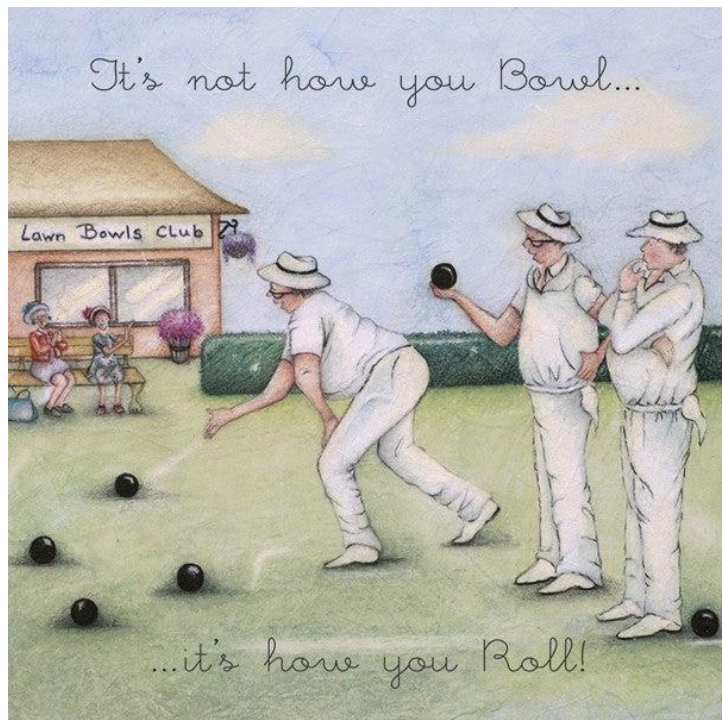


29 January 2025 BULLETIN

January is Vocational Service Month

REMINDER: Barefoot bowls social evening tonight from 5.30pm followed by dinner at Wiseman Park Wollongong City Bowling Club, Cnr Gipps Road & Foley St, Gwynneville...








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Birthdays	Anniversaries
31/01 – Babs Davis	None this week

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

Date	Speaker/Theme	
Wednesday 29 January 2025	<i>Barefoot bowls social evening- commencing at 5.30pm</i>	
Thursday 30 January 2025	❖ JOKER DRAW at The Charles Hotel from 6.00 PM <u>TEAM 3</u>	
Friday 31 January 2025	❖ Charles Hotel Friday Night Meat Raffle from 5.00pm <u>TEAM 3</u>	
Saturday 1 February 2025	❖ BBQ at Bunnings Kembla Grange – <i>Volunteers needed ... please add to your diaries!</i>	
Wednesday 5 February 2025	CLUB ASSEMBLY	
Monday 10 February 2025	❖ BBQ at Bunnings Kembla Grange – <i>Volunteers needed ... please add to your diaries!</i>	
Wednesday 12 February 2025	❖ <i>PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP EVENING...</i> <i>NB. Partners' evening</i>	
Wednesday 19 February 2025	<i>5.30pm start with pre-meeting drinks in the Centro Courtyard!</i> <i>Short meeting – Club Business followed by a Board Meeting</i>	
Wednesday 26 February 2025	❖ Q & A facilitated by Rita Giampieri: <i>“A fulfilling life with Downs Syndrome” - Rachael Young (Artist) & her inspirational mother, Assunta Young</i>	

President's Message

Well in keeping with the **Rotary focus of Fellowship**, *tonight we'll enjoy a social outing of barefoot bowls and dinner at Wiseman Park.*

This is timely because the following weeks will be very busy with special meetings, BBQs and the Charles Hotel raffles.

Next week is our Club Assembly and I hope we'll see as many members as possible to help with the planning of events.

Then the following week is our **Pride of Workmanship Night** with 6 recipients. *If you haven't already, please let me know if you will be attending. Partners and friends welcome.*

Another important date is **Sunday, 18 May – our combined clubs Ride4Rotary event**. There is a very exciting development. It will be held at Lang Park as part of the full weekend Ride Wollongong Festival of Cycling. You can read all about it [HERE](#). Dig out your Wobbly Wheelers and R4R shirts and start training!

I'm also delighted to announce that **Dr Glenn Kolomeitz will be the guest speaker for our Peace Oration on 26 March at The Builders**. Start advertising it to your friends and relatives.

His talk on the withdrawal from Afghanistan at our club meeting a few years ago was amazing. He has now been in and out of Ukraine undertaking a few tasks which I'm sure will be of great interest to everyone.

President Rose



NEWS from Treasurer Noel Watt...

The **District Grant of \$2,500** towards the trailer for **Green Connect** has been approved and funds have already been deposited into our Club's account.

And we extend a big thank you to **Helen Hasan** for putting the application together.

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 – Milan Stanojevic

Editor's note: The following words are pure fiction and any resemblance to the truth is purely by accident. The names and places have not been changed to protect the innocent but rather left as they are to condemn the guilty (and they know who they are!).

Sergeant Jim Christensen (in true military precision) commenced the meeting at 6.15pm, precisely. The order of business was:

- A hearty welcome to all those in attendance.
- **Milan Stanojevic** gave the *reflection* mentioning that the long-running civil war in Syria has reached a better place; that there is now a truce in Gaza (albeit tenuous); and hopefully these outbreaks of comparative peace may spread in 2015 to grant us a better world. Hopefully!?
- **Kevin Wanambiro** gave the *international toast* to the **Rotary Club of Kampala Central** (not of Tolstoyian magnitude but nevertheless good). This club was chartered in 1993 and has 74 members who are actively involved in numerous health service, water & sanitation initiatives, education and literacy and environmental ventures both locally and with other countries.
- **Annette Lavender** proposed that we have a *Barefoot Bowls afternoon/evening* and the concept was well received. This would be instead of a regular club meeting and in addition to any scheduled social events.
- **President Rose Pope** proposed a "back-to-the-future" concept of club trips e.g. to *connect with some intra-State Rotary clubs* and even in the Territory that we surround. This concept was reasonably well received but it will need some shape to it.
- **Treasurer Noel Watt** announced last week's takings at the *Charles Hotel*. Well done to the teams (NB. It has been noted that when **Di Reid** is selling at the Charles our takings are up by 7.1%).
- **The Bard (AKA Ken Potter)** mentioned that the *international Polio initiative* is a bit like a game of "snakes and ladders" (maybe wack a mole even). The main problem areas are a couple of countries that finish with "Stan" (Afghanistan & Pakistan) where there are social and governmental forces opposing our vaccination programme. Lamentable, but there it is!

- **The Bard** also talked about *RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness)* where more than 62,000 students have gone through the programme, with more than 700 at Kembla Grange. Well done to the driving forces **Maz (Marilyn Phillips)** and **The Bard** and to all those that have helped.
- We have sourced a *RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) candidate to attend RYLA from 28 January to 2 February 2025 – Cerentha Jaatinen*, who is currently a full-time UOW student about to commence her second year in a Bachelor of Medical and Health Science degree. *Arrangements will be made for Cerentha to attend one of our Club meetings in the not too distant future to let us know of her impressions of the RYLA experience!*
- **Milan** asked whether we can run a *BBQ for the local melanoma group* on Sunday, 9 March and there was strong support. Milan will send an e-mail to members, friends and strays.
- **Noel** ran the *wine raffle* and, as expected, **Simmo (AKA Dennis Simpson)** walked away with a bottle as did **Ray-precise (AKA Ray Lee)** (sorry **Sir Robert – Bob Armessen**, I didn't pull the tickets out!).



- **Rose** talked about the *meal options and pricing at Centro* and it appears that pasta dishes are not high on the culinary lists of members (heathens, we are at an Italian centre) nor is pizza or anything with rice. **Rose** will be talking to the proprietor after this meeting.
- **Rose** also talked about *tapestries and how can we move these on*. Perhaps we can display and sell these at a BBQ or give these as an (un)lucky door prize?
- Sergeant Jim read out the rosters and the meeting closed at 7.08pm.

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
29/01	<i>Social evening</i>	<i>Barefoot Bowls</i>	<i>Wisemans Park</i>	30/01	3	31/01	3
05/02	K Potter	K Wanambiro	N Watt	06/02	4	07/02	4
12/02	P Roberts	N Watt	R Yeoman	13/02	5	14/02	1
19/02	B Stevens	R Yeoman	B Armessen	20/02	6	21/02	2
26/02	D Simpson	B Armessen	M Bracken	27/02	1	28/02	3
05/03	Di North	J Christensen	A Cachia	06/03	2	07/03	4
12/03	J Erickson	A Cachia	J Christensen	13/03	3	14/03	1
19/03	J Christensen	A Christensen	J Crakanthorp	20/03	4	21/03	2

***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		