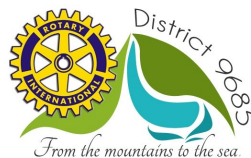




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The Wahroongler



Bulletin of The Rotary Club of WAHROONGA

Chartered 1975 and Meeting at 7.15 am Wednesdays, at Warrawee Bowling Club

Rotary Australia's first Breakfast Club.

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Happy New Year to Everyone



I do hope that you all had an enjoyable Festive season & have been able to indulge in some rest, reading and renewal & maybe even surf & sand, or even mountain air & mince pies, over the holiday period. I waited many a long year for grandchildren and to have four of them - three and under - opening their presents on Christmas Day was an absolute joy. We could control the four month old but the other three created a riot. So much fun.

We talk about the back half of the year - but my goodness me things hot up in Wahroonga Rotary after Christmas. We have RYLA, and the RYLA Dinner on 9 January, 2018, RYPEN, Clean up Australia on 4 March, 2018, the Pymble Players on 7 March, 2018, the District Conference at Leura on 10/11 March, 2018, International Women's Day and Harmony Day also in March, (we are working again with Ku-ring-gai Council on both those projects), the Bobbo on 25 March, 2018 the Bill Leventhal Breakfast on 28 March, 2018, our ANZAC Day meeting on 18 April, 2018, a joint dinner meeting with Turramurra and St Ives Clubs planned for 24 April, 2018, the Novus Dinner on 5 May, 2018, the Bobbo Presentation Dinner on 23 May, 2018 and the Changeover Dinner on 4 July, 2018..... and that is without our weekly meetings and speaker agenda, and five Board Meetings.....! Phew!

Looking at January, at our first meeting back this week PP Neil will conduct one of his now famous Five Star Fellowship Sessions with two of our new members. I know many of you have expressed the view that we need to learn more about this wonderful group of people who have recently joined us.

During the holiday period our Christmas elves in the form of Richard Pitt and Greg Starr, have placed new Perspex in the Notice Board in Railway Avenue, and given it a spruce up. Many thanks boys.

Thanks go to the Youth Committee for arranging to take our RYLA attendees to the camp and to those members of the Club who are attending the dinner on 9 January, 2018 - much appreciated.

Steve McGregor is now home recuperating from his knee surgery in the SAN, and a period of rehab in Mt Wilga, and would love a chat on the phone, or even a visit by appointment.

I have spent a few days of the holidays sorting papers - and the recycle bin is groaning. Then a Rotary "to do" list was compiled - which just seemed to grow and grow...! Fortunately I have been able to work my way through the list over the last week, including the "I will do when I have time" items. So I have now concentrated my mind, and hopefully yours, on the following.

Our R.I. International President, Ian Riseley would like each club to plant a tree for each of its members by Earth Day - which is on 22 April, 2018. I am not sure that residential Ku-ring-gai needs 62 more trees - particularly in the middle of a summer storm. However, maybe the Board can be persuaded otherwise.

It did occur to me that we might be able to plant a symbolic Rotary Club of Wahroonga tree. Suggestions to date include a tree near the Rotary Rotunda in Wahroonga Park, or in the grounds of the Warrawee Bowling Club (near the new Child Care Centre), or at the Wild Flower Garden, or near the PCYC, or in the grounds of the SAN (near Jacaranda Lodge), or at St Lucy's or St Edmunds. Maybe a Garry Webb Memorial Tree? So everyone - thinking caps on. All suggestions gratefully received.

Sue Owen, President

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Last Meeting for 2017



President Sue welcomed our one Guest, John Bakie and Richard Jackson on his return from the USA. He and his family visited the Supreme Court. The big case they were hearing was of the baker who did not want to bake a cake for a gay couple. The case is far wider than about a gay rights case, as they tie it to civil rights issues that went back to not serving blacks. They visited Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and met Graeme Goodsir, George's cousin.



They went to Gettysburg and it was snowing on the battlefield, then went on to Philadelphia where it was -5° and under 6" of snow.

Neil is back from NZ; Sandy has been away after a fall, she is over all the emails telling her how to stay upright; Ron Wainberg didn't go away but is back today; we're pleased to see Brett Goods & Ian Faulks today too.

Time for jokes ... Why did Santa's helper see the doctor? Because he had low elf esteem.

Helen did Janet's announcement about Australia in Space, \$65. She has books here today ... and sold 4, with 4 more for when the author, Kerrie Dougherty, comes to speak on 21st Feb. 2018.

Helen thanked all 22 Rotarians who helped out at Abbox last week. There were so many Rotarians - thank you Greg as the lunch was so late, because the keyboard player was not there for Anthony Callea in time. Ian brought his grandson that made the camp so special.

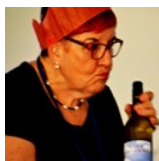


Jenetta: They need to sell the wine and so far they have sold 14-15 doz of the 67 doz they have—give Ian Cameron a call and order a few cases.



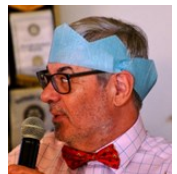
Janelle to help with PR in the community and district Radio 2HHH, 100.1 on the dial is a Community Radio Station. Lucy is off to Canada now, but has a regular show and gives a lot of local Rotary club news to keep folk in the loop, including Turramurra, Wahroonga and Hornsby each Sunday morning from 8.30 am. If you miss it you can tune into the podcast. If you have an event coming up they need lots of notice, so others can hear about it, including its objectives, guest speakers and if they can ring in, especially if they are interesting—like Bobbo and Nepal. Janelle can tell you more about it in the new year and can arrange to get word out about Rotary.

Ian C this Sunday at 8.30 am there is a special Christmas program with Lucy interviewing Michael Crawford and Evan Burrell from Turramurra RC on 2HHH on 100.1.



Steve McGregor has had his surgery at the San and is now at Mt Wilga. He said he didn't want to see anyone, but a call or maybe a visit would be appreciated.

Hs&Ts—a record 4 lots of 2 tails, then a H&T and Sandy won the wine. Phill was upstaged by Stuart and his bowtie today.



Research about Christmas around the World shows that it is not so sacred but more secular and in some cases highly politicised.

One year in South Korea, close to the northern border, they built the biggest Christmas tree with all the lights, just to show the positive effects of having electricity and power and to witness the virtues of capitalism. North Korea however, saw this as an aggressive act that had taken place and threatened to shoot it down.

In Japan they have been so taken with KFC and the big promotions before Christmas that Christmas at KFC has become a tradition for families and they have to book a month before for their bucket order.

Barbara Salisch told us of her 20 yrs in Venezuela, South America, where her four kids were born. The favourite traditional food is [Hallacas](#). The preparation takes three days in advance.

Contents: chicken, beef, pork—cooked like a thick stew; mass of yellow corn-flour—pane Amina cornflour; all wrapped in banana leaves that have been softened in a coal fire on the sand on the beach. It is a long process and they used to get a Hallacas at work and loved the taste at first, but after days and when Christmas came around ...

The other country she knew with different Christmas traditions was her home country of Germany—her oldest daughter married a Venezuelan and they live in Germany and having grown up in Venezuela she follows those traditions. There is one shop in Hanover where she can get all the ingredients.

Her other daughter celebrates in the German way on the 24th when they have a meal, it is a big occasion and then open presents. Then they go to midnight service at church. On the 25th they just have a lunch, the Christmas celebration is very different.

Stuart plans to be up in Saigon for a few days before Christmas. All department stores have big window displays like in DJs or Harrods. Each evening 62 motorcyclists take pictures in front of the Christmas windows.



AGM Greg Starr presented the reports, John Cameron was time-keeper all executive positions have been filled for 2018-2019

The RI constitution cannot be altered in any way by WRC, but we do have by laws written by our club that do dovetail in with the RI Constitution and which cover the particular way in which we want to run our club. WRC is an incorporated body that is obligated to run an AGM in December each year. As we have 40 members here, we more than cover the quorum—a minimum of 1/3rd the membership.

- Purpose: to confirm the Minutes from the last AGM on 14.12.16. plus the adjourned meeting on 18.1.17. as they did not have the audited reports ready. Bob Howe moved to accept the Annual Report for 30.6.17., seconded by Jenetta Russell.
- The audited financial statements are not yet available and will be presented at the deferred meeting on 10th January. Thanking the Hon. Auditor is also deferred.
- Election of Officers is not necessary as we have people in place for all roles for 2018-2019. **Stuart Armstrong is President, Sue Owen is Past President, President Nominee is Doug Reid for the year 2019-2020, Continuing Secretary is Greg Starr & Treasurer is John Cameron.**

There being no further business the meeting closed with perfect timing.





Keith, Lyn, Wilf, Peter Kirkwood (RC Wahroonga), Joan and John made the almost 800 kilometre trip to Bourke last week. The purpose of the trip was to attend the Bourke Public School presentation night and visit the school's Breakfast Club which our Club sponsors. On the Monday night, we attended the meeting of the Rotary Club of Bourke. We were warmly welcomed by President Leonie Brown and all members. It was noted that there was only one male member from the Club in attendance. The Club has 11 female, and 6 male members. Members gave an update on the projects they are currently undertaking and thanked us for the support given by our Club members in transporting the students to Stewart House.

Keith was the Guest Speaker for the night.

He gave an excellent presentation on the inception of the Bourke School Breakfast Program and how Kylie Pennell had been instrumental in the initiation and development of this highly successful partnership which has resulted in positive outcomes both socially and academically for the students of Bourke Public School.

Peter then gave an overview on the Police Citizens Youth Club, his interest in the organisation and that he was keen to visit the PCYC in Bourke (of course this was arranged). There was much interaction between all present and discussion took place on opportunities to broaden our partnership.

On Tuesday, we had an organised tour of the area, there is much to see in Bourke. Recent rains have transformed the countryside and it is looking very green.

Although the presentation night was long, it was a testament to the great work carried out by the school community. Keith presented Encouragement Awards plus \$100.00 vouchers to a number of students to support their ongoing studies. School Principal Kylie Pennell is leaving the school at the end of the year and was recognised for the amazing work she has contributed to the development of the school in the 9 years she has been there.

Before heading home on Wednesday morning, we visited the school's Breakfast Club and toured the garden area which the students maintain. Keith even managed to fit in a radio interview about our Club's involvement with the school. It was a great interview which highlighted the many facets of our Club's project in Bourke.





Our Elevator Speech Members of The Rotary Club of The Hills-Kellyville are ordinary people achieving extraordinary results through projects within local, national and international communities. We constantly strive for the ideal of "Service Above Self" through our humanitarian projects.



Peter went to Bourke 20 yrs ago in his Morris Mini 1,000 with no air con and windows down. This time it took 10 hrs with stop-overs at Lithgow for coffee and Dubbo for lunch. Bourke RC is a small club and they were keen to hear of Kyh and his story.

Peter wears a number of hats and in his Indigenous Support he hears of other RCs and their indigenous programs. With the Hills-Kellyville Club and Bourke PS Active Health program they teach students nutrition, healthy lifestyles and how to get fit.

For the Breakfast Program the PS had a large room and obtained a grant to install a kitchen. Then they needed people to run it and sought volunteers from the community, but this did not prove consistent. The next option was to ask teachers to come in early and for the RC to pay them. Before this kids often turned up without having any breakfast, now 93% come to breakfasts which is a brilliant outcome. Some kids did not know how to use a knife and fork and doing washing up together builds community and social skills as well.

The question is if the program can be duplicated in other areas.

For the Awards Night the \$100 vouchers could be spent on books and school supplies.

When students go on to high school many are sent away to private schools, like Abbotsleigh. Students with Anglo-Saxon backgrounds go to Dubbo, while those with Aboriginal backgrounds go to Bathurst.

Peter wanted to visit the PCYC so this was arranged. They have a three day program for indigenous kids. He toured Bourke, saw the weather satellite and the cotton mill.

The PCYC is a small group with a new manager. They run some reading and writing programs for the Aboriginal kids with resources from the RC Hills-Kellyville. They have police officers from Walgett and Lisa from the PCYC helping them. There are 8 kids from the city going to Bourke to meet the kids there then 8 from Bourke coming to the city, which is a big shock for kids from small country towns, but having made friends already helps.

When they come here they are put on public transport—they don't know how to use trains, buses and ferries. He wondered if this breakfast program can be duplicated in other places than Walgett.

The club here cost \$15m, while the club in Walgett is an 8 x 15 m room in the high school with a 3 x 3 m kitchen, with a separate entry from the school.

The RC Hills-Kellyville has a partnership with Nestle who supplies breakfast cereals and milo to Bourke. With our relationship with the San and the healthy products they produce, could we not look into a similar arrangement? Bob will speak with Phill and Brett.

2HHH FM can get any amount of breakfast cereal for programs and can support Walgett with its 200 members in the PCYC. At Hornsby they have 4,000 members.

The new manager at the PCYC has a son in Yr 11 at Knox and his other son has just finished Yr 12. The manager helped Kyh, who played the bagpipes, with his application for Knox.

Janelle RC Bourke is a small club, its President is on Council, while the PCYC Manager is the father of the Mayor, they can achieve a lot for a small community. Breakfasts at school and cutting up fruit is like Rudolph Steiner, where the children learn more than English & Maths while bringing them together as a community and making morning and afternoon tea.

John W asked if the PCYC here do breakfasts for young people at risk and young offenders. Peter told us that the police drive to them to get them up and bring them in for breakfast then take them on to school or TAFE and have done this for many years.

They have more than 4,000 members and a new club manager who starts on 2nd January. He has two young kids. He was with the AMF in Canberra and Northern Beaches, ran a café, was Event Manager at an RSL and was a manager at Flight Centre before coming to us.



Daniel is at North Sydney PCYC while the manager is on leave. There are lots of kids in the school holiday programs. In February there will be a boost in numbers. They have 60% adults and 40% juniors. In the juniors 2/3rds are males and 1/3rd females, while in the adults 40% are males and 60% females. The target a year ago was to get to 4,000 members, now they can reset it to 10,000.

Jo-Ann Moffatt plays [Futsal](#) there and her 15 yr old daughter paid \$10 to register online for a whole week's program in the gym—you have to be 16 to use the weights. There are two staff in the gym and they show people how to use the equipment then are around to supervise and help. Jo-Ann told us you feel safe there all the time.

For the gym and fitness centre the goal is physical assessment and they do special programs for people. Magpies sponsor 200 people for membership fees for football and tennis.

Bob H suggested we have an MOU with PCYC so all our members are also members there to show our support for them—you go there to try something & it may shock you if you like it. Then, like at the RSL and Magpies, you maybe able to get discounts on food from the cafe.

John W suggested our club should have connections with country clubs so members could visit and children or grandchildren could do exchanges—the last were when he was President. The last student came from France. It is a great way to connect with country clubs. The Hills Kellyville Club sends students to Stuart House.

10th Jan 2018 - Club Meeting with new members' Q&A

CLUB MEETING, 20th Dec 2017

Attendance: 40/60 members, 66%

Apologies: Leon Clark, John Collins, Lucy Dahill, Ross Grant, Richard Pitt, Doug Reid, Len Stanley, Richard Webb

Visitor: John Bakie

Note to the Chef: Delicious warm fruit mince pies with breakfast

RECEPTION & HOSPITALITY ROSTER, from Club's Website for the year

If you are unable to attend any day please arrange a substitute and inform

Len Stanley at len.stanley29@gmail.com or 0420 849 017, or 9144 4049

Date	Set up & put away	Hospitality	Reception (2 Rotarians)
10 th Jan	Stuart Armstrong	Christine Biddle	Ken Broadhead , Hugh Burne
17 th Jan	Christine Biddle	Stuart Armstrong	Hugh Burne, Ken Broadhead
24 th Jan	Ken Broadhead	Hugh Burne	Stuart Armstrong, Christine Biddle

CLUB & DISTRICT DIARY We wish Anne & her team a successful trip to Nepal

SPEAKER'S PROGRAM FOR JANUARY NEXT YEAR

- 10th Jan Club Meeting—First Meeting for 2018, 5 star fellowship with 2 new members.
- 17th Jan Club Meeting—Kim Pearce & Kath Davis, The Possibility Project
- 24th Jan Club Meeting—Peter Kirkwood, Didgeridoo
- 31st Jan Club Meeting—Joan Peacock, Family Drug Education

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS:

Link for up-to-date listing—

[Paul Harris Fellows Listing](#)

ANNIVERSARY

Stuart Armstrong 29 yrs 1.1.89.

The Rotary Club of Wahroonga

Sue's Super Heroes & 2017-2018 Board & Committees

BOARD	AVENUES OF SERVICE COMMITTEES
President Sue Owen Past President & IPP & Community Service Director Neil McWhannell President-elect Stuart Armstrong Secretary Greg Starr Treasurer PDG John Cameron	IPP & Community Service Director - Neil McWhannell Team - Stuart Armstrong, Daksh Baweja, Leon Clark, John Collins, Barry Edmundson, John Julius, Peter Kirkwood, Max Lake, Jo-Ann Moffatt, Lynn Varvel, Ron Wainberg International Director - Anne Prescott Team - Jim Fulton, Colin Grundy, Janet Grundy, Richard Jackson, Jo Karaolis, Richard Pitt, Abhi Poudel
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[LINKS](#) [Bobbo](#) 25.3.18. [BHCC Update](#) [Support Café Lyon](#) [District Conference](#)
[Australia in Space](#), new book
[Wine Order Form](#)
[Community Notice Board](#)
[Facts About Dementia](#), 18.1.18. at Canisius College [Lucy's program](#)
[Lucy's Blog of her interview on 2HHH with Michael Crawford](#)
[& RYLA 2018](#) 1st pics

