



Rotary Club of West Wollongong Inc.

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District 9675

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3 July 2024 BULLETIN

July is Maternal and Child Health Month

The Club's 2024-2025 Executive Team

(L-R) President Rose Pope, Treasurer Noel Watt, Director – Club Administration, Barry Stevens, Director Rotary Foundation & New Generations – Ken Potter, Director Environment – Helen Hasan, Director Community Service & Revenue – Milan Stanojevic and Immediate Past President, President-elect and Director Membership & Public Relations – Phil Peckman

Absent: Secretary Kerrie Hayes-Williams



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Birthdays	Anniversaries
03/07 – Phil Peckman 05/07 – Rose Pope 06/07 – Brett Burke	<i>None this week</i>

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

Date	Speaker/Theme
Wednesday 3 July 2024	❖ <i>"Life behind the scenes of a District Governor!" - Patrick Roberts</i> ❖ Club business
Thursday 4 July 2024	❖ JOKER DRAW at The Charles Hotel from 6.00 PM <u>TEAM 5</u> 
Saturday 6 July 2024	MEGA MEAT RAFFLE at The Charles Hotel from 2.00-4.00 PM <u><i>Members, friends & partners are very welcome to join us!</i></u> TEAM 4: R Pope, D Reid & P Peckman 
Wednesday 10 July 2024	❖ <i>Speaker TBA</i>
Sunday 14 July 2024	❖ <i>Paws4aCause Dog Show - Volunteers needed please!</i> ❖ <i>Ideally, dog owners should register their dogs before the event and can do so via this LINK. Alternatively, owners have the option of simply registering their dog on 14 July at the Illawarra Dog Training Club, JJ Kelly Park if they wish.</i>
Wednesday 17 July 2024	❖ <i>5.30pm start with pre-meeting drinks in the Centro Courtyard!</i> ❖ Short meeting – Club Business followed by a Board Meeting
Wednesday 24 July 2024	❖ <i>Speaker TBA</i>
Wednesday 31 July 2024	❖ SOCIAL EVENING – Details TBA
Monday 5 August 2024	❖ BBQ at Bunnings Kembla Grange – Volunteers needed please! 
Wednesday 7 August 2024	❖ <i>TBA</i>
Wednesday 21 August 2024	❖ <i>5.30pm start with pre-meeting drinks in the Centro Courtyard!</i> ❖ Short meeting – Club Business followed by a Board Meeting
Monday 2 September 2024	❖ BBQ at Bunnings Kembla Grange – Volunteers needed please! 
Saturday 14 September 2024	❖ Combined Illawarra Rotary Clubs Race Day <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"><div style="text-align: center;"> Rotary Clubs of the Illawarra</div><div style="margin: 0 20px;"> </div><div style="text-align: center;">Illawarra Race Day</div><div style="margin-left: 20px;"></div></div>

Maternal and Child Health Month

Maternal health remains a staggering challenge, particularly in the developing world. Globally, a woman dies from complications in childbirth every minute.

Jessica Capshaw

President's Message

Well... What a *Changeover night* it was. So much covered in just 2 hours!

I felt very proud to be a Rotarian and a member of the **Rotary Club of West Wollongong**. It truly is like a family and our efforts are so rewarding.

Because we have so many amazing members, I find it hard to express just how shocked and thrilled I am to have been recognised with a one *sapphire Paul Harris Fellow*. Such an honour!



Thank you Phil for all your efforts!

On the night, now **IPP Phil Peckman** reminded us of all we had achieved. The list was tremendous. Phil is a terrific leader and coordinator and a genuine, friendly person to boot. Everyone within the Club, in the other Illawarra clubs and in the organisations we've worked with this year, enjoy working with him.

Thank you also to Eduardo *for the table arrangements*. You put a lot of work into it all and they looked fabulous. I was on the door and as people entered they invariably went Wow!

It was a special night to have **Dr Kevin Wanambiro** *joining our club*. *Welcome to you Kevin and Dalphne*.

As always it was really nice to have our **Honorary Members Adele Chaplin, Kim Hockings and Bruce Inglis** join us.

Milan Stanojevic's *presentation of cheques to SAHSSI (Supported Accommodation & Homelessness Services Shoalhaven Illawarra), SYFS (Southern Youth & Family Services) and GREEN CONNECT* was really well received. His mixture of humour and sincerity is unique.

It was also a special touch to have **Noel Watt's** *recap of the Club's 60 years* (well done in 5 minutes!).

Finishing with **Ken Potter's** *very moving poem "Sixty Years at West Wollongong" was definitely a highlight. He has captured so much about our Club and Rotary*. (Ken's poem has been included in this edition of the Bulletin with his permission).

Thank you everyone for a wonderful evening.

President Rose

We had a great turnout of members, friends, partners and guests at last week's 60th Anniversary & Changeover Dinner at The Basement within The Builders Club in what transpired to be a very enjoyable evening from a number of viewpoints.

For the benefit of those who were unable to participate, some highlights follow along with a few photos:

✚ **President Phil Peckman** (at the time) *outlined his 2023-2024 report* ... details of which can be found in our Club's Annual Report [HERE](#).

✚ As part of our 60th Anniversary celebrations the Club agreed to support another Australian Rotary Health PhD Research Scholar over the ensuing 3-3.5 years. Phil was in a position last Wednesday to formally announce details of the successful applicant, notwithstanding the research project and scholarship do not officially commence until July. An excerpt from Phil's address in relation to our new scholar is appended below:

“Club members are well aware that we have supported youth, education and research over many years and tonight I have the pleasure in announcing that the successful applicant of the **Australian Rotary Health/Rotary Club of West Wollongong 60th Anniversary PhD Research Scholarship** commencing in July 2024 is **Thanapon Deekaikam**, an international student from Thailand who will undertake his PhD research work at the Intelligent Polymer Institute, Faculty of Engineering and Information Services, University of Wollongong over the next 3-3.5 years.

Thanapon completed his master's degree in Polymer Science at Chulalongkorn University, Thailand, in 2021. He holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Chiang Mai University, which he received in 2018. Additionally, Thanapon gained experience in researching bio-based plastics for practical applications in daily life while pursuing his master's degree – so he possesses real-world experience in addition to academic knowledge. **Thanapon's interest lies in studying biomedical applications impacting on a wide range of people and medical ailments and his proposed research aims to develop new artificial skin that can significantly improve the quality of life for individuals with sensory impairments.**

He is passionate about making a tangible difference in people's lives. Thanapon is dedicated to advancing scientific potential and pushing the boundaries of biomedical research by his commitment to expanding scientific knowledge of polymers for medical applications.

Our Club will invite Thanapon along with our other supported scholars to one of our meetings in the coming months to meet members/friends and to provide us with more detail in respect to his research plans.”

✚ While still holding the Club's reigns as President, Phil went on to **induct our newest member, Dr Kevin Wanambiro** (pictured below with Rose & Phil):



Kevin is a Radiologist, originally from Kenya and has lived & worked in the Netherlands prior to making Australia his home. Kevin became an Australian Citizen at our Club's Annual Citizenship Ceremony last month.

We warmly welcome Kevin Wanambiro and his partner Daphne Osoro to the Rotary Club of West Wollongong family.

✚ **Noel Watt** (pictured right) reflected on our Club's past 60 years with some interesting statistical analysis of membership, highlights of projects adopted and fundraising generated throughout our 60 year history. In addition, Noel covered the original process for membership, the positive impact of introducing female members to Rotary, presidents serving multiple terms, father & son presidents, husband & wife presidents and children of past members joining our Club (i.e. Current member Janet Crakanthorp is the daughter of the late PP Dr John Crakanthorp).



Special presentations made during the evening



PHF +1 to Pres. Rose



Recognition of over 30 years service
Bob Armessen & Patrick Roberts



Pres. Phil extending the Club's
appreciation to Yvonne Roberts for
her great work on our Annual Report



MC – John Erickson



Eddy & AG Margaret Uitterlinden
& DG Tonia Barnes



PDG Phil Whyte – Toast
to the RCWW



Milan Stanojevic presenting cheques to some of the beneficiaries of the Club's fundraising (Lto R):
Representatives from SAHSSI, SYFS and Green Connect



Investiture of our
incoming 2024-2025
President – Rose Pope
And the changing of the
banner/Rotary theme
from 'Create Hope in the
World' to 'The Magic of
Rotary'



A very appropriate & nostalgic poem written and recited by our own poet laureate, Ken Potter (pictured right), at last week's 60th Anniversary & Changeover Celebration evening at The Builders Club



Sixty Years at West Wollongong

**It's been sixty years, since our club first joined the "Community Services Throng",
Sixty years of public engagement, at our own, West Wollongong,
And although many of the names have changed, our ideals remained the same,
One cog in a large machine, bearing the respected Rotary name.**

**Although it's been mostly pleasurable, doing something that's good,
We wouldn't exist, if there wasn't a need, though it should be understood,
There's need in our community, in the nation and overseas,
For we fight against illiteracy, against poverty and disease.**

**An assembly of business and professionals, with a difference,
Any creed, colour, race, religion, gender or political preference,
And it's this "level playing field", which truly unifies us all,
This "one cog" in a large machine, answering humanities' call.**

**Whether at The Charles Hotel, Bunnings or Comic and MS Gong Day,
Or helping down at Green Connect, our Rotary is on display,
And fundraising money, is applied to, where ever there is need,
But, sadly the need is so great, that not everyone can be freed.**

**So, we go for impact, team up with others and apply for grants,
Money and teamwork defeat Polio, saving the world's infants,
So enjoy Rotary, with our best wishes and please, never forget,
You'll be helping children and babies, who are not even born yet!**

**We meet at some nice venue, to observe and improve our world,
Where wine and beer flow freely, as our Rotary banner's unfurled.
Then starts the banter and fellowship with a sprinkling of cheek,
At West Wollongong Rotary meetings, a refuge and a highlight of our week.**

Ken Potter
June 2024

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		The next Mega Meat Raffle will be held on <u>Saturday 6 July 2024 from 2-4pm</u> <u>Sat. 3 Aug 2024</u>	4
Date	Team	Date	Team				
03/07	D Simpson	M Stanojevic	B Stevens	04/07	5		
10/07	P Roberts	B Stevens	N Watt	11/07	6		
17/07	K Potter	N Watt	B Armessen	18/07	1		
24/07	Di North	B Armessen	M Bracken	25/07	2		
31/07	J Erickson	M Bracken	A Cachia	01/08	3		
07/08	B Stevens	A Cachia	A Christensen	08/08	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 North Wollongong – Fit for Life Program: Members’ Breakfast Schedule					
TBA			TBA		

Don't forget to actively promote our Paws4aCause Dog Show and the Raffle!

Paws4aCause

DOG SHOW

Dog competition with prizes, 30 stalls, and Rotary sausage sizzle

10:00 | Open, Mayor of Wollongong

10:30 | Best tail wagger

11:00 | Fancy Dress

11.30 | Most dignified old timer

12.00 | Best Hairdo

1:00 | Cutest Puppy

1.30 | Raffle draw

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Sunday, 14 July 2024 | 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Illawarra Dog Training Club, JJ Kelly Park

Wollongong

Some possible contenders!!!



Paws4aCause

DOG SHOW RAFFLE



- 1st Prize - Painting "Golden Sunset" by Julie Spatt \$480
- 2nd Prize - 3 Course Lunch for 4 at Kembla Grange Turf Club \$320
- 3rd Prize - Bar Fridge from Figtree Cellars \$300
- 4th Prize - Confectionery Hamper, Stuart Alexander Importers \$260
- 5th Prize - The Fort Dog Kennel, Bunnings Kembla Grange \$180
- 6th Prize - Picnic Table with 4 Wine Holders \$180
- 7th Prize - Family Pass Industry World Port Kembla \$150
- 8th Prize - Family Pass Industry World Port Kembla \$150
- 9th Prize - Kazoo Dog Bed, Scott's Grooming Albion Park Rail \$110
- 10th Prize - Kazoo Dog Bed, Scott's Grooming Albion Park Rail \$110
- 11th Prize - Concert Vouchers, Centro CBD \$100
- 12th Prize - Seafood Brothers Figtree Voucher \$100
- 13th Prize - Jamie Oliver Cookbooks \$100
- 14th Prize - Baxter and Bone Dog Bed, Bunnings Kembla Grange \$100
- 15th Prize - Lunch for 2 at Sutton Forest Estate Winery \$75
- 16th Prize - Shampoo, Cut, Blow Wave, Ronaldo's Hair Design \$75
- 17th Prize - HARS Family Pass \$70
- 18th Prize - Hair Care Gift Pack, DVA Hair Gwynneville \$70



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