

**Rotary**  
Club of Woy Woy



ANNUAL REPORT  
2016-17



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Rotary Club of Woy Woy Inc Annual Report 2016-17 records the activities of the Club during the Rotary year, July 2016 to June 2017.

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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**ROTARY  
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“Service to humanity has been the cornerstone of Rotary since its earliest days, and has been its main purpose ever since. I believe that there is no better path to meaningful service today than Rotary membership; and no organization better placed to make a real and positive difference in our world. No other organization so effectively brings together committed, capable professionals in a wide variety of fields, and enables them to achieve ambitious goals. Through Rotary, we have the capacity, the network, and the knowledge to change the world: the only limits are the ones we place on ourselves.”

Extract from the Presidential Citation

JOHN GERM

2016-17 PRESIDENT  
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

## A message from the PRESIDENT

This year we have many achievements of note. My greatest pleasure is the resulting changes we are introducing after our club went through the Club Visioning exercise to see what we could do to make our club better. This was not an exercise to discard the activities that form the current program; but rather to see what value we could add over the next 5 years.

The Club Visioning exercise involved a considerable commitment by members of our club who put their minds together in a four hour meeting to come up with ideas for what we could achieve by 2022. Some of those thoughts have already been translated into action. For example, we have spoken with Brisbane Water Secondary College and they are open to the idea of a 'schoolies' trip to Uganda and are helping us promote this project to their students. Other outcomes are sure to follow.

I thank the District Rotary Visioning team of David Mylan, Graeme and Lyn Davies and Caroline O'Shannassy for guiding us through the process, and to President Elect Russell Grove and Sue O'Neill who will continue the project in the year ahead.

I have invited our Treasurer to detail our donations to many worthy causes. The major ones were a donation of \$15,000 to Regional Youth Support Services (RYSS) to further their work with disadvantaged youth in the local community; a donation of \$11,000 to Australian Rotary Health (ARH) to fund the first of 3 years of a research fellowship into the causes of Dementia plus the provision of a further \$11,000 for next year's contribution; and a number of donations to the Rotary Foundation (TRF) totalling more than \$12,000.

Directors of the various avenues of service will detail our achievements

and activities in their reports. I make particular mention of the substantial grants our club secured, thanks to the efforts of Sue O'Neill, the generosity of the Pink Umbrella Foundation (PU), and the broad scope of our Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) project encompassing Education, Health and Community Empowerment.

As part of a matching grant arrangement, our local Marine Rescue will receive a total of \$20,000. Two grants of \$5,000 each were available if the grants were matched. Our club had secured a \$1000 PU grant, under our Marine Rescue RABS Project, we donated a further \$4000 and PU matched our donation. With \$10,000 raised, the project was eligible to receive the two \$5,000 grants, resulting in a total of \$20,000 raised.

The International report details the \$90,000 in grants secured through our RAWCS project for three needy organisations, two in Cambodia and one in Uganda.

This past year we had 32 formal meetings where we had an external guest speaker, or a club assembly, and 16 informal meetings where we had no external guest speaker or were off-site for a vocational visit.

I am proud of the achievements of our club this past year. My thanks to the Board for their contributions; without their input we would not have been able to undertake the projects we did.

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## ACHIEVEMENTS

We have had a strong team on the Board who have led the club to many valuable achievements which include:

- Commencing a Club Visioning program
- Raising significant funds through the Opera
- Initiating an Australian Rotary Health research program into Dementia
- Hosting an exchange student from France and sending another to Denmark
- Strengthening our program in Uganda
- Securing grants for local and international projects
- Supporting the Rotary Foundation
- Restarting the Central Coast Rotaract Club
- Sponsoring a new Probus Club in Empire Bay
- Going on many vocational visits
- Publishing an exceptional club bulletin

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One group that does not feature in the Board is the organisers of the speakers program. Special thanks to Bill Cook, Ted Crawley, Fiona Hunt and Maggie Payne for inviting an interesting variety of speakers to attend our meetings. I also thank our team of Sergeants, under the leadership of Ted Crawley, who have raised significant monies with their entertaining fines sessions.

My personal thanks to all club members for your contributions; this club's continued success is due to your support. With our Club Visioning project I am sure we are on track to continue to be a vibrant club that serves those in need.

My best wishes to President Elect Russell Grove and his team for the coming year.

**Vic Deeble**

PRESIDENT 2016-17



Recipients of major donations on Opera Sponsors' Night. Back l/r: President Vic Deeble, PDG Graeme Davies (ARH), John Mazaroli (RYSS), John Greenway (Opera Coordinator) Front: PDG David Rands (TRF) and DG Bruce Lakin

## ROTARY WOY WOY BOARD 2016-17



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PUBLIC RELATIONS

This year was the 12th presentation of 'Opera in the Arboretum' and again, we seem to have bettered the year before. I hope that next year we will have a similar outcome.

I guess one of the reasons it was such a success is because we managed to get well known artists to head the bill! David Hobson created a lot of interest, and tickets were sold out weeks before the event.

For the second time we used our new tent. Although once again it did not rain during the event, we did have a five minute sprinkle around midday and 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. Thanks to Vic and all the Rotarians who assisted.

The Opera itself was a wonderful event and enjoyed by all. Thanks to Michaele Archer, the Artistic Director, for setting up the program and creating a new Facebook page for the event and Justin her husband for his artwork for all our printed matter. Thanks to Ian Butler for the wonderful job he does in maintaining our website, which was well used and helped to sell many tickets.

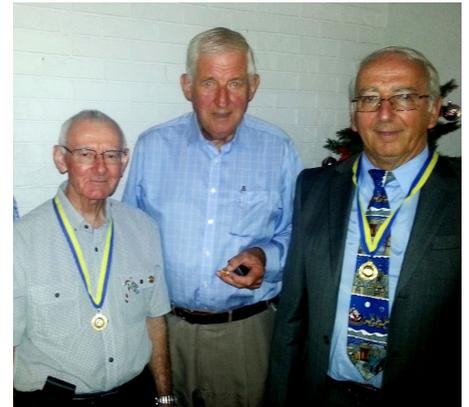
Thanks to Maggie and Jane for the public relations effort they put into selling the tickets and Di for organising the accounts.

On the Rotarian side I would like to thank Vic Brown for the extra hours he puts into ensuring the event runs smoothly. Once again, John Regan increased our sponsorship; there is no holding back when he has a possible sponsor in his sights.

This year, in recognition of their many years of service to the Opera, we presented a Paul Harris Fellow to Member John Regan, Hon. Member Ian Butler and Rosemary Ruthven, our Opera MC. Vic Brown received a Sapphire Pin to accompany his PHF.

A special thanks you to all the other members who contributed, both before, during and after the event. It is due to your efforts that the Opera continues to be a success.

**John Greenway**  
OPERA COORDINATOR



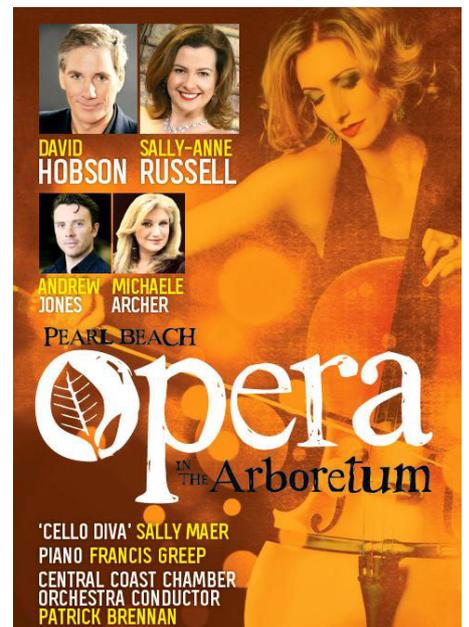
*Paul Harris Fellows l/r: Ian Butler, Vic Brown and John Regan*



*l/r: John Greenway, PHF Rosemary Ruthven and DG Bruce Lakin*



*Performing at Opera in the Arboretum 2017  
l/r: David Hobson, Sally-Anne Russell, Michaele Archer and Andrew Jones*



# PROJECTS

Our club has been involved in a range of community projects which have kept us busy throughout the year. The success of projects relies heavily on member involvement and it is pleasing that on every occasion we have had good member support.

In October, for the third year running, we joined other clubs in Graffiti Removal Day. We worked on five sites and had to return to some to paint over new graffiti. Thanks to Vic Brown and Neville Pickering for the time they have put in to removing the new graffiti.

Also in October we did fundraising at Woy Woy station for Australian Rotary Health on Hat Day and organised a Fashion Parade to raise funds for the Women's Refuge at Kariong. Thanks to Bobby, Isabel Deeble and Jayne for their efforts.

We had a big presence in Deepwater Plaza over many weeks with the Melbourne Cup draw and the car raffle. We also supported White Ribbon by making poppies for their installation at Terrigal. Thanks to Wayne, President Vic and Di for organising these projects and all those who helped out.

With Christmas approaching, the club sold Christmas trees. With Don Tee running the show, everything ran very smoothly. The quality of the trees was better than last year. All trees were sold, with a percentage of

the profit going to Grandparents looking after grandchildren and the remainder to Rotary projects.

March was 'Opera in the Arboretum' month, our biggest fundraiser of the year. Tickets sold out before the event and with the artists protected in our super Bedouin tent the event was a great success. Thanks to Maggie, Jayne and their husbands for selling tickets, to Vic Brown for the work he put in and to John Regan, our super sponsor man. Also to all the Rotarians who helped before, during and after the Opera.

The Opera had very good coverage in Peninsula News and even a full page feature in the 'Rotary Down Under' magazine.

The Ettalong Girl Guides had their garden cleaned up in April. Our club has put in many hours assisting this organisation and has really improved their premises.

The Anzac Day Service on the 25 April had great support by our club with the battery operated candles proving a great success. This has been run by Don Tee for many years and is a wonderful public relations



project. It was great to see such an exceptional turn out of Rotarians for the early start!

On Monday 15 May the Club supported the Campbell's Golf Day. This support goes back many years and Mark Campbell has always been very generous. Members turned up early to provide a BBQ for the 130 players and to sell raffle tickets for prizes provided by Mark. By the end of the day Rotary Woy Woy made the grand sum of \$3000.

The Red Shield Appeal in May, once again, had the support from our club. I am sure we have assisted the Roadside Appeal since its inception.

Over the long weekend in June our last planned project will be the Book Fair at the Scout Hall in Ettalong, run by Vic 'The Bookman' Brown and his team who I am sure will do a great job raising funds for the Scouts.

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

**John Greenway**  
PROJECTS DIRECTOR



According to Business Dictionary.com., Vocational relates to an occupation, and is often associated with work that requires a specialised skill or knowledge set. For me vocational also relates to a calling to a type of work and the passion that comes with this.

For anyone that came along to the Vocational visits organised for this year, I'm sure that you have to agree that the passion of the people in the workplaces visited, whether in a paid or voluntary position, were what made these visits both fun and inspirational.

The year started off with a visit to the Block 'n Tackle Brewery, where the passion for their craft, of these young people, jumped out at you. It seems that it didn't matter whether or not you were a beer drinker, the night had something to offer – a fascinating insight into the brewing of these tasty boutique beers as well as the opportunity to socialise and have fun, while tasting the brew.

Our visits to the Agricultural Centre at Brisbane Water Secondary and the Marine Rescue base at Point Clare were as successful as always. No-one could ever question the passion that Louisa Briggs has for both the farm and the students – a passion that fills me with delight every time I speak with her. Likewise, the enthusiasm of the volunteers at the Marine Rescue, headed up by Commander Roger Palmer made these two visits both fun and educational.

The fun continued with a visit backstage at the Laycock Theatre. Once more the enthusiasm of both the paid and voluntary staff, rubbed off on our group as we had the opportunity to hear all about the history of the theatre, and the various productions, as well as to see their amazing collection of costumes and props. The fact that the afternoon was topped off with a delicious afternoon tea of scones and cream should not be forgotten.

Next stop Green Central... no, in spite of the name, this is not a railway station but a wonderful centre to train and support disadvantaged young people. Who knew that this wonderful centre, tucked away in Kariong, existed? What a wonderful opportunity to see this Centre and hear about the wonderful work completed there for young people in our local community.

Finally, our visit to Aldi... what an amazing turnout with around 45 Members and guests turning out for the visit? Who would have expected to have been so entertained and informed by a visit to a grocery store? The Area Manager Michelle Johnson displayed passion for her work there is no doubt that Aldi gained a few customers that night.

The year was topped off by our Annual Awards night, where we recognised some people in our Community who stood out as not just doing their job, but by going above and beyond expectations. Pride of Workmanship Awards were presented to Kathy Murphy (Blue Wave Living); Ryan McBeattie (Everglades Country Club); Jared



Campbell (Apprentice; Blue Wave Living). Community Awards were presented to Bill Graham for his work with The Men's Shed and Al Morris for his many years of service with Marine Rescue, NSW.

As can be seen in this report, Vocational is more than just work, it is about passion for what you do. It has been a pleasure to be in the role of Vocational Services Director this year, to experience the joy that this passion brings to others.

**Bobby Redman**  
VOCATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR



*l/r: Bobby Redman, Albert Morris, Bill Graham, Kathy Murphy, Jared Campbell, Pres.Vic Deeble*

# YOUTH

Our club has been very active again this year in the area of Youth with involvement in RYLA, RYPEN, RYE, MUNA and INTERACT.

## ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS

From Sun 8 Jan to Sat 14 Jan, at the Elanora Conference Centre, we were privileged to sponsor Jessica Thomas. Jessica is a Patrol Leader with Umina Surf Life Saving Club. She is a fine candidate who presented very well in her two presentations to our club. Thank you to club members who assisted with interviews, transport and attended the dinner.

## ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAM OF ENRICHMENT

We were fortunate this year to sponsor four candidates. One went to Summer camp at Narrabeen Academy of Sport and three attended Winter camp at Bluegum Lodge in Springwood.

The Summer camp was held from Fri 3 Feb till Sun 5 Feb. Our candidate, Maeve O'Carroll, spoke very confidently and impressively, to our club, before going to camp on 6 Dec 2016 and, after returning on 28 Feb.

The Winter camp was held from Fri 16 June till Sun 18 June. Our candidates were Joel Wynter (Yr 9 Green Point Christian College) and Hailie Russell and Elizabeth Morris (Yr 9 Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus). The candidates addressed our club before going on camp, on 30 May, and will tell member of their experiences on 27 June. A special thank you to those who have assisted with interviews and to Alan Ford, who, from his sick bed, has provided candidates and given valuable information on subsequent histories of attendees.

## ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

Our second inbound exchange in two years began with the arrival of Louise Lejeune, in August, from Paris,

France. Once again, a highlight has been the safari expedition. This year the Counsellors were Bobby Redman and Annette Karton.

For all the wonderful people who have generously given their time to making Louise's stay with us really worthwhile, with meals, outings, trips and holidays, a big thank you. We are especially grateful to our host families: The Carsons, the Newmans, The Motes and Annette Karton.

Alicia, our first outbound exchange student in eight years, spoke very well to our club in March of her experiences in France.

Our second outbound exchange student, Michael Carson, departed for Denmark in January and is keeping us informed of a varied and exciting series of experiences.

## MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY

Once again we sponsored a team of three students from Brisbane Water Secondary College (BWSC) Senior Campus that represented Russia.

Thank you to the Members who assisted in the three sessions in the Erina Centre on Thurs 18 May. Fifteen schools, representing 20 countries, participated in a lively and exciting day. Our own Russell Grove proved a more than competent Secretary General.

## OTHER INVOLVEMENT

To all members who have been part of Rotary Youth Driver Training and the Science and Engineering and, especially to Annette and her indefatigable team with ongoing INTERACT commitments (at BWSC Umina Campus), a heart-felt thanks for making this a productive and rewarding year.



I would also like to thank members of the Youth Visioning Committee for their input into formulating a plan of action for our Youth program over the next 5 years which was presented to the Board for consideration.

**Arthur Pearce**  
YOUTH SERVICE DIRECTOR

## 2017 marked 100 years of The Rotary Foundation 'DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD'

### THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



YEARS OF DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD

What a story to tell from a humble \$26.50 donation made all those years ago by Arch Krump, the Rotary Foundation is now considered one of the leading charitable organisations in the world and has won acclaim for its work across the globe.

One of TRF's aims is to eradicate Polio and this has almost been achieved, with very few cases being reported in the last year.

To mark 100 years of The Rotary Foundation, our club choose TRF to

be one of the major benefactors of our Opera in the Arboretum this year. We also supported the request from the Rotary Foundation for each member to donate \$26.50. In January we commenced the New Year with members meeting at Ettalong Beach foreshore for dinner. Instead of paying our usual \$25 fee, members contributed \$26.50 towards TRF. The Club presented the Foundation with a cheque for \$636.00 from these contributions.

Many of our members are also Centurions and make an annual contribution to TRF. The amounts contributed are confidential, but to qualify as a Centurion \$100 annually is pledged and many members contribute in excess of this figure. I congratulate all Centurions for their contributions which places RCWW in good standing.

### How USD2,650 grew and grew to become nearly USD20,000 dollars

A further challenge was issued by Rotary International to clubs in our zone to contribute USD2,650 to the Polio Plus Fund, and our club took part in this. RCWW contributed USD2,650 to 'End Polio Now' which was matched dollar for dollar by the District Foundation fund to become USD5,300 US. The Rotary Foundation world fund also contribution one dollar for every two dollars to a value of USD1,325. This total of USD6,625 was matched two for one by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to make a total of USD19,875. So our USD2,650 became nearly USD20,000 dollars. Effectiveness 7.5 times our donation. Across the District, more than One Million Dollars Australian was donated in this manner.

RCWW has contributed in excess of \$12,000 this year to the Rotary Foundation. We also received a donation to TRF of \$500 from a lady who attended the Opera and saw the work that our club does.

Congratulations to RCWW on your outstanding contributions to the Rotary Foundation this year.

A big thank you to the Foundation Committee of Ross Pearse, Marylyn Whitwell and Tony Cameron for their assistance throughout the year. I have been proud to serve as Foundation Director.

**Marie Armstrong**  
FOUNDATION DIRECTOR

### YOUTH /continued ...

#### ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

Louise Lejeune from France was sponsored by Rotary Club of Sees Gace, District 1640. She has settled into the Peninsula where she has made a good group of friends. Louise has attended many Rotary organised activities and travelled to Cairns and on the Rotary Youth Exchange Safari.

Alicia Karton, our 2016 outbound student, went to Sees, Normandy. Alicia had an amazing time and now has a thorough grasp of French. Our 2017 outbound student, Michael Carson, is now enjoying life in Bronshoj, Denmark.

#### INTERACT

In 2017 there are 60 members of INTERACT at Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus. The group has continued to move forward hosting Breakfast Club once a week, with the assistance of many of our members. The INTERACT members also help to ensure the Library is set up and running smoothly each day.

INTERACT have assisted, with the help of our club, a young student with a brain injury to have a term's worth of swimming lessons, and they raised funds to sponsor a ShelterBox.

**Annette Karton**  
RYE & INTERACT COORDINATOR

# COMMUNITY

We have been busy throughout the year with community projects. Most of these are not the most glamorous of tasks but still important to the community at large. Many of our activities have been detailed in the Projects report.

I would like to thank the Members for supporting our Community Service activities, some being:

- Cleaning of Mary Macs kitchen
- Clean up of Blackwall Girl Guides yard and surrounds
- Moving and roof covering of Guides equipment container
- Book sale for the Scouts
- Christmas Tree sales in support of Rotary Kariong/Somersby Grandparents' project and our own Rotary projects

The project I am most proud of is our involvement in the ANZAC Dawn Service. This was our 23rd year participating in this project. During this time we estimate that we have distributed over 26,000 candles and about 6,000 cups of tea and coffee and about the same in ANZAC

bikkies (thanks to Jenny Brock). The support of the members in the wee small hours of the morning to assist with the project to hand out our 1,000 candles to the ever growing number of people attending is amazing. We touch the hearts of those people as the candles make a spectacular scene in the pre dawn. The candles are appreciated by the both the citizens and the RSL alike. After some breakfast and fellowship we return home to our dens.

I would like to thank Ted Crawley and Vic Brown for their assistance with our Community projects and the Members for their support, because without your support none of these projects would succeed.

**Don Tee**  
COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR



# PUBLIC RELATIONS

Our club's public image stepped in the right direction with the introduction of Bootstrap technology to make our website responsive for viewing on mobile devices.

Our news featured in 14 articles in Peninsula News, 67 posts on Facebook, and in Express Advocate and Rotary Down Under magazine.

Our Facebook page 'likes' jumped from 433 last year to 526, and a Facebook post feed was added to our website's news page. When we held a movie fundraiser for Uganda in November, we took the opportunity to 'boost' the post to attract more attention. As one would expect when

paying for a service, this was the most successful post of the year, reaching an audience of 4,700. Did 4,700 people come to our movie? No, but the post certainly got lots of people talking about us, which is always good.

At that time we did not offer online ticketing which led us to install PayPal on our website which can be used for ticketed events, member dues and receiving donations.

Our website and social media platform are important avenues to promote our activities. These, combined with a strong visible presence in the local community, will ensure a bright future for our club.

Thank you to all the contributors to The Pinion. You made my task a pleasure to perform.

**Joan Redmond**  
PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR

According to Rotary Guidelines the Club Service Officer has an important responsibility, ensuring the weekly meeting program is structured and balanced, that meetings are well run, and that members are kept informed through the Club bulletin and website.



This is only possible with the team of dedicated Rotarians on the Admin committee who quietly get on with the job behind the scenes. These people have done a marvellous job during the year. I thank them for doing such a fabulous job with tasks that are often onerous.

Bill Cook, Fiona Hunt, Maggie Payne and Ted Crawley have searched far and wide to come up with a wide variety of guest speakers. Included in our weekly meeting speakers were some of our own members who astonished us with their many hidden talents and stories of their lives. We also had quite a few visits outside our normal venue - thank you to Bobby Redman and Don Tee for organising those.

Ted Crawley kept us on our toes with his Sergeant-At-Arms antics and recruited a group of "volunteers" to assist. Our exchange student Louise was the Corporal most weeks and soon got into the swing of taking money from the culprits.

Joan Redmond once again has excelled in the production of The Pinion each week. It is a great way to

get information out to the members and a large number of you gave Joan photos and stories to include every week. Our club's Facebook page gets lots of likes and Joan has also revamped the website.

Peter Mote took on the role of Welfare Officer and did a magnificent job. Not always in the best of health himself, Peter spent many an hour contacting our ailing members and then following through with reports to the rest of the club so we were all well informed.

The biggest hurdle was of course the meals ... it is always a struggle to keep everyone happy with the Tuesday evening meal and we had many a discussion with the kitchen in an effort to resolve this. Everglades now has a new chef and we have settled on a roast each week, which seems to please most members.

Training Rotarians to apologise their absence by 10am on a Monday is obviously an impossible feat for some and so I resort to creative accounting to do the numbers when booking meals and seats!



After attending a Working With Children training seminar, it was pleasing to learn that Rotary Woy Woy is one of the few clubs in District that has about 99% of members not only with a WWC number but also verified with the Office of the Children's Guardian. So thank you one and all for your prompt attention to this very important matter.

Congratulations to President Vic on a very successful year. It has been a pleasure to be a part of your Board.

**Susan Tee**

CLUB SERVICE / ADMIN DIRECTOR  
PUBLIC OFFICER

# INTERNATIONAL

This has been another eventful and busy year for the club's International service with many of the projects delivered as Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) projects.

These were under the superb leadership of Sue O' Neill who has detailed knowledge of how best to gain the necessary matching grants to ensure the 'bang for our buck' goes furthest. Details of our club's RAWCS projects are provided below.

In addition Rotary Woy Woy has also been involved with:

## NEPAL

An ambitious project of the Rotary Club of Pokhara Newroad to build a school in Gharmi, the remotest part of Kaski, Nepal, where this facility would enable education to be provided for many children currently either receiving no education or very basic tuition in inadequate facilities. The Club was sympathetic to a well presented case and made a grant for an item of equipment.

## PHILIPPINES

Funding continues to assist a student, hoping to become a teacher, from a poor district in the Philippines to enable her to complete her schooling and then become effective in furthering education to poor students in her area. We receive regular letters and progress reports and this modest grant clearly is accurately targetted.



Children's Surgical Centre, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

## FIJI

The Club has worked closely with the 'Love Give Share South Pacific' charity to assist them in providing educational materiel and solar lights to Fijian schools and villages. This project has the support of the Fijian Embassy and Head of Mission who value our help in developing this not for profit business. The latest challenge facing LGS has been the loss of their free shipping service thereby placing immediate pressure on their funds. It is to assist this area and ensure the maximum materiel gets to the end users that our club made a grant this year. The Fijian representative visited us to brief the Members on the effectiveness of our grant and the plans for LGS activities in the future.

## VANUATU

Our club supplied 120 mother and baby kits containing clothes, toiletries and items for use by birthing mothers to Donations in Kind for shipment to Luganville Hospital on Espiritu Santo and other outreach clinics on remote islands. Thanks to all the Members for their support and to Di Schwarzl and Joan Redmond for organising the project.

John Regan

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR



M'lop Tapang, mobile library, Sihanoukville, Cambodia



## RAWCS project # 24/2011-12

Education, Health and Community Empowerment

Rotary Woy Woy's RAWCS project secured a grant for \$90,000 to support the following 3 projects

## CAMBODIA

\$30,000 Children's Surgical Centre, PHNOM PENH

Children's Surgical Centre aim is to improve the quality of life for disabled Cambodian children and adults by providing free rehab surgery. Integral to this mission is a program of training local surgeons and health workers focusing on the development of sustainable health services. CSC provides a range of surgery, encompassing orthopaedic surgery, eye surgery, and plastic and burn surgery.

\$30,000 M'lop Tapang, mobile library, SIHANOUKVILLE

M'lop Tapang works with over 3,000 children and 900 families providing shelter, medical care, sports and arts, education and training, counselling, family support and protection from abuse. This funding supports a



mobile library project. The mobile library operates in low socio-economic areas and often is a child's only access to books, teachers and learning. Equally, the mobile library often represents the first point of contact with vulnerable children. To address these issues social workers, education counsellors and medical staff are engaged as part of the mobile library team.

## UGANDA

**\$30,000 Bushikori Clinic, MBALE**

Bushikori Christian Centre (BCC) is committed to working with marginalised communities on the outskirts of Mbale town. BCC clinic provides subsidised services to a population of approximately 30,000 people. The clinic focuses on maternal and child health, reproductive health and support to HIV+ clients. Funding helps Traditional Birth Attendants to be trained in antenatal care, delivery and post natal care for mother and baby.

*Top: Birth attendants at Bushikori Clinic, Mbale, Uganda*

*Right: Divine Mercy School, Uganda*

*UGANDA/ continued...*

### VOCATIONAL TRAINING TEAM VISIT

Our RAWCS project is facilitating a Vocational Training Team visit to Uganda in June. The team from Australia will target several challenges including men's sexual health awareness. During their visit, the team will participate in a medical outreach diagnostic clinic in a targeted rural community.

### NEW KITCHEN AND SUPPLIES

We have continued to work with Walukuba West Primary School in Jinja, Uganda. The school caters for day and boarding students. Meals were cooked over an open fire. We agreed to provide funds to build a kitchen and supply some new kitchen utensils.

### SCHOOL FUNDING

On our last trip in August 2016, Di Schwarzl and I visited Divine Mercy Primary School in Jinja. The school was lacking the most basic of resources. We were able to supply items such as black boards and chalk and also to issue scholastic materials to the pupils. The new resources have motivated more children in the community to come to school.

Divine Mercy Primary School has increased in number of enrolments from 33 last term to 50 pupils this term, 32 girls and 18 boys.



*Completed kitchen at Walukuba West Primary School, Jinja, Uganda*

Other schools have received school resources from funds from our RAWCS project including Kyanaka school, Luwero District and Global community school, Jinja.

### PURE JOY SEWING WORKSHOP

We received a request from a community in Jinja to provide funds to establish a sewing workshop to make reusable sanitary kits. Di and Joan held a movie fundraiser and our club matched the money raised. Funding was sent in January and by May the group had made 250 products. We will visit the workshop in June to check on progress and provide assistance where necessary.

**Sue O'Neill**

**RAWCS PROJECT REGISTRATION OFFICER**



# MEMBERSHIP



As at 1 July 2016 Club membership was 41. During the year we have lost 3 Members: Luke Parsons, John Perks and Colin Mew and we thank each of them for their years of service to Rotary. By 30 June 2017 it is hoped that membership will stand at 40 with the impending induction of John Steinbeck and Paola Liverani Brooks.

It is not uncommon to hear Members say that too much emphasis is placed on the issue of membership development - perhaps we should ask why there is this emphasis. The reality is that in Australia and other countries in the western world Rotary membership is declining and as a result the average age of members is increasing. For Rotary to continue as a relevant and worthwhile organisation it is the responsibility of all members to let others who are younger know about the benefits of Rotary membership. Our club has a good retention rate together with gradual growth replacing those who have left. We need to ensure that we do not become self-satisfied with this situation. Many of our members are in the retirement phase of their lives where absence through travel, recreational pursuits, family responsibilities and health issues are significant. We need to consider the reality that some Members who have served Rotary over many years feel that it is not unreasonable to slow down and let others step up and take on leadership roles.

All members can and should play their part in membership development. If we value our own Rotary membership we need to convince others of this value by example to our own children and their friends or younger people we come across in the community be they be in the commercial world, recreational areas or in the community service sector.

Fellowship is important to the health of any club and this is evident in our club. Our meetings are enjoyable and interesting with a variety of guest speakers. Members who participate in community events find fellowship and good fun while helping others. This is evidenced through healthy retention rates.

We aim to ensure that visitors and guests are made to feel welcome by engaging them and extolling the virtues of Rotary membership. Potential members will look at our Club from outside and therefore our meetings and social activities should reflect current interests and attitudes of the younger generation to be an attractive option for these people.

Rotary Clubs have changed in their makeup over the last two decades with fewer members being actively involved in their previous vocation and in the case of our club a number of members are new to the area with limited access to business and community networks.

A way forward may be to develop partnerships with community organisations be they business groups, schools, other Rotary Clubs, sporting groups or not-for-profit organisations. Encouraging local business in sponsorship of our programs without the need to take on membership of our club may be another avenue for support. Volunteering for a particular cause is also a growing phenomenon. A category of "Friend of Rotary" may also be a fertile area to increase our support base.

Welfare of our Members is very important and this year we have had several members facing health issues. Thanks are due to Peter Mote who has been assiduous in staying in touch with those Members and keeping us informed. Our thanks should also go to Vic Brown who has worked in the background offering practical assistance when required.

As part of Club Visioning, we have set a target of membership of 50 over a 5 year period with those members in the 45 to 50 age group. If we are to build on and consolidate the longstanding success of the Rotary Club of Woy Woy we should all work together and use our skills and talents to pursue the goal of "Service Above Self".

**Russell Grove**  
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR



*Club Visioning Team Vr: Present Elect Russell Grove, Club Mentor Graeme Davies, Projects Director 2017-18 Sue O'Neill and President Vic Deeble*

## DONATIONS 2016-17

MAJOR RECIPIENTS	\$
Regional Youth Support Services	15,000
Rotary Foundation	12,314
Australian Rotary Health	11,000
<b>COMMUNITY</b>	
Central Coast Conservatorium	6,000
Marine Rescue	4,725
BWSC Agriculture Program	5,000
<i>Student accom. for Sydney Royal</i>	<i>2,500</i>
<i>Purchase of a Ram</i>	<i>2,000</i>
<i>BBQ Proceeds</i>	<i>500</i>
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren	3,310
Coast Community Connections	2,000
Pearl Beach Arboretum	2,200
Peninsula Village	2,000
Green Central Youth Connections	1,700
Pearl Beach Fire Brigade	1,500
Cyclone Debbie Rotary Appeal	1,000
Pearl Beach Progress Assoc.	1,000
Childrens' Xmas gifts (Junior Johnson)	1,000
INTERACT Club & Conference	600
Inner Wheel Gosford North	500
Umina Men's Shed	500
Stand Tall	500
Coast Shelter	430
Girl Guides Blackwall	394
Campbell Breen swimming lessons	250
Pearl Beach Tennis Club	100
<b>INTERNATIONAL</b>	
UGANDA - Pure Joy Sewing Workshop	4,000
FIJI - Love Give Share South Pacific	2,500
NEPAL - Mahendra High School	850
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$80,373</b>

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TREASURER

## BOARD 2017-18

### EXECUTIVE

President .....	Russell Grove
President Elect .....	Jayne Mote
Vice President .....	Marie Armstrong
Imm. Past President .....	Vic Deeble (ex-officio)
Secretary .....	Marylyn Whitwell
Treasurer .....	Marie Armstrong
Sergeant-at-Arms .....	Sue O'Neill

### DIRECTORS

Club Administration .....	Sue Tee
Membership .....	Peter Mote
Public Relations .....	Vic Deeble
Rotary Foundation .....	Ted Crawley
Service Projects .....	Sue O'Neill

### AVENUES OF SERVICE CHAIRS

Club Service .....	Trevor Walker
Community Service .....	Don Tee
International Service .....	Joan Redmond
Vocational Service .....	Fiona Hunt
Youth Service .....	Annette Karton



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“Rotary has been around for a long time: 112 years. In some ways, we’ve changed tremendously, as we’ve grown, matured, and adapted to the changing needs of our members and communities. In our fundamentals, however, we remain the same: an organization of people with the desire — and through Rotary, the ability — to make a difference in our communities, and the world.”

Extract from the Presidential Citation  
**IAN H.S. RISELEY**  
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