



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

*October is Rotary's Community & Economic Development Month*

**Tonight's special guest for a Q & A event: Glen Saville**

*(Please come tonight armed with a couple of questions you would like to put to Glen)*



President:	Rose Pope	RI President 2024-25:	Stephanie A Urchick
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Birthdays	Anniversaries
16/10 – Jim Christensen 19/10 – Kerrie Hayes-Williams 24/10 – Dennis Simpson 25/10 – Adelle Chaplin 26/10 – Albert Cachia	<i>None this week</i>

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

Date	Speaker/Theme
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> <i>SERGEANT: No specific equipment required!</i>
Wednesday 23 October 2024	❖ <i>End Polio Train Ride in the Illawarra</i>
Thursday 24 October 2024	❖ <b>JOKER DRAW</b> at The Charles Hotel from 6.00 PM <b>TEAM 3</b>
Wednesday 30 October 2024	❖ <i>5.30pm start with pre-meeting drinks in the Centro Courtyard!</i> <i>Short meeting – Club Business followed by a Board Meeting</i>
Sunday 3 November 2024	❖ <b>MS Gong Ride</b> – <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	❖ <b>BBQ at Bunnings Kembla Grange</b> – <i>Volunteers needed please!</i>
Wednesday 13 November 2024	❖ <i>ARH Indigenous Scholar – Maddy Lawson</i>
Wednesday 20 November 2024	❖ <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 November 2024	❖ <b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b>
Wednesday 4 December 2024	❖ <i>An evening with our ARH PhD Scholar (Thanapon Deekaikam &amp; RCWW John Chaplin Memorial scholar (Nicholas Fantham) together with UOW representatives</i> <i>... (NB. Partners evening)</i>
Wednesday 11 December 2024	❖ <i>RCWW Christmas Party – Partners Welcome</i> <i>6.00pm @ The Builders Club, Wollongong</i>
Monday 16 December 2024	❖ <b>BBQ at Bunnings Kembla Grange - TBC</b> – <i>Volunteers needed please!</i>
18 December 2024 to 8 January 2025 inclusive	❖ <i>Christmas/New Year break – NO CLUB MEETINGS</i> ❖ <i>Meetings resume – Wednesday 15 January 2025</i>

### [A little information about tonight's guest speaker... Glen Saville](#)

Very few individuals made as significant an impact on a region as **Glen Saville** had on the Illawarra.

After winning a silver medal for Australia at the FIBA Under-19 World Championships in 1995, 'Sav', as he came to be known, joined the Illawarra Hawks that same year and began a career which stands as one of the greatest the National Basketball League has ever seen.

The 200cm small forward was nothing less than an absolute superstar for the regional club, playing an astounding 527 games – the most in Illawarra history – and finished his stint as one of the most beloved Hawks ever for his enormous talent, his athleticism and relentless attitude on the court.



He would be named the Most Valuable Player on five occasions in 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004 and 2005, made an All-NBL team eight times and was the NBL Defensive Player of the Year in 2003, but his greatest achievement was winning the 2001 NBL Grand Final Series MVP in which he led the Hawks to an historic championship. In such, Illawarra becoming the first team from New South Wales to secure an NBL crown.



Glen also excelled on the international stage. He played for Australia at the East Asian and Goodwill Games 2001 and represented the Boomers at the 2004 Athens Olympic Games and 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

One of only five men to have had his jersey number retired by the Hawks, Glen Saville's elevation to the BNSW Hall of Fame is a just reward for someone who meant so much to the Illawarra region.

### *President's Message*

Oh what a night! Our meeting on 9 October was very special. It's difficult to decide what order to put my reflections but since it was *ARH Hat night* raising some funds and awareness of mental health issues, I first want to thank all members and partners who came along with a hat and supported the evening. It made for a fun atmosphere. Well done **Anne Christensen** and **Patrick Roberts** who *won the prizes for best hat*. If we'd had another (booby?) prize it would have gone to **Ray Lee** for his unique *airing of his Bonds...*



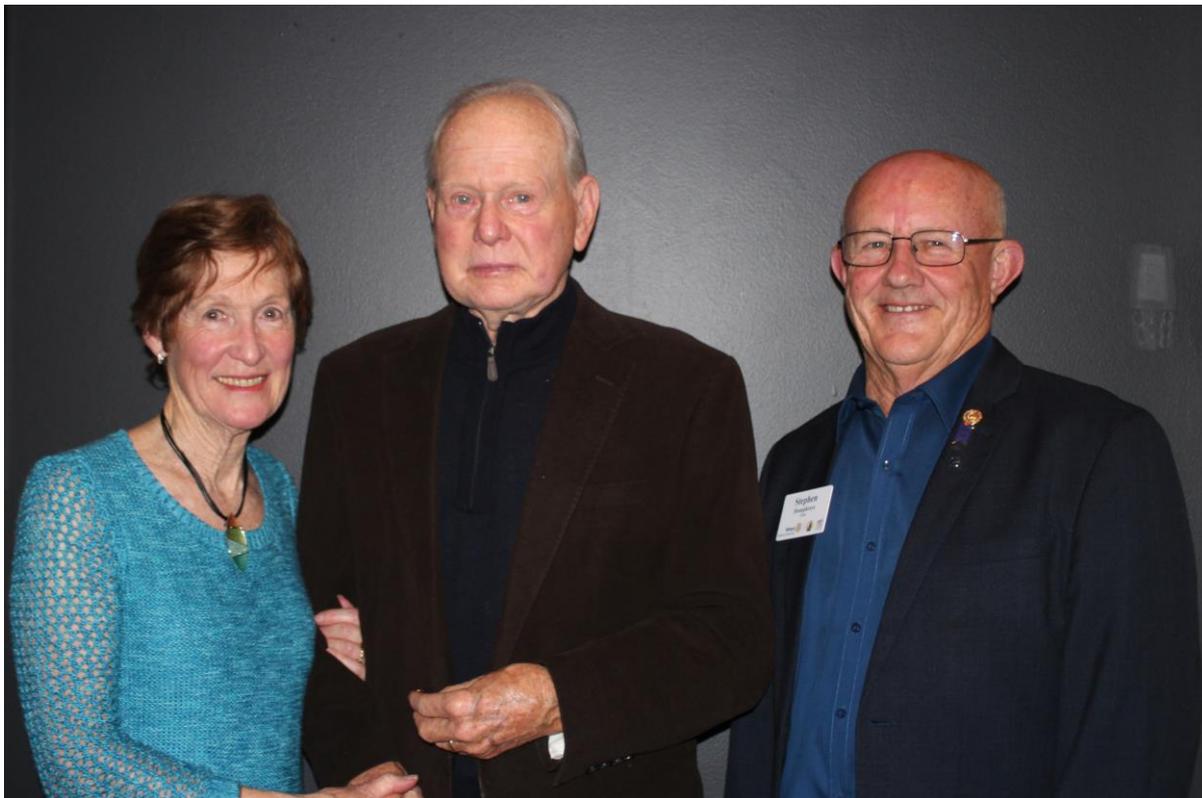
We were delighted to have *Stephen and Judith Humphreys* join us. As Chair of the Board, PDG Stephen outlined the amazing work being done by *Australian Rotary Health* and the dire and growing need for research and work in mental health. It was a timely and gratifying update for us especially considering our sponsorships of ARH PhD Research Scholars.

And last, but far from least, we had two very special presentations for two very special members.

**Ken Potter** (*pictured below with President Rose & PDG Stephen Humphreys*) *was recognised with a double sapphire PHF pin* for all his work and generosity over his 24 years with our Club. He has been on the Board for 19 years and volunteers for, and supports, every project and event. He brings culture and humour to our meetings with his poetry and personally carves beautiful pens for our speakers. *Ken's very special and a top bloke to boot!*



**Arthur Booth** (pictured below with President Rose & PDG Stephen Humphreys) was recognised with a double Ruby PHF pin. Arthur has been a member for 58 years. At his 50 year celebration he was also recognised as having 100% attendance which alone shows his commitment. He has held many positions of leadership within our Club and at District level. He has been exceptionally generous both financially and physically throughout his Rotary life. There isn't room here to list Arthur's contributions to Rotary and our Club but I'd like to make mention of our *Rotary Park (Arthur's Park)* which is just one project for which we have to thank Arthur. The days working there over the years have brought members together in a rather uniquely satisfying and happy way. *And Arthur is a well-loved top bloke too!*



As I said at the conclusion of our meeting, I'm constantly impressed and proud of the work and achievements of Rotary and Rotarians.

My feelings after our *ARH Hat meeting* were further reinforced after hearing about all the great work being done by every club in the Illawarra at the *District Governor (DG) visit* last week.

I want to thank all our members who were able to attend. **Jim Christensen** even came on his birthday (which sadly I didn't mention. Sorry Jim). We had an impressive roll up and your support is appreciated.

Sadly, I also forgot to mention our wonderful **Youth Director Ken Potter** who coordinates the area *RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) program* which really should have been highlighted.

**DG Warwick Richardson** commented that our clubs are quite remarkable in our achievements. It was pointed out that of 14 District Club Citations, 7 were our Illawarra clubs.

His reference to *Regionalisation* was brief. He doesn't know of course how well it's going to go but in the meantime, what we're doing is working well especially with **Margaret Uitterlinden** as our *Rotary Community Leader*. She did a marvelous job – as usual – as MC of the evening.

The *Illawarra End Polio Train Ride* will have taken place today and I'll report on it at tonight's meeting.

Don't forget upcoming events such as the **MS Gong Ride BBQ Sunday 3 November** and the **Melbourne Cup Day at the Charles**. If you haven't already, please let Milan know if you can help at the BBQ and let me know if you wish to join us at the Charles.

We look forward to our Q & A with Glen Saville tonight.

*President Rose*

### **Meeting minutes from 9 October 2024: Scribe – Annette Lavender**

- ✚ **Sergeant John Erickson** opened the meeting at 6.15pm on the dot!
- ✚ Today we recognised **World Mental Health Day** and celebrated **Australian Rotary Health's Mental Health 'Hat Day'** as a fundraiser for ARH research.
- ✚ **President Rose Pope** welcomed everyone with a special greeting for our guest speaker **Stephen Humphreys (PDG & Chair of the ARH Board) and his lovely wife Judith**.
- ✚ **Annette Lavender** *reflected* on Boorowa, a small country town in NSW, and its Irish beginnings, fine Marino wool exported to Italy and how the town is growing and prospering unlike many small country towns.
- ✚ **Ray Lee's international toast** was on **Rotary District 2452** comprising Rotary clubs of Armenia, Bahrain, Cyprus, Georgia, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Sudan and the UAE; promoting peace, disease prevention, sanitation, education and growing local economies.
- ✚ **President Rose** wished **Jessie Blundell a happy birthday**.
- ✚ **Patrick Roberts** thanked and acknowledged the **NSW/ACT Community Awards Judging team** from our Club (i.e. **Rose Pope, Mal Bracken, Rita Giampieri, Annette Lavender and Patrick**) tasked with narrowing down the 70 nominations to their top 10 for the Awards final judging.
- ✚ **Treasurer Noel Watt** gave an update on our **raffles** during the week and for our **mega meat Saturday raffle**.
- ✚ **Anne Christensen** provided a **welfare update** on **Marilyn Phillips'** progress after her recent knee replacement.
- ✚ **Michael Crowley** introduced our guest speaker representing **Australian Rotary Health (ARH), Stephen Humphreys**, who gave a very insightful commentary on ARH and how and where funds raised are utilised.
  - Mental Health Research has been a major beneficiary of the funds for both adults and children.
  - Some other areas of funding research have gone to areas such as the Cool Kids Program; Youth Depression; Diets; Alcohol; Pancreatic Cancer; Motor Neurone Disease and Lung Transplant Program.
  - Scholarships have also been awarded to – Rural Medicine, Rural Nursing and Indigenous Health.
  - **Hat Day is a major fundraiser** for the above and 100% of all money raised is contributed to the above programs.
  - Michael thanked Stephen for his time and the information he relayed to us and presented him with a Rotary pen crafted by **Ken Potter**.

- ✚ The *wine raffle*, which was drawn by **PDG Stephen Humphreys**, was won by were **Roberto Giampieri** and **Kevin Wanambiro** (all pictured below).



- ✚ **President Rose** announced the *winners of the Hat competition*... **Anne Christensen** and **Patrick Roberts** (both pictured below).



- ✚ **President Rose** also announced a special presentation to **Ken Potter**, who joined in 2000 and has been on the Club's Board for 19yrs including as President and Youth Director. Ken always supports all our fund raisers and is always willing to lend a helping hand. Stephen Humphreys was asked to make the presentation of a *double sapphire PHF pin* to Ken for his exceptional service to Rotary.
- ✚ **President Rose** relayed how **Arthur Booth** is our longest serving member who joined in 1966 and was previously awarded a citation for service and attendance as well as Paul Harris Fellow Ruby recognition. Arthur was a past President of our Club and has held many other positions over the years. Stephen Humphreys congratulated Arthur and presented him with a *double Ruby PHF pin*.
- ✚ **Sergeant John** recited some *jokes* which were well received by all.
- ✚ **President Rose** finished the meeting with *congratulations to both Ken and Arthur and again thanked our speaker Stephen*.
- ✚ Meeting closed at 7.51pm.

✚ A photo of those in attendance for our ARH Hat Night wearing their preferred 'Hats' was taken by Milan Stanojevic after a few false starts.



A few photos from last week's combined Illawarra clubs meeting with DG Warwick Richardson



**Formal recognition of Mal Bracken's 40 years of Rotary Service... Congratulations Mal!**



**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
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23/10	J Christensen	R Lee	N McCann	24/10	3	The next Mega Meat Raffle will be held on <u>Saturday 2 November 2024 from 2-4pm</u>	4
30/10	K Potter	N McCann	P Peckman	31/10	4		
06/11	P Roberts	P Peckman	M Phillips	07/11	5		
13/11	B Stevens	M Phillips	K Potter	14/11	6		
20/11	D Simpson	K Potter	P Roberts	21/11	1		
27/11	Di North	P Roberts	D Rutherford	28/11	2		
04/12	J Erickson	D Rutherford	D Simpson	05/12	3		
11/12	<b>RCWW</b>	<b>Christmas</b>	<b>Party</b>	12/12	4		
18/12	<b>Christmas/NY</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>No Meeting</b>	19/12	5		
25/12	<b>Christmas/NY</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>No Meeting</b>	26/12	6		
01/01	<b>Christmas/NY</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>No Meeting</b>	02/01	1		
08/01	<b>Christmas/NY</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>No Meeting</b>	09/01	2		
15/01	J Christensen	D Simpson	M Stanojevic	16/01	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	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		

*For those interested in attending the Charles Hotel's Melbourne Cup function on Tuesday afternoon 5 November 2024, please let President Rose know ASAP!*

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