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President's Report

YEAR 2024-2025 REPORT

On 24 June we held a Celebration Dinner; the main purpose was to thank members, partners, Friends of Rotary, and members from within the community, local schools, and organisations who supported our projects in 2024-2025. Together we have been able to make significant difference to so many, locally, nationally, and internationally.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented by District Governor Tonia Barnes to:

- ◇ **Debra Goodfellow and Franco Geronimo;** community members whose support with transporting goods, Gifts of Hope, Hidden Homeless, Connecting with Cards, and Minto Gardens.
- ◇ **Kate Williamson;** Village Manager at Minto Gardens Retirement Village, for going beyond in her support of projects such as Gifts of Hope; Christmas Hampers; Hidden Homeless, and RUOK.
- ◇ **Teressa and David Bateup;** for their support of our Gifts of Hope Project (5 years) and Hidden Homeless – bags for care packs for men.
- ◇ **The Silver Coin Project;** Darko and Jenny Ristic, for supplying school bags and equipment for the thirty-seven children in the Hidden Homeless Project and Rotary Inspiring Youth Committee.

- ◇ **Macquarie Fields Public School** – represented by Kim Hessian and Kylie Jarman; every family providing an item of food that the residents of Minto Gardens used to make sixty (60) family hampers.
- ◇ **Ingleburn High School** – represented by Naiomi Edwards and Ms Wawrzniak; for their contribution to Gifts of Hope, and holding a M.A.D.D. (Music, Art, Dance and Drama) night with all funds raised going to the Hidden Homeless project.
- ◇ **Chattogram Club of Australia** – Syed Ullah and Foiz Mohammad; for their support of the Hidden Homeless project.
- ◇ **Hurlstone Agricultural High School** – Mr Elley and Ms Jones; support from Interact students (*service club for 12- to 18-year-olds established by the Rotary Club of Ingleburn*) at events such as Gifts of Hope, 24-Hour Fight Against Cancer Macarthur Walk, and Ingleburn Alive.
- ◇ **Sarah Redfern High School** – Annabel Prasad, President of Interact and School Captain, and Ms Fernandes, the Coordinator; support from Interact students at events such as Gifts of Hope, 24-Hour Fight Against Cancer Macarthur Walk, and Ingleburn Alive.
- ◇ **Rotary Club of Gregory Hills next Gen** - Anita Robinson and Kim Meredith; High Tea raising funds for ROMAC (*Rotary Oceanic Medical Aid for Children*). Anita advised dinner guests that the event raised \$10,000 – a wonderful result.



We will continue to recognise the wonderful people in our community that continually support our projects. More information on projects can be found in this edition of Ingle Angle.

A highlight of the night was the presentation by the CEO and Members of the Board of Directors of Ingleburn RSL of a cheque for \$10,000 for our Hidden Homeless project. Thank you to Glenn Cushion, Jason Ellsmore, Tony Rogers, and John McCarthy, for attending the night. Know that this money is going to help us continue, and expand, our work helping those who have found themselves through no fault of their own homeless.

Two special presentations were made:

- ◇ **Rotarian Brenda Simpson** was awarded a prestigious *Paul Harris Fellowship* for her tireless efforts in a wide range of Club projects, and her work within the community. You will not find anything in this newsletter that Brenda has not been involved in.



- ◇ **Friend of Rotary Carolyn Flint** was awarded the *Peter Ellsmore Quiet Achiever Award*. Peter was the Foundation President of The Rotary Club of Ingleburn when it was established in April 1977. This is the fifth year that his son, Jason, has presented the Award.



We celebrated another wonderfully successful year with the *Gifts of Hope*



project whereby 550 children who would normally not be receiving a gift for Christmas had something special to open on Christmas Day. Thanks to the generous of Minto Gardens Village and local schools, we were also able to distribute over 60 hampers to families. Thanks also for the many donations of gifts and money; to the Rotarians, Friends of Rotary, and community people who volunteered to wrap, and deliver the gifts. We look forward to running this project in December.

Thank you to everyone who came and made it such a special night. I am blessed with an amazing group of people working together to improve the lives of those less fortunate.

Thank you to the Board for your ongoing support, and to Christine Salter for what I believe is the best newsletter in the District, that has been put together with passion for what we do and achieve.

Enjoy reading about all the projects, activities, and social events we have been involved in this year. We look forward to another wonderful year.

Yours in Rotary,



PAG GAIL TAYLOR
President 2024-25

The Words and Wisdom of Paul Harris

Let us keep our hearts strong, enthusiasm fresh, hope high. As long as we keep imbued with this spirit, Rotary can never die.

THE ROTARIAN
August 1926

Club Celebrations: July 2025



In July, we celebrate 3 birthdays with
Rotarian Estefanie Abaya (4 Jul), Rotarian
Gail Taylor (13 Jul), and Gary Armishaw (19 Jul)



*Happy Birthday! May your birthday bring you
all happiness and joy; have a wonderful year ahead.*



Congratulations to **Rotarian Jim & Julie-Ann Carroll**, celebrating 27 years of marriage on 24 July. We wish them continued happiness and joy in future years.

Congratulations to **Barry Woolfe** (35 yrs), **Jim Carroll** and **Syed Akram Ullah** (7 yrs) with Friends of Rotary **Jenny Ristic**, **Darko Ristic**, **Suzanne Taylor**, **Rachel-Maree Taylor**, and **Carolyn Flint** (4 yrs) and **Judy Wicks**, **Elke Cooper**, **Warren Morrison**, **Martin Paine**, and **Devendra Sapkota** (3 yrs) who will celebrate their Rotarian anniversary in July.



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



At the District Changeover Luncheon on Sunday afternoon, the Rotary Club of Ingleburn was the recipient of:



Joint Winner Local Community Project:
Hidden Homeless 2024-2025

Combined Clubs of Macarthur I Joint Winner Local Community Project:
Lift the Lid Walk 2024-2025

Highly Commended:
Newsletter 2024-2025



*to the Members, and Friends of Rotary,
of the Rotary Club of Ingleburn*

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT 2025-26

FRANCESCO AREZZO



Francesco Arezzo, a member of the Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy, has been selected by the Board of Directors to become Rotary International's president for 2025-26. Arezzo will become president on 1 July.

The Board conducted a special session following the unexpected resignation of RI President-elect Mário César Martins de Camargo on 8 June. In a letter to RI President, Stephanie A Urchick, he said that personal reasons and business obligations prompted his decision. In a later message, de Camargo indicated that he would continue to be an active Rotary member and to serve his community. Guided by the RI Code and Policies, the Board selected the new President-Elect from a pool of candidates who were considered by the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in August 2023.

The 2025-26 presidential message, announced at the 2025 Rotary International Assembly in February, will remain **Unite for Good**, which calls on Rotary members to be a force for unity in a world increasingly divided by politics, geography, and ideology. Through service projects, Rotary brings together people of every background — across races, religions, and professions — in a shared mission to do good in their communities.

Arezzo is an orthodontist in private practice. He is active internationally as a member of the Italian, European, and American orthodontics associations. He is Vice President of the National Association of Italian Dentists for the province of Ragusa, and was the founder and head, for seven years, of the delegation for Ragusa of the National Trust for Italy.

He is a Knight of Honor and Devotion in Obedience within the Sovereign Order of Malta.

A Rotary member for more than 30 years, Arezzo has served as vice chair of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee and as RI director, learning facilitator, and as district conference presidential representative.

Arezzo is a Major Donor and Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation.

He is married to Anna Maria Criscione, an entrepreneur in the tourism field and they have two children.



2025-2026 Rotary International Theme

Emphasising the power of unity in creating positive change and highlighting Rotary's role as a beacon of hope in a divided world.

It has been a pleasure this Rotary year to serve as the Editor of the Ingle Angle newsletter, and I hope reading it has provided you with lots of information about the works of the Rotary Club of Ingleburn, but also about the greater world of Rotary. See you in the year 2025-2026!!



CHRISTINE SALTER
Bulletin Editor, 2024-25

Treasury

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What all the hard work has enabled in 2024-2025.....

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 in excess of \$70,000 being donated, below are some of those donations:-

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECTS

Bangladeshi Days for Girls
End Polio Now Project
Interplast
Nepal Project I Science Equipment
ROMAC
Rotary Foundation
Shelterbox

NATIONAL PROJECTS

Australian Rotary Health

LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

24-Hour Walk Against Cancer Macarthur
Anzac Day Wreath Laying
Community Outreach
Gifts of Hope
Hidden Homeless Project
Lifeline
Lift the Lid I Mental Health
Minto Gardens Retirement Village
Shining Stars
Talk to me Bro I Mental Health

NEW GENERATIONS PROJECTS

Bravery Buddies
Campbellfield Art Awards
Fisher's Ghost Art Prizes - Primary
Formal(wear) Project
Little Wings
Local Schools' End of Year Prizes
Macarthur Young Champions Awards
Macarthur Rotaract
MUNA (*Model United Nations Assembly*)

RYLA (*Rotary Youth Leadership Awards*)
RYPEN (*Rotary Youth Project of Enrichment*)
RUOK: Local schools
Silver Coin Project
Youth Solutions

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 in 2026.

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 2024-25

Rotary Foundation

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The year in review.....

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 2024, 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 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 many Rotarians. This year the Club was represented by Drew, and Stef who joined the group for the Macarthur stations. Our donation to the Polio fight, and presented as part of the train ride event, was \$500.

Our Club was able to get a District Grant for the Nepal School project to supply Science Laboratory equipment for the Shree Krishna Secondary School.

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 three years before, 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, to support the good work being done by Foundation grants.

It was not a big year for Foundation activity and donations restricted due to reduced fundraising.

Throughout the year, I wrote several articles about the Foundation hoping to inform members, and readers, about the Foundation and how it works.



PDG BILL SALTER
Foundation Director 2024-25

Community Service

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Our Projects ...A Year in Review

MINTO GARDENS TRIVIA NIGHT

A fun night was had by families from Campbellfield Public School and the residents of Minto Gardens at the 1960s and 70s Trivia Night. Our Club was invited along to help with the BBQ, and then to form a team and test our knowledge against the residents and the school families. We came a creditable 4th.



NAIDOC WEEK BBQ

Our Club was once again invited by the Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation to be part of the NAIDOC week celebrations for Campbelltown.

Our task was to cook, and serve to a very large crowd, a free lunchtime community BBQ. The venue was moved to the concrete concourse at the Campbelltown Athletics Ground at Leumeah, due to wet weather. Staff from Tharawal and DCJ (Department of Community and Justice) arrived to lend their helping hands for the day. Once we started, we didn't seem to stop until our massive pile of sausages was all gone – estimated to be close to 1,500 sausages! It was indeed a well-attended event.



BUNNINGS BBQ FOR MHERV

In August, we ran a special event raising funds for a Men's Health Education Rural Van (or MHERV). Across the state, Bunnings stores invited Rotary Clubs to run barbeques over the weekend to raise essential funds to support this worthy cause.

Our fundraising for MHERV was a great success, we raised over \$1,000. So, thank you to Bunnings for the opportunity, and thank you to all those customers who came and supported us.



24-HOUR FIGHT AGAINST CANCER MACARTHUR BBQ

It was that time of year again where we headed down to Campbelltown Athletics Ground for the annual big BBQ supporting the 24-hour Fight Against Cancer Macarthur. Lots of Rotarians and friends were on hand, and were encouraged to have a rewarding day, and to remember to take regular breaks for their own health and safety.

Once the steaks and snags were cooking, the aroma of onions drew the crowd in. Hungry walkers, politicians, members of local council, police, local SES members, and families



with hungry kids, all joined the line to be served with our delicious food. We were supported on the day by several members of the Interact Club from Hurlstone Agricultural High School. They worked tirelessly throughout the day, being wonderful ambassadors for their school. Several members of Macarthur Rotaract Club also joined us for part of the day, before they went off into Campbelltown with their donation buckets to collect money to support the event.



ROCKING AROUND CAMPBELLTOWN BBQ

It was a bleak and overcast morning as our team of Rotarians made their way to Milton Park at Ingleburn for the annual Rocking Around Campbelltown BBQ heralding the arrival of Santa. We made a few early sales, but then the rain came.



Then the parade appeared a fire engine with lights and sirens, a Santa sleigh being towed by a truck, a double decker open-top bus with Santa aboard, the C91 road crew, Batman and his Batmobile, and finally, the local SES with their lights and sirens. Santa had indeed arrived, and the smallish crowd greeted him enthusiastically in the rain. And folks, that's how it was for the rest of the morning. The rain kept falling, everyone, and everything, got wet, and we didn't sell many of our famous sausage sandwiches.



SUNRISE AT MINTO GARDENS

There was movement at our Rotary Club for the word had passed around that Sam Mack from the Sunrise breakfast show was in town. He was to join the residents of Minto Gardens for a story and a yarn, and a bit of weather forecasting along the way.

Our club was invited to put on a breakfast barbeque as part of the visit. Our Team of eager Rotarians began arriving at 6:45 am to set up and begin preparing for the task ahead. It was a chance to show off our Rotary Club to a very large audience.



After experiencing various aspects of the village life, including book club, cakes, scones, and joke telling, Sam Mack finally arrived at our BBQ area. Sam had been made aware of our great and positive involvement with Minto Gardens. So, during his last two weather reports for the morning, he highlighted and named our Club and praised us for the great work that we do. There was clear vision of our Club

Members and our Club sign which was strategically placed on the fence behind us. We looked resplendent in our Rotary aprons.

Finally, a few of our Team had to leave for work or other commitments, but the rest of us retired to the Café in Minto Gardens and enjoyed a chat and a laugh over a fabulous and well-deserved coffee.



Thank you and congratulations to all our Team for an excellent morning.

INGLEBURN ALIVE FESTIVAL

This is one of our biggest activities each year, because we also run a pop-up stall adjacent to the barbeque. It runs throughout the afternoon and into the evening until 9:00 pm, meaning a very late pack up and journey home.

The day was uncomfortably hot, about 35 degrees, and quite humid. It was so overwhelmingly hot that the crowds didn't appear. We did a steady trade in cold drinks but only a few food sales.



A wonderful group of students from the Interact Clubs at Hurlstone Agricultural High School and Sarah Redfern High School came to support us by undertaking the customer service roles. They rotated shifts throughout the afternoon and evening. What a fantastic job they did! We thank them for their enthusiasm and support on such a challenging day.

However, the heat was taking its toll on our members and helpers. By mid-afternoon, it was over 37 degrees, and several people were getting physically stressed. People had wet towels around their necks trying to cope with the heat. Lots of water was drunk. Everyone had to have several sit-down rests in the shade. Several were forced to reluctantly go home. The heat from the barbeque made the temperature even higher within the marquees.



So, we waited for the crowds to come and a few more did come, and they did start to buy food, but not in the numbers we anticipated. Even at sunset, it was still 35 degrees and very uncomfortable.

At the end, we had only sold about half of our anticipated sales. Drink sales were great, but not the food. We can only assume that the unbearably hot day, and very uncomfortable evening, kept the crowds away in the cool of their homes or airconditioned clubs.

A big thank you to all the Interact students. You were all a credit to your schools.

But we did have fun, and the opportunity for some great social interaction.



CAR SHOW BBQS



On the last Sunday of each month, several of our Rotarians have been cooking a delicious breakfast of bacon and egg rolls on the barbeque for Macca's Garage Coffee and Car Show in Campbelltown.



Every month brought something new or different for us. We marvelled at the variety of cars which turned up at each event, always at least one that hadn't been seen before. On two occasions, we set up our barbeque at Cataract Dam, supplying a mid-morning brunch to all the car enthusiasts. These are special days when the owners take their cars for a show drive from Campbelltown – very impressive to see the long line of beautifully kept vehicles travelling in convoy down the road.



At times, there were challenging weather conditions at 7:00 am, be it the rain, or the freezing cold in Winter. However, it was fresh and sunny on most occasions, making it an inspiring start to the day.

BUNNINGS FUNDRAISING BBQS

We have had several Bunnings fundraising BBQs throughout this year.



a hot and sunny day – a technical issues with



Our last Bunnings fundraiser BBQ for 2024 was well supported by our Members and Friends of Rotary. It was completely different to our previous BBQs; the sun was shining, and the prediction was for great time for people to visit their local Bunnings. After a few the barbeque, the Bunnings staff rectified the problem, and we were into our cooking. A successful day for all involved. At the end of the day, we donated 75 leftover bread rolls and 78 sausages to our Hidden Homeless project, and they were most grateful for our support.



In February, it was our first BBQ for the new year, and everyone was excited and keen to be back. We even had new tablecloths this time for a fresh and vibrant look.



A steady stream of customers throughout the morning kept Bill busy as he did all the cooking on the hotplate. The humidity was rising, and storm clouds were building in the distance. There was some discussion as to whether we would make it home dry at the end of the day.





With much banter amongst the Team, we watched the cloud bank continue to build throughout the afternoon. They were now predicting storms. Luckily, the storms held off as we traded throughout the afternoon and approached our pack up time of 4:00 pm. We quickly made our exit. We unpacked and got home just before the rain came. We, again, donated our leftover sausages and bread to our Hidden Homeless project.

Our second Bunnings barbeque for the year, in April, was a great success. Business was slow to begin with but slowly gathered pace with a steady flow of customers coming throughout the morning.



After lunch, it was time to head off to the shops for more sausages, and ice to cool the drinks. It was a fun and rewarding day, giving our Members an opportunity to socialise and get to know each other better in a relaxed atmosphere. As usual, we met a few interesting customers who all had a story to tell or a joke to share.



We have also had two fundraising BBQs in the last two weeks

There was great anticipation amongst the Rotarians as this was to be our last ever Bunnings BBQ at the Crossroads store before it closes at the end of June. With help from Barry, the gear was all loaded onto Peter's truck, and we were off to the big event.



Our bright sunny morning took a turn when we arrived at the BBQ stall. It was not set up as usual – we were missing tables, and the regular large BBQ unit was replaced by a much smaller unit with only two burners. The Bunnings staff member was busy on the telephone trying to sort out the situation. Evidently the larger unit malfunctioned the previous day and so the smaller unit was substituted but its burners would not light correctly. Eventually the situation was resolved by the staff with a repaired BBQ unit, and additional tables brought out for us.

And so, we were finally underway for our final Crossroads BBQ

Our morning crew outnumbered the customers for a while. Drew and Barry on the hotplate, Brenda organising the money, Cheryl and Peter waiting to serve the customers. As the weather warmed up, hungry customers began to arrive, all being greeted by a friendly smile or a joke.

There was a moderate breeze blowing throughout the morning and, on several occasions, we had to chase serviettes across the car park or hold on to the gazebos as they were challenged by the wind. This kept us all on our toes. The afternoon crew of Gail, Brian, Bill, Rosslyn, Ken, Jim, and Jules, joined Peter ready for a great social get-together. The customers came in a steady flow and kept everyone busy.

Or that should be nearly everybody. Some kind child had left their Bunnings jigsaw puzzle in a jumbled pile on a chair, and this was too much of a temptation for Peter who loves the challenges of puzzles. So, it was time out from serving and into the assembly of the Bunnings logo. There were only 16 pieces but 12 of them were all plain green, so Jules came over to lend a hand to complete it. We had just finished it when a gust of wind came and blew it off the table! So, it was back to work. Overall, it was a successful day for all involved.



There was great anticipation as we held our first ever barbeque at the Leppington Bunnings store. Barry helped Peter load the truck and he led our drive to Leppington, about 10 minutes longer than our usual drive to Bunnings at the Crossroads.

Upon arrival, the morning crew of Brenda, Susan, Cheryl, Barry, and Peter were delighted to find that the barbeque was set up right outside the main front door. This meant that we were much more visible to everyone going shopping. It also meant that the delicious aroma of cooked onions wafted through the doors and inside.



Javed joined the crew during the morning, and we were all kept busy by the steady flow of customers, with lots of family groups coming to us, some buying up to 6 at a time!

The afternoon crew of Gail, Bill, Roz, Ken, Jim, and Jules joined Peter throughout the busy lunch period and into the afternoon. More supplies were needed so it was off to the shops to restock. By late afternoon, the demand had dwindled, and it was time to start packing up.

Overall, we were very pleased with our initial barbeque at Leppington and look forward to many more.

Finally, a big thank you to all those people who have volunteered to help with our projects over the year. Your dedicated efforts have helped raise funds to support our many ongoing club projects. And the good news is ... you're all welcome to come back to do it all again during our next Rotary year.



PETER FLEW
Community Service Director 2024-25

The Words and Wisdom of Paul Harris

The great river is the sum total of contributions of hundreds, perhaps thousands of little brooks and rivulets which come tumbling down the hillsides and mountains, singing as they go, eager to cast themselves into the channel of the great river.

That is like the growth of Rotary.

It has become great because of the self-sacrificing contributions of thousands of Rotarians of many lands.

My Road to Rotary

International

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The year in review.....



This year we applied for a District Grant to establish a Science Laboratory at Shree Krishna Secondary School in the village of Taruka, Nepal. We have been supporting this school since 2019.

This is a matching grant which involves the club contributing half the amount. Our fundraising events included stalls at Ingleburn Alive, William Carey, Carrington, and Mater Dei fetes. We were very appreciative of the number of people who supported us by making a range of items to sell and propagated plants. Thanks to the Probus Clubs of Ingleburn and Leumeah who invited us to sell our handmade cards on several occasions.



We were extremely fortunate that one of our Friends of Rotary, Devendra, was going home to Nepal to visit family, and Nabaraj arranged a trip for him to the school to meet the Principal, staff, students, and School Council members. Devendra also had the opportunity to see the other resources that we have provided to the school over the years; and was warmly welcomed by all. Nabaraj had been leading a trek but managed to get back to meet up with Devendra before he flew back home.

We were delighted to support the Rotary Club of Gregory Hills Next Gen's "Lei High Tea" to raise funds for ROMAC – Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children. It was a thoroughly enjoyable event netting \$10,000 – a terrific result!



At the request of members, we invited PDG Barry Antees to come to speak about the work of ShelterBox Australia, which provides emergency shelter to families who have lost their home to disaster, enabling them to rebuild their lives. Right now, over 120 million people around the world have been made homeless by disaster.



As we move into the 2025-2026 Rotary year, we will be establishing an International Committee.



PAG GAIL TAYLOR
International Director 2024-25

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.

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The year in review.....

This year has seen a membership increase of one. However, the Committee is currently communicating with approximately seven potential members, some more promising but, nevertheless, there are good signs with most.

The Membership Committee organised an Information Evening on Tuesday, 3 September 2024, to attract socially, and community-minded, people who would enjoy being part of a global volunteer service organisation. While it was a partial success in attracting two potential members, as yet none have joined; however, one is still very interested, and has attended a few meetings, and participated in a couple of projects.

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 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 their 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. All members are asked to network at functions and talk about Rotary; it is amazing that when others see the passion they invariably want to know more.

The Committee designed a 'Membership Brochure' which outlined the benefits of membership; a brochure that has a subtle message without too many words, with a couple of photos on the back of the A5 page. It was printed to be on the table(s) for all projects.

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

FRIENDS OF ROTARY PROJECT

The Committee, along with the Board, is still working on expanding our Friends of Rotary Project which has a core of community supporting members. The Friends of Rotary, on the whole, has had input into Club activities by attending, Club meetings, social activities, BBQs, and 'wheel' assistance while operating, Hidden Homeless project, lending a hand in the very large 'Gifts of Hope' charity activity, as well as participating in the Minto Gardens Retirement Village project, and miscellaneous small projects.

Our official Friend's Project covers community-minded supporters who would like to join Rotary, but their commitments prevent them from joining. For a small cost they receive benefits, the idea being borne out of the adage, one values something more where modest financial contribution is attached to benefits. During the 2024-25 year we had 16 financial Friends.

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, the first level is 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 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 C-o-Directors Bill and Drew; the important thing is, each has contributed with ideas and time, and we 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 2024-25

New Generations

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The year in review.....

It has been quite a solid year for New Generations in the 2024–2025 year, with the Interact Clubs in both Hurlstone Agricultural High School, and Sarah Redfern High School continuing to support a range of community projects including the Biggest Morning Tea, and the World's Greatest Shave.



HURLSTONE INTERACT CLUB's long-standing Co-ordinator moved on to other projects within the school, and there have been two changes of Co-ordinator during this Rotary year. The Interact Club remains strong, and continues to follow the excellent structure in place, providing a junior, and senior, executive which enables a smooth changeover of leaders.

This Interact Club has also continued to support the Rotary Club of Ingleburn by supplying student assistance for the Ingleburn Alive BBQ, the 24-Hour Fight Against Cancer Macarthur BBQ, and the Christmas Gifts of Hope Program.

SARAH REDFERN INTERACT CLUB continues to run a range of successful small projects within the school, along with a wider reaching breakfast program. The Interact Club has also supported the Rotary Club of Ingleburn's Programs by providing students to assist on various occasions, including Gifts of Hope, and Ingleburn Alive.

Rotarian Fiona McKinnon is continuing to work towards setting up an Interact Club at **JAMES MEEHAN HIGH SCHOOL**. Plans for the coming year include another Interact Club at **INGLEBURN HIGH SCHOOL**. It should be noted that, to our knowledge, no other Rotary Club supports more than one Interact Club. It is projected that the Rotary Club of Ingleburn Rotary may have three, or four in the future.



Our Club supported the **RYPEN** (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) Program again during the last year. Unfortunately, while students were selected for the August program, they had to withdraw due to personal circumstances too late for other students to be selected.

Two students from Sarah Redfern attended the April program which was held at Cobbitty Teen Ranch. Both reported it as a very positive and fun experience, leading to greater self-awareness and leadership possibilities.

The Rotary Club of Ingleburn, again, sponsored two candidates to attend the **RYLA** (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) camp at Stanwell tops in late January. Although the camp suffered multiple problems, with several leaders contracting COVID and having to leave the camp, the remaining leaders were still able to run a highly successful program. We congratulate them for their great team effort. Our two candidates were exuberant about the program, and the long-term effect they feel it will have on their future. They attended a Club meeting and provided a fun and informative report on their time at the camp.



The Rotary Club of Ingleburn Rotary, once again, sponsored a team from Hurlstone Agricultural High School to compete in the **MUNA** (Model United Nations Assembly) competition which was held at NSW Parliament House. Unfortunately, two of the four team members became quite ill shortly before the event and the team had to withdraw.

I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate President Gail on her highly successful leadership of the Club, and her support of New Generations programs throughout 2024-2025. I look forward to working with President Gail and the Board in the coming year.



BARRY WOOLFE
New Generations Director 2024-25

The Words and Wisdom of Paul Harris

What can you do, what are you willing to do for Rotary?

THE ROTARIAN
August 1

Vocational Service



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

YEAR 2024-2025 REPORT

The year in review.....

The Club enjoyed an active 'Vocational' year.

This involved vocational visits, attending vocational awards events, and having a number of guest speakers presenting on 'vocational' activities and programs.

On 12 July 2024, members and guests attended the Information Centre at the new Western Sydney International Airport. This Centre is well equipped to show the up-to-date progress of this huge piece of infrastructure. We were also provided a very informative presentation of what is, and what will be, as from 2026.

On 29 July, a number of members attended the 'Police Officer of the Year Awards'. A great opportunity to support the Police Force, and to say thank you. This is a combined event conducted by the Rotary Clubs in Macarthur.

On 8 October, Superintendent Greg Wright from NSW Fire & Rescue was our guest speaker. Greg provided many important points regarding vocation and life.

On 16 October, a number of members and guests travelled to State Parliament House for a briefing, tour and fine dining experience. Anoulack Chanthivong, the member for the seat of Macquarie Fields, and holding numerous portfolios, was our host. A great experience.

January was Vocational Service month.

On 8 April 2025, we held our annual 'Pride of Workmanship Awards' event. Another very successful event showcasing businesses and quality employees in our local community. We acknowledged seven recipients.

On 22 April, Greg Miles attended as our guest speaker regarding CPR awareness. Very informative and important advice for all.

On 30 April, a number of members attended the 'First Responders Awards' event. Again, important to hear about the Service people who provide support to us all. This also was a combined event conducted by the Rotary Clubs in Macarthur.

On 27 May, we transferred our meeting to the revamped Ingleburn Bowling Club. We were able to view the new premises (9 Very good) and Glenn Cushion, the CEO of both the RSL, and Bowling Club, gave an in-depth presentation of the journey for the rebuild and what they now have. A must see.

On 10 June, Kylie Richardson, the CEO at Myrtle Cottage, was our guest speaker. Kylie gave a very informative presentation of the services and support they provided to many in our community at their premises, and in the community. We will have a visit to the site in the new Rotary year.



DREW PERCIVAL
Vocational Service Director 2024-25

Mental Health Committee (*IngleMinds*)



WINTER CLOTHING AND BLANKET DRIVE

In the second week of June 2025, The Rotary Club of Ingleburn undertook our winter clothing and blanket drive.

We were able to distribute clothing, crocheted blankets, sleeping bags, woollen scarves and beanies, blankets and doonas to 350 people. Recipients were people living in temporary accommodation, sleeping rough, those with disabilities and those accessing aged care services.

The Rotary Club of Ingleburn coordinated and distributed the many donations.



Shining Stars gave sleeping bags and jackets to those sleeping rough when they undertook their outreach program.

Meals on Wheels delivered handmade blankets, scarves and beanies directly to homes of people who are struggling financially and in need of supplementing expensive heating.

Myrtle Cottage distributed scarves and beanies to those with disabilities and aged people accessing their services in Ingleburn.

People living in temporary accommodation were able to choose winter clothing and blankets. Those with limited resources could take multiple outfits to keep them warm during the winter months. People entering temporary accommodation during winter will have an additional doona in their room to help ward off the cold.





Several families that moved from temporary accommodation to rental premises were given enough winter blankets to ensure their new start was comfortable.

Macarthur Women's Health Centre were able to provide beanies, scarves and blankets to clients who seek support during the colder months.

Beanies that were knitted for premature babies were donated to Campbelltown hospital to help create a positive start to life.

The exceptional impact of the Winter Appeal was made possible through the generous donations of winter goods and time from:

- The Rotary Club of Ingleburn, their families, friends and acquaintance
- Friends of Rotary (Ingleburn)
- Kenneally's Funerals
- Minto Gardens Retirement Village
- Willowdale Retirement Village
- Kathie (Manager) Kaisercraft Campbelltown
- Kearns Medical Centre – Dr R Khan, coordinator

All those that donated goods, their time and their skill have made a huge difference to the lives of others. While we will probably not meet those who benefitted, they know there are people in their community that care.

Thank you for helping change lives.



BETH GODWIN & KEN BARNARD
*Coordinating the 2025 Winter Appeal
on behalf of IngleMinds*

IngleMinds has continued to gain insight into our community and their needs. We now have ten Committee members and with the support of other Rotarians we provide projects to enhance the wellbeing of others.

MINTO GARDENS RETIREMENT VILLAGE

Our strong connection with Minto Gardens Retirement Village has developed into a mutual partnership. The residents of The Village assist in creating Christmas Hampers and Easter bags for disadvantaged families of the community. They donate clothing during our community drives, knit for winter and offer excess furniture for people moving into rental accommodation. More recently they have undertaken cooking with friends to provide meals for homeless people. Showing teamwork and the ability to convert a concept into reality they have assembled care packs for the homeless.

We have provided monthly health talks and craft workshops strengthening connection and wellbeing. During the Christmas period we have volunteered at their functions and provided stalls at their resident market day.

The connecting through cards program has seen us make over 750 personalised cards for the residents of the Village to celebrate birthdays, Easter and Christmas.

RUOK? DAY

In 2024 the team developed 100 information bags and greeting cards distributing them to the community at Minto Marketplace. This process enabled team members to have meaningful conversations with the shoppers and promote positive wellbeing, seeking help and staying connected. In 2025 this will grow to include Ingleburn shopping centre with the projected distribution of 250 bags.

HIDDEN HOMELESS

We continue to make care packs for people who enter temporary accommodation with the personal items needed to provide dignity. To date we have 307 care packs through fundraising (Ingleburn Alive) and generous donations. Included in the 2024 care packs we have provided “mess kits” of plates, cups, bowls, cutlery and tea towels so that the recipients can make simple meals.



Beth Godwin (0402 347 546), on behalf of IngleMinds.



BETH GODWIN
Mental Health Committee 2024-25

Social Committee

YEAR 2024-2025 REPORT

The year in review.....

The very hardworking Social Committee has, over the last year, conducted a lot of work and provided many varied activities for the members, Friends of Rotary, and guests of our Club. We have also combined with other groups, Vocational Service, Community Projects, and IngleMinds, in bringing events to one and all.

A positive vibe is very important for any group to enjoy whatever activity they undertake.










The Committee members meet monthly and, occasionally more often, when a major activity is happening. Good planning is important.

The activities and events organised, or been combined with others in, since July 2024: -



A visit on 12 July 2024 to Western Sydney International Airport for 24 people, which

included finger food and drinks. A very informative visit.

-  On 18th September, a cruise for 13 along the Nepean River on the Nepean Belle steamer with scones, tea and coffee delivering the mail before stopping off for lunch at a nearby restaurant. Very relaxing.
-  On the evening of 16 October, 21 people visited State Parliament House Sydney for a combined vocational, and social, experience. A personal tour and briefing was followed by fine dining in the Speaker's Private Dining Room, all hosted by Anoulack Chanthivong, our local State member.
-  To taste Vietnamese cuisine, 15 people dined at DJ Restaurant in Ingleburn for dinner on 29 October. A fun night and enjoyable food.
-  For those who enjoy a walk, a chat and tea or coffee, 8 people ventured from Glenfield to Casula Powerhouse and back. This was early on the morning of 17 November. Uplifting.
-  One of the many highlights of the year was held on the evening of 3 December - the annual Christmas party for 62 people at Ottimo House. An event involving fun, activities, social and relaxing.
-  On 12 January 2025, a group of 19 enjoyed our '*start of the calendar year*' social, hosted by Barry and Jenny Woolfe at their home. A good way to get back into the 'Rotary way'.
-  On the evening of 17 March, a dinner was held at Kalapani Restaurant Ingleburn. Fourteen (14) people enjoyed tasting Nepalese food.
-  Our Celebration (usually Changeover) event took place on the evening of 24 June. This included much 'social' and planning by the Committee.
-  The year was rounded out by another enjoyable mixed activity - walk, chat, tea and coffee outing (*known as the 'end of year cuppa' get-together*) held at Mt Annan Botanical Gardens and Cafe.

Thank you ALL for your support and involvement throughout the year.



DREW PERCIVAL, GAIL TAYLOR & JENNY WOOLFE
Social Committee 2024-25

The Words and Wisdom of Paul Harris

Love is mightier than hate. Give it one-half the advertising that hate has had, and there will be no more war.

THE ROTARIAN
February 1924



POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

MACARTHUR 2025

Rotary
Clubs of Macarthur



NSW Police Force

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

30TH JULY

2025

6:30 PM - 11:30 PM

Venue:



10 Old Leumeah Road,
Leumeah



Book Your Ticket/s NOW:

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This is your chance to say “thanks for a job well done”

Calendar of Events



Day	Date	Function	Where / Time
JULY			
Tuesday	1 July	Ingle Minds Meeting	Face to Face Venue TBA
Wednesday	2 July		
Thursday	3 July		
Friday	4 July		
Saturday	5 July		
Sunday	6 July		
Monday	7 July		
Tuesday	8 July	Meeting: Guest Speaker – Jeff McGill Ingleburn RSL History	Ingleburn RSL Club Dinner 6:00 pm Meeting 7:00 pm
Wednesday	9 July		
Thursday	10 July		
Friday	11 July		
Saturday	12 July		
Sunday	13 July		
Monday	14 July		
Tuesday	15 July	Rotary Inspiring Youth Committee	Via Zoom 7:00 pm
Wednesday	16 July	Minto Gardens Retirement Village: Craft	10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Wednesday	16 July	Membership Committee Meeting	Ingleburn Bowling Club 10:15 am
Thursday	17 July	NAIDOC Fun Day BBQ	Campbelltown Athletics Field 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Friday	18 July		
Saturday	19 July		
Sunday	20 July		
Monday	21 July	24 Hour Fight Against Cancer, Macarthur - Sleeping Giant Golf Day	Lakeside Golf Resort, Camden
Tuesday	22 July	Meeting – Club Assembly	Ingleburn RSL Club Dinner 6:00 pm Meeting 7:00 pm
Wednesday	23 July		
Thursday	24 July		
Friday	25 July	Minto Gardens Retirement Village: Health Talk	3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Saturday	26 July		
Sunday	27 July	Car Show BBQ	Old Bunnings Site Campbelltown 7:00 am to 9:00 am
Monday	28 July		
Tuesday	29 July	Vocational Visit: Noumi Products	6:00 pm followed by dinner
Wednesday	30 July	Police Officer of the Year Awards Macarthur	West's Leagues Club

Day	Date	Function	Where / Time
			7:00 pm
Thursday	31 July		
AUGUST			
Friday	1 August		
Saturday	2 August		
Sunday	3 August		
Monday	4 August		
Tuesday	5 August	Ingle Minds Meeting	Via Zoom
Wednesday	6 August		
Thursday	7 August		
Friday	8 August		
Saturday	9 August		
Sunday	10 August	Bunnings Leppington BBQ	Cnr Bringelly Road & Skyline Crescent, Leppington 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Monday	11 August		
Tuesday	12 August	Meeting	Ingleburn RSL Club Dinner 6:00 pm Meeting 7:00 pm
Wednesday	13 August		
Thursday	14 August		
Friday	15 August	24 Hour Fight Against Cancer, Macarthur - Ladies Lunch	Lakeside Golf Resort, Camden 10:30 am
Saturday	16 August		
Sunday	17 August		
Monday	18 August		
Tuesday	19 August	Rotary Inspiring Youth Committee	Via Zoom 7:00 pm
Wednesday	20 August	Minto Gardens Retirement Village: Craft	10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Thursday	21 August	D9675 Presidents' Meeting	Bankstown Sports Club 6:00 pm
Friday	22 August	RYPEN Weekend	Teen Ranch, Cobbitty
Saturday	23 August	RYPEN Weekend	Teen Ranch, Cobbitty
Sunday	24 August	RYPEN Weekend	Teen Ranch, Cobbitty
Monday	25 August		
Tuesday	26 August	Meeting – Guest Speaker: Greg Wright First Responder Paid Award Winner 2025	Ingleburn RSL Club Dinner 6:00 pm Meeting 7:00 pm
Wednesday	27 August		
Thursday	28 August		
Friday	29 August	Minto Gardens Retirement Village: Health Talk	3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Saturday	30 August		
Sunday	31 August		