

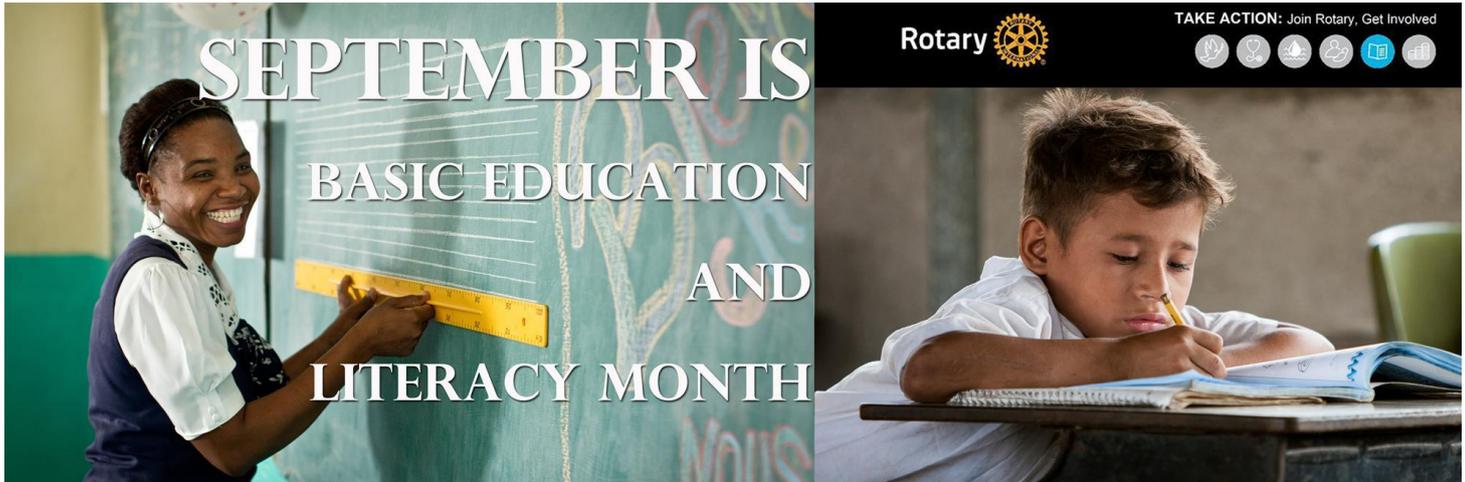


Rotary Club of West Wollongong Inc.
 (ABN 32 681 953 565)
District 9675
 Chartered 23rd March 1964



4 September 2024 BULLETIN

September is Rotary's Basic Education & Literacy Month



***EDUCATION IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON
 WHICH YOU CAN USE TO CHANGE THE WORLD***

Nelson Mandela

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| Send items for the Bulletin to Editor: Michael Crowley | | | |

| Birthdays | Anniversaries |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 05/09 – Carole Booth | <i>None this week</i> |

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

| Date | Speaker/Theme |
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| <p align="center">Wednesday 4 September 2024</p> | <p>❖ <i>“Women Illawarra and Domestic Violence” – Nicolle Richards</i> SERGEANT: Equipment requirements – LAPTOP & PROJECTOR NEEDED Please</p>  |
| <p align="center">Thursday 5 September 2024</p> | <p>❖ JOKER DRAW at The Charles Hotel from 6.00 PM <u>TEAM 2</u></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> SERGEANT: Equipment requirements – <u>PROJECTOR</u> Please</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">Monday 23 Sept 2024</p> | <p>❖ BBQ at Bunnings Kembla Grange – Volunteers needed please!</p>  |
| <p align="center">Wednesday 25 September 2024</p> | <p>❖ CLUB ASSEMBLY</p> |
| <p align="center">Wednesday 2 October 2024</p> | <p>❖ <i>“Travelling Australia” – Stephen Swan</i> SERGEANT: Equipment requirements - LAPTOP & PROJECTOR NEEDED Please</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 & Chair of the ARH Board, Stephen Humphreys. SERGEANT: Equipment requirements TBA</i></p>  |
| <p align="center">Monday 21 October 2024</p> | <p>❖ BBQ at Bunnings Kembla Grange – Volunteers needed please!</p>  |
| <p align="center">Wednesday 23 October 2024</p> | <p>❖ <i>Q & A with Glen Saville: Olympian, former professional basketball player and now fireman with NSW Fire & Rescue</i> <i>Facilitated by: Kerrie Hayes-Williams</i></p> |
| <p align="center">Thursday 24 October 2024</p> | <p>❖ End Polio Train Ride... World Polio Day</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 – Volunteers needed please!</p>  |
| <p align="center">Sunday 10 November 2024</p> | <p>❖ BBQ at Bunnings Kembla Grange – Volunteers needed please!</p>  |
| <p align="center">Wednesday 13 November 2024</p> | <p>❖ ARH Indigenous Scholar – Maddy Lawson</p> |
| <p align="center">Wednesday 4 December 2024</p> | <p>❖ <i>An evening with our ARH PhD Scholar & RCWW John Chaplin Memorial scholar together with UOW representatives ... (NB. Partners evening)</i></p>  |

President's Message

It was good to see so many members at last week's meeting. Unfortunately *Nicolle Richards* couldn't make it. But a happy surprise was that our newest member but far from a stranger to Rotary - **Duncan Rutherford** - came to his first meeting with us and was able to be our 'Guest Speaker'! He gave a brief outline of his younger days, his pleasure and gratification in being a Rotarian and then very interesting details of the company ARC Reo in which he has a managerial role. *Welcome Duncan!*



Also at last week's meeting, *proposed activities for our Rotary area* (emanating from a previous meeting of club leaders) were outlined to members. The resulting thoughts of our Club members were taken to a follow up meeting of club leaders on Friday. The ideas, comments of other clubs and some outcomes of this meeting will be mentioned tonight if time permits. Thank you to **Phil Peckman** for representing our Club and coordinating these discussions.

A reminder to all – *Our Mega Meat Raffle (an important fundraiser for our club) will be on again this Saturday from 2pm to 4pm at the Charles Hotel. It's only once a month and outside in the beer garden is very pleasant with the added bonus of a sausage sizzle! Where else would you want to be??*

Now tonight we're fortunate that *Nicolle Richards* was able to reschedule so soon to tell us about *Women Illawarra* and the excellent work being done. See you then.

President Rose

Tonight's guest speaker – Nicolle Richards

Nicolle has worked in the community services sector for 12 years and she has a deep commitment to supporting marginalised communities, those affected by mental health, substance misuse and family and domestic violence.

Her career began as a community development worker; she then moved on to work in adult mental health prior to a short stint in housing and homelessness providing front line support to the most marginalised and disadvantaged; i.e. the rough sleepers.

Nicolle now works for Women Illawarra within the Illawarra Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Program providing support to women and families directly affected by family and domestic violence.

Phil Peckman will formally introduce Nicolle & extend a vote of thanks after her presentation.

Last week's meeting minutes: Scribe – Janet Crakanthorp

✚ Janet Crakanthorp's *reflection* highlighted that women were not permitted to join a Rotary club in the United States until 1989. International efforts to include women began as early as 1912, but the constitution was changed in 1921 to explicitly restrict membership to men. The Duarte, California club inducted two women in 1977, but R.I. revoked their charter in 1978. A 10 year legal battle ensued resulting in the *US Supreme Court stating that "women cannot be excluded"*. *The 1989 Council on Legislation vote to admit women into Rotary clubs worldwide remains a watershed moment in the history of Rotary.* **So boys, without women where would West Wollongong Rotary Club be!**

✚ **Michael Crowley's** *international toast* was to the **Rotary Club of London, United Kingdom**, which was chartered in August 1912 and was the *first acknowledged Rotary club outside North America* and is listed as Club No. 50 in Rotary International.

✚ **Duncan Rutherford** (pictured right), who is our Club's newest member, was in the spotlight tonight as *our impromptu guest speaker*. Duncan started by thanking the members of our Club for accepting his membership and went on to stress how difficult it was for him to return the Charter of the Rotary Club of Kembla.



He went on to say that while he received numerous emails from other clubs wanting him to join, Duncan also received an email from our **President Rose** thanking him for all his work within Rotary without a request to join – that was when he decided West Wollongong was the Club he would like to join! Rose was also his teacher in high school.

Duncan lives in and works out of Wollongong in the steel industry for Australian Reinforcing Company (ARC), a business that is very passionate about continuous improvement, safety for the environment and staff. Mental health of its staff is also greatly valued within the company.

While acknowledging the steel industry is one of the biggest greenhouse gas producers in the world, ARC sources the steel required to manufacture their products from Whyalla GREENSTEEL (part of GFG Alliance) as their steel-making process uses magnetite iron ore low carbon steel-making technology. The group plans to become carbon neutral by 2030. The Whyalla blast furnace was removed and replaced with a more technologically advanced Italian designed furnace at a cost of \$160M. The power source for the Whyalla operations will be sourced from wind farms throughout South Australia thus eliminating 90% of the use of fossil fuels.

Duncan spoke highly of the work undertaken by Rotary and his passion to remain involved. To quote Duncan...“Without Rotary and the support of my wife I would not be here.

Apart from initially welcoming Duncan to our Club, President Rose also thanked him for graciously agreeing to be our guest speaker for the evening and providing an interesting ‘off-the-cuff’ presentation.



✚ **Past President Phil Peckman** attended a meeting in relation to the new *Rotary Community Group Action Plan* to discuss how we move forward and to what extent we become involved. Phil led the discussion on how to support the Plan and fit in with the seven other clubs. Four main topics covered included:

1. *Illawarra Community Domestic Violence Project;*
2. *Mental health;*
3. *Environment; and*
4. *Youth and Education.*

It was decided that further coordination and communication was required before our Club commits to more than we can handle. Members decided to continue the support in the way we do now.

✚ Phil went on to announce:

- A **collection bin for Escabags** is now in place at **Southern IML Pathology** (Kristy (pictured right) from Southern IML Pathology with one of the Escabags' collection bins).
- **Combined Rotary Clubs of the Illawarra Charity Race Day** – Organisers are still looking for additional guests to participate on the day. 236 tickets have been sold; however, at least 250 are needed. **Our Club has booked four tables of 10**. Also, donations for the silent auction and bottles of wine for the wine fridge are still being sought. Please let Phil know if you can help!

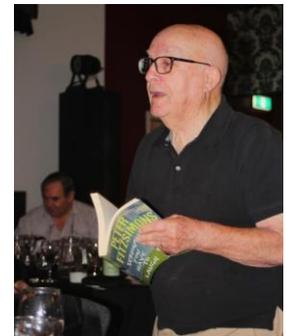


✚ **Wine raffle** was drawn by **Duncan Rutherford** and won by **Phil Peckman & Noel Watt** (all pictured below).



✚ **Sergeant Patrick Roberts** (pictured right) commenced the **fine session** stating “you will all be fined if you do not know the answer to the following question”. The question was: “What are the names of the 2024 US Democratic leaders’ children.” **Needless to say, all members were fined!**

Our beloved Sergeant then relayed a **joke** about a mobile phone conversation in the dressing shed of a well-known AFL club... *Please see Patrick if you would like a repeat performance!*



✚ A few final comments prior to the closure of the meeting:

- Our Board has decided to support another 10 students at **West Wollongong Public School** as part of the **Imagination Library Illawarra project** on top of the 10 we already support.
- Lots of help will be needed for **Paws4aCause** next year please!

Police came round last night and told me my dogs were chasing people on bikes
My dogs don't even have bikes.

One day you'll find someone that is obsessed with you.
It's probably going to be a dog, but it is what it is.

You cannot raise your children the way your parents raised you.
Because your parents raised you for a world that no longer exists

A couple of extra pics!



LEFT: Rose Pope & Di Reid working at PCYC Bulli's 'Fit for Life Program' breakfast last Thursday morning.

Right: Wendy Dyer sent in a photo of her sons' recent attendance at the State swimming championships. Tarren with his first bronze medal at a State event and brother Jarred with three gold and one silver – Congratulations to them both!



ROSTERS

Please arrange your own substitute if you are not able to attend meetings.

| Date | Sergeant | Reflection & Scribe | Int. Toast*** | Charles Hotel | | | |
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| | | | | Joker Draw & Mega Meat raffle | | Date | Team |
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| 04/09 | Di North | M Crowley | J Christensen | 05/09 | 2 | The next Mega Meat Raffle will be held on <u>Saturday 7 September 2024 from 2-4pm</u> | 2 |
| 11/09 | K Potter | J Erickson | R Giampieri | 12/09 | 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 | | |

***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 | | | | | |
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| 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 17/10 | | | Rita Giampieri & Ray Lee | | |
| Thursday 07/11 | | | Di Reid & Rita Giampieri | | |
| Thursday 05/12 | | | Ros Yeoman & Phil Peckman | | |

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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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