progressed she was game to start fining members herself!

Joan Redmond combined the tasks of PR and Pinion Editor and did a fantastic job, receiving a Highly Commended Award for The Pinion. Our Facebook page is performing well with lots of "likes". Well done to Sue O'Neill as the administrator and Joan for providing the content. Joan also revamped the club's website, which looks great.

Chef Arthur in the kitchen has been busy trying to keep up with our ever changing numbers on a weekly basis, and to keep to a menu that will appeal to all. Never will a group our size all appreciate the same, so a survey was done of club members regarding meals and preferences. The end result was that the majority are happy with the current

arrangements. Thank you those members that have helped me with meeting numbers by advising of absences and guests coming.

Our weekend away to Floriade was well organised by Don. We saw some magnificent floral displays at Tulip Top Farm and in the Floriade Park. A good weekend of fellowship was had and the weather was just right.

Thank you to those who assisted Treasurer Di on a weekly basis, collecting at the door. It is always a good thing that there are members keen to assist when needed.

Welfare is very important and we had Jan Steele and Neville Pickering looking after this area, contacting those that were unwell (although sometimes they were actually on the sick list themselves) and sending cards when appropriate.

Our members have been advised of the new Working With Children Policy which our club is adopting. The policy has been approved by club members, and the Board and is in the process of being implemented.

Congratulations, President Marie on a very successful year and thank you to my fellow Rotarians for being the great bunch of people that you are.

Susan Tee
CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR
PUBLIC OFFICER





It has been my pleasure to assist President Marie as Vice President and Community Service Director. It has been a very busy year! We have been involved in many and varied activities – from youth to the aged.

We supported the Scouts and PCYC Umina with book sales, as well as supporting Peninsula Village and Blue Wave Living Nursing Homes.

Mary Macs, the Umina Men's Shed, PCYC and the Vietnam Veterans have also benefited from our involvement with them.

We held garden clean-ups at the home of past Rotarian Eric Legget and at the Girl Guides Hall.

Our first meeting for the New Year was held at Fire Control at Kariong where we were hosted by the Brigade. They are perhaps one of the largest groups serving the community. We have also visited Marine Rescue Central Coast at Point Clare, another community service based group helping to keep us safe; Umina Surf Life Saving Club and PCYC Umina Beach.

We participated in the Red Shield Appeal collection day, sold Trifecta tickets for Melbourne Cup and supported the National Surf Life Saving Championships with parking held at Umina Beach.

We have once again had some great support from Campbell's Home Hardware with their golf day, held at Everglades. Thanks to Mark Campbell and Ted Crawley for their work on this and all those who helped feed the hungry golfers.

Discobility was held at the Community Centre and was also a great day out with our club supplying and cooking sausages – the smile on the faces makes it all worthwhile.

The Opera once again was a big event with many members on hand to assist on the day. Thank you to John Greenway and the Opera Committee for securing some of the best Opera singers in Australia.

ANZAC Dawn Service also seems to be growing each year and candles, tea, coffee and bikkies now being part of the Dawn Service. Although some patrons still like to have the traditional wax candles, the battery operated ones seem to be the way to go now.

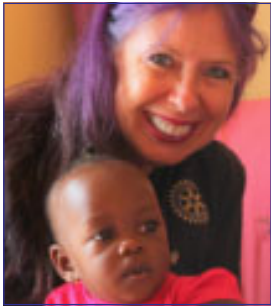
We also sold Christmas trees for 2 weekends at Woy Woy with half the proceeds going to Kariong Somersby's Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program.

Thanks to Vic Brown and his helpers for their efforts with the book fairs and Heather Brown for blitzing the radio stations and getting us plenty of air time.

None of the projects would be successful without the support of the members and I thank you for your assistance throughout the year.

Don Tee
COMMUNITY DIRECTOR





This has been an eventful year for International service. Our club has an active Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) project which has attracted several external grants enabling us to support various projects in Bangladesh, Cambodia and Uganda.

We started the year coordinating a committee. I personally would like to thank all members of the committee for their support and participation.

BANGLADESH

Sanghamitta Seba Sangha
Children's home, Bandarban Hills

We have been supporting Sanghamitta Seba Sangha for some time. In August 2015 heavy persistent rains caused flooding and landslides. Gardens were washed away and their basic cook house was damaged. We provided a grant to replant vegetable gardens and rebuild a cook house.

CAMBODIA

Little Ears project

We have been supporting a program providing specialist ear and hearing services for children with cerebral, motor, cranio-facial and auto-immune disorders. Cases are referred from state hospitals and non-government organisations (as well as walk-in cases). Cases include Down's Syndrome, children with cranio-facial disorders, cerebral palsy, epilepsy and autism. They represent the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children in Cambodia. Clinics provide audiology and primary and secondary ear health



care services. With the support of the local hospitals and NGOs these services are being promoted within the target groups.

DISASTER AID

Shelter Box responds instantly to natural and manmade disasters by delivering boxes of aid to those who are most in need. Each box supplies an extended family with a tent and essential equipment to use while they are displaced or homeless. A donation of \$20000 from our major community fundraiser, Opera in the Arboretum, went to ShelterBox.





INTERNATIONAL

UGANDA

Nabirye community

When we first visited Nabirye community 4 years ago we learned the children in the community had no access to schools. Community leaders were working to complete a church building which would double as a nursery school. We contributed some funding to complete that building and lessons started. Over 300 children now attend lessons in the church, in makeshift shelters and under trees. Our RAWCS project has contributed more funds to complete more permanent classrooms. We have contributed to resource materials too and put in a bore water pump. Funding has been sourced through external grants. We work closely with the community who have contributed the land, make bricks and provide labour.

Alive Medical Services

We have continued to work with Alive Medical Services (AMS) in Kampala. AMS provides comprehensive care to over 13,000 HIV+ clients. During the year we have continued our support with donations of medical equipment. Our club has contributed to the support of a sewing workshop for women who attend at AMS. This group has produced reusable sanitary kits for girls and woman in their community.

We have begun the process of applying for a Global Grant to support a Vocational Training Team project. The proposal is a medical networking and training exchange between Australia and Uganda with a focus on medical professionals involved with the delivery of care to HIV+ clients. We will work with a Rotary Club in Kampala to facilitate the grant process.

MADAGASCAR

Our club has rallied to support a project of Rotary Gosford North in Madagascar. We have been working to assemble 'Days for Girls' reusable sanitary kits and 'mother and baby' packs. These items will be transported to Madagascar for distribution to woman and girls from poor communities. We have also donated some items of basic diagnostic medical equipment.

PHILIPPINES

Bagong Barrio Student program

We provide school fee funding for a student from a poor area in the Philippines. In return we get regular progress reports and letters. This project is an excellent example of how a small grant can go a long way.



Sue O'Neill
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

MEMBERSHIP



One of the great strengths of Rotary Woy Woy is that we have a varied membership who are mixed by gender, age and occupation. This not only makes our club more interesting but ensures new members can fit in, regardless of their background.

This year, we were pleased to welcome 5 new members.

Our club has proven popular with current Rotarians who have moved from Sydney to the Central Coast. We have picked up several members this way in the last few years. Transferring Rotarians differ from new Rotarians in that they will try several Central Coast clubs before deciding which one to join. The fact that they often choose Woy Woy is saying good things about our club.

Two things that work well for our membership efforts are the community projects, which see the club out in the local community, and the new website. We often have people who see us doing projects ask about Rotary. These are a terrific opportunity to convert an inquiry into a new member.

Our website and Facebook page are also great ways for us to get the message out to the public. Currently we have 2 visitors who have been to several meetings who found Rotary Woy Woy through our website.

Retention of current members is as important as finding new members if the club is to go forward. I believe this is an area where Rotary Woy Woy does very well as we aim to make our meetings both interesting and sociable, and provide many opportunities for members to engage in our projects and activities.

In my view the most effective way to grow the club is by existing members talking to friends, colleagues, family and others they meet about Rotary. The enthusiasm of the members is the best way to get others interested in becoming a Rotarian.



I congratulate President Marie and the club for another great year of Rotary and service to the community. My thanks go to Joan Redmond for producing a new brochure and banner to aid Rotary membership.

Some years ago a past president of this club had a dream of Rotary Woy Woy being a club of 50 members. We are so close. I am sure we can achieve that aim next year.

Ross Pearce
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR





PUBLIC RELATIONS



Rotary Woy Woy public relations took a leap forward on 30 December 2015 with the launch of our new ClubRunner website www.woywoyrotary.org.au ... *also available on mobile devices*

Website countdown

The changeover was like a rocket launch countdown - an anxious wait as the clock ticked down followed by sheer joy when the site went live.

To ClubRunner

27 December 2015 08:17 PM

The new ClubRunner website for Rotary Woy Woy is ready to go live... Our old website has gone and the holding page has been redirected to ClubRunner.

Reply 29 December 2015 03:47 PM

We have processed your domain aliasing request and updated it in our system. woywoyrotary.org.au should be pointing to your website shortly.

To ClubRunner

30 December 2015 07:03 PM

Hello Zac. I'm delighted to see our site up and running. Happy New Year. In sharing the moment I thank the Club for giving me the opportunity to create the new website and for the encouragement I've received for my 'techie' skills.

But I didn't do it alone. Helping me through the tangle of discarding the old and launching the new was Hon. Member Ian Butler. Ian had run our site for many years and felt the time had come to hand it back. With his help, the transition was smooth, apart from a hiccup with viewing on other devices, which was resolved in a couple of days. Thank you, Ian.

Our website is a work in progress and can be built on as need arises and trends change.

Public image

Peninsula News has been very generous in their coverage of our activities and achievements; however, it's through our social media platform where we engage followers and, as the statistics show, have a range of age groups who like our stories.

Sue O'Neill and I collaborate on content and aim to post weekly. Currently our page has 433 'likes', but that could change in an instant - liked one day, unliked the next - such is the nature of social media, sometimes kind and sometimes not.

It was a wonderful surprise when The Pinion received a District Highly Commended Award, so many thanks to all the contributors.

Rotary Woy Woy was fortunate to have 2 mentions in the May issue of Rotary Down Under magazine.

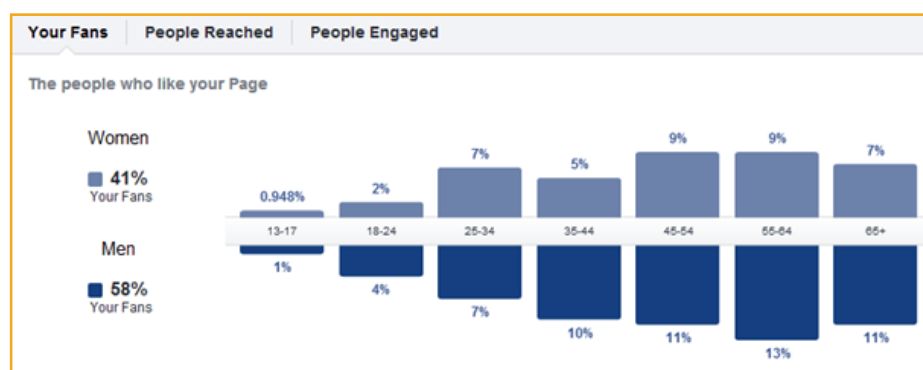
We've featured on Radio when Russell Grove spoke to Scott Levi about MUNA on 92.5 ABC Central Coast. Thanks to Heather Brown, our PCYC Book Fair featured on Radio 702 and Radio Five-O-Plus.



On the membership side, I worked with Ross Pearse to refresh our club's brochure and banner.

While a strong online presence is vital, without doubt the most powerful public image is seeing the blaze of blue and gold out in the community showing Rotary at work and humanity in motion.

Joan Redmond
PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR





ROTARY WOY WOY DONATIONS 2015-16

\$105,176

COMMUNITY \$34,708 | YOUTH \$30,068

INTERNATIONAL \$40,400

I am happy to report that we have had a great fundraising year which included Raffles, Book Fairs, Movie nights, Xmas tree sales, Car Parking and of course our favourite fundraiser, Opera in the Arboretum. We have also had a lot of Barbecues where we raised money and donated the funds to the venues on the night.

I would like to thank all the helpers that assisted me at the weekly treasury table.

Di Schwarzl
TREASURER



Top: PCYC Umina Beach and ShelterBox Australia

Below: Blue Wave Living and Marine Rescue Central Coast

COMMUNITY

\$

Marine Rescue Central Coast	5,000
Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club	2,500
Umina Surf Life Saving Club	2,500
Pearl Beach Arboretum	2,200
Women's Refuge	2,000
Candles: Anzac Dawn Service	1,908
Umina Men's Shed	1,500
Dyslexia	1,000
Pearl Beach Progress Association	1,000
Vietnam Veterans	1,000
White Ribbon	1,000
Dementia Australia	500
Pearl Beach Tennis Club	100
Aged Care / Disability	
Blue Wave Living	5,000
Peninsula Village	1,000
Fairhaven Services	500
Rural Fire Brigade Services	
Pearl Beach	2,000
Empire Bay/Bensville	1,000
Gosford Communication Unit Kariong	1,000
Killcare/Wagstaff	1,000
The Bays	1,000

YOUTH

PCYC Umina Beach	10,000
Brisbane Water Secondary College	
Farm: Trailer \$4567	
Farm: Easter Show entry/accom. \$2500	
DOE Award Scheme Kokoda Trek \$2000	9,068
Coast Community Connections	8,000
Girl Guides Blackwall	1,000
Scouts Broken Bay	1,000
Stand Tall	1,000

INTERNATIONAL

ShelterBox Australia	20,000
Bangladesh RAWCS project	10,000
Rotary Foundation	5,400
Polio Plus	3,000
Madagascar RAWCS project	2,000

TOTAL

105,176



ROTARY WOY WOY BOARD 2016-17

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*Photo taken by Sue O'Neill
International Director on a visit to
the Nabirye community in Uganda*



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