



Bulletin 25 – 15 December 2022

ROTARY CHRISTMAS PARTY.

A wonderful night of fellowship and celebration of Rotary and the Christmas season was held at Fingal Bay Bowling Club on Thursday night. During the evening we were also able to farewell Phill and Christine Smith who will move to Queensland in the new year. Thank you to Ella, Lesley and Warwick for organising the event and decorating the tables in the Spirit of Christmas. We were pleased to welcome our friend and club supporter Lynn Moffitt, honorary members Judi, John and Chris, Area Governor Laurie Easter and Assistant Area Governor Bruce Moy to join the festivities. Thank you to Henk for the photos that follow.



FAREWELL TO PHILL & CHRISTINE – PHF PRESENTATION

- Phill joined our Rotary Club in 2001 and during the past 21 years has been an outstanding Rotarian who with the support of wife Christine has been involved actively in every aspect of club service.
 - Phill served District 9670 as District Treasurer during my year as Governor in 2005-6.
 - Together with Henk Tobbe, he has been our club photographer for many years and Phill has also been D9670 photographer.
 - He served on my District conference committee in 2005-6 and again on PDG Helen's conference committee in 2017-18.
 - Phill was President of our club in 2006-7 when his major project was the purchase of a bus for the Community Transport Group.
 - Phill has served our club in almost all director positions including treasurer.
 - Currently Phill has arranged some outstanding guest speakers for our meetings.
 - Phill's knowledge of protocol and governance has been an asset to our Board's decision making and his knowledge of insurance matters and risk management has facilitated club project management.
 - He has been the driving force behind our club's excellent bulletin which has been published on a weekly basis through the years. This continued to keep members informed even during lockdown of the COVID pandemic.
 - Christine has been a wonderful support to Phill and has been a regular member at the Dinner Ladies Group.
 - She has participated in club service activities such as Australia Day, Bunnings events, hosting of GSE team members and members of the Friendship Exchange Group and the Youth Exchange Program.
 - Phill and Christine will be sadly missed by our club as they both epitomise every ideal of an outstanding Rotarian and actively demonstrate Service Above Self.
 - On behalf of our club, I extend our best wishes to Phill and Christine as they move to Queensland to be nearer their children and family.
 - It is my great honour to present to Phill the highest Rotary award that can be bestowed by a Rotary Club.
 - I am privileged to present Phill a Paul Harris Sapphire Pin.
 - Congratulations Phill.
 - Secretary Ella presented flowers to Christine on behalf of our club and the Dinner Ladies.
- Kind regards,
President Don.





NEWS FROM THE BOARD MEETING.

- PDG Helen Ryan has resigned from our club. Helen joined Rotary in October 1988. She was our club President in 2003-4 and again in 2008-9. Helen held Board Director positions on many occasions including Secretary. Helen served as D9670 Governor in 2017-18. She performed several district roles including GSE Chair, District Training, Margaret Illukol Trust and RAWCS. Helen is a wonderful supporter of the Rotary Foundation. We wish her well in the future.
- The Board approved the club's flood appeal to a total of \$2,500. This is made up of proceeds of the previous Bunnings barbeque, Bunnings family night, public donations, member donations and supplementary club funds. The donation has been directed to the Central West NSW appeal being administered through RAWCS.
- We received the wonderful news that the Department of Health has approved our proposal for the construction of a garden at Tomaree Community Hospital. This garden will beautify the surrounds particularly the palliative care area. This will be an outstanding club project and it will provide the focus of our activities for the remainder of the Rotary year. There will be an opportunity for input and participation by every member. The opportunity to involve other community organisations will provide excellent exposure for Rotary. The project will be led by Doug, Warwick, Geoff and Erin.
- Our next Bunnings barbeque is Boxing Day 26 December 2022. Don will co-ordinate the event and members rostered for duty are AM: John Stuhmcke, Don Whatham, Lesley Freeman. PM: Geoff Diemar, Geoff Robinson, Erin Brinkley. Chris Bartlett will work a 10am to 2pm shift.
- The new Bunnings roster has been prepared and copied below. Those rostered for the barbeque to be held 7 January 2023 are AM: Warwick Mathieson, Richard Turner, Erin Brinkley, Lesley Freeman. PM: Peter Page, Judi Priestley, Jim Booth and Brian Comley. Geoff Diemar will co-ordinate the event.

- We continue to support the Yacaaba Centre with our monthly donation of \$550. Regular mowing and other small maintenance tasks are completed on a regular basis by our members. The centre provides emergency shelter and support to victims of domestic violence, homelessness and other emergencies. Our assistance is very much appreciated particularly at this time of the year whilst most of us are able to celebrate and enjoy the company of family and friends some members of our community are experiencing very stressful times.
- We made payment of two pledged donations to young Ari Bennett who suffers a condition called optic nerve hypoplasia for which he is receiving stem cell treatment and to Jasmin Kashan who is suffering stage 4 breast cancer. Our club contributed to public appeals which are being managed by community groups.

A REUNION OF CHILDHOOD FRIENDS.

Last night also provided an opportunity for two childhood friends to renew a long-lost acquaintance. By coincidence Area Governor Laurie Easter and our long-term member Warwick Mathieson grew up in the same suburb in Sydney. In fact, they lived in the same street, shared child and youth activities and attended each other's weddings. Laurie happened to see Warwick's name in our club members list and wondered whether it was the same person he knew in his youth. On arrival at our Christmas party the question was answered. Laurie and Warwick took the opportunity to recall old times. Below beside a current photo taken by Henk last night is a photo from the past at Laurie's wedding in 1974. "Years have not wearied them".



Left:
Last night, (the present).
Right:
1974 (the past)
Christine (left), Warwick (right) and Laurie (centre).

BUNNINGS BARBEQUE 2023

DATE	COORDINATOR Transport up & Back	Cook	Serve	Sauce	Money	COORDINATOR Transport back
Sat 7 Jan am	G Diemar	W Mathieson	R Turner	E Brinkley	L Freeman	
Sat 7 Jan pm		P Page	J Priestley	J Booth	B Comley	G Diemar
Sat 4 Feb am	J Stuhmcke	D Craike	J Booth	G Robinson	H Tobbe	
Sat 4 Feb pm		I Brigden	J Cropley	P McBean	D Greiter	J Stuhmcke
Sat 4 Mar am	D Whatham	W Mathieson	E Clarke	C Bartlett	B Comley	
Sat 4 Mar pm		D Craike	R Turner	E Brinkley	L Freeman	D Whatham
Sat 1 Apr am	G Diemar	L Freeman	E Clarke	G Robinson	H Tobbe	
Sat 1 Apr pm		I Brigden	J Cropley	J Priestley	D Greiter	G Diemar
Sat 6 May am	J Stuhmcke	P Page	J Booth	P McBean	B Comley	
Sat 6 May pm		W Mathieson	G Robinson	C Bartlett	D Greiter	J Stuhmcke
Sat 3 Jun am	D Whatham	P Page	R Turner	E Brinkley	H Tobbe	
Sat 3 Jun pm		I Brigden	E Clarke	P McBean	L Freeman	D Whatham

Adjacent is the Bunnings Roster for the next six months (January to June) 2023. Please check carefully and if necessary, arrange a swap to cover a duty if you are not available. This Rotary project is a significant source of income with any profit able to be spent on our many community, national and international projects.