

19 September 2020



Rotary Club of Sawtell

# Sawtell Sun

## Club News

President Peter welcomed everyone including Honorary member Alan Freedman, Shane Della and Gerry De Gabriele.

Steve Kassulke updated members on the upcoming BBQ at Bongil Bongil National Park. Ellis will be arriving early to stake a claim on the BBQ, but members and friends should bring along everything else, including chairs. Take the Williams Road turnoff from the highway (south of the Butterfly House) and head in for approx. 2 kms.

Mike Fayle reported that all of the primary school readers have arrived and been labelled. Warren and Peter will be organising the delivery of the Early Literacy Project books to our five local primary schools.

Peter passed on updates from our former Exchange students. Due to the COVID situation in the Netherlands, Aneta is moving back home. Lennat is due to start as an air traffic controller this month. Adam is going well.

Peter then handed over to Past President Warren Hollyman, who presented Alan Freedman with a certificate recognising his Honorary membership of the club. Warren also thanked Alan for his 8 years of service as Secretary for the club.

In the round of updates from members, Ellis Nicholson wins 'Knight in Shining Armour' for his rescue of a lost elderly neighbour from the Sawtell Golf course.

*Below: Past President Warren Hollyman ( left) presenting past secretary Alan Freedman with a certificate recognising his Honorary Membership of the Club.*



## When you “pop off”, I’ll be in Sawtell

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Club members were pleased to welcome Gerry DeGabriele to the meeting. Gerry and his wife Mary have retired to Sawtell after spending his career as a Geriatrician in Armidale.

When discussing their upcoming retirement and whether to move into Armidale from their five rural acres, Mary mentioned that when he ‘pops off’ she’d be heading to Sawtell in a flash.

Gerry was a member of the Rotary Club of Armidale Central for 27 years and held various positions including that of President twice over. The second time round in 2015 was more fun, as a retiree he had more time to put into the job. Project Dignity was supported by Armidale Central in association with



*Above: President Peter Paff (right) with Past President of the Armidale Central Club, Gerry DeGabriele*

a club in South Africa and Quota. By ensuring that girls have access to reusable feminine hygiene products, the project increased girls attendance at school by up to 25%, with a commensurate improve in grades. The project also saw small sewing businesses established. The net result was to lift women and their families out of poverty.

**Happy  
Anniversary**

**Dorothy & John Underwood**

19 September

**Julie & Rob Alford**

4 October



## Urunga Weekend, 20-22 November

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Steve Kassulke updated members on progress towards the weekend at Urunga.

Bookings have been made and Steve will contact members regarding the payment of the deposit. While the camp kitchen is closed, the club will have access to the BBQ area. The plan is:

- Friday evening dinner at the Pub

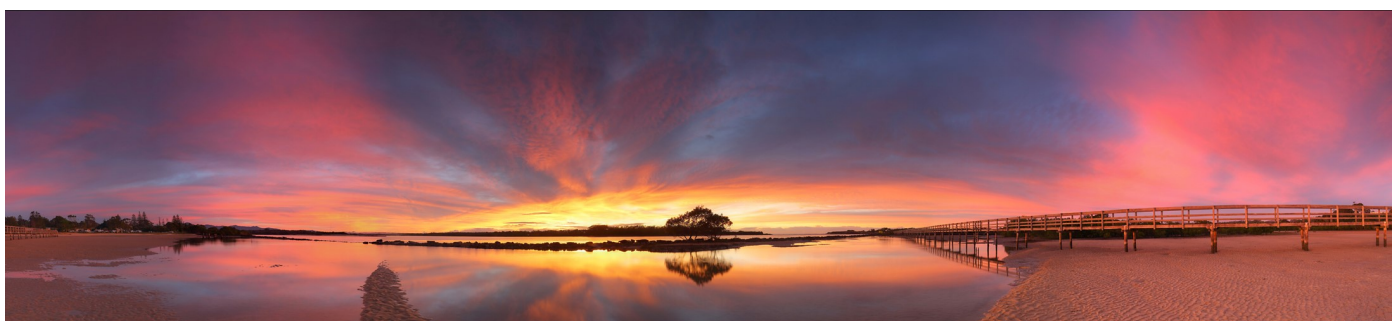
- Saturday night dinner at the Bowls club (or vice versa)

- Breakfast cook up costs will be shared

Here's hoping that the sky will not be bright orange with smoke haze this year!

*Below:*

*Sunrise looking out over the Urunga Boardwalk*



## Calling all Green Thumbs!

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Please start stockpiling your cuttings to join Peter and Sue's efforts. The plan is to hold a stall to raise a few funds.



**Patty Baldwin**

12 September

**Warren Hollyman**

10 October

**Ellis Nicholson**

15 October

## 2020/2021 Board

President **Peter Paff**

Immediate Past President **Warren Hollyman**

Vice President **Ray Baldwin**

Secretary **Roslyn Cousins**

Treasurer **Paul Newton**

Club Service **Steve Kassulke/ Shayne Long**

Community (& Literacy Program) **Mike Fayle/ Phil Makinson**

International/Guest speakers and Programs: **Alison Williams**

Youth Service **Shane Della**

Vocational **Rob Alford/ Ellis Nicholson**

Foundation/ Promotion/Welfare

**Denis Gleeson/Roger Atwal**



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## \$5 Weekly Meeting Fees

To reduce cash handling members can make direct payments to: BCU Toormina BSB 533-000 A/c 36929 Tip : if you're making a transfer from a BCU account, add S11 to the Rotary account number. Should you wish to make a single payment for the rest of the 20/21 year, there are 19 meetings or \$95

## Sawtell Rotary Upcoming Events

20 September	BBQ	Lunchtime	Bongil Bongil National Park, with partners & friends. BYO everything
21 September	Informal Dinner	6pm	Sawtell RSL Bistro
28 September	Dinner Meeting	6 pm 7pm	Sawtell RSL Bistro Sawtell RSL Upstairs dining room
12 October	Dinner Meeting	6 pm 7pm	Sawtell RSL Bistro Sawtell RSL Upstairs dining room Time to dust off your most stylish or outlandish headwear
16 November	Dinner Meeting DG Debbie Loveday		Sawtell RSL Bistro Sawtell RSL Upstairs dining room
20-22 November	Weekend Away		Reflections Holiday Park Urunga

