



**Rotary Club of West Wollongong Inc.**  
 (ABN 32 681 953 565)  
**District 9675**  
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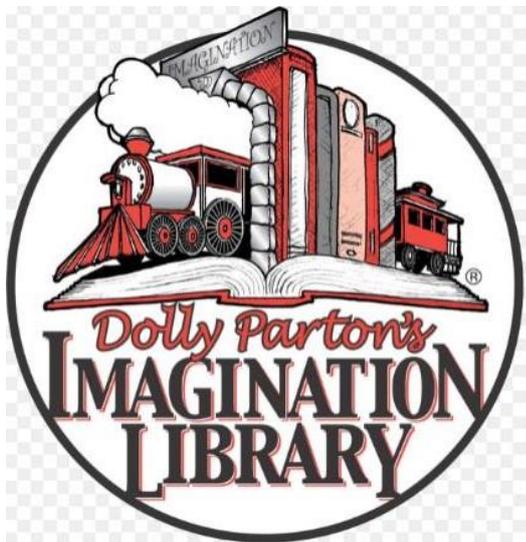


## 11 September 2024 BULLETIN

**NB. Phil Peckman will be your Bulletin Editor for three weeks from the 18 September edition... Information for inclusion in those editions should be emailed direct to Phil please.**

**September is Rotary's Basic Education & Literacy Month**

**Tonight's guest speaker: Rita Giampieri – Imagination Library Illawarra**



**“You can never get enough books into the hands of young children.”**

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Secretary:	Kerrie Hayes-Williams	District Governor 2024-25:	Warwick Richardson
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>15/09 – Ray &amp; Jane Lee</i>

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

Date	Speaker/Theme
Wednesday 11 September 2024	❖ <i>Guest Speaker: Rita Giampieri - Imagination Library Illawarra</i> <i>SERGEANT: Equipment requirements – <u>PROJECTOR</u> Please</i> 
Thursday 12 September 2024	❖ <b>JOKER DRAW</b> at The Charles Hotel from 6.00 PM <u>TEAM 3</u> 
Saturday 14 September 2024	❖ <b>Combined Illawarra Rotary Clubs Race Day</b>    Illawarra Race Day 
Wednesday 18 September 2024	❖ <i>5.30pm start with pre-meeting drinks in the Centro Courtyard!</i> ❖ Short meeting – Club Business followed by a Board Meeting
Monday 23 September 2024	❖ BBQ at Bunnings Kembla Grange – <i>Volunteers needed please!</i> 
Wednesday 25 September 2024	❖ <b>CLUB ASSEMBLY</b>
Wednesday 2 October 2024	❖ <i>“Travelling Australia” – Stephen Swan</i> <i>SERGEANT: Equipment requirements - <u>LAPTOP &amp; PROJECTOR</u> Please</i> 
Saturday 5 October 2024	<b>MEGA MEAT RAFFLE</b> at The Charles Hotel from 2.00-4.00 PM <u>Members, friends &amp; partners are very welcome to join us!</u> <i>TEAM 3: Jim Christensen &amp; Ken Potter</i> 
Wednesday 9 October 2024	❖ <i>Australian Rotary Health (ARH) Hat Day... a fun night with our partners+ Special guest speaker: PDG &amp; Chair of the ARH Board, Stephen Humphreys. SERGEANT: Equipment requirements TBA</i> 
Monday 21 October 2024	❖ BBQ at Bunnings Kembla Grange – <i>Volunteers needed please!</i> 
Wednesday 23 October 2024	❖ <i>Q &amp; A with Glen Saville: Olympian, former professional basketball player and now fireman with NSW Fire &amp; Rescue</i> <i>Facilitated by: Kerrie Hayes-Williams</i>
Thursday 24 October 2024	❖ <i>End Polio Train Ride (Details TBA)... World Polio Day</i>
Wednesday 30 October 2024	❖ <b>SOCIAL EVENING ... Details TBA</b>
Sunday 3 November 2024	❖ MS Gong Ride – <i>Volunteers needed please!</i> 
Wednesday 6 November 2024	❖ <i>“The Benefits of Electrifying Our Homes” – Denise &amp; Peter Aubourg &amp; Greg Knight</i> <i>SERGEANT: <u>LECTURN, LAPTOP &amp; PROJECTOR</u> Please</i> 
Sunday 10 November 2024	❖ BBQ at Bunnings Kembla Grange – <i>Volunteers needed please!</i> 
Wednesday 13 November 2024	❖ <i>ARH Indigenous Scholar – Maddy Lawson</i>
Wednesday 4 December 2024	❖ <i>An evening with our ARH PhD Scholar &amp; RCWW John Chaplin Memorial scholar together with UOW representatives ... (NB. Partners evening)</i> 

## President's Message

Last week's talk by *Nicolle Richards* was a real eye-opener. We know about the problems and the desperate needs, but we really don't know just how much good work is being done in the community by people such as Nicolle and *Women Illawarra*.



Last week our team of volunteer judges read about 70 nominations for the *Awards Australia - NSW Community Achievements Awards category*. A rewarding but time consuming task which our Club has been doing for many years. Well done team!

The meetings in all the weeks until Christmas (keep 11 December free) are shaping up to be action packed! *Keep an eye on the Bulletin for the dates*. An important week is our *Club Assembly*. I'll be looking to put together some discussion points soon and welcome any *suggestions* you'd like covered. It's a good time to assess what we're doing and look at ideas on what we'd like to do.

*Ideas are also welcome for our social night on 30 October*. I've received a few suggestions for other possible social events which I'll pass on to our event's organiser.

In the meantime, tonight we'll be hearing from **Rita Giampieri** about the excellent *Illawarra Rotary Clubs' Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program* in which we've been involved since its beginning here in 2013.

See you then

*President Rose*

### **Last week's meeting minutes: Scribe – Michael Crowley**

✚ **Sergeant Di North** opened the meeting on time before passing the baton to **President Rose Pope**, who welcomed all members and our guest speaker, *Nicolle Richards*, to our *10<sup>th</sup> meeting of this Rotary year*.

✚ **Michael Crowley's reflection** focussed on that fact that our Club has in the past and continues to strongly support a wide range of *youth programs and health research*... because the youth are our future!

✚ Tonight's *international toast* was to the **Rotary Club of Copenhagen**, delivered by our own Danish-born **Jim Christensen**.

✚ **President Rose** announced:

- There will be a list of *governance items to be discussed* at the next Club Board meeting;
- Clubs have been asked to donate to *ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children)*;
- *End Polio Now*: There have been a few outbreaks of polio cases in Gaza (Forcing the United Nations and local health authorities to launch a vaccination campaign in the Palestinian enclave that has been ravaged by war over the past 11 months. About 640,000 children are expected to receive the polio vaccine amid limited pauses in fighting. While the use of polio vaccines has nearly eradicated the disease worldwide, two countries remain endemic – Pakistan & Afghanistan.

The *End Polio Train Ride* will be held on Thursday 24 October (*World Polio Day*)... more details will be provided nearer the event.

- *Interplast's* recent report on the mission to Kiribati acknowledged support provided from our Club. **Rose** extended the Club's **thanks to Di North** for her championing this project on behalf of the Club.

- ✚ **Treasurer Noel Watt** mentioned that revenue from *the Charles Hotel Joker Draw* steadily continues and, in Noel's absence from next week, meeting attendance issues should be directed to **Rose Pope** and **Phil Peckman** will look after the change for our BBQs!
- ✚ **Ken Potter** will require volunteers next Monday morning 9 September from ~9.30am at **RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness)**. Help is needed to escort students around the site (Please liaise with Ken if you can assist). As an added incentive, Ken said morning tea and lunch will be provided. 😊
- ✚ **Phil Peckman** made a couple of comments:
  - Our *Club Citation for 2023/2024* has been received!
  - The numbers for the *Combined Illawarra Rotary Clubs Race Day* have reached 247!
  - Wine donations are still sought for the Race Day 'fridge' that is being raffled and any donations of 'Silent Auction' items would be appreciated.
- ✚ **Patrick Roberts** gave an update on the *2024 NSW/ACT Community Service Awards judging*. While 70 applications have been received (compared with around 140 in past years), our judges only have 14 days to complete the task.



**Phil Peckman** introduced and later thanked our *guest speaker, Nicolle Richards, from the Illawarra Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service (WDVCAS), which has been provided by Women Illawarra since 1996.*



Nicolle provided some historical background on the 1979 establishment of *Women Illawarra* when the 'purple house' on Corrimal Street opened.

The Illawarra WDVCAS is an independent service for women and their children seeking information and help about domestic and family violence and how to get protection from the court. The Service provides domestic & family violence specialist workers, an Aboriginal focus worker, multi-cultural support, disability support, case management and safety action meeting coordinators, who cover the Wollongong and Lake Illawarra Police Districts

Services offered are numerous and varied to keep women occupied and out of danger... e.g. Assistance ranging from financial counselling, legal advice, court hearing support, referral services to a number of partnered organisations providing housing/legal help including therapeutic support.

Nicole also talked about coercive control (intimidation, threats, deprivation of liberty, etc.) and the impacts of domestic violence on women and their children.

*Statistics displayed are shocking!* Over 1500 clients have been supported in the past six months with 60% in the 25 to 54 age brackets and the service is seeing a greater proportion of younger people. 24% were deemed to be under serious threat of harm or death!

Given what the Service's employees experience, it was gratifying to hear that they too have well-structured support services in place to look after their welfare.

Several interesting questions and comments were put to Nicole after her presentation, indicating the significant interest in the Service/topic amongst members.

**Kerrie Hayes-Williams** said a '*Respectful Relationships Program*' is currently run through the schools in an attempt to stem the rise in domestic violence.

*SAHSSI (Supported Accommodation & Homelessness Services Shoalhaven Illawarra)*, an organisation our Club supports, work with *WDVCAS* – especially in cases of serious threats SAHSSI will organise a refuge to ensure victims remain safe from their perpetrators!

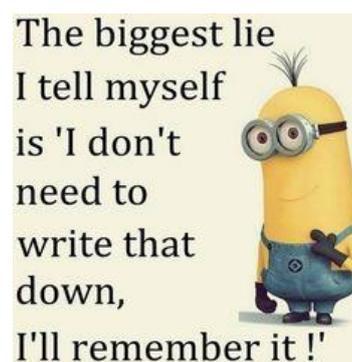
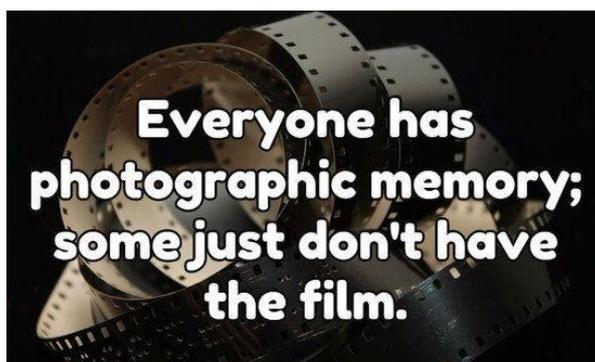


Phil Peckman with Nicolle Richards

✚ Our *wine raffle winners*, with tickets drawn by **Nicolle Richards**, were **Annette Lavender and Rita Giampieri** (all pictured below).



✚ **Sergeant Di** had an interesting '*shopping list*' *memory game* in store for members and our guest before the meeting ended. The game was all in fun and tested each and every one of us!



✚ Prior to closing the meeting at 7.45pm, **President Rose** again thanked **Nicolle** for her presentation and reminded members and friends not to forget to visit the Charles Hotel's Mega Meat Raffle on Saturday 7 September from 2pm till 4pm.

# 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
11/09	K Potter	J Erickson	R Giampieri	12/09	3	The next Mega Meat Raffle will be held on Saturday 5 October 2024 from 2-4pm	3
18/09	P Roberts	R Giampieri	H Hasan	19/09	4		
25/09	B Stevens	H Hasan	K Hayes-Williams	26/09	5		
02/10	D Simpson	K Hayes-Williams	A Lavender	03/10	6		
09/10	J Erickson	A Lavender	R Lee	10/10	1		
16/10	Di North	R Lee	N McCann	17/10	2		

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

**For the next three weeks,apologies to be directed to President Rose Pope, 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 BULLI – Fit for Life Program: Members' Breakfast Schedule					
Thursday 17/10			Rita Giampieri & Ray Lee		
Thursday 07/11			Di Reid & Rita Giampieri		
Thursday 05/12			Ros Yeoman & Phil Peckman		

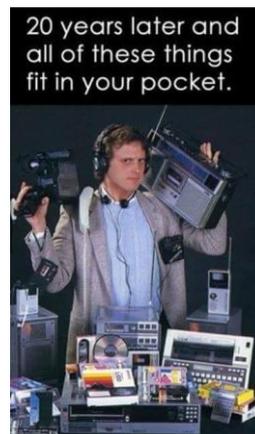
## Room for a little humour!



When a bridge suddenly appears unexpectedly....



**Mahatma Gandhi said if there is an idiot in power, it means those who elected him are well represented.**



It's got a wooden frame, wooden engine, wooden wheels, and a wooden gas tank. Did he ride it? No, wooden start...



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# CHARITY RACE DAY

*The Rotary Clubs of the Illawarra are organising our annual Race Day to be held on Saturday, 14 September 2024 at Kembla Grange Racecourse. This is our combined club's major fund-raising event for the year with all funds raised donated to local charities.*



## Your ticket includes

- ✓ Entry to Kembla Grange Racecourse
- ✓ A sumptuous three-course lunch
- ✓ 3 drink vouchers (beer, wine, soft drink)
- ✓ Afternoon Tea
- ✓ Escabags Tote Bag
- ✓ Reserved seating in the AJ Bert Lillye Lounge
- ✓ Race books
- ✓ Other fun filled activities

## Please come and join us!

Across Australia Rotary Clubs raise awareness and funds to help prevent domestic and family violence and support its victims with a diverse range of innovative projects. This year our Race Day event will be raising funds for two excellent locally-based services:

- Women Illawarra and
- Escabags.

**14 September 12 midday for 12.30**

**Tickets are \$125.00 per person or \$1,200.00 for a table of 10.**

**Bookings at <https://www.trybooking.com/CTAHI>**



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*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.**

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