



Rotary Club of West Wollongong Inc.
 (ABN 32 681 953 565)
District 9675
 Chartered 23rd March 1964



20 November 2024 BULLETIN

November is Rotary Foundation Month

**REMINDER: 5.30PM START THIS EVENING WITH A PRE-MEETING
 COMPLIMENTARY DRINK IN THE CENTRO COURTYARD
 (WEATHER PERMITTING)**










President:	Rose Pope	RI President 2024-25:	Stephanie A Urchick
Secretary:	Kerrie Hayes-Williams	District Governor 2024-25:	Sue Hayward
Treasurer:	Noel Watt	Rotary Comm. Leader:	Margaret Uitterlinden
IPP President:	Phil Peckman	President Elect:	Phil Peckman
Send items for the Bulletin to Editor: Michael Crowley			

Birthdays	Anniversaries
20/11 – Patrick Roberts 24/11 – Kevin Wanambiro	26-11 – Bruce & Gail Inglis

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

Date	Speaker/Theme
Wednesday 20 November 2024	❖ <i>5.30pm start with pre-meeting drinks in the Centro Courtyard! Short meeting – Club Business followed by a Board Meeting</i>
Thursday 21 November 2024	❖ JOKER DRAW at The Charles Hotel from 6.00 PM <u>TEAM 1</u> 
Friday 22 November 2024	❖ <i>Imagination Library Illawarra Movie Night – Gala Cinema Warrawong. The movie “HERE” starts @ 7pm & tickets are \$25pp! (The trailer for the movie can be viewed from this LINK) Refer to the attached flyer for further information & ticket purchases.</i>
Wednesday 27 November 2024	❖ ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday 30 November 2024	❖ <i>Rotary clubs of the Illawarra walk to raise awareness of the impact of domestic & family violence on our community. A 2.1km walk starting at 10am from Kiama Lighthouse & returning to the same location (More details outlined in the attached flyer).</i>
Wednesday 4 December 2024	❖ <i>An evening with our ARH PhD Research Scholar <u>Thanapon Deekaikam</u> together with UOW representatives & a video prepared by our John Chaplin Memorial scholar, <u>Nicholas Fantham</u>.</i> ❖ <i>We will also have ARH Indigenous Scholar – <u>Maddy Lawson</u> speaking on the night. ... (NB. Partners evening) SERGEANT John Erickson: Projector, laptop & lectern required please!</i> 
Wednesday 11 December 2024	❖ <i>RCWW Christmas Party – All members, honorary members, friends and respective partners are very welcome. 6.00pm @ The Builders Club, Wollongong</i>
Monday 16 December 2024	❖ BBQ at Bunnings Kembla Grange - TBC – <i>Volunteers needed ... please add to your diaries!</i> 
18 December 2024 to 8 January 2025 inclusive	❖ Christmas/New Year break – NO CLUB MEETINGS ❖ Meetings resume – Wednesday 15 January 2025
Monday 13 January 2025	❖ BBQ at Bunnings Kembla Grange - TBC – <i>Volunteers needed ... please add to your diaries!</i> 
Wednesday 15 January 2025	<i>TBA</i>
Wednesday 22 January 2025	<i>5.30pm start with pre-meeting drinks in the Centro Courtyard! Short meeting – Club Business followed by a Board Meeting</i>
Wednesday 29 January 2025	<i>TBA</i>
Saturday 1 February 2025	❖ BBQ at Bunnings Kembla Grange - TBC – <i>Volunteers needed ... please add to your diaries!</i> 
Wednesday 5 February 2025	CLUB ASSEMBLY
Monday 10 February 2025	❖ BBQ at Bunnings Kembla Grange - TBC – <i>Volunteers needed ... please add to your diaries!</i> 
Wednesday 12 February 2025	❖ PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP EVENING 

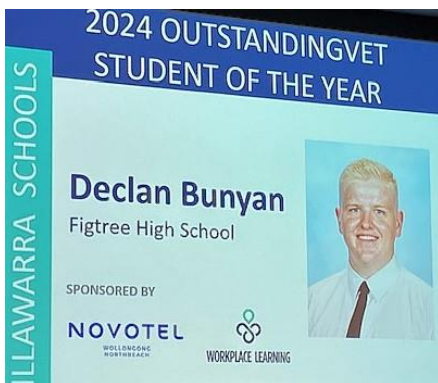
President's Message

Sadly due to illness, our *Indigenous Scholarship recipient, Maddy Lawson*, couldn't join us last week; but, nonetheless we had a very productive and fun meeting.

We were able to discuss our fundraising, social events and Sergeant Sessions. But best of all was our Sergeant for the night – **Barry Stevens** – who kept the lively discussions in order plus his jokes had some in tears (of merriment not despair). He then entertained and educated us on some aspects of guitar playing (see photo below). *Well done Barry*.



Thursday evening **Dennis Simpson** and I represented the Club at the *Illawarra Schools' Excellence in Vocational Education & Training (VET) Awards night*. Our Club was a *gold sponsor*. *Declan Bunyan from Figtree High* (pictured right with Dennis & Rose) to whom we presented his initial award for Construction also received the final overall *Outstanding VET Student of the Year Award*. It was an exceptional evening recognising so many young people from so many schools, achieving such a high standard in their studies and workplaces.



Declan Bunyan from Figtree High, received a Construction Industry Award, specifically for plumbing. Dennis & Rose presented Declan with the overall Outstanding Student of the Year Award.

Ella Turner received the 'Judges' Award, which our Club also sponsored.

James Brown from Bulli High was another Awardee for outstanding achievements in the Electrical Section.



Planning for *Paws4aCause* next year has begun. The expected date is 6 April 2025. More details tonight.

Don't forget the *Imagination Movie Night on Friday 22 November*. We could have dinner together at the Open Hearth beforehand.

See you tonight for early drinks.

President Rose

Meeting minutes from last week: Scribe – Marilyn Phillips (on behalf of Ken Potter)

- ✚ Meeting was opened by **Sergeant Barry Stevens** at 6:15pm.
- ✚ **Barry** introduced **President Rose Pope**, who welcomed all members and *our guest, Cate Thomas*.
- ✚ *Reflection* was provided by **Marilyn Phillips on behalf of Ken Potter** as he wonders how to get from Civitavecchia to Rome by train. *Ken's reflection is on the extent and speed of modern train services.*
- ✚ **Barry** then asked all members to view the *new West Wollongong Rotary Club banner*.
- ✚ *International Toast* was given by **Patrick Roberts**. Patrick toasted the *Rotary Club of Mons in Belgium* where the last battle was fought on the last day of World War 1, in which Canadian troops captured the town and liberated the area that had been under German occupation since 1914. *Patrick selected this club because the engagement was just before the Armistice on 11th November at 11am.*

✚ **Reports**

- **Treasurer Noel** reported on the *Charles Hotel (Thursday) and Bunnings BBQ (Sunday)*. **Dennis Simpson** thanked the 'walking wounded' for their assistance on the day. **Ray Lee** asked for *special thanks to Rita Giampieri for keeping the group hydrated with her coffee and fed with her home-made cake.*
- **Michael Crowley** received an email from *Maddy Lawson, our ARH Indigenous Scholar scheduled as this evening's guest speaker*, to say she is unable to attend due to contracting COVID. Maddy will be speaking with the ARH Scholars on 4 December 2024. Michael went on to say that ARH has invited two Club members to attend the *ARH Indigenous Scholars' dinner on Friday evening 29 November*. **Janet Crakanthorp and Rose Pope** will represent the Club.
- **Rose Pope** thanked all members working at the BBQ on Sunday and the Charles Hotel each Thursday as they are our main fundraisers.
- **Dennis Simpson and Rose Pope** will attend the *Vocational Education Training Awards night* and represent the Club, as we are a gold sponsor. **Rose** will distribute a number of booklets regarding *Youth Programs available through the Rotary Club of West Wollongong* that our New Generations team has compiled.
- **Rose** announced the *Christmas Party will be held on 11 December 24 at the Builders Club*. Phil will confirm the cost and inclusions this week. *Kerry Spicer from Green Connect will be a Club guest* for her continued support. If there are any other people that members would like to invite to our Christmas Party, please let Rose or Phil know. Also, members need to notify Rose as soon as possible if they are attending along with partners.
- Rose went on to cover:
 - The *Imagination Library movie night* will be held at the Gala Cinema on 22 November, at a cost of \$25. A QR code to facilitate booking tickets is available in this Bulletin.
 - She will forward in the *Club's vote to the RESCA Awards proposal*.
 - A discussion was conducted regarding the *Monday monthly BBQ at Bunnings*. The proceeds are earmarked for future Youth Education programs. Are members prepared to continue this work and could we get more members involved?

- Discussion ensued around the *social events* of the Club and called for suggestions. **Bob Armessen** to prepare an email to gain members' opinions.
- The suggestion of gift wrapping as a fund raiser was also discussed. **Kerrie Hayes-Williams** to approach Crown Central about the requirements.
- **Rose** asked for a discussion regarding the fine sessions. It was *suggested and subsequently agreed that an amount be added to the dinner fee to cover the Sergeant session* for members who do not carry cash. Noel will include this in his message regarding dinner fees.

✚ The *Wine Raffle* was conducted by **Noel Watt** and drawn by our guest **Cate Thomas**, and the winners were **Noel Watt and Albert Cachia** (all pictured below).



✚ *Rosters* were announced for the coming week. **Rose** will check the *PCYC* for venue details and notify members as the last breakfast was located at the Snake Pit, Gwynneville.

✚ **Sergeant Barry** conducted the fine session prior to giving members and our guest an *interesting lesson on playing guitars and chord progressions from certain country and western artists*. All members enjoyed this gig and hope we have more of these interesting sessions in future... *Thank you Barry for stepping up at the last minute!*



✚ Meeting Closed 7:45pm.

A report from Di North on the Rotary International Zone 8 Conference

The *Rotary International Zone 8 Conference* was held in Queenstown from 1 to 3 November. 300 Rotarians from all around Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands gathered to hear some great guest speakers. *Raj Gautum from the Rotary Club of Kathmandu, Nepal*, gave a presentation on Empowering Communities. *Our Club has previously supported Raj and the Rotary Club of Kathmandu to build toilets in schools in Nepal*. Other guest speakers were Cat Levine speaking on the mental health issues she had with her daughter and how they successfully got to the other side and are now helping others, and Melissa Vining, who founded the Southland Charity Hospital after her husband died of Pancreatic cancer. There were also updates on Regionalisation.

There was a special dinner with *Past Rotary International President Mark Maloney (2019-20)* and his wife, Gay, with some of the other District Governors from that year.

The *Rotary International President for 2025-26, Mario Cesar Martins de Camargo* attended the conference as well as the *new Zone 8 Director, Gim Bok Chew from Singapore*. All of these people were so willing to stop and have a chat.

Saturday afternoon was spent doing various activities. There was packing of items into handbags for homeless women, an End Polio walk, and the weeding of Wilding Pines, which is a pest and displaces natural flora and fauna in New Zealand. Rotarian Jonathan Usher was one of the MCs and kept everyone entertained with his amazing magic tricks.

Next year's Zone 8 Conference will be held on the Gold Coast from 31 October to 2 November. Registrations are now open at [Welcome | Zone 8](#)

Don't forget that registrations are still open for the Rotary International Convention in Calgary, Canada from 21st to 25th June 2025. Registration is \$525US until the 15th December and then it goes to \$625US. You can register at [Rotary Convention](#)



Rotary International President for 2025-26, Mário César Martins de Camargo from Brazil with Di North at the Zone 8 Conference in Queenstown, New Zealand.

Rotary clubs of the Illawarra Imagination Library Movie Night

Gala Cinema - Friday 22nd November - 6.30 for 7pm start

A fundraising movie night has been arranged to support the Imagination Library. The movie chosen is called *'Here'*, which stars Tom Hanks and Robin Wright in a generational story about families and the special place they inhabit, sharing in love, loss, laughter and life. To view the movie trailer, please click on this [LINK](#).

The cost is \$25pp which includes an ice-cream or soft drink. Invite your family and friends to join us **and purchase your tickets ASAP please!**

To acquire your tickets, either scan the QR code on the attached flyer or click [HERE](#).

ROSTERS

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

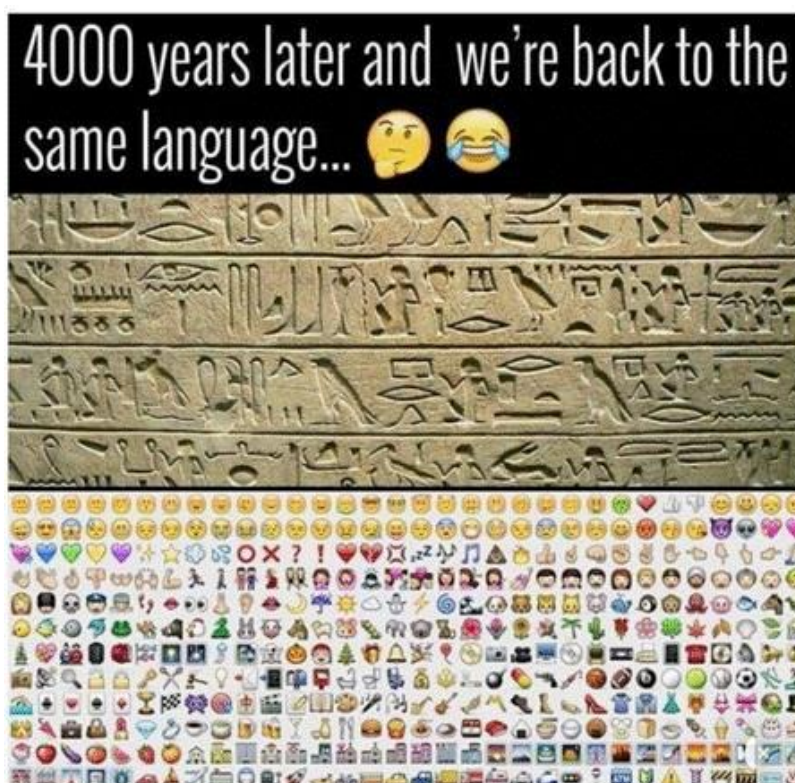
Date	Sergeant	Reflection & Scribe	Int. Toast***	Charles Hotel			
				Joker Draw & Mega Meat raffle		Date	Team
20/11	D Simpson	M Crowley	B Stevens	21/11	1		
27/11	Di North	B Stevens	D Simpson	28/11	2		
04/12	J Erickson	D Simpson	M Stanojevic	05/12	3		
11/12	RCWW	Christmas	Party	12/12	4		
18/12	Christmas/NY	Break	No Meeting	19/12	5		
25/12	Christmas/NY	Break	No Meeting	26/12	N/A		
01/01	Christmas/NY	Break	No Meeting	02/01	6		
08/01	Christmas/NY	Break	No Meeting	09/01	1		
15/01	J Christensen	M Stanojevic	K Wanambiro	16/01	2		
22/01	K Potter	K Wanambiro	N Watt	23/01	3		
29/01	P Roberts	N Watt	R Yeoman	30/01	4		
05/02	D Simpson	R Yeoman	B Armessen	06/02	5		

***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 st 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 at the 'Snake Pit' Stadium, Gwynneville – Fit for Life Program: Members' Breakfast Schedule					
Thursday 05/12			Ros Yeoman & Phil Peckman		

Now for a bit of humour to hopefully put a smile on your dial!





Together we say

NO *to* **DOMESTIC &
FAMILY VIOLENCE**

and

YES *to* **RESPECTFUL
RELATIONSHIPS**



The Rotary Clubs of the Illawarra are organising a walk to raise awareness of the impact of Domestic and Family Violence on our community. This is part of a Rotary Multi National Campaign.

WHEN

Starting 10am on 30 November 2024

We will walk from Kiama Lighthouse and return to Kiama Lighthouse. The walk is approximately 2.1 kilometres. There is an incline down for the start of the walk and uphill to the finish. A water station will be available halfway and toilets. A map of the of the walk is on the reverse side.

On completion of the walk there will be presentations on the impact of domestic violence by leaders in domestic violence and by local police. Seating will be available and resources on domestic violence by local agencies.

WHY

In Australia, Domestic and Family Violence is disturbingly common.

It is one of the drivers of homelessness among women, children, and men. Domestic and Family Violence crosses all boundaries, race, age, financial status, education, gender, and the suburb you may live in.

1 in 6 women and 1 in 16 men have experienced physical or sexual violence by a current or former partner. Alarmingly, on average 1 woman a week and 1 man a month is killed by a current or former partner (AIHW, Family Domestic and Sexual Violence Australia 2018).



Many victims of Domestic and Family Violence will never report their experience. With many incidents unreported, Domestic and Family Violence may be much worse than we think.

Register now or use the QR code. You can also buy a purple t-shirt.

A brief message from Helen Hasan

The link to the flyers about the two activities against Domestic Violence can be found [HERE](#). You will find the flyers under "Club News and events" on the District website. If you intend to go on the walk, please register via the QR code on the relevant flyers (or simply use the QR code above).

The T-shirts are \$8.50 each (down from \$50) as District has a special run of 100. These are for both wearing on the walk and on **Purple Fridays**. If you wish to buy a T-shirt or two for yourself, family and friends to raise awareness of Domestic Violence, you may prefer to wait until we get a better idea of sizes and then order through our Club via Helen Hasan as it would be easier to arrange delivery and defray the cost.

The walk is approximately 2.1 kms.
South Pacific Ocean



Water station & toilets 1/2 way

Starting & finishing @ Kiama Lighthouse

Storm Bay



PRESENTS FOR THE
IMAGINATION LIBRARY ILLAWARRA

HERE

FROM THE WRITER, DIRECTOR AND STARS OF FORREST GUMP

Tom Hanks Robin Wright



Friday 22 November
Gala Cinema
Warrawong
Movie to start at 7pm

Tickets \$25

includes an ice-cream or soft drink

FROM THE WRITER, DIRECTOR AND STARS OF
FORREST GUMP

Joy, Hope, Loss, Love, Life happens...

HERE

Book using the QR code, or at
<https://www.trybooking.com/CWLTM>



If you know of any potential candidates for RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) 2025, please liaise direct with Ken Potter.

Apply now for **RYLA 2025**

28th Jan - 2nd Feb 2025
Stanwell Tops Conference Centre



RYLA is a leadership program for young adults aged between 19 and 25 sponsored by local Rotary Clubs.

Learn about RYLA and apply today by scanning the QR code



Rotary
District 9675



rotary youth
leadership
awards



**TREAT YOUR FAMILY TO A REAL TREE
THIS CHRISTMAS!**

**Rotary Clubs
of Corrimal and Shellharbour City
are selling real Christmas trees
so don't miss out!**

Thursday 5 December

From 9am

Lake Illawarra

Car park at Lake Illawarra PCYC

Saturday 7 December

From 9am

Corrimal

Next to Shell petrol station

Unanderra

Corner of Highway & Five Islands Rd

Feeling lucky anyone!



Christmas



TRAILER RAFFLE

Celebrate the spirit of **Dapto Rotary Club's** Christmas Trailer Raffle!
Join the festive fun and get a chance to win fabulous prizes that will
make your holiday season even brighter!



**Dapto Mall
near Woolies
or online**



**16 November
to
23 December
2024**



\$2



1st prize:

trailer full of goodies,
trailer is included

2nd prize:

gift voucher \$500

3rd prize:

gift voucher \$250



Photo is of last year's prize