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President's Report

YEAR 2023-2024 REPORT

This year has been different from a President perspective where President Vanessa Olsen resigned as President through ill health, and I was appointed from 1 February 2024 to complete the year. On taking over, I went overseas for a month, so my main objective was to ensure the governance issues were covered, support the existing Project Plan, and support the President-Elect, Gail Taylor, in her quest to set up for her year so as to affect a smooth transition.

This newsletter predominantly reflecting on the past year, however, before I do that, I will comment on the highlights of June.

A few of our commitments in June:

- Sponsored Hurlstone Agricultural High School to participate in Rotary's Model United Nation Assembly (MUNA); this year the country they represented was Australia. It was a challenging task representing their home country rather than be allocated a foreign country where research of their policies and dress is required; however, they had a positive outcome but did not win.
- A social evening at Campbelltown TAFE for dinner – an excellent social event where attendees moved around to enjoy different company for dessert.

- ‘Bacon and Egg Roll’ breakfast on the last Sunday each month at the monthly Car Show in Campbelltown.
- Saturday Wheel at Minto Marketplace.

Each of the above will be chronicled by the relevant Director.

Since the last report, each meeting has hosted an interesting Guest Speaker:

- On 4 June 2024, our sponsored RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) students gave an interesting account of their experience from participating at the camp.



- On 18 June 2024, we had two organisations:

- i) Belinda Hodges, and Kyla Hodges, from Bravery Buddies; Kyla is an ambassador and spoke of her experience from the impact from medical-related hair loss from cancer treatment. Bravery Buddies are a collection of companion dolls for children effected.



- ii) Darko and Jenny Ristic from the Silver Coin Project informed members on how they used the 2024 District Grant funding, and an update on current projects.



A huge thank you to our guest speakers.

An enjoyable part of any Rotary year is the annual changeover; we celebrate the past year, and welcome in the new President and their team. This year Tuesday, 9 July is set for our club’s celebration.

The year in review.....

It has been an exciting year but a unique experience to my previous times as President, due to the fill-in nature.

I will not make specific comments on projects as they are covered in each of the Director reports included later in the newsletter.

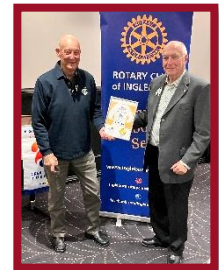
For me, one of the goals was to promote Rotary, which appears to have been achieved by newspaper stories, Facebook which has seen increased activity, and an ever-growing number of followers, as well as the Ingle Angle, our newsletter, increasing in circulation.

Another goal was to form community partnerships; while not a complete success, we have a number of organisations where we have a two-way flow of support.

We continued with existing projects as well as adding new innovative projects to the mix in this Rotary year:

- Last year, the first Combined Macarthur Rotary Clubs to run the inaugural ‘First Responders Awards’ evening; the success then supported its continuation as an annual project.

- The annual *'Police Officer of the Year'* project by the Combined Macarthur Rotary Clubs continues and is closely linked to the First Responders Awards. Its success continues to be a highlight for both Police Officers and Rotary.
- The breakfast - *bacon and egg burgers* - at the monthly Campbelltown *'Vintage Car Show'*.
- Again, we ran a *Mental Health First Aid Course*.
- Supporting the eight Macarthur Rotary Clubs in chartering a new Rotaract Club; it is on track to get chartered early in the new Rotary year.
- Were successful with a Community Grant to fund equipment for tutoring socially disadvantaged children. The Silver Coin Project was the beneficiary of these funds.
- Last year a relationship was established with a Retirement Living and Residential Aged Care facility, this relationship has grown; one of the projects which I believe is most beneficial, is the monthly *Health Talks* presented by a Doctor and two Nurses, all Rotary members.
- The purchase of the *ClubRunner* platform for our website, which is currently being built. The advantage being it contains our member database and updates, which in turn flow up to the District and Rotary International member databases. It also has the ability to support club activities. Additionally, in the *'Member Section'*, folders can be setup for Board Minutes, financial documents, and year-end financial reports etc. We now have a central repository for whatever we want to retain.
- The on-going major projects like our involvement in Ingleburn Alive Festival, 24-Hour Fight Against Cancer Macarthur, Fisher's Ghost Art Awards, Gifts of Hope Project at Christmas; all major club events.



Special mention to the Mental Health Committee that continue to expand their reach in bringing on new projects.

Also, a thank you to the Social Committee who have developed a forward calendar with monthly social events circulated early; so everyone can now forward plan.

I thank the Board members for their support and dedication over the last 12-month; they are integral in making our club vibrant with their sage advice.

In respect of our club's membership, you have each inspired me in some way and I thank you, as you have, each in your own way, been a substantial part of a successful year.

Finally, to the non-Rotarian partners who have been an important part in our success. Christine, our Ingle Angle Editor, has compiled a newsy and informative newsletter where it not only informs members, but promotes Rotary and what it is doing in the community; and also Jenny, on the Social Committee, she has greatly contributed to this Committee with ideas for many of our activities, as well as being the Minutes Secretary for their many meetings. Excellent jobs, well done. There are many other partners who have contributed in several ways, and I extend our sincere thanks to them.

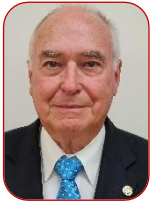
Lastly, I wish President-Elect Gail Taylor every success as she takes over the presidency; she will be an innovative and progressive President. As I congratulate her, I volunteer my support and know all members

are looking forward to the coming year.

For the last time, my motto that we should all recite to ourselves:

IF IT IS TO BE : IT IS UP TO ME

Yours in Rotary,



PDG BILL SALTER
President 2023-24

Club Celebrations: July 2024



July is another month where 3 people celebrate their birthdays: **Rotarian Estefanie Abaya** (4 July), **Rotarian Gail Taylor** (13 July), **Gary Armishaw** (19 July).



Best wishes to each of you for a wonderful birthday celebration and all the best in 2024!



Congratulations and best wishes to: **Rotarian Jim & Julie-Ann Carroll** who celebrate their 26th wedding Anniversary on 24 July.



During July, we will celebrate a number of anniversaries: Rotarians: **Barry Woolfe** (34 years), **Jim Carroll** and **Syed Akram Ullah** (6 years) on 24 July, and **Devendra Sapkota** (3 years) on 19 July) together with Friends of Rotary: **Jenny Ristic**, **Darko Ristic**, **Suzanne Taylor**, **Rachel-Maree O'Toole**, **Elke Cooper** and **Carolyn Flint** (3 years), **Liz Oddy**, **Warren Morrison**, and **Martin Paine** (2 year) on 1 July.



Our club, and Rotary International, sincerely thanks all for their continued service, and their support of Rotary International, and the community.



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT 2024-25

STEPHANIE A URCHICK

Stephanie A Urchick, of the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA, is the President of Rotary International for 2024-25, a decision that makes her only the second woman to hold that position.

Announcing that the 2024-25 presidential theme is *The Magic of Rotary*, she called on members to recognise and amplify the organisation's power to save lives. "Don't misunderstand me – we are not going to end polio or bring peace to the world by waving a wand and saying some funny words," Urchick told incoming District Governors at the Rotary International Assembly in January. "It's up to you. You create the magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member."



Urchick has served Rotary in many roles; including as a Director, Foundation Trustee, and Chair of the RI Strategic Planning Committee and the Foundation's Centennial Celebration Committee. She currently serves on the Election Review Committee and the Operations Review Committee.

A Rotary member since 1991, Urchick has travelled to Vietnam to help build a primary school. She said she saw the *magic of Rotary* on display whilst helping install water filters in the Dominican Republic. Two boys were watching as dirty water entered the filter, then ran out clean at the other end". One of the boys grabbed my sleeve and said, 'Show me the magic again,'" Urchick said. "Obviously, the water filter wasn't magic. We worked hard to transport those filters, install them, and work with community leaders in the area to maintain them. But those boys knew that easy access to clean water would change their lives. Knowing that I played a small part in that certainly changed my life."

Additionally, Urchick studies several Slavic languages, has mentored new Rotarians in Ukraine, and coordinated a Rotary Foundation grant project in Poland.

She plans to host a Presidential Peace Conference in 2025 with the theme '*Healing in a Divided World*' which will focus on Rotary's peace efforts and provide opportunities to learn together. "The Rotary Peace Fellowship began more than 20 years ago to equip peace and development professionals from communities around the world to become effective catalysts for ending and preventing conflict," Urchick said. " With a long history of promoting peace through its network of peace centres; the newest centre, located at Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul, Turkey, will welcome its first class of fellows in early 2025. Centres are located at top universities worldwide and have trained nearly 1,800 Peace Fellows who now work in over 140 countries.

Urchick reiterated Rotary's commitment to eradicating polio, and urged the incoming governors to join or initiate PolioPlus Societies in their districts and do all they can to help end the disease. Urging Rotarians to contact elected officials and other government leaders and remind them that polio is still a threat. She said, "Push them to support polio eradication as Polio remains our top priority and requires our fullest commitment, but there is so much important work to do."

With the world facing incredible challenges, including disasters driven by climate change, and conflict in many regions, Urchick says Rotary's leaders can offer a vision and a plan for overcoming these challenges. "Measures taken by Rotary leadership to survive and end critical challenges often make our organisation

stronger, and more resilient, for future events. This kind of essential leadership also creates new levels of cooperation, even among rivals, when Rotarians pull together as people of action to serve and solve a crisis." Urchick says "Making regionalisation a priority is crucial. As Rotary operates in more than 200 countries and regions, it is vital to recognise that the organisation has the potential to become more efficient and effective by understanding, and reacting to, how regional differences affect the way Rotarians work together to address providing service, promoting integrity, and advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace,".

She urges members to champion Rotary's Action Plan, to find a balance between continuity and change, and work for peace "The plan is all about building on our best ideas, not abandoning them," she said. "We face a tough balancing act. We must change ourselves and stay true to who we are." One way to make positive change, is to embrace the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion within clubs.

Urchick is Partner and Chief Operating Officer of Doctors at Work LLC, a consulting and training company; and holds a doctorate in leadership studies from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She is active on numerous community boards and committees and has been honoured by organisations including Zonta International and the Sons of the American Revolution.



CHRISTINE SALTER
Bulletin Editor, 2023-24

Treasury

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What all the hard work has enabled in 2023-2024.....

Our Rotary Club has continued its determined efforts to raise funds to ensure we are able to continue to support communities whether local, national, or international.

With around \$50,000 being donated, below are some of those donations:-

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECTS

Bangladeshi Days for Girls
End Polio Now
Interplast
Nepal Project/Library
ROMAC (*Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children*)
Rotary Foundation
Shelterbox

LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

24-Hour Walk Against Cancer Macarthur

Anzac Day Wreath Laying
Australian Rotary Health
Bravery Buddies
Community Outreach
Hidden Homeless
Lifeline
Little Wings
Minto Gardens Retirement Village
No Home, My Home
Shining Stars

NEW GENERATIONS PROJECTS

Fathering project
Fisher's Ghost: Art Awards – Primary
Gifts of Hope
Interact
Macarthur Rotaract
Macarthur Youth Champion Awards
MUNA (*Model United Nations Assembly*)
RUOK: Local schools
RYLA (*Rotary Youth Leadership Awards*)
RYPEN (*Rotary Youth Project of Enrichment*)
Silver Coin

VOCATIONAL SERVICE PROJECTS

First Responders - Macarthur
Police Officer of the Year - Macarthur
Pride of Workmanship

The support given to many recipients identified above is ongoing and will continue to occur in 2025.

Thanks, and appreciation, needs to go to all Rotarians, Friends of Rotary, and family members who have generously donated their time, effort, and support in enabling the Rotary Club of Ingleburn to achieve the outcomes identified above.



BRENDA SIMPSON
Treasurer 2023-24
(from mid-April)

A special thank you to Brenda for stepping up into the Treasurer role partway through the Rotary year; it was much appreciated by the President, Board and Members.

Rotary Foundation

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The mission of the Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision for a better world.

Through Foundation grants and programs, Rotarians and other contributors can help change the world. They can finance a well for a village that lacks clean water, improve the environment, or provide scholarships to educate the next generation.

The Foundation also leads the charge on worldwide Rotary campaigns. The top priority for the Rotary Foundation is the eradication of Polio. Rotarians are making the end of Polio more than just a dream... they are ensuring that over two billion children have been immunised, and over five million have been spared death or disability.

Rotary Club of Ingleburn's Support: END POLIO NOW

World Polio Day was 24 October 2023. On that day, the *'End Polio Now'* Train Ride took place where Rotarian Mark Anderson, and his son, took an epic train journey across the Sydney CityRail network to raise funds for the *'End Polio Now'* campaign. This involved stopping at all 187 stations in a journey that started around 4:00 am and ended just before midnight.

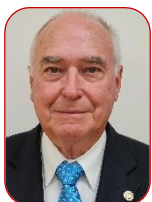
Throughout the journey, Mark and his son were joined by over 400 Rotarians. Unfortunately, this year the timetable for the Rotary *'End Polio Now'* train was around 6:30 pm, coinciding with our club meeting which was an official visit by our District Governor. Therefore, the Ingleburn Rotarians who normally join the train for the Macarthur legs could not participate. Nevertheless, our donation was remitted by EFT.

As Rotarians, we should make the Rotary Foundation our *'Charity of Choice'* as there are benefits due to minimal administration costs, an ability to gain funding for local and global projects and, after three years, 50% of donations in the previous three years, come back to the Rotary District to distribute to club projects. Where else can you get 50% of your donations back to utilise on projects?

Each year we donate to the Annual Fund, and the End Polio Now Fund, to support the good work being done by Foundation grants.

Our Club was able to get a District Grant - The Silver Coin project to fund equipment for after school tutoring for socio-economic disadvantaged children; the program is of value and growing.

It was not a big year for Foundation activity.



PDG BILL SALTER
Foundation Director 2023-24

Community Service

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Our Projects ...A Year in Review

BINGO NIGHT

Campbellfield Public School and Minto Gardens jointly organised a *Bingo Night* to have a bit of fun and social interaction. Our Rotary club was invited to join, with our already familiar partners, to cook a BBQ for dinner.



The night was a great success and was enjoyed by all there. It gave the residents an opportunity to meet and mingle with the students and their families. It is hoped that in the future more joint activities such as this may be developed. Our Rotary club is always willing to be an active partner.

NAIDOC WEEK BBQ

Our club was asked by the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) to help support *NAIDOC Week* celebrations in Campbelltown. Our task was to cook 1,000 sausages for a lunchtime BBQ. No worries for us, we can do that! But hang on, they all had to be ready at exactly midday when the official lunchtime hand out commenced. We were supported by quite a number of DCJ staff who were very enthusiastic to help carry out the task.



The smell of good BBQ cooking soon attracts attention, and ours was no different. In just over an hour, the entire 1,000 sausages were gone! It was indeed a well-attended event.

With their adrenalin still running high, the DCJ staff enthusiastically helped clean up all the BBQs and tables before they headed off. A big thank you to all those DCJ staff who helped during the day – you were fantastic. Well done Ingleburn Rotary!

A NEW HOME FOR OUR CARAVAN



There was movement at the property for the word had passed around, that the caravan from Rotary had to move. We had to relocate our trusty old caravan to a new home. After removing lots of gear to reduce the weight, the caravan was expertly hooked up to Jenny's (*Barry's wife's*) car by Barry, Jim, and Steve.



Then we hit the road on our way to our new location in Macquarie Fields. It was not very far, but Barry took it nice and steady while Peter and Jim provided convoy assistance to the new site.



The caravan was positioned, and levelled, and Peter, Barry, Jim, and Jenny reloaded the contents. The tricky replacing of the cover was completed and toasted - with water!



BOOKS TO CHANGE LIVES

It was very rewarding to see our *Books to Change Lives* project with Passfield Park Kids Inc. culminate in the opening of the new library at Passfield Park School. Many of those involved in donating funds, books, and time covering and accessioning books, were there to celebrate this wonderful moment.



We were fortunate to have two local authors read their books to the children. It is inspiring what a difference a community can make to the lives of these wonderful children.

MATER DEI COUNTRY FAIR



A successful day at the Mater Dei Country Fair for our stall of handmade goods. Many thanks for all those that supported us by making, and donating, items for sale, helping with the setting and packing up, and selling. Lots of wonderful conversations were held. All funds raised will be used to support our local project, *Gifts of Hope* (giving a gift to children who would otherwise get nothing at Christmas), and our International project, *Books to Change Lives* (resourcing a library in rural Nepal).



24-HOUR FIGHT AGAINST CANCER MACARTHUR



We have been long-term supporters of *the 24-Hour Walk Against Cancer Macarthur*, ever since its inception. They have been going for 19 years and have raised more than \$5,000,000 to support our local Macarthur community who are going through cancer treatment and care.



Our Rotary club always runs a fund-raising BBQ for lunch on Saturday with all money being donated to the event.



The barbeque went well, and, after a really busy start, it was then consistently busy throughout the rest of the day. We sold out of steak sandwiches and sausages by about 2:30 pm. An excellent result.



We were ably supported by members of our Interact Clubs; we greatly appreciate their service and support of this annual event. Again this year, we were ably supported by members of our Interact Clubs who worked tirelessly throughout the day. We greatly appreciate their service and support of this annual event.



This year our club raised a total of \$3,672.00 from the BBQ, and sponsored laps. The cheque was presented to Chairman Warren Morrison at our regular club meeting earlier this year (see *President's Report*).

MYRTLE COTTAGE: BELL PROGRAM (DEMENTIA) CARERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

In December, the Rotary Club of Ingleburn, and the Lions Club of Ingleburn, supported the *Bell Program Carers' Christmas Party* by cooking the BBQ lunch. Rotarians Barry, and Bill, together with Lions Jim, Gail, and Michael arrived at 10:00 am on a hot Saturday morning. The sun was up, and the perspiration pouring!

In our usual style, the lunch was cooked on time for 100 party goers, with the cooks invited to join the lunch festivities. Many guests complimented the chefs, and the Myrtle Cottage kitchen staff who prepared the salads and desserts.

Activities like this, while not a fundraiser, are very enjoyable and satisfying. Myrtle Cottage is appreciative of the support from both Rotary and Lions, with both organisations recognised as supporters on their website.

SANTA COMES TO CAMPBELLTOWN

The news had spread that the jolly man in the red suit was coming to Glenfield for a surprise visit in early December! There was great excitement as we made our list, and checked it twice, ready for a community barbeque to celebrate Santa’s arrival in Campbelltown.



So, it was tent up, floor down, gear unpacked, barbeques assembled and connected, and we were ready to roll. Throw the sausages and onions on the hotplate and ice the drinks, it won’t be long before the crowds arrive.

During the morning, Santa arrived in a double decker bus with a Police escort, the sun came out, and more people came to the park. Everyone was happy and having a good time.



After seeing all the children, Santa said his farewells as he left for another location, and it was time for us to clean up, pack up, and head for home. Weary and tired, our great Rotarians had once again given their time and efforts to support individuals and families in our local community.

CAROLS IN THE GARDEN



It was a very hot Friday afternoon. Our mission was to cook a barbeque for 250 people at a special *Christmas Carols Night* at Minto Gardens. Residents and their families were invited to attend, and to join with the families from Campbellfield Public School to enjoy some great food, and to sing along with the carols.

With the scent of a good barbeque wafting through the air, it wasn’t long before the first of the residents and their families started walking down to our picnic area. They brought folding chairs and picnic rugs and claimed their spot ready for a night of carolling. Families from Campbellfield Public School were soon arriving and joined the residents on the picnic lawns.



Ms Polly Grundy, from the school, trained a Choir for several terms and they were the (star) ★ attraction on the night performing many carols and inviting the audience to join in with the community singing.

Thanks to Minto Gardens’ Manager, Kate, and her staff for assisting us in many ways, and for making this event possible. Also, sincere thanks to Polly Grundy and her students for their beautiful voices.



MINTO GARDENS' 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

As part of their *12 Days of Christmas* celebration, we assisted with the Christmas Markets at Minto Gardens. It was a great opportunity for the staff and residents to do their Christmas shopping in the air-conditioning. There were 12 stalls selling a variety of goods.



Furthermore, on another day, we helped celebrate an *Aussie Christmas* as part of Minto Gardens' 12 Days of Christmas. Santa made a surprise visit and received lots of laughs with his Santa jokes. The residents had a photo taken with Santa, some sitting on his lap. Each resident was given a reindeer face washer and soap from *Hands on Hearts*.



GIFTS OF HOPE

This is one of our biggest projects each year. Our club has stepped up to give hope to children and youth, and even some carers, in our local area during the festive season.



We were able to provide a gift for 528 young people and distribute 60 hampers. We had 56 helpers who came from the community, school staff, students from both Hurlstone Agricultural High and Sarah Redfern High Schools, Willowdale Retirement Village, Minto Gardens, Cybus, Rotarians and Friends of Rotary and partners and family members.



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AUSTRALIA DAY AT MINTO GARDENS



It was a hot and sunny day in January when six eager Rotarians gathered at Minto Gardens for their annual *Australia Day BBQ*. We were determined to make sure that the residents had an enjoyable time, savouring the delightful food while engaging in lots of conversations and fun.

The residents were arriving early, just to socialise in the wonderfully cool room. There were quite a few friendly greetings for the Rotarians as we are becoming more familiar to the residents over time.



Eventually the snags and onions arrived and, alongside all the tasty salads on the table, it was officially time to share the goodies. The ice-cream drumsticks were a pleasant surprise for all, including the Rotarians! As we departed after the cleanup, there were lots of good wishes for us, and many thank you gestures.



INGLEBURN ALIVE 2024

The *Ingleburn Alive Festival* is one of our busiest BBQs. After packing the truck early, it was off to the festival site. Other Rotarians met us there, and we efficiently unloaded the truck and set about erecting both marquees – the larger one for the BBQ, and the smaller one for our pop-up stall.



During the afternoon, students from Interact clubs at Hurlstone Agricultural High and Sarah Redfern High Schools joined us as part of their Community Service. They helped with serving, and all of them did an excellent job. We also had a member of the newly formed Rotaract club join us.



The Mayor of Campbelltown and some of the local councillors dropped by to say “hello” and to buy a sausage sandwich. The local Police also dropped in. There were lots of photos being taken, and lots of happy and hearty exchanges. All the families that came to us were appreciative of our well-priced food and were able to give their children something substantive to eat.



As the afternoon turned into evening, the music grew louder, the crowds kept buying, but we had time for a quick little dance and even a singalong in the big marquee.



POP UP STALL



Our stall at *the Ingleburn Alive Festival* was a great success, and 50% of the profits will start our mission to establish the much-needed Science Lab in the Shree Krishna Secondary School in Nepal. During our visit in 2019, the science equipment for a school of 450 students fitted onto a small shelf and included one microscope. Many thanks to the people who support our fundraising by making the wide variety of goods that we have for sale.



BUNNINGS BBQ AT CAMPBELLTOWN

It was our first Bunnings BBQ for this year, and we were eagerly looking forward to a great day. Everyone arrived early, ready to unload and set up.



Indeed, it was not long before the aroma of cooked onions lured our first customers to the counter. The entire underground carpark captured the delicious BBQ smell and kept the customers coming. From that moment on, it was busy all day – just as well we had plenty of helpers for rest breaks. The afternoon crew arrived and kept the sausages cooking.





Weary, but happy, the afternoon crew then began the task of degreasing, cleaning, and packing up all our gear ready to return to our storage facility.

Thanks go to all those Rotarians and their partners, and to our Friends of Rotary, who gave up their time to be part of our great BBQ experience. Through your efforts we have raised valuable funds to continue supporting our many community projects.

ANZAC DAY AT MINTO GARDENS

On 24 April, our Rotarians arrived at Minto Gardens for the annual *Anzac Day BBQ*. The residents attend an Anzac Day ceremony each year on this day, followed by a sausage sizzle lunch cooked by our Rotary club. At high noon when the residents arrived, there were plenty of friendly greetings for our club members – we are getting to be familiar faces for many of them.



Kate had organised some yummy Anzac cookies for dessert. It was especially nice at the end of lunch when one of the residents gave us some handmade gifts for Anzac Day. The ladies received a handmade carry bag with red poppy flowers all over the outside, while the gents received a crocheted red poppy flower to pin to their lapel. A totally unexpected surprise for all of us and we were most grateful to the lady. Another highly successful interaction between our club and the Minto Gardens residents. Everyone enjoyed the day and had a wonderful social time.

ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE 2024



Our club was represented by several members and Friends of Rotary at the Ingleburn RSL Sub-branch *ANZAC Day Dawn Service 2024*. The moving service was attended by dignitaries, service personnel – past and present, families, the young, and many school children in school uniform. Club President, Bill Salter, laid a wreath on behalf of our members to remember, and honour, the service men and women who sacrificed their lives to protect us; to make Australia, and the world, a safer place.



MACARTHUR YOUNG CHAMPIONS AWARDS

The Rotary Club of Ingleburn are proud sponsors of the *Macarthur Young Champions Awards 2024* conducted by Rainbow Crossing Inc. Congratulations to all involved in a wonderful night that showcased the amazing contributions of 100 young people.



The evening was a huge success as it focussed on the awesome achievements of our young people, and their contributions to the local community. It was heart-warming to see the pride on the faces of the children and parents, and to hear how being a Finalist at these awards has motivated these children.

SORRY DAY BBQ



Our club supported the *Sorry Day* function at the National Herbarium in the Australian Botanic Garden, Mt Annan. We arrived just after 9:00 am to set up our BBQs, marquee, and serving station. Thanks to the Department of Communities and Justice for providing many volunteers, morning tea, and funding for the event. Once set up we cooked about 600 sausages and had them ready to



serve at the end of the official ceremony. Then it was all hands to the serving tables as we managed to get everyone fed by around 1:30 pm.

The weather was perfect, the crowd was grateful, and we had a great time working to support our community, once again. Thanks again to the Rotarians, the DCJ and their volunteers who helped on the day.

THE SILVER COIN PROJECT

We have continued our support for the *Silver Coin Project* throughout the past year. Our club applied for a District Grant in 2023-2024 that was used to fund the purchase of 6 laptop computers that are utilised by Silver Coin's *Brightside Education Program*. The laptops have been used by Brightside Education students to practice NAPLAN tests, tutoring, and to support the Kids Club members. Tutoring is run on Wednesday afternoons, and the Kids Club is on Saturday mornings at Glenquarie Library.

We look forward to continuing to support Silver Coin in their work supporting children in our community to be able to attend school with the resources they need, and helping those that need extra support through their Brightside Education programs.

THE WHEEL

Running alongside all our other projects is our *Weekly Wheel* at Minto Mall. Every Saturday morning, our club members attend the wheel and interact with the local community. This fundraising event allows us to continue to support our local community projects.



And NEW for this year

CAR SHOW BBQS



Our club was approached by Macca's Garage over the Christmas holiday break to see if we could provide a breakfast BBQ at a local *Car Show* on the last Sunday in January. We bravely accepted the invitation knowing that we were to cook bacon and egg sandwiches (NOT sausages !!) at 7 o'clock in the morning!



The thunderous roar of motors told us that the cars, and their keen occupants, were arriving. It didn't take long before the glorious aroma of cooked bacon attracted them over to us.



There were all different makes and models being proudly shown off, with lots of discussion between owners covering all sorts of mechanical and cosmetic features.



Our BBQ was so successful that we have made a commitment to do the breakfast BBQ for the year - on the last Sunday each month. So, if you want to see some beautifully presented and loved cars come and join us. The BBQ was all over, and we were gone by 9:30 am.



There are families present, and everyone is friendly. Cars, coffee, and a BBQ what more could you want to brighten your weekend?

As you can see it has been a busy, fulfilling, and successful year. Thank you to all our Rotarians, Friends of Rotary, and other volunteers who have participated, and worked hard to support our projects, fundraisers, and other activities throughout the year.



PETER FLEW
Community Service Director 2023-24

International

YEAR 2023-2024 REPORT

We continue to provide support to Shree Krishna Secondary School in the village of Taruka in Nepal. This year we further extended the *Books to Change Lives* project through the purchase of two additional book racks and a range of new fiction, and non-fiction, resources. These resources play a vital role in supporting the improvement of the literacy skills of the students. Our aim is to provide additional books each year.



All the projects that have been completed since 2018 at Smriti Primary School, Shree Krishna Secondary School, and the village of Taruka, could not have been done without our support worker in Nepal, **Nabaraj Sigdel**. It was with pleasure this year that one of our members, who was visiting family in Nepal, was able to personally present Nabaraj with an Honorary membership to the Rotary Club of Ingleburn in recognition of his tireless efforts in making a difference in the lives of the students, staff, and community members in Taruka. It was especially noteworthy the support he was able to provide during COVID with our financial aid.

We have commenced raising funds and will be applying for a District Grant in 2024-2025, to help establish a Science Lab at the secondary school.

Fundraising is done through:

- ◆ the making, and selling, of handmade cards. Thank you to the Probus Clubs of Ingleburn, Leumeah and Campbelltown for welcoming us to meetings to sell cards and for their support in purchasing them.
- ◆ a marvellous group of supporters who continue to make and/or donate a wide range of

handmade crafts that we have sold at stalls at Ingleburn Alive and Mater Dei Country Fair.

As a club, we continue to provide financial support to organisations providing relief after natural disasters, and medical aid in the Asia / Pacific region.

- ◆ **Shelterbox** - provides emergency shelter and aid to families affected by natural disaster and conflict. Priority areas have been Morocco, Palestine, and Syria: <https://www.shelterboxaustralia.org.au>
- ◆ **Interplast** – provides life-changing surgery to patients, and clinical training to staff, in the Pacific and Asia. Read stories of the differences made to the lives of so many at <https://interplast.org.au>
- ◆ **ROMAC – Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children** – provides specialist medical treatment for children from island communities of the Southwest Pacific, in the form of life-saving, and dignity restoring surgery that is not available to them in their home country. Read their stories at <https://www.romac.org.au>. Also, thank you to our District ROMAC Chair for coming to our meeting and informing new members all about the great work done by ROMAC.



If you can help our endeavours in any way, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



GAIL TAYLOR
International Director 2023-24

Membership



The Rotary Club of Ingleburn is known for upholding the motto of ‘People of Action’ and is always looking for new members.

Should you know anyone with a passion to serve our community, please have them contact us.

YEAR 2023-2024 REPORT

The year in review.....

This year has seen a membership decrease due to changed commitments to work and family; some of those members have not been able to attend club meetings, or projects, which makes their loss to Rotary inevitable. Our loss could be as high as 20% of the 1 July 2023 number.

The Membership Committee has reviewed policies and believes the club will be in a better position to hold an *Information Evening* to attract socially and community-minded people who would enjoy being part of a global volunteer service organisation; this has been set for Tuesday, 3 September 2024.

The Membership Committee works on the premise that meeting attendance, project participation in Club approved projects, and social function attendance, are an essential part of the fabric of the club and member

satisfaction.

Member satisfaction is an important part in the retention of members; to this end each member is encouraged to join a committee of their passion. New members are asked about their passions and directed to that committee. Rotary has a plethora of projects over its Avenues of Service, and members are asked to participate outside their chosen area to get a fuller Rotary knowledge. Participation results in satisfaction.

How will we gain membership? It is best described as being visible, making sure we connect with the community, engage with the community, and keep all lines of communication open. As always quoted, Rotarians enjoy fellowship and fun; an important criterion for membership development and engagement - this for Ingleburn Rotarians is something that comes naturally and can be infectious. Whether at a Sausage Sizzle or another project, some members have been seen singing or dancing, some significantly better than others! Fun encourages the community to engage and ask questions about Rotary.

Our active Facebook and new website platform (*which is currently being built*) will be of benefit to all members.

FRIEND OF ROTARY PROJECT

The Membership Committee, along with the Board, is still working on expanding our Friends of Ingleburn Rotary project which has a core of community supporting members. The Friends of Rotary group, on the whole, has had input into Club activities by attending Club meetings, social activities, BBQ and 'wheel' assistance, and lending a hand in the very large 'Gifts of Hope' charity activity.

Our official Friend's project covers community-minded supporters who would like to join Rotary, but their commitments prevent them from doing so. For a small cost they receive benefits, the idea being borne out of the adage, '*one values something more where a modest financial contribution is attached to benefits*'.

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

This is where businesses with a social conscience and want community involvement, sponsor an employee in Rotary membership by paying their membership fee.

There are two levels with the first level being purely the membership fee; the second level is the membership fee plus benefits. Individuals become members, not the business.

Currently only one business has taken up this option, but we are working on expanding this option.

The philosophy for our members and, in particular, the Membership Committee can be best described as – Engagement, Inclusion, Member Passion, and Involvement, but most important, Listening to needs.

Our Membership Committee consists of Allan Hammond, Brenda Simpson, Jim Carroll, Stef Abaya, Kaiser Ahmed plus co-Directors Bill and Drew; the important thing is each has contributed with ideas and time, and we sincerely thank them for their participation.

Thank you for the support and opportunity given to promote volunteer service. Rotary in Ingleburn is open for business, projects, and MEMBERSHIP.



BILL SALTER & DREW PERCIVAL
Co-Membership Directors 2023-24

New Generations

YEAR 2023-2024 REPORT

It has been a highly successful year for New Generations in 2023-2024, with excellent collaboration between the Rotary Club of Ingleburn and the two High Schools, Sarah Redfern High School (SRHS) and Hurlstone Agricultural High School (HAHS). Both schools have provided the majority of candidates for the various Rotary programs and events during this past year.



Four (4) students from SRHS attended **RYPEN (Rotary Youth Project of Enrichment)**. Two attended at Telford in the Royal National Park in August, and a further two attended at Cobbitty Teen Ranch in April. It was good to see that the numbers attending these camps have increased over the previous few years. Further RYPEN camps will be held in 2024–2025 at the same locations.



The students subsequently attended a Rotary meeting and gave presentations about their experiences and the leadership activities.



We once again sponsored a **MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly)** team entered by HAHS which was held within the NSW Parliament House. MUNA is an initiative by Rotary to develop an understanding of World Affairs for Senior Secondary School Students in a forum similar to a General Assembly of the United Nations. The objective is to develop tolerance, international understanding, and world peace. What better way to give our future leaders an opportunity to consider real issues confronting the world than through debating their peers in a forum such as MUNA. Each team of three students is assigned a country.



The country our MUNA team represented this year was Australia. Whilst they were not winners of the competition, they indicated it was a wonderful experience, upon which they will enlarge at a future Rotary meeting.

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) was, again, held this year at Stanwell Tops. The Rotary Club of Ingleburn sponsored two young members of our local community, Joyce Thomas, and Isabel Prasad. Both subsequently attended our Club and gave outstanding reports on their experience.



It is worth noting that following this experience, Joyce became one of the leaders at the May RYPEN camp. This is an example of the confidence and leadership outcomes that can result from RYLA.

We look forward to sponsoring candidates again in January 2025.

Both HAHS and SRHS **INTERACT** Clubs have been active throughout the past year, and it is pleasing to see that SRHS Interact has increased its membership. Each school has its own range of programs that they support, many on an annual basis.

One of the most pleasing aspects of my year has been the wonderful level of support our club has received from the SRHS and HAHS students in many activities and projects.



Students worked hard alongside club members at some of our most important events of the year; including the 24-Hour fight Against Cancer Macarthur BBQ, Ingleburn Alive Festival BBQ, and the Gifts of Hope Christmas wrapping day.



I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to Ryan Mackinder (HAHS), and Celeste Fernandes (SRHS), School Coordinators, for their support of the students and programs throughout the year.

My thanks to all the club members, partners, and Friends of Rotary for their support for New Generations programs during the past year.



BARRY WOOLFE
New Generations Director 2023-24

Vocational Service



VOCATIONAL SERVICE - *this is both a Club, and members, responsibility.*

YEAR 2023-2024 REPORT

A very enjoyable and productive Rotary year 2023- 24 for this portfolio.

The club enjoyed running the **Pride of Workmanship Awards** → as an individual club. We also enjoyed co-hosting both the **Police Officer of the Year Awards** and the **First Responders Awards** with the other Macarthur Rotary clubs.



With all three awards events, it was very pleasing to see the pleasure exhibited by all recipients on being acknowledged, then receiving their awards. We wish to continue with these events for years to come.

The club members were also treated to a number of Vocational visits; with guest speakers to our club, and visiting different businesses, including schools, to gauge how they operate and how we can assist in many ways

the local community.



Vocational Service is intertwined with other areas of Rotary; and in reading other reports in the Ingle Angle, you will see how this is achieved.



DREW PERCIVAL
Vocational Service Director 2023-24

2023 GIFTS OF HOPE



Sometimes even Santa needs a little help. For families facing financial difficulties, providing a 'Merry Christmas' is daunting. This is where Santa's helpers, in the form of the Rotary Club of Ingleburn, step up.

Twelve (12) schools and six (6) community organisations identified children who were on the "Nice" list to receive a gift from Santa.

The call went out to all the "elves" in town to create and donate gifts. In 2023, there were an amazing number of donations from individuals, politicians, corporations, local clubs, a church, businesses, and schools. Santa's Workshop (**Ingleburn RSL**) was filled to capacity.



Macquarie Fields Public School provided food for 60 hampers to ensure that families had a Christmas table filled with food.



Over 60 “elves” worked tirelessly, sorting, wrapping and delivering gifts; totalling 558 children, 52 mothers, and 4 fathers we are proud to say that we have made a big difference to the lives of others.



To give during the festive season is a gift that goes both ways and shows the power of what can be achieved when we work together to make a difference.

We have given the **Gift of Hope**.



*Beth, for
the Gift of Hope Team 2023-24*

Mental Health Committee



PROVIDING WARMTH IN WINTER

As winter is proving a challenge for many, for the homeless it is more than a challenge. Without shelter, winter clothing, blankets, and food, life on the streets, and in temporary accommodation, can be unbearable. Our club and community has stepped up to provide practical help by undertaking a winter drive, and distributing directly to the women, men, children, and families in temporary accommodation.



Assisting the Rotary Club of Ingleburn in this endeavour has been Kenneally’s Funeral Home, Kathie from Kaisercraft, and other members of the community who generously contributed a large amount of winter woollies. Beth, Gail, Brenda, Jan and Kaylene Domanski, Julie-Ann Carroll, Carolyn Flint, and Jenny Woolfe spent a day sorting and preparing the items for distribution. Preserving dignity and ensuring choice, people in the temporary accommodation were invited to view, and take, what they needed to keep warm throughout the colder months.



Scarves, beanies, and sleeping bags were given to Shining Stars who provide food to homeless people living on the streets. These will be distributed directly to people who need them most.

A sincere thank you to everyone who donated and helped make this significant project possible. You have changed lives and ensured that people living in tough times are not alone.

A SURPRISE DONATION

Gail and I were invited to the AGM for The Chattogram Club of Australia. They asked us to speak about *the Hidden Homeless Project* that the Rotary Club of Ingleburn undertakes. We described our activities: providing

care packages, children’s games and toys, and winter items to homeless people in temporary accommodation.

The Chattogram Club of Australia kindly donated \$1,000 to support the *Hidden Homeless* program. This will go a long way to making a difference in the lives of those experiencing hard times.

MINTO GARDENS RETIREMENT VILLAGE

The monthly *Health Talk* for June opened a dialogue about mental health with the residents. Tania, Stef, Carolyn, and Gail provided an avenue to explore anxiety, depression, and stress, bringing these issues into the open and normalising mental health concerns as you would physical health issues.

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The year in review.....

IngleMinds meets monthly to build knowledge of what is happening at local, and national, levels in the area of mental health. We plan activities for our Team and others to enrich the lives of others, and to connect groups together to build positive mental health.

MINTO GARDENS RETIREMENT VILLAGE has seen significant engagement projects: monthly Women’s Health Talks; Clothing donations; RUOK Day activities, Health support for April Falls Day, Providing BBQs for significant days throughout the year, and supporting activities during the festive season of Christmas.

RUOK DAY, in September, involved a Youth Tik Tok competition, a Rotary meeting involving positive wellbeing activities, and a discussion panel at Minto Gardens followed by rock painting to build positive wellbeing.

The introduction of **Campbellfield Public School** and **Minto Gardens Retirement Village** continued to grow and involved intergenerational activities as well as a very competitive combined Bingo night.

Another intergenerational program with Minto Gardens Retirement Village residents has been with **Passfield Park School** supporting the children in their swimming program.

CONNECTING THROUGH CARDS is a project whereby Rotarians, Friends of Rotary, and community members come together to make greeting cards for those at Minto Gardens, aging community members, and those who are socially isolated. In the past 12-months, over 1,000 cards have been made and distributed for birthdays, Easter, and Christmas. Each card is hand-made and contains a personalised hand-written message. The impact has been significant and appreciated by recipients.



HIDDEN HOMELESS

When men, women, and children are homeless they can be placed in temporary accommodation such as motels. The reasons for homelessness are varied; from job loss, domestic violence, and changing life circumstances. We have connected with one such motel and have been able to provide 90 care packs containing toiletries and essential items.



In addition, we have supplied Christmas presents for the children, Easter eggs and bunnies, games and books, as well as clothing and winter woollies.

The Ingleburn Rotary club also donated sandwich toasters, together with bread and cheese, so that the families can provide simple meals for themselves.

MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING

With our Team members and community groups we have provided a *Mental Health First Aide* course, and another course on building resilience. These were well attended by members of our club and others in the community.

MEALS ON WHEELS

In the past 12-months we have connected with *Meals on Wheels* to run monthly card-making workshops. These cards have been given directly for Christmas and birthdays to clients.

We have donated winter woollies for clients in need and know that they have helped people who have not been able to afford conventional methods of keeping warm due to the increased cost of living.

ESCABAGS

We have continued to support Stacy Jane, and *Escabags* through making tote bags, and supplying essential toiletry items so that those experiencing domestic violence may find a way to escape their situation.

The past 12-months have seen our community connections grow. We have been able to build knowledge, and share information, so that we can be better informed on what is needed, and how we can have a positive impact.

We have a passion for empowering others to grow positive mental health, and to seek help when needed. We also respectfully reach out so that individuals know that they are important, and that we care about them.

Beth, on behalf IngleMinds.



BETH GODWIN
Mental Health Committee 2023-24

Social Committee

DINNER AT CAMPBELLTOWN TAFE

Eighteen (18) Ingleburn Rotary members, partners, and Friends of Rotary enjoyed dinner at *Campbelltown TAFE* on Thursday, 13 June. Everyone managed to find their way, despite road closures due to building on campus, and we all enjoyed a delicious 3-course dinner. There was opportunity for lots of chatting

and socialising on the night as we swapped places at the long table to catch up around the group.



This is a training facility for TAFE Hospitality students, and we all praised their menu, meals, and service.



COMING UP...

During **August**, a mid-week **train trip** is being organised for those who can make it. We will travel by train to Bowral, where we will have the opportunity to have lunch, and enjoy the sights of the town, before returning on the train. Details will be available soon.



A cruise on the **Nepean Belle** has been booked Wednesday, **18 September**. It will be a morning (10:00 am) cruise, leaving the option for a walk along the river and lunch near the jetty after the cruise. Eleven (11) members and Friends of Rotary have indicated they will go, with payment needed by 5 August.

A **local walk**, with a stop at a good coffee shop, is planned for **November**. This will be held on a weekend so most can join in the fun.

The Club **Christmas Party** has been booked for Tuesday, **3 December** at Ottimo House. Start planning for another fabulous event!

Don't forget – The Rotary Club of Ingleburn has an ongoing project for the donation of toys, games etc. for **Gifts of Hope for Children** over the coming months leading up to next Christmas. These gifts make a huge difference in the lives of many children in need, as well as showing great community spirit, and support for those who work



with the families. Keep an eye out for specials on toys and games that would be ideal to buy now for this important project.



YEAR 2023-2024 REPORT

This has been a year of enjoyable social experiences, and fellowship, for Ingleburn Rotarians, their families, and Friends of Rotary.

The Social Committee has organised a vast array of activities including barbeques, dinners, river cruising, coffee and cake get togethers, theatre night, a lunch to mark the start of the 2024 year and walks, not to mention a hugely successful Christmas Party and Gifts of Hope process. It's been rewarding to get to know each other better, and the social interactions have often led to greater co-operation and commitment to Rotary activities and projects.



It could be argued that there is a valuable element of social interaction and fellowship in most Rotary projects and, since the change to meeting time, during the **dinner time at the RSL** before club meetings when members and Friends of Rotary gather.



Events held included a dinner at the **Saam Thai Restaurant** in Campbelltown which 12 people attended. It was a good venue with great service and delicious food.

Seventeen (17) members, partners, and Friends of Rotary enjoyed a full day trip to the [Riverboat Postman](#). There was a great deal of socialising on the train trip and on the ferry, which took us for many kilometres along the beautiful Hawkesbury River. Lunch was served, and many took the opportunity for viewing from the upper deck as we cruised



Sausages at Sunset at Milton Park is always a fun evening, and this gathering was held twice in the Rotary year; in November and March, with more than 10 people attending each time.



The big event of the year was the **Christmas Party** held at Ottimo House with many members, partners, Friends of Rotary, other Rotarians, and people from various community organisations in attendance. Who knew we were all so inventive, making extraordinary Christmas hats! A fun-filled evening indeed.



The *start of 2024* was marked by a gathering of 25 people for lunch at **Barry and Jenny's home**, with a delicious lunch and, again, much fun and frivolity. It was great to meet up and chat about events over the festive season and look ahead to the coming year.



As reported above, the Rotary year has been rounded off with a most enjoyable and successful dinner at **Campbelltown TAFE**.

The Social Committee recognises the importance of socialising to the Rotary experience and has held 11 meetings during the year to discuss, and plan, social activities. At the moment, planning is already underway for the next Gifts of Hope process, in conjunction with Beth Godwin and others. The Committee members are looking forward to another great Rotary social year!



DREW PERCIVAL, GAIL TAYLOR & JENNY WOOLFE
Social Committee 2023-24


The Words and Wisdom of Paul Harris

In the battle between the "can'ts" and the "cans" in Rotary, the "can'ts" have never won a single permanent victory to my knowledge. The broad visions, the nobler purposes have always won.

*Message to the 1930 RI Convention
Chicago, Illinois, USA*

N.B. The Calendar of Events can now be accessed via the new club website:

<https://www.ingleburnrotary.org/>



Rotary


Club of Ingleburn

Outgoing President, PDG Bill Salter
and
2024 - 2025 President Elect, Gail Taylor
cordially invite you and your partner to attend our


2024 Changeover Dinner

Date: Tuesday, 9th July, 2024
Time: 6:30 pm for 7:00 pm start
Place: Ingleburn RSL Club
70 Chester Road, Ingleburn NSW
Cost: \$50.00 per person
2 Course Dinner
Dress: Lounge Suit
RSVP: Friday 28th June, 2024 to:
Email: jan.domanski@bigpond.com or
Phone: 0418 255284
Please advise names of attendees and any dietary requirements

Payment: EFT to BSB: 032 372 Account: 441989
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POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

MACARTHUR 2024



Each year the Combined Rotary Clubs of Macarthur recognise Police Officers from The Campbelltown and Camden PACs and the Highway Patrol for outstanding acts of courtesy, kindness, understanding, compassion, courage and devotion to duty in several categories.

Please feel free to purchase tickets to this event that recognises the wonderful work done by Macarthur's Police every day of the year.

WEDNESDAY
31 JULY 2024
6:30 PM - 11:30 PM

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