

19 February 2025 BULLETIN

February is Peacebuilding & Conflict Prevention Month

Don't forget, weather permitting we will meet in Centro's Courtyard at 5.30pm this evening to enjoy each other's company with a complimentary beverage before the official start of our weekly meeting!



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
<i>None this week</i>	<i>24/02 – Marilyn & Peter Phillips</i>

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

Date	Speaker/Theme
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 27 February 2025	❖ <i>Q & A facilitated by Rita Giampieri:</i> <i>“A fulfilling life with Downs Syndrome” - Rachael Young (Artist) & her inspirational mother, Assunta Young</i> <i>SERGEANT: Laptop & AV equipment required please</i> 
Thursday	❖ <i>JOKER DRAW at The Charles Hotel from 6.00 PM</i> 
Friday 28 February 2025	❖ <i>Charles Hotel Friday Night Meat Raffle from 5.00pm</i> 
Wednesday 5 March 2025	❖ <i>TBC – RYLA sponsored participant: Cerentha Jaatinen</i>
Monday 10 March 2025	❖ <i>BBQ at Bunnings Kembla Grange</i> <i>– Volunteers needed ... please add to your diaries!</i> 
Wednesday 12 March 2025	❖ <i>UOW/RCWW John Chaplin Memorial Scholar – Nicholas Fantham + Nina Burr from UOW... NB. Partners' evening</i> <i>SERGEANT: Laptop & AV equipment required please</i> 
Wednesday 19 March 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 March 2025	❖ <i>Peace Oration – featuring Dr Glenn Kolomeitz at The Builders Club</i> <i>(More details about Dr Kolomeitz and his presentation will follow shortly. However, this will event will be open to members, friends, partners, members of other Rotary clubs and the general public).</i>
Monday 7 April 2025	❖ <i>BBQ at Bunnings Kembla Grange</i> <i>– Volunteers needed ... please add to your diaries!</i> 
Monday 5 May 2025	❖ <i>BBQ at Bunnings Kembla Grange</i> <i>– Volunteers needed ... please add to your diaries!</i> 
Sunday 18 May 2025	❖ <i>Ride4Rotary... More information including registration and donation details can be sourced HERE!</i>
Monday 2 June 2025	❖ <i>BBQ at Bunnings Kembla Grange</i> <i>– Volunteers needed ... please add to your diaries!</i> 

For those members who may not have received the latest District Bulletin, you can access it [HERE](#).

Donate your old mobile phones, chargers and cables to be re-furbished for use in DV services.

They can be dropped off at the Bendigo Bank, 37-39 Princes Hwy, Fairy Meadow or bring them along to our meeting.

President's Message

Our Pride of Workmanship night last week couldn't have been better. It was a wonderful celebration and recognition of 6 special people. How highly each recipient is thought of was evident in the number of relatives, friends and co-workers who came along.



A huge thank you goes to **Jim Christensen** for all his planning, preparation and organisation of the evening. All he left us to do was the programme printing and table allocations! For these I thank **Phil Peckman**.

As always, **John Erickson** was the perfect MC and you'll see the usual expertise of our official photographer (poorly paid) **Michael Crowley** here in the Bulletin.

Remember to keep an eye on our Bulletins for upcoming events, speakers, BBQs and rosters.

District Grant and Green Connect – the good news is the grant is in and the trailer is now being specially constructed for the transportation of the pigs and sheep. Well done **Helen Hasan** with the grant application.

If you have any suggestions for donations and/or items for discussion, bring them along tonight. We also have a Board Meeting when we can look at proposals.

See you tonight for pre meeting drinks.

President Rose

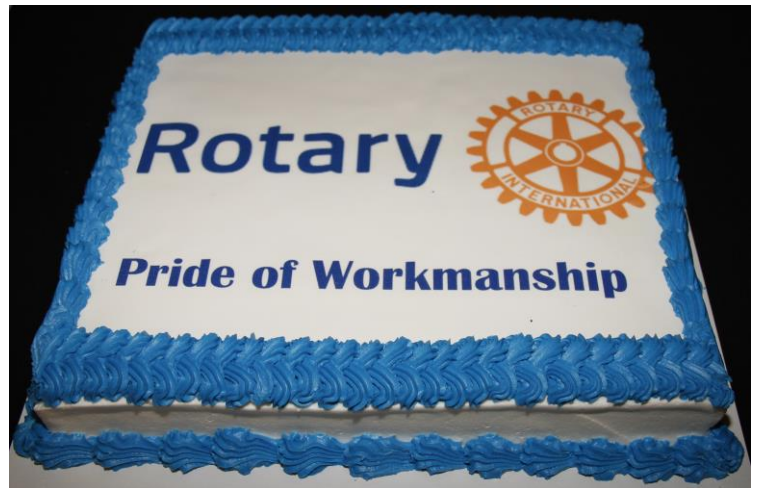
Team Rose Pope & Rita Giampieri at the PCYC's 'Fit for Life' breakfast program in 'The Snakepit' last Thursday morning



A few photos follow from last week's Pride of Workmanship meeting:



Pride of Workmanship Awards 2025



Our Awardees cutting the Pride of Workmanship cake!



Luka O'Shea
Apprentice Chef



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(NB. Luka is no longer an Apprentice!)



Greg Jones
Volunteer Military Advocate



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Sue Happ
Volunteer Chef



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Cindy Blaney
Sales Assistant



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John Ruperto
Volunteer farm hand



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Stephen Honeysett
Volunteer Handyman



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**CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE CLASS OF 2025**



Awardees & their sponsors



Our 'MC' John Erickson did a superb job keeping the meeting to time and Bob Armessen with assistance from Dennis Simpson ensured the raffle went without a hitch. (However, one wonders whether Bob borrowed someone's joke book for a couple of his questionable jokes!)



Well done to all who were involved in making this Pride of Workmanship evening such a great success.

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
19/02	D Simpson	N Watt	R Yeoman	20/02	1	21/02	2
26/02	P Roberts	R Yeoman	B Armessen	27/02	2	28/02	3
05/03	J Christensen	B Armessen	M Bracken	06/03	3	07/03	4
12/03	K Potter	J Christensen	A Cachia	13/03	4	14/03	1
19/03	J Erickson	A Cachia	A Christensen	20/03	5	21/03	2
26/03	D Simpson	A Christensen	J Christensen	27/03	1	28/03	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
Marilyn Phillips	Ken Potter	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 – Fit For Life Program: Members' Breakfast Schedule at the Snakepit Stadium - Gwynneville				
Thursday – 13 March			Di Reid & Michael Crowley	