



Rotary Club of West Wollongong Inc.
 (ABN 32 681 953 565)
District 9675
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14 August 2024 BULLETIN

August is Rotary's Membership & New Club Development Month

Tonight's guest speaker: Stuart Barnes– Events & Venues Consultant



President:	Rose Pope	RI President 2024-25:	Stephanie A Urchick
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
16 August – Patricia Di Marco	<i>None this week</i>

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

Date	Speaker/Theme
<p align="center">Wednesday 14 August 2024</p>	<p>❖ <i>Introducing Stuart Barnes</i> SERGEANT BARRY STEVENS: Laptop & projector set-up required please!</p> 
<p align="center">Thursday 15 August 2024</p>	<p>❖ JOKER DRAW at The Charles Hotel from 6.00 PM <u>TEAM 4</u></p> 
<p align="center">Wednesday 21 August 2024</p>	<p>❖ <i>5.30pm start with pre-meeting drinks in the Centro Courtyard!</i> ❖ Short meeting – Club Business followed by a Board Meeting</p>
<p align="center">Monday 26 August 2024</p>	<p>❖ BBQ at Bunnings Kembla Grange – <i>Volunteers needed please!</i></p> 
<p align="center">Wednesday 28 August 2024</p>	<p>❖ <i>Illawarra Women’s Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service – Nicolle Richards</i> SERGEANT John Erickson: Equipment requirements TBA</p> 
<p align="center">Wednesday 4 September 2024</p>	<p>TBA</p>
<p align="center">Saturday 7 September 2024</p>	<p>MEGA MEAT RAFFLE at The Charles Hotel from 2.00-4.00 PM <u>Members, friends & partners are very welcome to join us!</u> TEAM 2: Rose Pope, Di Reid & Phil Peckman</p> 
<p align="center">Wednesday 11 September 2024</p>	<p>❖ <i>Guest Speaker: Rita Giampieri - Imagination Library Illawarra</i></p>
<p align="center">Saturday 14 September 2024</p>	<p>❖ Combined Illawarra Rotary Clubs Race Day</p> 
<p align="center">Wednesday 18 September 2024</p>	<p>❖ <i>5.30pm start with pre-meeting drinks in the Centro Courtyard!</i> ❖ Short meeting – Club Business followed by a Board Meeting</p>
<p align="center">Saturday 21 September 2024</p>	<p>❖ BBQ at Bunnings Kembla Grange – <i>Volunteers needed please!</i></p> 
<p align="center">Monday 23 Sept 2024</p>	<p>❖ BBQ at Bunnings Kembla Grange – <i>Volunteers needed please!</i></p> 
<p align="center">Wednesday 25 September 2024</p>	<p>❖ CLUB ASSEMBLY</p>
<p align="center">Wednesday 2 October 2024</p>	<p>TBA</p>
<p align="center">Wednesday 9 October 2024</p>	<p>❖ <i>Australian Rotary Health (ARH) Hat Day... a fun night with our partners+</i> ❖ <i>Special guest speaker: PDG & Chair of the ARH Board, Stephen Humphreys</i></p>
<p align="center">Monday 21 October 2024</p>	<p>❖ BBQ at Bunnings Kembla Grange – <i>Volunteers needed please!</i></p> 
<p align="center">Wednesday 23 October 2024</p>	<p>❖ An evening with our supported scholars – TBC <i>(Partners evening)</i></p>
<p align="center">Wednesday 30 October 2024</p>	<p>❖ SOCIAL EVENING ... Details TBA</p>
<p align="center">Sunday 3 November 2024</p>	<p>❖ MS Gong Ride – <i>Volunteers needed please!</i></p> 

President's Message

Of late quite a few members have been either away or struggling with winter illnesses or both. I hope everyone is on the mend and enjoying the warmer weather.

Although we couldn't cover the outcomes of the meeting of club leaders, we've since received a resulting *Rotary Illawarra Draft Action Plan* from our **Rotary Community Leader Margaret Uitterlinden**. This will be presented to members soon.



Despite that, last week's meeting was productive. **Helen Hasan** gave a report on the *Illawarra Community DV Project (First 2000 Days) meeting*. Our involvement was discussed including supporting planned action. More details will soon be in our Bulletin and calendar.

The proposal to contact *West Wollongong Public School* has been followed up and **Rita Giampieri and I** will be meeting with the *Principal Michelle Barnes* this week to discuss ideas for our possible contributions to the school community.

Looking forward to welcoming *Stuart Barnes* tonight.

President Rose

A little information about tonight's guest speaker – Stuart Barnes

Stuart was the General Manager of the WIN Sports & Entertainment Centres (WIN Stadium and WIN Entertainment Centre), in Wollongong, from December 1997 until September 2016, after working for 15 years with Sydney City Council – in the three last years, as Manager Sydney Town Hall.

Previous professions have included Teacher, Disc Jockey, and an Entertainment Officer on P&O Cruises.

As well as holding a Teacher's Diploma from the University of London, Stuart was awarded a Graduate Diploma in Public Administration by the University of Sydney, in 2015 and is one of only 14 venue managers in Australia, to hold the highest international qualification in the venue management industry – Certified Facilities Executive.

Stuart has been a Board Member and office bearer of St Mary Star of the Sea College, Wollongong City Employment and Training, Illawarra Business Chamber and Tourism Wollongong. He was the previous Chair of the Wollongong Relay for Life Organising Committee and was a member of the Wollongong City Council's Australia Day Committee.

Stuart is now semi-retired but is still involved in the event and venues industry through being a Consultant in these fields. This includes being the Project Manager for Destination Wollongong and Strategic Advisor for Inside Industry – who organise tours of the Steel Works and Port Kembla. He is an ongoing Event Manager and venue management consultant and very proud to call Wollongong home.

Anne Christensen will introduce Stuart & extend a vote of thanks!

Last week's meeting minutes: Scribe – Michael Crowley

- ✚ **Sergeant Patrick Roberts** controlled the rabble at tonight's meeting with diplomacy and firmness... insisting we eat first before getting into business.
- ✚ After dinner, **President Rose** welcomed those present and commented on the extent of sickness currently impacting on members. There were also a number of members away on holidays.

- ✚ **Rose** then *reflected* on numerous historical events that have occurred during the month of August but rounded up with a *toast to the athletes' spirit of sportsmanship and comraderie at the current Olympic and Paralympic Games*.
- ✚ **Albert Cachia** had a similar thought when proposing an *international toast to world peace through sport*.
- ✚ **Treasurer Noel Watt** gave a brief financial report on last week's *Joker Draw and Mega Meat Raffle* at the *Charles Hotel*.
- ✚ **Jim Christensen**, as one member of the 2024 *Paws4aCause* committee, asked members whether we should proceed with the event in 2025. The response was very positive and discussion ensued about possible venues/dates. Jim stated that stall holders will be approached later in 2024 to ascertain their receptiveness to supporting Paws4aCause in 2025.
- ✚ **Helen Hasan** participated in a recent Zoom meeting involving a number of Illawarra Rotary clubs and the following matters were discussed:
 - The '*First 2,000 days*' group (i.e. birth to school age children);
 - '*Love Bites*' program (i.e. helping teenage kids sort their issues); and
 - The '*Run Against Domestic Violence*' campaign (The group is looking for someone to champion this event that is planned to occur between 30 August and 17 September next. **If any member is interested in organising this event, please contact Helen Hasan direct!**)

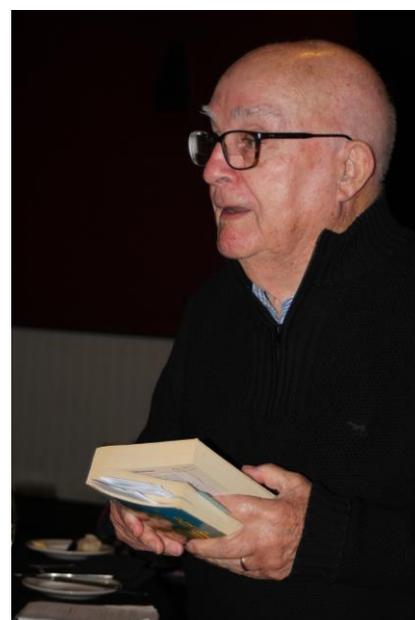
Without providing any commitment at this stage, **Rose** commented that she would *discuss the above projects at next week's Board meeting* in the context of the impact on our members in relation to our Club's current projects/programs and other combined local Rotary clubs' activities that our members are currently involved with.

- ✚ **Michael Crowley** announced that **Nicholas Fantham** has been selected as the successful recipient of the *UOW Rotary Club of West Wollongong John Chaplin Memorial Scholarship over the 2024/2025 calendar years*. Nicholas is an exceptional candidate with a very strong academic record and strong ties to the community through his volunteering work. Arrangements will be made for members to hear from and meet Nicholas (along with our other sponsored scholars) at a Club meeting possibly in October next.
- ✚ **Bob Armessen** mentioned the *working bee at Rotary Park* scheduled for 9am Sunday 11 August. Any additional members/friends who can make it need only each bring a pair of gloves.
- ✚ **President Rose** made the following announcements:
 - *Friend of the Club, Tom O'Toole*, told Rose that he is quite willing to help when he can at working bees and BBQs; however, he is not receiving any information/notification including the Club's Bulletin. Rose questioned whether the same is occurring with others and said *she would send out member/friend contact lists so that details can be checked* and added to circulation lists as necessary.
 - **Helen Hasan** was thanked for willingly undertaking many tasks, but especially her *recent completion of a District Grant application* for a new trailer purchase for one of our supported organisations, **Green Connect**.

- *Wendy Dyer* (the mother of Jarred Dyer, whom we assisted attend the Virtus Games in France in 2022) told Rose that she is keen attend some of our Club's events.
- *If any member/friend has old mobile phones (and possibly tablets/laptops) not being used*, please bring them to a meeting and they will be passed on to the **Rotary Club of Fairy Meadow**, who in turn will send them to QLD *for the benefit of women escaping domestic violence situations*.
- *Combined Rotary Clubs of the Illawarra Race Day* – If you are going, please deposit your money into the Club's account ASAP as the deposit to the Grange Raceway is required soon. Also, **please invite family, friends, and work colleagues to what will be an entertaining afternoon**.
- Discussion then centred on the possibility of our Club *approaching West Wollongong Primary School* with the view of:
 1. *Recognising a teacher's aide* for our **Pride of Workmanship Awards planned for 6 November 2024;**
 2. Installing a *Peace Pole*; and
 3. Investigate the *signing up of younger siblings of economically disadvantaged students to the Imagination Library Illawarra program*.

✚ **ANY items members wish to be discussed at next Wednesday's Board meeting should be emailed to our Secretary, Kerrie Hayes-Williams, as soon as possible please.**

✚ *Wine raffle winners* this week were **Patrick Roberts** and **Jim Christensen**... *Congratulations to you both!*



✚ **Sergeant Patrick** *recited a joke* from his well-known book of jokes before closing the meeting at 7.10pm.

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
14/08	B Stevens	A Cachia	A Christensen	15/08	5	The next Mega Meat Raffle will be held on Saturday 7 September 2024 from 2-4pm	2
21/08	D Simpson	A Christensen	J Crakanthorp	22/08	6		
28/08	J Erickson	J Crakanthorp	M Crowley	29/08	1		
04/09	Di North	M Crowley	J Erickson	05/09	2		
11/09	K Potter	J Erickson	R Giampieri	12/09	3		
18/09	P Roberts	R Giampieri	H Hasan	19/09	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" - 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

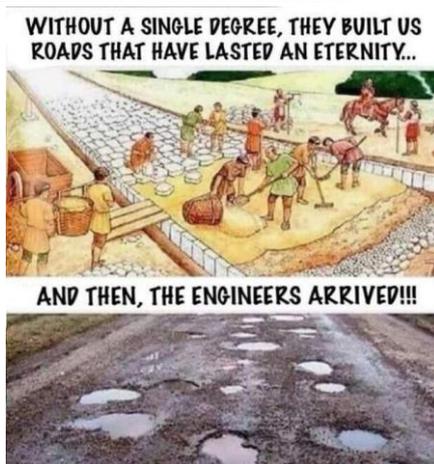
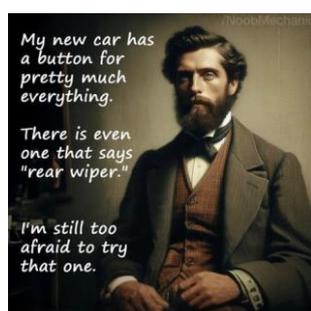
PCYC BULLI – Fit for Life Program: Members' Breakfast Schedule	
Thursday 29/08	Di Reid & Rita Giampieri
Thursday 17/10	Rose Pope & Ray Lee
Thursday 07/11	Di Reid & Rita Giampieri
Thursday 05/12	Ros Yeoman & Phil Peckman

Space for a little humour...

My teacher told me not to worry about spelling because in the future there will be autocorrect And for that I am eternally grapefruit.



When you wear glasses at your job interview to look more professional



Every chef on TV: Today, I'm going to show you how to make something with simple ingredients everyone has in their pantry. I'm starting with Madagascar vanilla, hemp milk, and a single feather from a dodo bird.



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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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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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