

7 August 2019



Rotary Club of Sawtell

Sawtell Sun

Granting Wishes

Since 1985 Make-a-Wish Australia has granted 10,000 wishes to children with life threatening illnesses, thanks in no small part to the work of volunteers or “Wish Force members” like Deb Ellison and Karen Jackson.

Research has shown that the process of granting a wish has physical and emotional benefits for both the sick child and their family. Wishes range from bedroom makeovers to meeting Batman.

A Make-A-Wish wish is not a fleeting gift. Each child's Wish

Journey is carefully planned and delivered over several stages to create a positive, lasting impact.

Wishes are designed to complement a child's medical treatment, working to calm, distract and inspire at a time they need it most.

When a wish is realised, a child discovers that despite their situation, anything is possible.

Deb mentioned that the whole family can be involved.

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Below: Volunteers from Make-a-Wish Deb Ellison and Karen Jackson with President Warren Hollyman.



Granting wishes (cont.)

Karen shared YouTube clips featuring Archie, who wanted to wear the baggie green and Scarlet, who wanted to see a flying unicorn. Only the most steely hearted would be able to resist the appeal of these events. To watch a unicorn fly go to

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=idK5US9SL3l&list=PL05qV4jm-DzFwNZ6qoIJ4tBGvYVmq-ol>

Make-a-Wish relies on community support to fund its program but government services like the NSW Police do lend a hand with wishes, such as a SWAT Team helping to rescue Batman.

Children are often referred by hospital social workers, but their participation is entirely up to

the consent of their parents and medical approval. However, you can refer a child directly using the link at

<https://www.makeawish.org.au/wishes/apply>

Deb admitted that fund raising is a challenge, particularly in regional areas, but Make-A-Wish Australia distribute the funds across Australia to ensure that country kids don't miss out.

To make a donation go to

<https://www.makeawish.org.au/>

Many thanks to both Deb and Karen for sharing their rewarding stories.



John Underwood

15 August

Phil Makinson

24 August



DUTY ROSTER	12 August	19 August
Attendance	Ray Baldwin Alan Freedman	Ray Baldwin Alan Freedman
Affirmation	Shane Della	Roslyn Cousins
International toast	Peter Paff	Denis Gleeson
Sergeant	Alison Williams	Shayne Long

Upcoming Events

12 August	Dinner Meeting at Sawtell RSL, guest speaker: Dean Evers , Founder & President "Hope for the Homeless" followed by a Board meeting
12 September	Downton Abbey Movie night at Sawtell Cinema, 139 tickets to sell.
26 October	Dr. Richard Harris, for the Daybreak Club (see the next page for details)
4 November	District 9650 Governor, Phil Hafey, visits the Club
15-17 November	Weekend away at Wooli
6-10 June 2020	Rotary International Convention, Honolulu
Please RSVP by 4pm Monday to Alan Freedman 0419357864	

Sergeant at Arms

12/8/2019	Alison Williams
19/8/2019	Shayne Long
26/8/2019	Bruce Hall
2/9/2019	Warren Hollyman
9/9/2019	Roslyn Cousins
16/9/2019	Denis Gleeson
23/9/2019	Steve Kassulke
30/9/2019	John Underwood
14/10/2019	Peter Paff
21/10/2019	Ellis Nicholson
2/10/2019	Rob Alford

The Rotary Club of Sawtell

PRESENTS...

DOWNTON ABBEY

THURSDAY September 12th
7PM Sawtell Cinema 1

TICKETS: \$20

Proceeds towards tree planting at Richardson Park

Contact Alan Freedman 0419 357 864

