



**Rotary Club of West Wollongong Inc.**  
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**District 9675**  
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## 24 July 2024 BULLETIN

*July is Maternal and Child Health Month*

***Our guest speaker this evening: Dr Kevin Wanambiro***  
*(our newest member)*



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Birthdays	Anniversaries
27/07 – Duncan Rutherford	<i>None this week</i>

**CLUB PROGRAM ... *Dates for you diary!***

Date	Speaker/Theme
Wednesday 24 July 2024	❖ <i>The life of Dr Kevin Wanambiro</i> (our newest member)
Thursday 25 July 2024	❖ JOKER DRAW at The Charles Hotel from 6.00 PM <u>TEAM 2</u> 
Wednesday 31 July 2024	❖ <b>SOCIAL EVENING @ THE GERMAN CLUB: 636A Northcliffe Drive, Kembla Grange... 6.00pm for 6.15pm start</b>
Saturday 3 August 2024	MEGA MEAT RAFFLE at The Charles Hotel from 2.00-4.00 PM <u>Members, friends &amp; partners are very welcome to join us!</u> <b>TEAM 1: Dennis Simpson &amp; Di North</b> 
Monday 5 August 2024	❖ BBQ at Bunnings Kembla Grange – <b>Volunteers needed please!</b> 
Wednesday 7 August 2024	❖ TBA
Wednesday 14 August 2024	❖ <i>Speaker: TBA</i>
Wednesday 21 August 2024	❖ <i>5.30pm start with pre-meeting drinks in the Centro Courtyard!</i> ❖ Short meeting – Club Business followed by a Board Meeting
Wednesday 28 August 2024	❖ <i>Illawarra Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service – Nicolle Richards</i>
Monday 2 September 2024	❖ BBQ at Bunnings Kembla Grange – <b>Volunteers needed please!</b> 
Saturday 14 September 2024	❖ <b>Combined Illawarra Rotary Clubs Race Day</b>    Illawarra Race Day 

**President's Message**

Thank you **Phil Peckman** for filling in for me at last week's meeting. Members able to attend enjoyed the pre- dinner drinks organised monthly by **John Erickson**. Business was quickly attended to I hear due to the Board meeting to follow and also (more importantly?) due to a popular event many were keen to go home and watch.

This week we look forward to learning more about our **new member Dr Kevin Wanambiro**.



**IPP Phil** has already thrown himself into his **new role as PR Director**, working on our **ClubRunner** site. With help too from **Helen Hasan and Kerrie Hayes-Williams**, he is getting our site up and running. Members remember to give **Phil, Jim Christensen, Michael Crowley or myself** any Rotary related photos you have.

**Di North** has been busy delivering prizes to the many lucky winners of the **Paws4aCause raffle**. Helen and I are finding good homes for our kennel and dog bed, and **John Erickson** is looking forward to having silky smooth hands with his treatment package!

**The First 2000 Days Illawarra Rotary initiative is making astounding progress, involving the community and groups (such as Escabags) helping those impacted by domestic violence. If you would like to represent our Club at future meetings please let me know. I'll give you more information before the next meeting of the First 2000 Days' committee on zoom, which is scheduled for 30 July.**

Hopefully I'll see you tonight.

*President Rose*

### ***A little background on this evening's guest speaker: Dr Kevin Wanambiro***

Kevin was born and raised in Western Kenya, where he completed his secondary education. His long-time passion for healthcare led him to the University of Nairobi, where he studied medicine and subsequently graduated in 2006.

Following graduation, Kevin began his medical career as an intern in Lodwar, north western Kenya, gaining valuable experience in community health. He later specialised in radiology, completing postgraduate studies in Nairobi and qualifying as a specialist in 2013. This was followed by a year of advanced training in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, which further enhanced Kevin's expertise in radiology.



This evening, Kevin will undoubtedly expand on his career and educational pursuits as well as a little about his family and his personal interests.

### ***Last week's meeting minutes: Scribe – Noel Watt***

- ✚ **Sergeant Di North** started the meeting ahead of **Past President Phil Peckman** welcoming everyone.
- ✚ **Noel Watt** *reflected* on the good and bad of technology and the internet.
- ✚ The *international toast to Japan* was proposed by **Bob Armessen**.
- ✚ **Past President Phil** advised that he was standing in for **President Rose Pope** who is unwell.
  - He was asked by **President Rose** to inform members that she would be investigating a *District project entitled the "First 2000 Days"* with more details to follow.
  - **Phil** highlighted to members that the *Combined Rotary Clubs of the Illawarra race day* at Kembla Grange will occur on 14 September and asked members to put the date in their calendar. It will be \$120 for members and \$125 for people booking online via Trybooking to cover Trybooking expenses. We still need more sponsors and require 250 people as a minimum to satisfy the Kembla Grange club requirements.
  - Our Club's old website has now stopped and has been *superseded by ClubRunner*. When ClubRunner is fully operational every member will have access to their own account.
- ✚ **John Erickson** said that **Michael Crowley** and he are the guest speaker organisers and they would like members to volunteer as presenters or perhaps as an emergency 'fill-in' when required. **Members can choose to either speak about their own lives or cover a topic of their choice.** As we all know, everyone has their own story to tell!

✚ **Ken Potter** mentioned that the *Science Engineering Challenge* will be on 1 and 2 August at the University of Wollongong and *RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness)* will be held on 9 September... Ken will be seeking volunteers to assist with both events.

- Ken also *requested that members consider contributing \$100 to the Centurion program* that assists Rotary own charity, the Rotary Foundation, which in turn provides funding for future District Grants.

✚ **Sergeant Di North** then noted that *Paws4aCause* had to be cancelled last Sunday and thanked the committee of **Dennis Simpson, Marilyn Phillips and Anne & Jim Christensen** for their work on the project. **Anne Christensen** countered with a *special vote of thanks* for the tremendous effort **Di North** devoted to the project!

✚ The *wine raffle* was won by **Dennis Simson** (3 weeks in a row) and our newest member, **Kevin Wanambiro**.



✚ Prior to concluding the meeting, **Sergeant Di** conducted an innovative *quiz on "Big Things"* within Australia!

## ROSTERS

**Please arrange your own substitute if you are not able to attend meetings.**

Date	Sergeant	Reflection & Scribe	Int. Toast***	Charles Hotel			
				Joker Draw &		Mega Meat raffle	
				Date	Team	Date	Team
24/07	K Potter	B Armessen	M Bracken	25/07	2	The next Mega Meat Raffle will be held on <u>Saturday 3 August 2024</u> from 2-4pm	1
31/07	<i>Social evening</i>	<i>@ the German Club</i>	<i>Kembla Grange</i>	01/08	3		
07/08	J Erickson	M Bracken	A Cachia	08/08	4		
14/08	B Stevens	A Cachia	A Christensen	15/08	5		
21/08	D Simpson	A Christensen	J Crakanthorp	22/08	6		
28/08	P Roberts	J Crakanthorp	M Crowley	29/08	1		
04/09	Di North	M Crowley	J Erickson	05/09	2	07 Sept 2024	2
11/09	K Potter	J Erickson	R Giampieri	12/09	3		

\*\*\*Int. Toast: Each member to research and select their own Rotary-based international toast.

**Apologies to be directed to Treasurer, Noel Watt, prior to midday on the Tuesday before our meetings.**

The Charles Hotel "Joker Draw" – Thursday, 6:00pm					
Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 5	Team 6
Marilyn Phillips	Ken Potter	Barry Stevens	Di North	Ray Lee	Jim Christensen
The Charles Hotel "Meat Raffle" - 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month from 2.00pm to 4.00pm					
Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4		
D Simpson & D North	R Pope, D Reid & P Peckman	J Christensen & K Potter	R Pope, D Reid & P Peckman		
PCYC North Wollongong – Fit for Life Program: Members' Breakfast Schedule					
TBA			TBA		