

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PADSTOW Inc.

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Rotary International District 9675

Janice Hall – District Governor 2022 – 2023

January 2023 – March 2023



Club Bulletin



The Rotary Theme for January was Vocational Service.

The Rotary Theme for February was Peace and Conflict Prevention – Resolution.

The Rotary Theme for March was Water & Sanitation.

January to March Padstow Club Events

Jan 14 th	Greenacre Splash Pool Opening - BBQ
Jan 17 th	First Club Meeting for 2023 – Dinner and casual meeting at RWC
Jan 24 th	Club Meeting RWC & Zoom
Sun 29 th	Bunnings BBQ
Jan 31 st	Club Meeting RWC & Zoom
Feb 7 th	Club Meeting RWC & Zoom – Guest Speaker David Symonds – District Youth Exchange Director
Feb 11 th	Panania Markets
Feb 13 th	Board Meeting
Feb 14 th	Club Meeting RWC & Zoom
Feb 21 st	POLAIR – Vocational Visit
Feb 25 th	Social Event – Picnic Lunch at Georges River Park – Catteduffers
Feb 26 th	Bunnings BBQ
Mar 1 st	Club Meeting RWC & Zoom
Mar 7 th	Club Meeting RWC & Zoom – Guest Speaker- Rizqin Dewanata – Science Summer School –Sponsored by RCP YAP
Mar 11 th	Panania Markets
Mar 13 th	Board Meeting
Mar 14 th	Club Meeting RWC & Zoom – Guest Speaker - Aaditya Sivarajah – NYSF Student Sponsored by RCP
Mar 21 st	St George Combined Mtg – Mortdale RSL
Mar 28 th	Coolaburoo Padstow – Morning Tea
Mar 28 th	SOOTY = Bankstown RSL

The Rotary Theme for APRIL is Maternal & Child Health Month.

What's On in April:

April 4 th	Club Meeting RWC & Zoom
April 8 th	Panania Markets
April 11 th	Club Meeting RWC & Zoom
April 17 th	Board Meeting
April 18 th	Club Meeting RWC & Zoom – Friends of Rotary Vote
April 21 st	Social Event – Barefoot Bowls Padstow Bowling Club
April 25 th	ANZAC Ceremonies – Padstow RSL 6.00am & RWC 10.30am
April 23 rd	Bunnings BBQ
April 28 th	Club Meeting RWC & Zoom



President's Report:

The 2022-23 Rotary Theme is "Imagine Rotary" and our RI President Jennifer E Jones who is a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, has been travelling around the world visiting various Rotary Clubs to promote this theme. She will attend the Rotary International Convention in Melbourne, VIC from 27-31 May.

Our club has been very active since the beginning of 2023 with fundraising activities, International projects, local community projects, sponsorship of Youth on various programs, guest speakers from a diverse background, annual club events and District run events.

In January, we welcomed back members to 2023 with a social dinner at The Panania Diggers Club, this was very well attended.

In February we held our first Panania Village markets for the year and had a great Vocational visit organised by member Tony Luck, to the NSW Police Air Wing (POLAIR) at Bankstown airport. At the end of the month, our social coordinator organised a social picnic at the Georges River National Park in Revesby and we also had our first Bunnings BBQ at Padstow Bunnings for 2023.

As part of the rollout of our ClubRunner website, the monthly calendar is now up and running and members were encouraged to download the ClubRunner application on their smartphones. This is a secure platform giving members access to contact other members, the executive team (Board) and view the calendar for upcoming events.

In March, we had our second Panania Village markets, attended the Canterbury Bankstown Chamber of Commerce run "International Women's Week" event, where 5 Rotarians from our club attended together with the Executive team from our Interact club from East Hills Girls Technology High School. The Interact coordinator, Christie Dierikx also attended.



The President of our Interact club, Myisha, was asked to speak at the event by CBCC CEO, Wally Mehanna and she spoke about her own experience as a young female and the challenges she has faced. She spoke so well and made mention of The Rotary Club of Padstow on a few occasions.

We once again held our Service officer of the Year (SOOTY) awards at Bankstown Sports Club on 28 March. With 160 invited guests including 5 emergency service agencies, the evening was very successful. Two retiring members of the NSW Police force were presented with Pride of Workmanship awards, very well deserved for their respective service of 36 and 37 years to the communities of Canterbury-Bankstown LGA.

We also had our member Garry Metcalfe overseas in Nepal, supporting school kids in remote areas who don't have access to fund their school uniforms, bags, shoes, text books and lunches. This project is now in its fourth year and we have supported another ten children this year, great work Garry and your photos each tell a thousand words.



As club President, I am very privileged to be part of such a diverse club in membership and the activities we do locally, nationally and internationally. I look forward to our club achieving lots of Success by engaging in as many activities over the next three months of this Rotary year.

Charles Mille – President 2022-2023

Secretary's Report: Claire Smith

Raffle Winners



February – John Earls, Ann Laverty, Peter Spanos

March – Allan Sweet, Thea Davies

Treasurer's Report: Ann Laverty

Weekly Raffles

Entry to the raffles is \$2 per entry payable at the club meeting each week or if you prefer via net bank the cost is **\$10 per month** with payment due by last Friday of the month for the coming month eg Pay 28th April for May raffles. Of course, if you want to increase your chances then \$20 will get you 2 entries in each week's draw. The winner's name will be returned for the next week's draw.

Payment options are:

1. Make a cash payment to Ann Laverty at a club meeting
OR
2. EFT payment to **CLUB** Account

Bank: CBA
Account name: Rotary Club of Padstow
BSB: 062 – 233
Account No: 1045 2289
Ref: Surname – Raffle

Unfortunately, late payments cannot be accepted.

Administration - Charlie Mille see President's report

Community Service: Ross Smith

Greenacre Splash Park – Paul McCarthy

Canterbury Bankstown Council asked our club to operate a BBQ at the opening of their new Greenacre Splash Park on Friday 14th January. A BBQ team lead by Paul McCarthy organized the event for our club and were swamped with customers who devoured all of the 250 snags and 70 veggie burgers were in quick time after the official opening by Mayor Karl Asfour. The splash park consists of various water fountains, water sprays and waterjets that kids can run through or play under to cool off on hot days. The club received a nice donation for our services on the day. Thanks to everyone who helped out on the day.



Panania Markets – 11th February

Our first market for 2023 was held on 11th February. The day was fine but it turned out to be a very hot day around 37 degrees. We had 22 stalls on show including a few new stalls.

Customers were a little slow in turning up but most stall had a profitable day. Around 10am at Senior Citizens Hall a crowd of VIP's arrived including the local Police Area Commander along with about 10 police officers, Wendy Lindsay (member for East Hills), George Zakhia (CB City Councillor) and members of the Bankstown Chamber of Commerce for a "Meet the Community" event in Panania. They visited our market, shops and locals during an hour stay.

Our Bric a brac stall raised \$310 dollars and with a stock of new books over Christmas the bookstall raised \$153.

Panania Markets – 11th March

We had 28 stalls on show for our second market of 2023 with several new stalls on display thanks to Thea Davies finding new and different types of stalls. The day was fine and mild. The volume of customers was down on past markets which might be sign of the slowing economy as higher interest rates start to stretch budgets. The majority of stall had a reasonable day whilst several were lucky to break even. Our Bric a brac stall raised \$240 dollars and while the bookstall raised \$40. The volume of people around Panania was noticeably down on usual activity.

Bunnings Padstow - 29th January

Our BBQ team was back in action after the Christmas break with BBQ at Bunnings on Sunday 29th January. It was a hot day with a steady stream of customers until the predicted afternoon storm arrived around 3pm and washed us out. We still made a reasonable profit for the day.

Bunnings Padstow - 26th February

The February BBQ at Bunnings was held on Sunday 26th February with fine weather all day despite the prediction of rain and storms. Sales were down on late last year where we were selling around 600 snags with only around 480 snags being sold. The day was still worthwhile for the club. Thanks go again to our extra helpers Sally Luck, Paul Fitzsimon, Ross Mackinnon for helping out on the day.

Bunnings Padstow - 26th March

The March BBQ at Bunnings was held on Sunday 26th March with mostly fine weather all day apart from a brief shower in the afternoon. We were very short of helpers again so thanks go to Allyn and Ross for doing double shifts and Sally Luck for again helping on the arvo shift. Sales were around 500 snags sold but the day was still worthwhile for the club.

Allyn and I would like to see some new faces on the BBQ roster for our 2023 BBQ's. You won't be stuck over the hotplate cooking as there are other jobs that need to be done, we need people to cut 600 buns during the day (a sit down job), refill soft drink eskies, refill sauces and of course be the "shopfront" person to sell the items so come along, you may even enjoy it!!!

Next BBQ Sunday 23rd April- See Allyn for details

Little Wings International Women's Day Event 6th March

Little Wings is a volunteer group that flies ill children from regional NSW to Sydney or Newcastle for on-going medical treatment. Clare Pearson the CEO of Little Wings spoke to our club in a couple of years ago and impressed us with the groups work and we have supported them this year. On Monday 6th March, Ann Laverty, Thea Davies and Ross Smith represented our club at Little Wings International Women's Day Event held in their hanger at Bankstown Airport. Clare Pearson welcomed everyone and spoke about Little Wings and the exciting services they provide. The event was then opened by Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley Governor of NSW who spoke about Little Wings effect in NSW and about her experiences of

being a women in the law area and how things are changing. Her message was “equality and equity” for everyone which was summarised via a handout about bikes:

Equality- everyone had the same bike.

Equality – everyone had the right type of bike for them eg a tall person had a taller bike, a child had a child’s size bike.

We then heard speeches from Janette Davie – Chairperson of Little Wings, Bridget McGinley – Clinical Nurse Consultant at Cancer Centre for Children Westmead who was involved in founding Little Wings. They spoke about their careers and Little Wings. They were then joined on stage by Wendy Lindsay MP for East Hills and Allison Bone Executive Manager Corporate Communications QANTAS for a brief panel type interview session.

During the speeches the guests were treated to a fabulous array of food for a “light brunch”.



Her Excellency The Hon. Margaret Beazley – NSW Governor

Coolaburoo Neighbourhood Centre

The club donated \$1000 to the Coolaburoo Neighbourhood Centre in June 2022 to support the work they do in the local area. We were invited to the opening of their new street library and other upgrades at the centre in Ryan Rd Padstow on 28th March. The centre is very active with many programs for all age groups. They welcomed Lorraine Cody and Ross Smith to the centre and Lorraine proudly cut the ribbon to open the street library and thanked our club for the support. A lovely morning tea was laid on for all the supporters of the centre. Currently they are collecting clothing to send to WA indigenous communities and food parcels for local families in need. Another project involves primary school children writing to people in local aged care facilities to become pen pals.



Lorraine at the Centre



Street Library - Cutting the Ribbon

Lamb Jumpers 2023

With winter fast approaching the need for lamb jumpers for orphaned lambs and goat kids is once again springing to mind. Hopefully our knitting teams will again take up the challenge to

knit lamb jumpers. It was great to receive 15 lamb jumpers from a local lady via Padstow Probus club recently. I recall that Veronica has a lot in hand so we are off to a good start for 2023 season. If you would like the pattern for the lamb jumper let Ross know and will email you the pattern.

Membership, PR and Welfare: Paul McCarthy

The first quarter of this year has resulted in no new members to the Club. The anticipated "Friends of Rotary" proposal will be put to the members in the coming weeks. It is hoped this addition to the Membership options within our by-laws will gain committed members of the public who wish to find out about Rotary before becoming a member.

I encourage all members to consider going to the Convention in Melbourne in May as an opportunity to meet like-minded Rotarians. Some of the projects being carried out may work in our LGA.

Honorary Member - Kevin Bouffler:

Our club was pleased to confer Honorary Membership on Kevin Bouffler. After over 60 years of active service in our club Kevin decided to move to more back seat role but remains a valued member and will still be joining us on Zoom each week.

President Charles recently presented Kevin with his honorary membership.



Social Events – Gordana Milic

Social – Lunch at Cattle Duffers – Sat 25th February

Our social leader Gordana organised a picnic lunch at Georges River Park (Cattleduffers) on Sat 25th February. It was good to see about 15 members and partners and especially to see Barry Thompson turn up for the day. Everyone enjoyed the outing, lots of laughs, food and brave attempts at playing Bocce (a bowls game) lead by Vinko Milic on a very rough bowling green. A couple the booci balls found their way into the river but were quickly retrieved. Captain Community's batch of homemade ANZAC biscuits were eagerly devoured. It was good to see the Maritime Police on patrol to slow down the jetskies and boats.



Gordana's next social event for all members is Barefoot Bowls on Friday 21st April at Padstow Bowling Club – Iberia St Padstow from 6.00pm. Stay around for a meal after the bowls!

Vocational Service: Bryan Doyle

POLAIR Visit – 22nd February

POLAIR invited the club to visit their headquarters in Bankstown Airport for a tour of their operations and hold a club meeting. About 20 members and partners arrive at POLAIR for the tour and to our surprise they also provided us with a light meal before the tour which we shared with POLAIR Team members. The tour was very interesting as we were shown POLAIR's new drone force equipment, operations rooms and inside their latest helicopter bristling technology for Police operations. Following the tour we had a brief club meeting and a great talk from Gary Raymond, retired Chief Inspector of the New South Wales Police Force who spoke about his life in the Ambulance and Police including his Granville Train Disaster moments. Thanks to Nicole Haines for organizing the meal. Thanks, Tony for organizing a great vocational visit.



Tony – kitted out

Helicopter ins & outs

SOOTY – 28TH March Tony Luck

SOOTY 2023 was again a great success. All of our local Emergency Services were happy to thank their local heroes. We recognised nominees and winners from:-

- Bankstown Police Command
- Bankstown Police Public Transport Command
- Georges River (Revesby) Highway Police
- POLAIR (NSW Police Aviation Support Command)
- NSW Fire and Rescue Bankstown
- NSW Fire and Rescue Head Quarters (Greenacre)
- NSW Ambulance Bankstown Supercentre
- NSW Ambulance Aeromedical
- Bankstown SES
- Newborn and Paediatric Emergency Transport Services
- St John Ambulance

This year we were supported by sponsorship from NSW Telco Authority, Aerie Management (Bankstown Airport) and RFI Wireless. Also a club grant from Bankstown Sports Club helped to make the night a success.

Thanks to DGE Tonia Barnes who was our District Official and enjoyed the night.

Thanks to Julie, Paul Mc, Karen Mc, Allyn, Barbara, Bryan, Claire, Alan Nowfal and Ross for their help on the night.

The feedback is that all the Emergency Services were very happy to receive the recognition for their work and the night was great. They are all looking forward to next year. Also it was a great opportunity to recognise two officers retiring at Bankstown Police. We awarded Pride of Workmanship awards to Chief Inspector David Small and Brett Honeybrook who both had given more than 30 years' service to the Bankstown Community.



All our Nominated Heroes

Next Generation: Charles Mille

End Trachoma – Thea Davies

The End Trachoma project for this year is to supply 43 family kits to local indigenous families around Alice Springs NT to help end trachoma. Port Macquarie Rotary Club is doing 30 family kits and Thea Davies is leading the project for our club in conjunction with EHGTHS Interact club to make the other 13 family kits. The 13 family kits are composed of 4 smaller toiletry kits for each family so we will be making 52 kits in total. Our Interact group is keen to be involved again, raising funds for the toiletries and assembling the kits. Our club's sewing bees will be busy sewing all the bags for the 52 kits. We hope to send the kits by end of June to Alice Springs.

NYSF- Aaditya Sivarajah

Our club and Campsie Rotary co-sponsored Aaditya Sivarajah a pupil from Temple High School to this year's NYSF. Aaditya visited in March and gave an excellent report on his experiences at NYSF. It was great to hear that the course was challenging and covered a wide range of topics and venues including a day trip to Newcastle Uni. He is focusing on doing an engineering degree to give him a grounding with ambition of improving our world.



Science Olympic - Rizqin Dewanata

Our club sponsored Rizqin to the Science Olympic course held over a few weeks in January at ANU Canberra. Rizqin impressed us with her presentations of the highlights of the course and the new skills she learnt including living away from home for the course. She is in year 12 and is looking to gain entry to a Science/Law double degree at university.



Rotary Youth Exchange 2024

Rotary Youth Exchanges are resuming in 2024. Our club has a long history of supporting this project and are proud to volunteer to host a student in 2024. Many thanks to the three club members and families who have volunteered to host the student. We look forward to our student's arrival in January 2024 and an exciting year of showing the student our Australia.

TRF/International : Elizabeth Greuzo

No report.

PEACE POLES – Veronica Necyporuk

This year four more Peace Poles will be placed at the following primary schools :

- * East Hills
- * Picnic Point
- * Panania
- * St Luke's Catholic

This will make 9 Peace Poles that have been placed in schools in the two years of the initiative by our club.

The schools are very appreciative of having a Peace Pole in their school to raise awareness of the need for peace.

There will be a special Peace Pole placed at East Hills Technology High School to celebrate the school's 70th anniversary. Our club has had a long connection with the school from the school's early years to now with the Interact Club.

It is very important that we continue to place Peace Poles in schools as the education of the younger generation is paramount in making them aware of their responsibility for peace at home, at school, in the community and the world.

Members and Partners Birthdays February

10 John Davies

March

15 Charmaine Doyle

April

7 Barry Thompson
14 Peter Spanos
17 Bill Lewis
30 Allyn Waters

Anniversary of Joining Padstow

04-04-1978
01-04-1987
02-07-2019
02-08-2019

On the Lighter Side



1. What kind of room has no doors or windows?
2. What tastes better than it smells?

Answers :

2. Your tongue

1. A mushroom

Collector's Corner

RECYCLING CANS/BOTTLES



Paul Laverty does a monthly drive to raise funds for the club. Please contact Paul beforehand on 0414 675 736 to advise you will be dropping off your cans & bottles to 29 Fewtrell Street, Revesby Heights.

STAMPS for "Stamp Out Trachoma"



Thea Davies collects stamps for a Rotary project called "End Trachoma in Australia 2021". So, bring in any used stamps you have so that Thea can send them off to Rotarian Camille Rogers from Malvern VIC, who sorts the stamps which are then sold in bulk lots to stamp dealers.

MAGAZINES - "Reading for Wrinkles"



Do you have unloved good quality magazines lying around your place? Recycle them with Garry Metcalfe via the Reading for Wrinklies project. They will be delivered to local Aged Care Homes to brighten up their days.

If you collect something that could raise funds for our club, Rotary or assist people in the community, and would like to promote it in our Bulletin, contact Club Secretary Claire, at secretary@padstowrotary.org.au and provide her with the details.

**PARTNERS, ALUMNI & FRIENDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT
THE ROTARY CLUB OF PADSTOW
Tuesday nights at 7p.m.
Revesby Workers' Club or by ZOOM
Please contact Club Secretary on 0417 470 237 for ZOOM details**

Hope you enjoyed reading – *The Wireman*

