



**Rotary Club of West Wollongong Inc.**  
 (ABN 32 681 953 565)  
**District 9675**  
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# 18 September 2024 BULLETIN

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

*Tonight's Meeting Starts Early with Pre-Meeting Drinks in the Courtyard (weather permitting) @ 5:30PM, hosted by Sir John Erickson. A short club meeting will follow with the Board Meeting commencing as 7:00 PM*



**According to the Proverb from the Book of Dennis;  
 "A little drink will help cull the 'slow' brain cells!"**

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: Phil Peckman			

Birthdays	Anniversaries
<i>19/09 – Coral Erickson</i>	<i>None this week</i>

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

Date	Speaker/Theme
<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">Monday 23 September 2024</p>	<p>❖ BBQ at Bunnings Kembla Grange <b><i>Volunteers needed please!</i></b></p> 
<p align="center">Wednesday 25 September 2024</p>	<p>❖ <b><i>CLUB ASSEMBLY</i></b></p>
<p align="center">Wednesday 2 October 2024</p>	<p>❖ <i>“Travelling Australia” – Stephen Swan</i> <b><i>SERGEANT: Equipment requirements - <u>LAPTOP &amp; PROJECTOR</u> Please</i></b></p> 
<p align="center">Saturday 5 October 2024</p>	<p><b>MEGA MEAT RAFFLE</b> at The Charles Hotel from 2.00-4.00 PM <b><i>Members, friends &amp; partners are very welcome to join us!</i></b> <b><i>TEAM 3: Jim Christensen &amp; Ken Potter</i></b></p> 
<p align="center">Wednesday 9 October 2024</p>	<p>❖ <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></p> 
<p align="center">Wednesday 16 October 2024</p>	<p>❖ <b>DG Warwick Richardson Combined Clubs Visit</b> Warilla Bowls &amp; Recreation – Sapphire Room @ 6:00PM</p>
<p align="center">Monday 21 October 2024</p>	<p>❖ BBQ at Bunnings Kembla Grange <b><i>Volunteers needed please!</i></b></p> 
<p align="center">Wednesday 23 October 2024</p>	<p>❖ <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></p>
<p align="center">Thursday 24 October 2024</p>	<p>❖ <b><i>End Polio Train Ride (Details TBA)... World Polio Day</i></b></p>
<p align="center">Wednesday 30 October 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">Sunday 3 November 2024</p>	<p>❖ <b>MS Gong Ride</b> <b><i>Volunteers needed please!</i></b></p> 
<p align="center">Wednesday 6 November 2024</p>	<p>❖ <i>“The Benefits of Electrifying Our Homes” – Denise &amp; Peter Aubourg &amp; Greg Knight</i> <b><i>SERGEANT: <u>LECTURN, LAPTOP &amp; PROJECTOR</u> Please</i></b></p> 
<p align="center">Sunday 10 November 2024</p>	<p>❖ BBQ at Bunnings Kembla Grange <b><i>Volunteers needed please!</i></b></p> 
<p align="center">Wednesday 13 November 2024</p>	<p>❖ <b><i>ARH Indigenous Scholar – Maddy Lawson</i></b></p>
<p align="center">Wednesday 4 December 2024</p>	<p>❖ <i>An evening with our ARH PhD Scholar &amp; RCWW John Chaplin Memorial scholar together with UOW representatives ... (NB. Partners evening)</i></p> 

## President's Message

Thank you, Rita, for your comprehensive and very interesting coverage of Dolly Parton herself, the DPIL and our involvement. It's a very worthwhile project. Members all please keep an eye out on **the important dates in the bulletin**.



One such date now is the **DG Warwick Richardson's visit**. The RC Shellharbour City is hosting it this year on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October**. You should have received an email with the details. I hope as many members as possible can represent our club on this date. As discussed at last week's meeting, the previous details for our meeting that night will be moved to 30<sup>th</sup> October.

Equally important are our meetings for

- **Club Assembly** Our Club Assembly is next week and it's a time to reflect on what we are currently doing and what members suggest for the future. Your input is needed.
- **Hat Day**. ARH Hat Day 9<sup>th</sup> Oct will be a fun partner's night. Try to keep it free as Stephen and Judith Humphries will be joining us and there'll be a few special presentations.

Enjoy the drinks and chat tonight.

*President Rose*

### **Last week's meeting minutes: Scribe – John Erickson**

- ✚ **Sergeant Dennis** opened the meeting at 6.15pm sharp and handed over to President Rose.
- ✚ The **reflection** was presented by **John Erickson** regarding the incidence of **LONELINESS in society** and the role many organisations play in combatting this problem.
- ✚ **Rita Giampieri** introduced us to the **Rotary Club of Kos located in the Greek Islands**. Their Rotarians raised funds to assist the inhabitants who were the victims of extensive fires on the island.
- ✚ **Ann Christensen** informed the meeting that there were no welfare repots but it was mentioned the **Ken Potter** was an overnight guest in hospital.
- ✚ **Phil Peckman** advised the we had reached the target of 250 tickets sold for our **Illawarra Rotary Charity Race Day**.
- ✚ **President Rose** confirmed the **date for the DG visit as October 16<sup>th</sup>**. It will be held in the **Sapphire Room at Warilla Bowls & Recreations Club** and the cost will be \$40 PH. All payments should be made to the RC of West Wollongong account and then the treasurer will make one payment to the hosts the **RC of Shellharbour**. Input was sought to change the date of our short meeting (Board meeting and drinks) from the date that clashed with the DG meeting to October 30<sup>th</sup>. All agreed.
- ✚ **President Rose** reminded the members of the date of the **Mad Hat Day as October 9<sup>th</sup>**. This is a fundraiser for Mental Health and will be attended by **Stephen and Judith Humphries**.
- ✚ **October 24<sup>th</sup>** will be the date of the **End Polio Train Ride**. The fund-raising goal is \$100,000 and **End Polio Red Shirts** for the day can be purchased for \$24.
- ✚ The district **Audit report** is being sent to Club Presidents, President-Elects, Treasurers & Secretaries.

- ✚ The next week's meeting will be the short one with drinks and, according to one member, only **Riff Raff** will be welcome!
- ✚ Our Guest speaker this week was our member **Rita Giampieri** speaking on the **IMAGINATION LIBRARY**. SETTING THE MOOD MEMBERS WERE INVITED TO SING ALONG WITH DOLLY PARTON WITH 9-5.
- ✚ **Rita** provided an extensive background on the IL founder **Dolly Parton** supported by a AV presentation. The IL provides **12 specially selected books for free to underprivileged children in primary schools**. The books are posted directly to the children's homes. Launched in 1995 it had grown into all of the State of Tennessee by the year 2000. Today the programs are available all around the world. The value of the program has been evident with many children never having had a book and **20% of Australian children commencing schooling not reaching the minimum reading standards**. Funding is provided by a variety of organisations including 7 Rotary Clubs of the Illawarra.
- ✚ **President Rose** proposed the vote of thanks for **Rita**.
- ✚ **Sergeant Dennis** extracted funds with a fine's session.
- ✚ **President Rose** called for a volunteer to run the raffle for next year's Paws for a Cause.
- ✚ **President Rose** also reminded members that she will be taking the meeting apologies in Noel's absence.
- ✚ Our **wine raffle winners**, drawn by **Rita Giampieri**, surprisingly were **Rita Giampieri** and **Dennis Simpson** (all pictured below).



- ✚ Prior to closing the meeting at 7.18pm, **President Rose** again thanked all for attending

## 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
18/09	P Roberts	R Giampieri	H Hasan	19/09	4	The next Mega Meat Raffle will be held on <b>Saturday 5 October 2024</b> from 2-4pm	3
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	<b>DG VISIT AT WINDANG BOWLS &amp; RECREATION</b>			17/10	2		
23/10	Di North	R Lee	N McCann	24/10	3		

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

**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
<b>The Charles Hotel "Meat Raffle" - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month from 2.00pm to 4.00pm</b>					
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.**



*If you know of any potential candidates for RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) 2025, please liaise direct with Ken Potter.*

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