



President Russell's Message

The success of any Rotary Club is dependent upon the "connections" they make. The Rotary Club of Woy Woy is no exception to this concept. Often we are focused on just getting people in the door and providing a list of things these new members can be involved in. We need also to ask what these new members see in the community that needs help or attention and find out what their passions are which may lead to new ideas for worthwhile projects for the Club to pursue.

Making "connections" with the community is important. If there was a cause one of our members or the club at large was passionate about we could join a Rotarian Group and partner with other Rotarians or others who are expert in the field. Connecting and partnering with non-Rotarians in our community to carry out service projects as a Rotary Community Corps increases the availability of resources and possibly creates an environment for membership development.

It is also important that we develop and maintain "connections" and a good relationship with our local media outlets whether they be print, television, radio or online. We need to talk with them about our plans for community initiatives-how we have identified the challenge or opportunity, mobilised club members and are taking action to create a lasting solution.

The reality is that today social media is thoroughly integrated with people's personal and professional

lives. It is suggested that a website is not enough and that there is a need to be active on social media, where younger audiences are already spending their time. Social media is a vibrant, active community for our club members to have the opportunity to meet prospective members and community leaders-this becomes an extension of our club online.

To get started along these lines we need to understand our target audiences so we can showcase interesting service projects and upcoming social and networking events which the club is planning. We need to identify club members with expertise in this area or are interested and willing to learn. We do not need to be afraid -just start and be focused-it is worth a try -what do we have to lose.

All these ideas lead to "connections" and promoting Rotary and shows the good work that it does and hopefully attracts others to join to pursue "Service Above Self".

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Russell

President 2018-19

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

We acknowledge the Darkinjung and Guringai people who are the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to Elders both past and present.

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do ...
Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

RI VISION STATEMENT 2019

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Last Week – Pride of Workmanship Awards



Bobby Redman, Priya Johnson, Suzanne Packer, Robert Godfrey, Madeleine McDonald, Claudia Uribe and Acting President Vic Deeble

Awardees

Here are short summaries of the endorsements of the Award winners made by the nominators:

Madeleine McDonald, Seaspray Fine Jewellery

Madeleine is an apprentice jeweller and was nominated by Julie Mitcheson. Julie said that from day one, Madeleine has shown her ability to follow instructions and carry out and replicate techniques demonstrated to her. In such a precise vocation as theirs, this is a very rare talent to find!

In her first year, Maddie was making setting and complete pieces of jewellery that some 4th year apprentices would struggle with. She can engineer from sketches given to her from the shop floor or from her own designs. She can design and hand make saleable pieces and also competition pieces. In fact, Madeleine received the Highly Commended Award at the 2018 Australian Pearl Jewellery Design Masters for her necklet piece, "Pearls in Full bloom".

Claudia Uribe, Integrated Living Australia

Claudia was nominated by Kerry Garth who is the Dementia services manager at Integrated Living Australia. She said that Claudia's role is to support customers who are living with dementia. Claudia is instrumental in facilitating this caring and positive environment in their day-care centres. Recently a carer commented that Claudia had made her husband's day incredibly enjoyable. Thanks to Claudia, "William arrives home so happy and does not stop talking about the great day he has had."

Priya Johnson, Nathan's Cutting Shop

Priya was nominated by Ian Butler who in introducing Priya said that she is an extremely likeable young woman that it has been his pleasure to see her grow into a confident and capable hairdresser. Her self-assurance and positive attitude makes her a prime example of our Australian Youth.

Ian also gave a commendation written by Priya's mother who provided a detailed coverage of Priya's extensive contribution to surf lifesaving.

Suzanne Packer, TAFE

Suzanne was nominated by Renata Mears of TAFE NSW. Renata said that Suzanne is a business teacher at Gosford TAFE who coordinates approximately 130 Year 11 and Year 12 school based trainees and TVETs studying a Certificate 3 in individual support (Ageing) or Certificate 3 Health Services Assistance, many of whom are based at Brisbane Water Secondary College and who complete work placement at Peninsula Village, Bluewave and Hammond Aged Care facilities on the Peninsula. She completes many hours outside of her employment requirements and is a fantastic team spirited woman.

Robert Godfrey, Brisbane Waters Private Hospital

Robert was nominated by Kathy Beverley of Brisbane Waters Private Hospital. Kathy said that Rob works as an Allied Health Assistant, and what a difference he has made to the patient experience and to the team during this time. He is one of the most popular staff members at the Hospital and is loved by all who come in to contact with him. Rob works extremely hard and is dedicated to making patients feel better about themselves whilst supporting the work our Psychiatrists, Clinicians, Therapists and Nurses provide in our mental health service. Kathy then went on to describe in detail the services Rob provides for the organisation.

Letter Received re Awards

Dear Bobby,

Thank you and everyone at Rotary for the Pride of Workmanship Awards Dinner last night!

Maddie was so excited and honoured to be presented her Award and as you can imagine, David and I, as well as Maddie's family, were so proud of her and thrilled to be present at such a significant occasion. All the presentations and other Awardees were inspiring and along with the excellent food and service, it was definitely an evening to remember.

It's wonderful that Rotary seeks out and rewards people from all walks of life from our community and we're extremely gratified to have one of our own recognised.

Thank you again.

Kind regards

Julie Mitcheson

Seaspray Jewellers

Family History



What was in his hand and entertaining the Queen?

It is not known what was in his hand, but my uncle Norman was a textile researcher and I think he had a spool of thread in his left hand and was extending the thread with his right fingers. He was one of the pioneers of artificial fibres and so it was possibly a spool of some form of nylon or polyester thread.

What the joke was – only the Queen now knows.

Learn how to avoid losing family history with Warren Henry at our next meeting.

EMPOWERING WOMEN IN THE SOLOMONS

Sewaid is a program which offers selected women in very poor countries the opportunity learn to sew, and also provide them with the machines, equipment and skills they need to start a small home business in dressmaking and craft.

On arriving back in the Central Coast of NSW from the latest Sewaid program in the Solomon Islands, PDG Tony Castley, the founder of Sewaid, declared the two-week project held in late February/early March to be extremely successful.

Tony said, "The sewing room will remain established in the Soltuna Hostel, so that when the ladies are off-shift they can use this facility to continue their sewing and craft. We have also made arrangements so they will be able to get fabrics and other supplies. Additionally, Soltuna will send a young engineer up to check and service the machines every two weeks."

The Solomons Sewaid project is a RAWCS project (No 22-2006-07). For more information about Sewaid contact PDG Tony Castley on Email tonyc@sewgroup.com or mob: 0414 801 888. Website: www.sewaid.com .

CALENDAR

Tues April 2nd – Warren Henry - Preserving Family History

APRIL 2019

April 9th – Graham Hughes - IVF

April 14th (Sunday) - District Assembly - Training for all 2019/20 Board members

April 16th – Peter Moyes - House Safety, Fire Brigade

April 19th, 20th and 21st
Easter Weekend.

April 23rd - Paul Harris Birthday – Soup Night

April 25th (Thursday) - Anzac Day.

April 30th - Vic Brown - The Men's Shed

MAY 2019

May 7th - Peter Mace - Bush Poetry and BBQ with the Guides

May 14th – Andrew Tink - Honeysuckle Creek – Tracking Station

May 21st – Woy Woy Youth Cottage

May 26th (Sunday) – Red Shield Collection Day

May 28th – Richard Kennedy - Central Coast Secondary Schools Mentoring Program

JUNE 2019

June 4th – Barry Freeman on himself

June 11th – Danna Vale - Democracy

June 18th – TBA

June 25th – No meeting

June 28th (Friday) – Club Changeover

July 2019

July 2nd – Club Assembly with Pres. Don Tee

July 6th (Saturday) – District Changeover 6pm for 6:30pm at Hornsby RSL, 4 High St, Hornsby

July 9th – Julie Jones tells her story

July 16th - Our Dementia Research programme

July 23rd – TBA

August 2019

August 6th – TBA

August 13th – TBA

August 20th – TBA

August 27th– TBA

We are canvassing ideas for our continuing speaker programme. Please send suggestions to your Programme Person – PP Vic Deeble.



BE THE INSPIRATION

TREASURER'S HELPERS

April Door

Marie

SERGEANTS

March - June

The Three Amigos

CLUB INFORMATION

JOIN US

We meet on Tuesday 6:00 for 6:30pm at Everglades Country Club, Dunban Road, Woy Woy.

VISITORS - If you would like to attend a meeting, please contact Sue Tee by 10am Monday
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MEMBERSHIP

Enquiries to Ted Crawley | M: 0409 122 586

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS - Advise Sue Tee of non-attendance

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