



ANNUAL REPORT 2017-18

Rotary 
Club of Woy Woy



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Rotary Club of Woy Woy Inc Annual Report 2017-18 records the activities of the Club during the Rotary year, July 2017 to June 2018.

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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 Youth Service Chair– Annette Karton



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

“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

2017-18 PRESIDENT ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

A message from the PRESIDENT

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy is strong in its purpose and during the 2017-18 year has continued to function effectively along traditional well tried lines. This does not mean that we should be blind to innovation and change. We also recognise the untimely and sudden death of our fellow Rotarian Fiona Hunt, PHF, she will be remembered for her enthusiasm for her causes and her broad interests. Let us say not your typical Rotarian. Our club is poorer from her passing.

It was a privilege and honour to have been chosen as your President in 2017-18. The year has had its challenges and rewards but in the end newly learned skills and levels of understanding of others can only result in making you a better person and therefore a better rotarian.

As leaders from our various vocations and professions it should go without saying that all Rotarians should be prepared to serve as President if not on the Board of our Club embracing to motto "Service Above Self".

Finance

The Club has had a solid year with medium fund raising apart from the profits from The Opera in the Arboretum. Serious consideration needs to be given to adopting projects and then planning fund raising for specific purposes. Our Treasurer Marie Armstrong is deserving of our praise for her vigilance in effectively operating our bank accounts. The tireless receipt of monies from various sources and keeping track thereof is an unenviable task. Our thanks are also due to FigtreeMoran , who are our Auditors, for their expertise in auditing our accounts.

Administration

In the area of governance our Club is well served with the experience and expertise of Sue Tee, Director, Administration and Public Officer. All legal requirements for Fair Trading, Charities Authorities, District and Rotary International have been complied with in an expeditious manner. Compliance with Child Protection legislation (WWCC) are



President Russell Grove

well supervised by Sue as our Verification Officer. All members are required to obtain a Working With Children Check when joining the Club. I thank Marylyn Whitwell for serving as Secretary. Jill Colwell has taken on the role of Secretary with enthusiasm and diligence sharing her experience from both the professional and business world. The Club recently adopted the District recommended "Bullying and Harassment Policy" for the benefit and welfare for all members.

Membership

Healthy membership in all its aspects leads to a healthy Club. While growth is important retention is more important. This is achieved through ensuring new members are made welcome, that new members feel useful and have projects and tasks to undertake. Could the Rotary Club of Woy Woy do better in this area? We are conscious that membership is healthy if it is cross generational and gender balanced

In 2017-18 our Club was awarded the Membership Development Shield for the most new members. Credit is due to Peter Mote, Membership Director, for his enthusiasm and resilience. We have benefited from retirees to the area, club transferees and several members active in the recruitment activity. Perhaps 2018-



l/r: Steve Raymond (Regional Ops Mgr), Roger Palmer (Unit Commander), Lucy Wicks (MP Robertson), Sue O'Neill (Service Projects Director), Don Tee (Community Service Chair), President Russell Grove and Leisl Tesch (MP Gosford)



19 should be a year focusing on consolidation of membership.

Public Relations

It has been suggested by some that Rotary as an organisation and Rotary Clubs do not promote themselves sufficiently resulting in public awareness of Rotary being low in what it does in the community and internationally.

Our club bulletin "The Pinion" is important to members and is produced weekly and delivered electronically to members and friends of the Club and is also available on our website. The role of Editor is unenviable and constant. Thank you Peter Mote, Vic Deeble and Joan Redmond.

The relationship between our Club and the local media is good and we feature regularly with press releases and photographs. To protect clubs from undue media attention and possible abuse of social-media vehicles our Club adopted a District "Media Guidelines Policy".

This year due to the sterling efforts of Joan Redmond our Club was awarded the District Shield for best website. Our Facebook is also managed by Joan Redmond.

Overall under the worthy stewardship of Vic Deeble, Public Relations Director, we are well placed to increase our public exposure with some new banners, a pop-up shop and possible exposure and participation at community fairs and markets.

Projects

Our significant project continues to be The Opera in the Arboretum providing the Club with its major source of funds. John Greenway continues his excellent and untiring devotion as Coordinator, with a small team of expert helpers, for which we are very grateful.

Graffiti Removal Day was again coordinated by John Greenway. This is a District wide partnership project with the NSW Government, paint manufacturers and hardware suppliers. Those members who continue this throughout the year - John Greenway, John Steinbeck and Neville Pickering - deserve our admiration.

In the future it may be worthwhile for our Club to consider other major projects with a capacity to produce funding to continue providing service to the community near and far.

Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation is a core element in the activity of Rotary at Club, District and International level. The Rotary Club of Woy Woy has a good record for donating and this year we have achieved the same good results. The 2017-18 year has seen an increase in member personal giving in the Centurion scheme which is unique to Australia. We have donated \$50 to the Foundation to recognise our Guest Speakers each week. Through the tireless and tenacious taunting of Ted Crawley, Director-Rotary Foundation we can be rightly proud of ourselves for our donations-after all the Foundation is our very own charity and therefore worthy of our continuing support.

Club Service

Fundamental to the existence of Rotary is the Club and traditionally these Clubs are centred on Club Meetings which provide Members the opportunity for fellowship, being informed and learn from the experience of other members and guest speakers.

It is a big undertaking to arrange catering, for which we owe our eternal thanks to Sue Tee, and to plan and conduct interesting, informative and fun meetings which I hope has been achieved this year. We have been able to arrange a large range of guest speakers coordinated by myself with input from Michael Davis, John Greenway and Fiona Hunt. Sue O'Neill as Sergeant-at-Arms has secured good income through brain teasing tests during the fine sessions. Thanks to Sue and her team of Deputies during the year. To ensure smooth running we also owe thanks to Annette Karton, Ted Crawley and Trevor Walker for their assistance with set up. An addition to our meeting format has been the "Acknowledgement of Country" at



l/r: Anne Ward, DG Peter Ward, President Russell Grove and Frances Grove

the commencement of each meeting which is a public statement of the diversity of our organisation.

Community Service

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy has since its chartering in 1950 placed a strong emphasis on community service. Under the valued service of Don Tee as the Community Service Chair and the team many of these activities are undertaken at minimal cost to the Club and do not raise significant funds. They do however provide assistance where it is needed as a community service and provides an opportunity to promote Rotary and the good works that the Rotary Club of Woy Woy carries out in our community. It would be worth considering developing a closer partnership with these community groups with input from both sides to help us grow together.

International Service

Our Club is fortunate to have among its membership Joan Redmond, International Service Chair, and Sue O'Neill who through their international activities remind us of the importance and value of the international aspects of Rotary. Our Foundation giving provides the opportunity for grants for overseas programs. Many of these program focus on education, health and the empowerment of women feature large in these activities. Our support of the Madagascar Project sponsored by the Rotary Club of Gosford North is an example of assisting other Clubs in their endeavours. Having taken the decision to establish a Sister Club agreement with the Rotary Club of Njeru in Uganda we need to investigate developing that relationship. It is significant that this year our major recipients of Opera proceeds are internationally focused: Rotarians Against Malaria and the Zimbabwe Pensioner Support Fund.

Vocational Service

Vocational service lies at the core of Rotary Areas of Service given the formation of Rotary was based on vocation and professions. Our Club this year continued its established practice holding an excellent Pride of Workmanship and Community Service Awards. We appreciate the efforts of Fiona Hunt, Vocational Service Chair and the Committee in organising the event. Fiona also worked on nominations for District Sponsored Awards events. While Vocational Visits were limited this year they were interesting in their diversity and well attended.

Youth Services

Rotary programs involving young people are arguably the most important activity that any Club carries out. By providing assistance with education, mental health and socialisation programs we help develop good citizens with the ability to live well and take part in their community with the hope of reaching their potential with increased skills. The Rotary Club of Woy Woy has done well in this area under the valuable and diligent leadership of Annette Karton, Youth Service Chair where we have

developed a close association with Brisbane Water Secondary College and PCYC Umina Beach. We also are active participants in both the Central Coast and District Youth/ Education programs.

The year of 2017-18 will be memorable for me. Thank you to the Board and the Members for their support. I trust that my leadership has been acceptable to Members. I have given the task my best effort, with good intentions. Most Presidents start their year with plans and ambitions to move forward, build on past achievements and plan for the future. While not all these things happen or are totally achieved, it is worth trying. All that is needed is a positive attitude and the participation of all members.

Best wishes to the incoming President and Board for 2018-19 and all leadership teams as we head towards our 70th birthday in 2020.

Let us remember how important it is to enjoy Rotary and embrace all that it offers as we strive to achieve the goal of "Service Above Self".

Russell Grove
PRESIDENT 2017-18



Serving the community at Youthfest, Umina Beach

FINANCE



Rotary Club of Woy Woy had another successful year of fundraising. We started the year off early with proceeds from the Campbell's Golf Day, held last

May, transferred into this financial year. Some of these proceeds were given to Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus Ag Farm to provide accommodation for students at the Royal Easter Show.

Charles Brock organised another successful Melbourne Cup Trifecta. "Hats Off" to Charles. He commences organising this event early in the year and has all the tickets printed so he and his wife Jenny can take a break over the winter months. He returns just before Melbourne Cup and we start selling the tickets so Charles can finalise the event and pay the winners their prizes.

Ted Crawley has spent the year "hassling" members with his Centurion coin poles and it has been great to send off members \$100 to the Rotary Foundation every month. Ted also organised a Movie Night for Polio Plus and a \$26.50 Soup Night to support the Rotary Foundation.

President Russell requested at the beginning of the year that \$50 be given to the Rotary Foundation on behalf of our weekly guest speakers.

Once again John Greenway headed up the Opera Committee with another very successful Opera in the Arboretum. One of John's dreams came true this year with our club sponsoring the Central Coast Conservatorium Targeted String Musician Program. Over the next 5 years the Club will contribute \$8,000 each year to the program. This will be a project of the Opera and funds will come from Opera takings.

Special mention goes to Rotarian Sue O'Neill who secured funding to assist with our donations to Central Coast Marine Rescue and projects in Uganda. RCWW receives full recognition for these donations. A big thank you to Sue for securing this funding. Thanks go to Bill and Wendy Cook for their work in organising and catering for Club functions at Umina Beach Surf Club. With proceeds raised, the Club made a considerable donation to the Surf Club

The Club was fortunate to receive donations from deceased estates. We received \$375 donated at the late Keith Ramsden's funeral to be given to Guide Dogs. Suzie Hearder from Pearl Beach donated \$520 from the sale of her late father's pottery which was donated to The Royal Flying Doctor Service.

We finalise our commitment with Australia Rotary Health this year to support a 3 year scholarship for research into Dementia/Alzheimers.

The Club made a commitment to Top Blokes over 2 years to support the work they are doing with Youth.

Jayne Mote held 2 successful Hat Day functions to raise funds to support Australian Rotary Health Mental Health Week.

Don Tee and his helpers ran another successful year of selling Xmas Trees.

Annette Karton and Jill Colwell did fund raising for the Sydney Eye Hospital Foundation.

The RCWW continues to source and support RYPEN and RYLA and senior school projects of Science and Engineering and MUNA.

All of these activities are credited to the Rotary Club of Woy Woy and reflect how active and committed our club is with supporting projects. As Treasurer it has given me a great deal of pleasure to disburse these funds and work with members who



give so much of their time to help with fund raising.

After many years of conducting our annual financial audit Alex Calleia of A. G. Calleia & Co has retired and could no longer do our financial audit for the Club. We wish Alex well and a very big thank you for your support to the Club. Glen Scorer from Figtree and Moran conducted last year's financial audit on behalf of the Club. Thank you to both Ian Figtree and Glen for providing this service. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Our year is not over yet and we still have some funds to distribute before the end of the year. Shown is a summary of funds disbursed to the end of April. All disbursements for the year will be included in the Club's Annual Financial Report, published in December.

Thank you to all members who have helped me as Treasurer in the past year. Your assistance has been greatly appreciated.

Marie Armstrong
TREASURER

DONATIONS \$108,296.38

2017

AUG

Rotary Foundation \$130.99

SEP

Marine Rescue Central Coast \$20,000
Top Blokes \$3,000
Umina Surf Club \$1,800

NOV

Uganda Projects \$9,000
Rotary Foundation \$1,200
BWSC Umina Ag Farm \$1,000
Royal Flying Doctor Service \$500
Guide Dogs \$400

DEC

PCYC Umina Beach \$3,000
Rotary Polio Plus \$1,100
YC Group \$1,000
Happy Heads \$500
Blackwall Girl Guides \$500
Mary Macs Kitchen \$375
White Ribbon Breakfast \$125.60

2018

JAN

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren \$4,000

FEB

Umina Beach SLSC \$500
Pearl Beach Cromm \$500

MAR

Stand Tall \$600
Bega Fire Appeal \$3,000
Pearl Beach Cromm \$1,800
BWSC Umina Ag Farm \$1,500
Pearl Beach Progress Assoc \$1,000
BWSC donation to Uganda \$500
Riding for the Disabled \$500
Bargong Barrio student sponsorship \$500
Pearl Beach Tennis \$100

APR

Uganda Projects \$15,000
Pearl Beach Rural Fire Service \$1,600
Special Olympics \$1,000
Coast Shelter/Trivia Night \$500
Blackwall Girl Guides \$500
Umina Men's Shed \$400

MAY

Brisbane Water Legacy \$200
BWSC Umina Campus \$500
Sydney Eye Hospital Foundation \$200

JUN

Rhodesian Pensioner's Assoc \$6,000
Rotarians Against Malaria \$6,000
Camp Hike Climb \$5,996.19
Top Blokes \$3,500
Umina Beach SLSC \$2,500
PCYC Umina Beach Book Fair \$2,268.60
Rotary Gosford North Project \$1,000
Shine for Kids \$1,000
Ocean Beach SLSC \$500
Peninsula Village \$500
St. John's Ambulance \$500
Rotary Chatswood 50 GroTrees \$500

TOTAL \$108,296.38

ADMINISTRATION



Administration is not the most exciting portfolio to do a report on, but it is a very important part of the Rotary Clubs functioning and weekly meeting performance. 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 and I thank them for doing such a fabulous job with a task that is often onerous.

Michael Davies and Russell Grove came up with an excellent variety of guest speakers. Some of these speakers were our own members who gave us an insight into their personal and Rotary lives. We also had quite a few vocational visits outside our normal venue. Thank you to Fiona Hunt and Don Tee for organising those.

Sue O'Neill performed as Sergeant-At-Arms on many weeks, and had a roster of ready helpers for the weeks that she was away. There are a lot of dollars in the account thanks to their efforts. Vic Deeble excelled in the production of the Pinion. Always interesting stories and photos of activities, and often a tongue in cheek comment from the editor. The club Facebook page and website are maintained by Joan, a fantastic job ... thank you, Joan. Peter Mote again took on the role of Welfare Officer and did a magnificent job keeping us up to date on members' health and welfare.

Everglades invented a new dinner card system to assist us with the ordering and serving of meals. It has made life easier for the staff when serving, and I think I have everyone's preferences just about down pat now, so things are much improved. Thanks you to Trevor and Peter Mote for taking on the job when I have been away. A lot of my Rotary life is dedicated to number crunching!!

Rotary Woy Woy is still 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.

A happy group went on the Riverboat Postman out of Hawkesbury River - beautiful weather and company. We attended the Red Cross Trivia Night, supporting Red Cross on the Central Coast.

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

Susan Tee

ADMIN DIRECTOR / PUBLIC OFFICER



MEMBERSHIP



As I said to members at the start of this Rotary Year: "You all know membership in most service clubs is like walking up a down escalator. Any

stopping and you are going backwards."

Membership has two faces: Retention and New Members. Favour either over the other and the club loses, what is valued by long standing member's is sometimes off putting to potential new members and vice versa.

So we finish this Rotary year with a membership of 48, just shy of our goal of 50, it would have been 49 but for the shock and untimely death of our much loved member, Fiona Hunt.

Looking back over the past years shows members what a challenge this is! In the 2014/15 Rotary year Membership Director Sue O'Neil said that the club started the year with 41 and finished with 46. In the 2015/16 Rotary Year Membership Director Ross Pearce stated that "having gained five new member the club



finished the year with 47, so close to our goal of 50 that I am sure we will achieve that aim next year"

Well the 2016/17 Rotary year finished with 37! So you can see that membership is a huge effort which is needed by the whole club.

I can congratulate President Russell and all our members for the club wide effort this year to bring us once again within a stones throw of our goal of 50 members. Some years ago, I set this goal for the club as a way of giving us a target to keep in mind.

I would like to make a special thank you to my committee members, President Russell, Jayne Mote, Steve Weston and the redoubtable Vic Brown. I thank members for their wonderful effort and ask that we press on even harder next year.

We have formed community connections with three groups the Central Coast Business Network, the Umina Community Group and Deepwater Plaza with our Pop Up Shop Idea.

Peter Mote
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

FOUNDATION



Thanks to the members who became Centurions. We have 20 plus donors including those who make yearly bank transfers.

The Movie Night, Soup Evening, Centurions, Guest Speaker donations, and direct donations from the Club have allowed us to give approximately \$9000 to the Rotary Foundation.

It's been a pleasure to have done the job and to say more would mean I am babbling.

Ted Crawley
FOUNDATION DIRECTOR





Once again it has been my pleasure to serve as Community Service Director for President Russell and the Rotary Club of Woy Woy.

I would like to thank the members for their support with our service projects. Some of them being

- Cleaning of Mary Macs kitchen
- Bowel Scan Central Coast
- Long Tan Memorial at Ettalong
- BBQ at Peninsula Link Day
- Book sale for PCYC Umina Beach
- BBQ for Youth Awareness
- Melbourne Cup Trifecta
- Dinner meeting with Girl Guides
- Removal of graffiti from the Girl Guides Hall and storage container

We held Christmas Tree sales over two December weekends in support of the Rotary Club of Kariong/ Somersby Grandparents project and our own Rotary projects. This year the delivery truck arrived at 1am. A huge thank you to Nick and Vic, our stayers, who stayed to unload the truck until almost daylight.

We had a terrific weekend away to Gloucester. Lots of fun was had by all, and we supported the local Bush Fire Brigade who provided the evening bbq for us, and the local

Museum who laid on a wonderful country morning tea.

We supported the Red Shield Appeal, with members at collection points both Saturday and Sunday, some in the counting house, and two members out and about collecting the monies and delivering coffee.

The project I am most proud of is our involvement in the ANZAC Dawn Service. This was our 24th year participating in this project. During this time we estimate that we have distributed over 27,000 candles and about 7,000 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 delicious bacon and egg rolls and fellowship we return home.

I thank all the members for their support, without which none of these projects would succeed.

Don Tee
COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIR



PROJECTS



Our Club undertook a visioning exercise at the end of 2016-17. The visioning process identified several projects and activities our club wished to take on and achieve. Because some of these visioning goals crossed over several avenues of service they fitted

comfortably under projects. Following are some of the visioning goals we achieved during 2017-18:

Club Service

Goal: Opportunities for members to volunteer overseas. Our Club sent 7 Rotary Australia World Community Services (RAWCS) teams to Uganda. Several Rotarians and non Rotarians joined each of these trips.

Goal: Cross-cultural experiences. Our RAWCS teams participated in many cross-cultural experiences during trips, including our 2-day medical outreach and a Kenyan wedding!

Vocational

Goal: Successfully complete Vocational Training Team (VTT) exchange with Uganda. We facilitated a Doctor and Nurse from Gosford to go to Uganda to participate in our medical outreach 2017 in Buwampa. In July we are sending 3 Ugandan Doctors to the AIDS conference in Amsterdam.

International

Goal: Build a school in Uganda. We have replaced 3 mud brick classrooms at Divine Mercy Primary School with 3 new permanent purple classrooms. The school has been functioning this year. We have gone onto build boys, girls and teachers latrines, a block of 4 classrooms and 8 teachers apartments.

Goal: water project annually. We have installed 2 bore water pumps for the community in Buwampa.

Goal: Children with acquired deafness supported in Uganda. We have continued to support children at Walukuba West Primary School, a school for children with disabilities.

Goal: Uganda national fully trained in cardiology. For several years we have supported Timothy Kigwee at medical school. This year he graduates as a Doctor and following his residency, he will begin training in Cardiology.

Goal: 50 - 60 pieces of medical equipment overseas. We work with several other Clubs as well as our projects to deliver new medical equipment to where it is needed. We have passed the goal of 60 pieces including ultra sounds, patient monitors and fetal dopplers.



The original mud-brick school



The new Divine Mercy Primary School, Buwampa, Uganda



Opening of Divine Mercy Primary School, Feb. 2018



New water tank



Pure Joy deliver sanitary kits

RAWCS PROJECTS

Project #51/2016-17 Marine Rescue: Successfully applied for several grants to enable donating \$20,000 to Marine Rescue including \$4,000 from RCWW.

Project # 24/2011-12 Education, Health and Community Empowerment: During 2017-18 (until May 15) our clubs RAWCS project secured AU\$280,656 in funds to support various humanitarian projects in Uganda, Cambodia and Australia. These funds were in addition to our clubs normal funding. Donations were generously received from the following:

Foundations and Trusts	\$201,000
Recurring donations	\$8,579
Individuals	\$ 55,460.50
Rotary Clubs	\$1,370.50
Balance brought forward from 2016-17	\$13,847

Special thanks to BWSC Interact Club for their generous donation of \$500 to Divine Mercy Primary School, Buwampa, Uganda. Interact donated funds that enabled the school to purchase early readers and library books. These funds will be used for sporting equipment too.

Special thanks to Ted Crawley. Ted made a donation in the early stages of our construction of classrooms at Buwampa. This was a great help to get construction moving along.



UGANDA

Alive Medical Services	
sanitary kits for women in prison in Kampala	\$2,700
support for Alive Medical Services	\$6,500
Divine Mercy Primary School	
stage 1 - 3 classrooms	\$17,000
latrines	\$7,000
stage 2 - 4 classrooms with storerooms	\$34,000
stage 3 - 8 teachers apartments	\$40,500
School opening celebrations: logistics, catering, school resources, transport	\$7,945
Building extras: quotes, railings, ramp, gates	\$5,000
Water pumps	
2 bore water pumps - Buwampa community	\$18,000
ICARE Clinic - Levy Warrin - study and training	\$1,200
Promise of Hope for Children	
scholastic items, school resources	\$3,000
Timothy Kiggwe - medical training fees	\$5,785
School support, fees, resources	
Walakuba, Global, other schools	\$2,300
Pure Joy Women Empowerment	
purple embroidered polo shirts	\$1,100
sewing machines, fabrics, accessories	\$1,500
annual rent in advance	\$1,748
catering, materials sanitary kits, expenses	\$2,080
Project costs during team trips	
in country project costs - various	\$19,352
Project management expenses	
computer/printer, transport, mosquito nets, expenses, communications	\$6,500

CAMBODIA

New Hope Cambodian Children	
teachers stipend NHCC	\$3,020
All Ears Cambodia	
"little Ears" project - GylN Vaughan	\$30,000
Mlop Tapang	
mobile library and mobile clinic in Sihanoukville	\$20,000
Children's Surgical Centre	
support for medical services, Phnom Penh	\$18,000

AUSTRALIA

Inner Wheel Gosford North - grant for sanitary kits	\$3,000
TOTAL	\$257,230
Balance carried forward	\$23,426.00

Sue O'Neill

PROJECTS DIRECTOR

Left top: 2-Day Medical Outreach in Buwampa (June 2017) - 3,856 patients received free medical attention and prescription medicine Bottom: Medical team and volunteers



Bulletin

Our club Bulletin – The Pinion – continued after an award-winning year when it won the District 9685 Noel

McDonald Bulletin Award for the best bulletin of a large club with Joan Redmond as editor in 2016-17.

Facebook and Website

Our Facebook page ‘likes’ have continued to climb, thanks to Joan’s efforts, as our page has been continually updated and made of interest to readers. The website has also benefitted from her touch and ranks as one of the few websites in the District that is kept up to date. Our club won the District 9685 Norm Roach Website Memorial Award.

Press Releases

During the year we had many articles accepted for publication in the Peninsular News which gave us a strong presence in the public arena. We also advertised our Opera in the Arboretum and thanked our sponsors for their support in a one-page advertorial.

Rotary Down Under

A noteworthy event was a two-page article in Rotary Down Under, which featured our work in Uganda and focussed on our team of ladies Joan Redmond, Diane Schwarzl and Sue O’Neill under the title “Do Good, Feel Good”. The title in many ways epitomises the reason why many of us are Rotarians as the article emphasised the benefits of volunteering both to the receiver and to the giver. As Sue was quoted as saying, “If you are considering volunteering I strongly recommend you embrace the opportunity with open arms. You will get more than you give.”

I thank my team of John Greenway, Joan Redmond, Peter Mote and Ian Butler for their support this past year and all club members who have sent me articles, information or photos. Your help is most appreciated.

Vic Deeble

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR

VOCATION



The Rotary year started off with a visit to the office of Lucy Wicks, Member for Robertson. Lucy explained how well her staff supported her

during her absences due to ill health and they all spoke of their roles in this regard. She and her staff provided an opportunity to substitute our usual meat and two veg for delicious finger food, which was enjoyed by all. The evening was an opportunity to socialise in a different setting.

Visits to the Marine Rescue base at Point Claire were as successful as always. The enthusiasm of the volunteers, headed up by Commander Roger Palmer, made these two visits both fun and educational. They were presented with a cheque for \$20,000 to assist their efforts in safeguarding the Community.

Our visit to the Agricultural Farm at Brisbane Water Secondary College to witness the dedication and passion of the students and staff was another enjoyable evening. This farming program gives a rare opportunity for students to learn in a different environment and excel in animal husbandry.

Visits from representatives of youth organisations “Top Blokes”, “Shine for Kids” and “PCYC” educated members about their ongoing work to support and make a difference to youth in the Community.

DO GOOD, FEEL GOOD

RESEARCH says that helping others makes you feel good. While Joan Redmond and Sue O’Neill, of the Rotary Club of Woy Woy, NSW, say personal happiness was never their motive for volunteering, they found that feeling good is indeed a flow-on effect of doing good.

“Volunteering has the power to change you in unexpected ways,” says Sue, a Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) volunteer, who does four or five overseas trips a year. “Immersion yourself in a different culture and a drastically different environment challenges all your senses and has a profound effect. Seeing how others live with limited food, unreliable water, basic housing and falling ill to easily preventable illnesses truly helps you understand how much we have to be thankful for in Australia.

“Your perspective changes. You view the world in a different way. You are constantly inspired by the resilience and optimism of people in challenging situations.”

While not quite as seasoned a traveller as Sue, Joan was quick to put her hand up when the opportunity arose to visit their club’s Pure Joy project – a women’s empowerment project in Uganda.

“This was my first overseas volunteering experience. I was out of my comfort zone, shy, nervous and anxious about whether my efforts would do good or not,” Joan said. “It’s one thing to raise funds at home, but a

completely different scenario to deliver aid to a sleeping 12,000km away.”

From the moment she set foot on Ugandan soil, however, she was overwhelmed by the miles of smiles, the hundreds of hugs and handshakes and the over-the-top thank-yous from humble people grateful she had crossed the world to help them.

“I cried when I met the wonderful women at the Pure Joy workshop and saw the real difference seed funding had made to their lives. My anxieties vanished. We were women working together to do good, the notion of ‘We Are One’ kicked all the boxes. Would she volunteer again?”

“One hundred per cent yes. I met and worked with the most extraordinary, dedicated people. No blood, but lots of sweat, many tears of joy and plenty of fun along the way. But I came home feeling good? No surprise that the answer is yes, and I will volunteer again and again as long as I can make a difference.”

Like Sue, she says volunteering draws you back time and time again.

“Children greet you with the widest, beaming smiles. It is hard to imagine these happy, content kids live in communities with limited water and no electricity.

“To link with a network of international Rotarians and work together to deliver support to communities is a positive and powerful thing.

“Volunteering abroad leads to more concern about certain social issues. You become more aware of what’s going on beyond our own borders. Development is a large and complex process, but as a single volunteer you can make small impacts. It is a powerful reminder to know you made a positive difference in someone’s life.

“If you are considering volunteering I strongly recommend you embrace the opportunity with open arms. You will get more than you give.”

Volunteers Marie Schwarzl, centre, and Joan Redmond, right, helping empower women through vocational training at the Pure Joy project, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Woy Woy.

Shelley and Jill on the steps of Beaman Primary School, where Sue O’Neill, of the Rotary Club of Woy Woy, volunteers.

“We will volunteer again and again, as long as we can make a difference”

– Joan Redmond and Diane Schwarzl, RC Woy Woy, NSW

“You will get more than you give”

– Sue O’Neill, RAWCS Eastern Region project registration officer

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We took over the bowling green at Everglades and held a barefoot bowls evening. Many members participated and much fun was had by all, both from those bowling and those on the sideline.

In March we held our Pride of Workmanship and Community Awards night which is “to celebrate and give merit to worthy souls who selflessly give their skills and dedication to their tasks within our Community ... and willing to go the extra mile”.

Awards were presented to Scott Levi (ABC Radio Host), Col and May Margin (tireless workers for the Community over many years), Joan Patrick (Author), Brisbane Water Police Command Unit represented by Snr Constable Paul Scollon and Snr Constable Kevin Dawkings, Jackie Pearson (Journalist, Peninsula News), Gabbie Greyen (Jasmine Green Café) and Fran Kendall (Entertainer). It was a fun filled evening with a slight deviation from the norm with the “Frantastics” entertaining us with a miniplay/satire.

Topping off a successful year was a visit to the Preview Restaurant at Ourimbah TAFE. The hospitality students prepared and served a delicious 3 course meal highlighting their talents in this field.

As proud and productive fellow Rotarians, congratulations to you all for selflessly participating in these projects with fun, warmth and commitment.

For Fiona Hunt
VOCATIONAL SERVICE CHAIR



This year was the thirteenth presentation of the ‘Opera in the Arboretum’ and again, we seem to have bettered the year before. I guess one of the reasons it was such a success, is because we managed to get well known artists to head the bill! Greta Bradman created such a lot of interest, that tickets sold well.

However, we did not sell out and sold a number of tickets on the day.

For the third time we used our Bedouin tent. Although it did not rain during the event, it proved to be a success with the artists. Putting it up took us quite a long time but in the end all was well. Thanks to all the Rotarians, plus Ian Butler, my son Warren and Matt Morgan who assisted.

The opera was a wonderful event and enjoyed by all. Thanks to Micheale Archer, Artistic Director, and Justin Archer for his artwork for 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 Jayne for the public relations effort they put into selling every ticket.

I would like to thank Vic Brown for the many extra hours he puts into the smooth running of the event. Once again this year, John Regan increased our sponsorship, there is no holding back when he has a possible sponsor in his sights. A special thanks to all the other members who contributed, both before, during and after the event.

John Greenway

OPERA IN THE ARBORETUM COORDINATOR



YOUTH



We commenced the year working with Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus Principal Brent Walker and Teachers

Linda Harvey and Tina Baynie continuing the Interact School Year. Interact have been active with both their International and Community pursuits. They feed between 8 and 12 students a day with fruit, toast, and sandwiches. The Interactors prepare sandwiches to be frozen for fellow students and manage the Interact Café of a morning for toast.

Interactors have encouraged students to assist with their project of cutting grocery bags and making them into plastic string/wool for the CWA ladies to crochet into sleeping mats for the homeless. They are making good headway into the 11,000 bags we have, 1000 bags makes one sleeping mat. Our Interactors have also run cake stalls and pizza days to raise funds for the Interact Café and to donate funds to Divine Mercy Primary School in Uganda providing \$500 for the purchase of books and sporting equipment for the children.

We sponsored 10 Interactors to attend the Interact Conference held

at UTS Sydney, with our students receiving prizes for both individual and group presentations.

Our club attended BWSC Ag Farm for a meal and where the students show us what they are learning. This activity was well supported.

Nicole Waker started the Happy Heads Foundation supporting primary prevention of mental unwellness on the Central Coast. Happy Head youth expo's were launched at BWSC Woy Woy Campus in November and Rotarians assisted with a sausage sizzle and donated towards the cost of this expo.

In December we welcomed Sara Ferndahl, our 2015-16 Exchange Student from Sweden home for a 2-week visit. Sara reconnected with a number of Rotarians and then headed to Brisbane to see her sister Sofia, now on exchange.

In January we held a BBQ joining many youth organisations at Youthfest, Umina Precinct/Skate Park showcasing the support available for youth on the Central Coast.

We sent 3 Year 9 Students to Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment Summer Camp: Olivia Ivatt, Tamsin Caldwell and Eilish McCormack, all returning with new found confidence and enthusiasm. Both Tamsin and



Eilish (pictured) are enjoying being involved in volunteering at Rotary projects: Christmas Tree sales, Youth Fest, Opera in the Arboretum and the Science and Engineering Challenge. Tamsin spoke at District Assembly about her experience at RYPEN. I thank Helen Hughes Property for their sponsorship of a student.

In March our club volunteered at the RYDA program (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) for Year 11 Students.

We supported BWSC Agriculture students attending the Sydney Royal Easter Show with funding for cattle and entry/accommodation.

In May, members volunteers for the Science and Engineering Challenge. This day is always fun, entertaining, full of brain bending surprises.

A Model United Nations Assembly Team will participate in the MUNA event in June.

Our club continued it's support for local youth groups and causes including both financial and physical assistance to Rotaract, Schools, Scouts, Girl Guides, Top Blokes Foundation, Happy Heads Foundation and PCYC Umina Beach.

I thank every committee and club member for their support and enthusiasm for our youth projects and wish Steve Weston a great and youthful year ahead.

Annette Karton
YOUTH CHAIR

Left: BWSC Interact students donated \$500 for books for Divine Mercy Primary School, Uganda





Our international service focussed on Uganda where we continued to build strong partnerships and work closely with the local community.

Our projects had satisfactory outcomes and met the goals of our club's vision in the areas of Health, Education and Community Empowerment.

In June, 3 volunteers from our club and 2 Vocational Training Team members, Dr Debbie Allen and RN Michael Williamson, participated in our first Medical Outreach that was held in a poor, rural village on the outskirts of Jinja. Over 2 days, 3,856 patients benefited from free medical attention and prescription medicine.

The 2nd Medical Outreach, using facilities at Divine Mercy Primary School will be held from 14-16 June 2018. Data collected will be used to better assess the overall health needs of the community. The Outreach will be supported by Rotary Club of Njeru, health clinics, Pure Joy, local authorities and the community.

We visited Walukuba West Primary School to see the kitchen facility that we funded and we supplied the students with reusable sanitary kits.

We received an enthusiastic welcome when we visited Pure Joy. We witnessed rapid progress in skill competency, and high self esteem among the women. They produced their first reusable sanitary kits and created a range of products for sale. Four women received tailoring training to enable Pure Joy to make uniforms for Divine Mercy PS. This multi-talented group also catered for 2000+ guests at the school opening.

We visited in March to formulate future plans, following which the Board agreed to Pure Joy being registered as a RAWCS project in its own right. They made 220 sanitary kits for women attending Family Planning sessions at the Medical Outreach. Pure Joy featured in Rotary Down Under and in Peninsula News, and the project is on Facebook.

Rotary Woy Woy provided funds to purchase medical supplies for the 2nd Medical Outreach, as well as school desks and student uniforms for Divine Mercy PS. Thanks to Sue O'Neill's efforts, we were fortunate to receive external double matching grants for this funding. The club continued to support Pure Joy, provided school fee funding for a student in the Philippines and supported the Rotary Club of Gosford North's project in Madagascar.



This has been a most rewarding year as International Chair. I met and worked with extraordinary, dedicated people whose only desire was to improve the lives of others less fortunate. Thanks go to Di Schwarzl for her assistance with Pure Joy, Sue O'Neill for her expert guidance, and Ugandan project managers Okello Collins and Grace Anyeno (Divine Mercy PS and Pure Joy) for ensuring projects ran according to plan and were completed on time.

Joan Redmond
INTERNATIONAL CHAIR



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