



Rotary Club of West Wollongong Inc.
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District 9675
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22 January 2025 BULLETIN

January is Vocational Service Month

Rotarians represent the dignity and utility of one's vocation as an opportunity to serve society. We promote and foster high ethical standards in business and professions and promote the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations.



Reminder: A little social discursing from 5.30pm in Centro's Courtyard tonight (weather permitting) including a complimentary drink ahead of our meeting!

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WHAT'S YOUR
SUPERPOWER?



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
22/01 – Eduardo Tovar 25/01 – Kim Hockings	None this week

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

Date	Speaker/Theme	
Wednesday 22 January 2025	<p><i>5.30pm start with pre-meeting drinks in the Centro Courtyard!</i></p> <p>PolioPlus Update... Director: Ken Potter</p> <p><i>Short meeting – Club Business followed by a Board Meeting</i></p>	
Thursday 23 January 2025	<p>❖ JOKER DRAW at The Charles Hotel from 6.00 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>TEAM 2</u></p>	
Friday 24 January 2025	<p>❖ Charles Hotel Friday Night Meat Raffle from 5.00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>TEAM 2</u></p>	
Wednesday 29 January 2025	TBA	
Saturday 1 February 2025	<p>❖ BBQ at Bunnings Kembla Grange</p> <p>– <i>Volunteers needed ... please add to your diaries!</i></p>	
Wednesday 5 February 2025	CLUB ASSEMBLY	
Monday 10 February 2025	<p>❖ BBQ at Bunnings Kembla Grange</p> <p>– <i>Volunteers needed ... please add to your diaries!</i></p>	
Wednesday 12 February 2025	<p>❖ PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP EVENING...</p> <p><i>NB. Partners' evening</i></p>	
Wednesday 19 February 2025	<p><i>5.30pm start with pre-meeting drinks in the Centro Courtyard!</i></p> <p><i>Short meeting – Club Business followed by a Board Meeting</i></p>	

[President's Message](#)

It was good to see so many members at our first meeting back for the year. You will find all the news and reports covered at the meeting in the scribe's notes.

Our year is shaping up well with plenty of opportunities to fundraise at BBQs and the Charles Hotel.

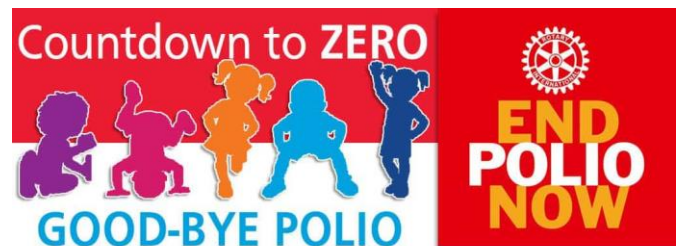


Preparations are well under way for our **Pride of Workmanship Night**. **Jim Christensen** has done an amazing job. [If you haven't already, please let me know if you will be attending](#). Remember it is a partner's night with friends and family welcome.

Tonight we'll hear from our **Director Ken Potter** *who will give us an update on the current cases of Polio* in the world and the report on polio detection in Melbourne wastewater.

Hopefully we'll have good weather to enjoy the pre-meeting drinks in the courtyard.

President Rose



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Imagination Library Illawarra

This is a reminder that **GRILL'D WOLLONGONG** has chosen the **Imagination Library Illawarra project** as one of the three charity groups for the whole month of January 2025.

Diners at **GRILL'D** are given a bottle top which they use to vote for their preferred group.

At the end of January, the group with the most votes (bottle tops) gets \$300, the other 2 groups get \$100.

Please tell your friends, colleagues, and any teenagers you know about this, and ask them to vote for the Imagination Library project if they dine at GRILL'D anytime during January 2025.

Meeting minutes from last week: Scribe – Bob Armessen

- ✚ The first meeting for 2025 had a good number of members (*and visitor Kate Thomas*) in early attendance, with some still in their casual holiday gear.
- ✚ **Sgt John Erickson** got us under-way on time, welcomed everyone, and handed over to **Pres. Rose Pope** who :
 - Thanked all those who participated in the school visits in December.
 - Reminded us that the *Charles raffles are back in action* and that all are encouraged to attend.
 - Confirmed *Pride of Workmanship is on 12 February* and that a great evening is guaranteed due to the efforts of the organisers and the large number of visitors expected.
 - After disappearing for a few minutes, our President returned with a refill of her wine-glass and resumed the meeting with details of *Escabags plans for an upcoming fundraising T-Shirt Day ... contact Rose if you need more info.*
- ✚ *Reflection* was given by **Bob Armessen** who hoped the current peace talks in Qatar would be successful in bringing *peace to the Hamas/Israeli conflict*.
- ✚ The Club's historically longest *international toast* was given by **Milan Stanojevic** to the **Rotary Club of Erding** (located in the rural area of Munich). Milan detailed their many successful fundraising projects and the beneficiaries of such. *We are all excitedly waiting for this travel-guide's next international sojourn and resultant toast.*
- ✚ **Treasurer Noel Watt** confirmed that our last two *Bunnings Kembla Grange BBQs* generated sizable takings along with a respectable amount of donations. The *Charles' raffle teams* cleared a healthy level of revenue in the same period. Thanks to those able to give of their time. These results represent a very good return on person-hours worked.
- ✚ **Noel** also advised that due to a number of member contributions, and a club donation, *\$1,400 was sent to Vanuatu via a Rotary relief effort.*
- ✚ **Milan** again *thanked all the BBQ supporters* as well as advising that *Comic Gong will this year* be in late May and held at The Ribbonwood Centre in Dapto. We are yet to decide if our Club will offer to do a BBQ at the event. There are two more BBQs we need to crew in the near future. PLEASE check the Bulletin for detail and let him know which shifts you wish to reserve.

- ✚ Now that our President finished her wine, Sgt John gave her the floor to close the meeting.
- ✚ Prior to doing so, just a “cupla” more things ...
 - *Centro has advised that meals will now be \$30pp* and discussion will be had with them as to types of meals etc. to be offered.
 - *Sgt session to be resurrected* to a format as per days gone by ... a big HURRAH ex Patrick.
 - *PAWS cancellation was briefly discussed* with more in the very near future.
 - Potential *recipients of charitable funds to be discussed at the next Club Assembly.*
 - *Ride4Rotary* to be held on weekend 17-18 May 2025; but in a much bigger format. *R4R has joined with Wollongong’s Festival of Riding* for what promises to be an exciting two days. Please check details out on: ridewollongong.com.au where you will find lots of good info.
 - **Jim Christensen** has a number of “*Jim’s Tins*” ready for placement in any business outlet you may feel is beneficial to fundraising... please discuss with Jim for info and details.

✚ *Wine raffle winners* this week were **Anne Christensen** and **Ken Potter** - displaying their prizes below:



✚ A concerned Sgt then closed the meeting at 19:23 ... concerned because he had looked at the weather ‘App’ on his phone and saw the BIG STORM coming.

ROSTERS

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

Date	Sergeant	Reflection & Scribe	Int. Toast***	Charles Hotel			
				Thurs. Joker Draw & Friday Meat raffle			
				Date	Team	Date	Team
22/01	J Christensen	M Stanojevic	K Wanambiro	23/01	2	24/01	2
29/01	K Potter	K Wanambiro	N Watt	30/01	3	31/01	3
05/02	P Roberts	N Watt	R Yeoman	06/02	4	07/02	4
12/02	B Stevens	R Yeoman	B Armessen	13/02	5	14/02	1
19/02	D Simpson	B Armessen	M Bracken	20/02	6	21/02	2
26/02	Di North	M Bracken	A Cachia	27/02	1	28/02	3
05/03	J Erickson	A Cachia	J Christensen	06/03	2	07/03	4

***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” - Every Friday from 5.00pm to 7.00pm					
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					
TBA			TBA		