



There are so many interesting people to meet when selling raffle tickets. Hearing stories of memories and adventures while sharing our clubs current projects is always fun.



At our last meeting we held our Annual General Meeting. Thank you for all of the nominations and willingness of members to take our club into a new Rotary year. Voting was very close for several roles. Congratulations to the Board of 2023 - 2024.

I'm looking forward to our next meeting 23rd November as the guest speaker, Granville Pillar, will be sharing stories of his adventures from far and wide and especially recently from Europe and the effects of the war in Ukraine. see pages 3 and 4

Our fabulous Christmas Raffle is progressing well. Members need to check the roster and find a morning or afternoon when they can enjoy sharing Rotary with the community. Contact Christine for more details. Don't forget tickets are also available online. I still have wallet size cards so that you can share the raffle with friends and relatives even if you don't have a book of tickets.

Come along to the Club's Christmas Party on Wednesday 14th December. See more details on page 6 and don't forget that we need your RSVP by 1st December and payment prior to the event. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Gary from Reach Homeless Services and proceeds of the raffle will go to this very worth cause.

Stay tuned for more adventures with RCWB.

Glenys Tomkins
RCWB President



PHOTO OF THE WEEK

We are back at Lake Macquarie Square, Mt Hutton selling raffle tickets in our fabulous

Christmas Raffle.

What an awesome 1st prize this year - \$2,000 cash plus \$1,500 vouchers for local businesses.

Do you need a ticket?

Use this
QR code
to purchase
tickets online
\$2.00 each



Contact Us ...

Visit our website
using this QR code

Email: warnersbay@outlook.com
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Coming Events

November

Wednesday 23rd November

Club meeting

Venue- Warners Bay Guide hall

Lamington Dr [off Burton Rd], Mt Hutton

Guest Speaker - Rev Dr Granville Pillar

6.00pm - 9.00pm

See page 3 and 4 for more info

Thursday Nov 24 8.00 - 10.00am

Survivors R Us BBQ

Coordinator - Kerry

Friday 25 - Sun 27th November

District 9660 AGM and Showcase

Tamworth

Wednesday 30th November

Social evening - see flyer page 5

Coordinator - Margaret

December

Monday 5th December 7.00p.m.

Board Meeting via Zoom

All new members of the 2023 -2024 Board welcome.

Thursday Dec 8 8.00 - 10.00am

Survivors R Us BBQ

Coordinator - Kerry

Wednesday 14th Dec - 6.00 - 9.00pm

Christmas Party @ Brown Sugar

Thursday Dec 22 8.00 - 10.00am

Survivors R Us BBQ

Coordinator - Kerry

Sunday 25th Dec

Merry Christmas



Rotary Education

Is it your turn to research one of the many
Rotary acronyms?

Remember -keep it *short and sweet* -
90 seconds not 90 minutes.

At our meeting on 9th November, our speakers were

Philip - NID - National Immunisation Day

Julie - BETS - Board Elect Training Session

Jenny - DEI - Diversity Equity and Inclusion

NEXT MEETING - 23rd November

John - DIK

Steve J - Zone 8 Conference Report

Coordinator: Steve J



Selling Raffle tickets

Is your name on the roster for selling raffle
tickets at Mt Hutton?

Check Google docs roster or chat to
Christine



Coming Events

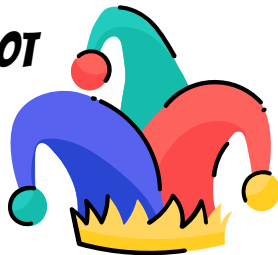
Annual General Meeting held on November 9, 2022

The following members were elected for the RCWB Board for 2023 - 2024

President 2023-2024	Toni M
Immediate past President	Glenys
Secretary	Kerry
Treasurer	Barry
Club Service	Julie
Rotary Foundation	Janette
Service	Kerry
Public Image and Fundraising	Glenys
Community and Environment	Ross
Child Protection Officer	Katrina/Toni G
Public Officer	Toni G
Technology	Michael

FIND THE JOKER JACKPOT

The Joker Jackpot is over \$400 and must be won at our next meeting!
Will you have the lucky ticket?
You've got to be in it to win it!



November



Christine Adrian Michael Janette

Club Meeting 23rd Nov

Guest Speaker: Rev Dr Granville Pillar
[see page 4 for more information]

Venue: Warners Bay Guide Hall
Lamington Dr [off Burton Rd]. Mount Hutton

Partners and friends welcome

Time: 6.00pm - 9.00pm

Cost: \$12.50 per person

Coordinator Toni McLean

Toni has organised a very interesting and fun night and has invited her friend, Granville Pillar. He has many stories to share. He has recently been in Hungary and has experienced some of the dramas related to the war in Ukraine.

As this meeting is at the Guide hall, we would appreciate assistance with organising dinner.

Toni M will be bringing platters of chicken and fish as well as bread rolls.

Could the following people bring a salad to share, please?

Christine/John	Margaret
Julie	Janette/Steve Barry

Could the following people bring cake or slice to share please?

Glenys	Kerry	Jenny
Toni G/Adrian	Ross	

Are you able to arrive at 5.30pm to assist with tables and chairs?

Let Glenys know if you are unable to assist.

Coming Events

Aunty Molly's News Update

No 47

From Aunty Molly's Seniors Entertainment Events

November 2022

Little More History – Part Five

For those who may be receiving our newsletter for the first time, Toni has been putting together a history of her life in show business and, in the last edition, she closed with a tribute to her dear friend Kenny Baker, who was one of the first dwarfs to be featured in major British movies and ultimately became R2D2 in Star Wars. Toni continues

I worked quite regularly in the UK, on the Continent, Malta & North Africa until 1972 and then I got itchy feet and the urge to see more of the world. So I contacted P & O to see if I could get to South Africa and it just so happened that a Round the World cruise for The Australian Women's Weekly was reaching England shortly. I was booked as a cabaret performer and, with nothing booked or planned once I arrived in South Africa, I left Southampton on the 19th May, bound for Durban. Upon my arrival I contacted an agent in Johannesburg, who advertised regularly in "The Stage" variety newspaper. I was astounded when, without even auditioning me, sent me to Rhodesia to a nightclub in Bulawayo. The following story is quite remarkable.



One of the most amazing experiences, began in Zimbabwe (or Rhodesia as it was then known) in July of 1972. Hugo Keleti (the South African Agent) had sent me to work in a rather sleazy nightclub in Bulawayo, where I met a wild young Irishman called Granville Pillar. He was the drummer, singer and compere and a hard drinker with at least one bottle of brandy a day under his belt. He was a party animal, but at the same time, a good fun and funny guy. After two weeks, my contract was over and we said our goodbyes and I continued to work in South Africa and again in Salisbury, Rhodesia until the end of October 1972 when I travelled 27 hours from Johannesburg, by train in economy, to Capetown to join the "SS Ellinis" £10 tourist ship bound for Australia.

Fast forward now to the early 1990's, when I was working at the Argyle Tavern in Sydney and, at the weekends, also in the Lowenbrau Keller. I had been doing this show for several months, but tonight, something was different! The drumming was different – it was more authentic German style. When I casually turned around to glance at the, obviously, new drummer, I was greeted with the biggest cheesy smile and I couldn't believe that, there, on the rostrum, 21 years after our first meeting in Bulawayo, was Granville Pillar! However, he looked a lot different to how I remembered him all of those years before.

It seems that, after Bulawayo, he moved back to South Africa and, over the ensuing years, met and married his lovely wife Denny. They had two children. He went to University and got a degree in electrical engineering then got a 'proper job' with the Siemens Company and they sent him to Germany for a few years on contract. There he learned his German singing and drumming.

After his contract with Siemens ended, the family moved back to South Africa but Granville hadn't stopped drinking. He found himself in hospital with a back problem and in the next bed was a man who talked to him about Jesus – eventually Granville started to listen and, when he came out of that hospital, he bought himself a Bible and began studying the Gospel. He had stopped drinking!! The family then moved to Australia to be near Denny's parents on the Central Coast and Granville went to Newcastle University at Ourimbah to study teaching – then to the Presbyterian Bible College in Burwood to study theology and in February 2002 Granville was ordained and he and Denny were also commissioned as Missionaries. In August of 2002 they were assigned to a Teachers' College in Hungary where they taught English and Pedagogy studies for four years and Granville continued singing and has produced a couple of CD's and written a book of his memoirs. After returning to Australia, Granville was given a Ministry in Wollongong. A few years later, sadly, after a long illness, dear Denny passed away and Granville decided to continue their vital work where they left off in Hungary and he went back to Nyiregyhaza to complete his mission. He is now The Reverend Dr. Granville Pillar with a string of letters after his name which would fill a page on their own. He has re-married to a lovely lady called Iboyla who is helping him in his ministry. I am so proud of this amazing friend who, to me, is the epitome of triumph over adversity.



Coming Events 30th November



Rotary Club of Warners Bay Summer Social Evening



A relaxed get together on our second social
night for 2022

Date: Wednesday, 30 November
At 6.00pm

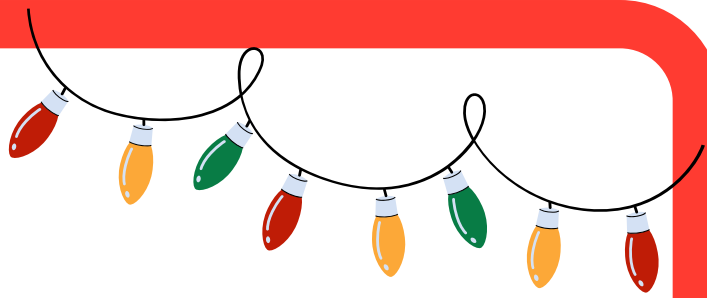
Place: Lakeside, Lions Park Pergola
At the boat ramp between Glad Gunson Drive &
Harkins Street, Eleebana

Facilities: The site is well equipped with covered seating as
well as outdoor picnic tables overlooking the
lake, BBQs, comfort amenities and easy parking

What to
Bring? Everything you require for an outdoor picnic
including food, drinks and eating equipment.

RSVP: Tuesday, 29 November
Margaret - mlraynor@bigpond.com
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Come along and join us at our
Christmas Party

Partners welcome

WHEN: 6pm

Wednesday, December 14

WHERE:

Brownsugar Restaurant,
The Esplanade, Warners Bay

COST: \$40.00 pp

includes 2 course Christmas dinner

1 drink voucher

1 Lucky Door ticket

WEAR :

Your favourite Christmas
apparel



Monster raffle!

Tickets - \$5 each or 3 for \$10
Proceeds will go to giving the
Homeless a little bit of joy
at Christmas

RSVP - December 1st

Please pay to RCWB account

:BSB 646 000 Acc 1000 67991

Label your payment - Xmas your surname

Further information:

Kerry Hayes 0417 485 293

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Coming Events



CLYDE STREET

Headlining at
Newcastle and Hunter Valley Folk Club

Saturday December 3rd, 2022

Uniting Church hall,
7.00 pm start
178 Glebe Rd , Merewether

Ticketing: Try booking or at the door

Scan QR code attached for ticket link



Many of our club members enjoyed an evening with Clyde Street Band earlier this year at Lizotte's.

Here's another opportunity for us to get together to enjoy a night of music while supporting Clyde Street Band.

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Men's Health Education Rural Van

RN Bill and Debbie have been busy - being interviewed for Prime news in Port Macquarie, sharing the MHERV story with RC Port Macquarie Sunrise, having a jam session in Wauchope and seeing lots of clients.

Responses to MHERV have been wonderful and we thank the Rotary Clubs for their assistance in making the visit beneficial to the community.



Service Projects - Update



Glenys, Philip, Ross and Vina cooking up a storm at SRU.

Survivors R Us

Are you able to help at Survivors R Us for the Healthy Hearts BBQ Breakfast?

If you haven't already put your name on the roster contact Kerry [or just come along] to join in the fun.

Thursday November 24 8.00am - 10.00 am
Kerry Vina Steve J Ross

Thursday December 8 8.00am - 10.00am
Vina Ross
John and Eleanor [RC Cardiff]

Thursday December 22 8.00am - 10.00am
Kerry
Eleanor [RC Cardiff]

December 22 will be the final BBQ for 2022. If you are able to assist in the day please let Kerry know and/or add your name to the Google docs roster.

Six year olds laugh an average of 300 times a day.
Adults only laugh 15-100 times a day.

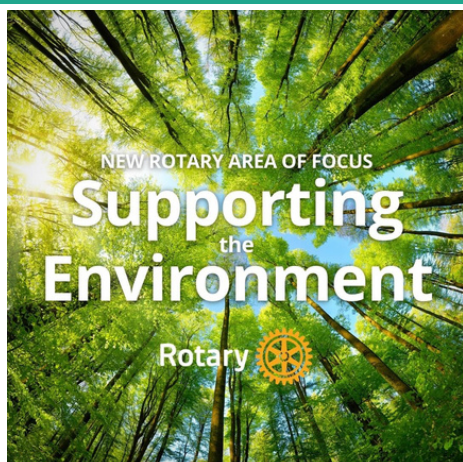
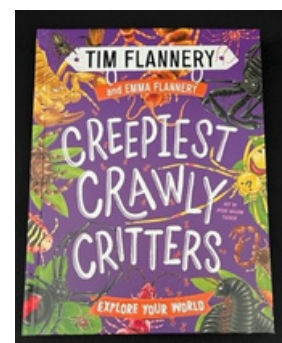
BE SIX AGAIN.



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Book Donations for local schools

This book will be donated to a local school on behalf of our guest speaker Vina from Biddabah Landcare Group



WHAT IS LANDCARE?

Vina Chubb

Landcare is about people volunteering their time and effort to improve our natural environment.

Landcare seeks to restore, rehabilitate and conserve the natural environment in such places as bushland reserves, parks foreshores, estuaries, wetlands, creeks and coastal areas on Council and Crown Land.

Landcare helps to protect our waterways and biodiversity

o Our Waterways are suffering from the effects of urban development. This leads to pollution, erosion sedimentation increased nutrients in our waterways and reduced habitat for wildlife.

Our Landcare site is part of Biddabah Creek. It is a breeding place for water birds. Though this year, weather events such as unusually high rainfall, have significantly affected the breeding cycle of the waterbirds. The discovery of a Bandicoot habitat is so important to the ecology of the site. This is a little piece of paradise in suburbia.

Land care are helping to address these issues by rehabilitating creeks and drainage lines to help filter urban runoff and by removing weeds and replanting local native plants to help provide wildlife habitat.

What are the Landcare Ethics and Guidelines?

Utilizing and developing techniques that cause minimal disturbance to the soil, water and flora and fauna that is being protected

Landcare groups are committed to

- Safe working practices
- Using up to date techniques required to repair our natural environment.
- Compliance to regulations

So how can our club assist Biddabah Landcare Group?

We will be making a plan of tasks that others can help us with. When we have a specific task, we will have Working Bees, and this is how our club be involved. This could be RCWB Environmental Focus for 2023.



Biddabah Landcare Group



THE HISTORY OF BIDDABAH LANDCARE GROUP

Vina Chubb

As you are all aware the Environment is now the 7th Focus Area for Rotary.

Julie is the Environment Director for this club and is also part of the District Environmental Team. When she became aware I had applied to begin a Landcare Group she thought because there are many environmental groups out there in the community it would be a great idea to support such a group as this club's Environmental focus.

Biddabah Landcare Group is one of the latest established Landcare Groups in Lake Macquarie. This is how it all came into being

3 years ago, during Covid outbreak while in our first lockdown I discovered a special waterway on Windross Drive, Lakelands while on my daily walks. It was an active breeding place for various water birds. I became intrigued by the birds and began to photograph them during their breeding seasons for the next 3 years. One of my fellow members Stuart Carter, of the Warners Bay Sustainable Neighbourhood Group discovered my interest and my documentation of five bird species resulted in an article being written up in the Munibung Newsletter, Munibung Musings about this waterbird breeding site. This waterway is part of one of the 12 creeks that flow down Munibung Hill into Lake Macquarie.

The waterway is part of Biddabah Creek named by Stuart and I --Biddabah --meaning resting place by the Awabakal people. Council have now adopted the name.

I have traced this creek from its source down through Lakelands to this waterway then under Windross Drive to the swamp next to Biddabah school until it flows under Medcalf Street through suburbia and joins North Creek just before it enters the lake. There are twelve Creeks running down Munibung Hill and only 3 are officially named. All these creeks have been disturbed by suburban development and all eventually join and flow out into Lake Macquarie.

Last Summer, the Newcastle University Environmental Science Department secured a grant to run a Summer School about Munibung Hill. Stuart and I met with the students and lecturers at one of the waterways and they decided to carry out two research projects-- one about Bandicoots on the Hill and the other about three waterways. Biddabah Creek waterway being one. Stuart and I had the privilege of listening to the presentation of the findings of the students reports earlier this year, at the Newcastle University. Chemicals were found in the waterways by the Uni Students - source unknown but possibly decaying matter, sewerage, insecticides and maybe remnants from Black Ash used in the reclaiming of land during Lakelands development. The latter was trucked to Lakelands during its development in the 1980s. Years later children at Biddabah School were tested for lead levels as well as students from Boolaroo. The other University project was studying Bandicoots on the hill. The students found evidence of Bandicoots on the top of the hill -- scats and a few nesting burrows, and since cameras have picked up these little creatures at night. Another Summer School with the Uni Students will also be held this summer (if it stops raining !!) to further these studies.



At the same time, I had been in contact with council regarding an endangered bird species and trying to obtain signs at the site as birds were being killed crossing the road leading to the swamp next to Biddabah school. Eventually I contacted Landcare. This resulted in Simon Lubinski, the LMC Landcare Program Delivery Officer meeting me at the site. He was quite excited as it was one of his favourite waterways. Over the following months he made a plan of the site to submit the application to council. Finally, our application was successful and granted. Since then, I have completed the Team Leader course online. Simon has made a suggested plan of working activities to control weeds and maintain the site.

Julie has since completed the training also for the Biddabah Land care Group. Julie as Environment Director of the club is interested in making this a project for the club to support. Gabby, a member of the Warners Bay Sustainable Group, a tree lover, also became interested and completed the training as well.

It was a very informative session showing us techniques we should use to rid the site of Morning Glory that is strangling some of the native trees and bushes and covering almost half of one side surrounding the waterway. Our plan is to deal with this first before dealing with other weeds. During this session we started on this eradication process which will be on going and hopefully to finally rid the site of this invasive weed.

Since then the core group of volunteers have had regular weekly working bees and before Christmas we will be visited by Wendy, The Green Team supervisor and team on one more occasions.





LAKE
MACQUARIE
CITY

WARNERS BAY

DECEMBER

- 2nd Big Waves
- 9th Impact Duo
- 16th An Evening of Christmas Entertainment

JANUARY

- 6th Paparazzi
- 13th Joy Trio
- 20th Soundabout
- 27th Downtown the Duo

FEBRUARY

- 3rd Ned Verwey Duo
- 10th Love That Hat
- 17th MacReid
- 24th Kazzie Duo

MARCH

- 3rd The After Party Trio
- 10th Jumpin Jukebox
- 17th Prestige Inc
- 24th Counterpart
- 31st Tre Soul Band

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