



Rotary Club of West Wollongong Inc.

(ABN 32 681 953 565)

District 9675

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31 July 2024 BULLETIN

July is Rotary's Maternal and Child Health Month; and

August is Rotary's Membership & New Club Development Month

AUGUST IS

MEMBERSHIP AND NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH

"Rotary's strength lies in the sincerity of purpose of its members."
Estes Snedecor, Rotary Club of Portland, Oregon - 1921 Rotary Convention

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REACH ONE, KEEP ONE

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**Don't forget there is NO meeting
at CENTRO this evening.**

***Instead, we're having a social
evening at the German Club,
Kembla Grange***



President:	Rose Pope	RI President 2024-25:	Stephanie A Urchick
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Birthdays	Anniversaries
31/07 – Annette Lavender & Noel Watt	<i>None this week</i>

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

Date	Speaker/Theme	
Wednesday 31 July 2024	❖ SOCIAL EVENING @ THE GERMAN CLUB: 636A Northcliffe Drive, Kembla Grange... 6.00pm for 6.15pm start	
Thursday 1 August 2024	❖ JOKER DRAW at The Charles Hotel from 6.00 PM <u>TEAM 3</u>	
Saturday 3 August 2024	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 1: Dennis Simpson & Di North	
Monday 26 August 2024	❖ BBQ at Bunnings Kembla Grange – Volunteers needed please!	
Wednesday 7 August 2024	❖ TBA	
Wednesday 14 August 2024	❖ Speaker: TBA	
Wednesday 21 August 2024	❖ 5.30pm start with pre-meeting drinks in the Centro Courtyard! ❖ Short meeting – Club Business followed by a Board Meeting	
Wednesday 28 August 2024	❖ Illawarra Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service – Nicolle Richards	
Saturday 14 Sept 2024	❖ Combined Illawarra Rotary Clubs Race Day   	
Saturday 21 Sept 2024	❖ BBQ at Bunnings Kembla Grange – Volunteers needed please!	
Monday 23 Sept 2024	❖ BBQ at Bunnings Kembla Grange – Volunteers needed please!	
Monday 21 October 2024	❖ BBQ at Bunnings Kembla Grange – Volunteers needed please!	
Sunday 3 November 2024	❖ BBQ at Bunnings Kembla Grange – Volunteers needed please!	

Last week's meeting minutes: Scribe – Bob Armessen

- ✚ **Sergeant Ken Potter** ensured we started right on-time and handed to **PP Phil Peckman** who passed on **President Rose's** apology for her absence, then welcomed those in attendance.
- ✚ **Bob Armessen** gave his *reflection* on the fact that Australia is fortunate in that we have a political situation that's not the cause of rioting like so many other countries.
- ✚ **Mal Bracken** proposed an *international toast* to the *city of Butler, Pennsylvania*, where recent events (i.e. the attempted assassination of former US President Donald Trump) add weight to *Bob's Reflection*.
- ✚ Note was made that there is *a possibility of a work morning at Rotary Park* on Sunday 11 August More info closer to the day.

✚ **Milan Stanojevic** confirmed that we have the *Kembla Grange BBQ* each 4th Monday, with a weekend BBQ scheduled in September and November.

✚ **Di North** advised that although the recent *"Paws4aCause"* event was a wash-out, we still profited by almost \$400, plus the result of the coffee voucher auction.

✚ **Phil Peckman** made the following comments:

- ❖ There will be a *DG visit* sometime during Oct/Nov with all 7 local clubs.
- ❖ All are invited to join the zoom session on 30 July on the subject of the *"First 2000 Days"*.
- ❖ Reminder that *Corrimal Rotary Club's Trivia Night* is on Saturday 17 August.
- ❖ Asked members to let him know whether they can/can't be at the Combined Club Race Day at Kembla Grange.

✚ **Ken Potter** reminded that *RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness)* is next on Monday 9 September and that a decision in respect to the *John Chaplin Memorial Scholarship recipient* will be published shortly.

✚ **Treasurer Noel Watt** has done the maths and confirmed that last Thursday's *Charles Hotel Joker Draw* raffle continues to attract reasonable funds from the patrons.

✚ **Sergeant Ken** then introduced **Rotarian Dr Kevin Wanambiro** (pictured right) who gave an interesting account of his early days in Kenya, and a time-line of his education and ultimate settling in Illawarra.

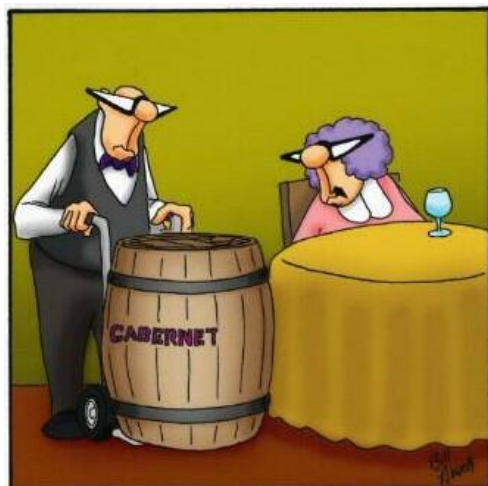


Some highlights were ...

- ❖ 1991: Three years in boarding school with his main memory being the poor food.
- ❖ 2001: Moved to the big city for Medical School. No \$\$\$ but had a great time.
- ❖ 2007: Long hours doing his internship, but now has a few more \$\$\$.
- ❖ There was a national election the same year that resulted in severe violence with some 1500 deaths.
- ❖ 2009: Began post-graduate training (radiology), fatherhood, and another failed national election.
- ❖ 2014: Earned a scholarship to go to Rotterdam in the Netherlands for more study.
- ❖ 2016: Back to Kenya before deciding to emigrate.
- ❖ 2018: Arrived in Albury NSW. Decided on Oz as he wouldn't need to learn another language, or how to drive on a different side of the road.
- ❖ 2021: Moved to Wollongong & obtained a position to practice his hard-earned qualifications.
- ❖ And here we are!

Thanks Kevin!

🚩 **Wine raffle winners** were **Arthur Booth & Ken Potter!**



"It's disappointing, but if that's the biggest you've got..."



🚩 **Sergeant Ken** (our poet laureate) narrated the poem *"IF"* by **Rudyard Kipling**.

🚩 **Phil** thanked all for their attendance, and closed the meeting at 7:19pm.

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
31/07	Social evening	@ the German Club	Kembla Grange	01/08	3	The next Mega Meat Raffle will be held on <u>Saturday 3 August 2024 from 2-4pm</u>	1
07/08	J Erickson	M Bracken	A Cachia	08/08	4		
14/08	B Stevens	A Cachia	A Christensen	15/08	5		
21/08	D Simpson	A Christensen	J Crakanthorp	22/08	6		
28/08	P Roberts	J Crakanthorp	M Crowley	29/08	1	07 Sept 2024	2
04/09	Di North	M Crowley	J Erickson	05/09	2		
11/09	K Potter	J Erickson	R Giampieri	12/09	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 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 01/08			Di Reid & Rita Giampieri		
Thursday 29/08			Ros Yeoman & Phil Peckman		
Thursday 17/10			Rose Pope & 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>



Women
ILLAWARRA
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IT'S ON AGAIN!

CORRIMAL ROTARY'S LEGENDARY



A night filled with fun & laughter, a game or two, bargains and prizes! So, come along, bring some friends for a great time!

Saturday 17th August 2024
6:30 for 7:00pm START



Woonona High School Hall
Parking from Nicholson Rd
or Austin St

Only \$15 pp
Pay with QR code or at door
8-10 people per table
BYO food, drinks, glasses, etc

To book a table or places
email Jean at jth54274@bigpond.net.au
or text/phone 0418 923 240

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PROCEEDS TO WOMEN ILLAWARRA AND ESCABAGS.