



The

Wahroongler

Weekly bulletin of the Rotary Club of Wahroonga

Meets 7.15 a.m. Wednesdays at Warrawee Bowling Club
Chartered 1975. First breakfast club in Australia

David's Dispatch

To Jim Verco and the 13-14 Team who "ENGAGED ROTARY and CHANGED LIVES" with such a great result - Thank You.

The Changeover Dinner was a great night and I want to thank Jim and all involved for making it such an enjoyable evening. Congratulations to the PHF recipients - Coralie Batchelor from the SAN, and Helen Clarke, Terry Hodge, Mike Brownlow, Marlene Carty, Jenetta Russell, and Bob Howe; to Ken Broadhead for the Martin Forrow award for exceptional service by a non-executive; and to Ian Cameron who was "dished out" of the Ferguson Plate as the longest serving member. The mystery of the missing plate has now been solved.

100% attendance awards were presented to John Welch, George Richards, and Anne Prescott, and we sadly farewelled Ian Davidson from our ranks.

Anne Prescott's raffle was drawn as the culmination of her very successful fund-raiser for Nepal, but this time Mina's spectacular quilt and the other prizes, were won by the local community and not by club members.

Finally the New Board was introduced and received their badges.

The last month has been really busy with the Novus Dinner, the International Convention, our Club Changeover and the District Changeover, but on the feed-back I've had it has been extremely rewarding for all involved. However, there is no time for the new Board to rest on our laurels as we **LIGHT UP ROTARY**. This is incoming RI President Gary Huang's theme, Rotary is looking to lift our profile, globally and locally, to be more recognised for what we do, and what we offer, in turn stimulating like-minded people to join us. We will be taking this challenge in our community.

Welcome back to those continuing in roles, together with all the new members to the Board, including Terry Hodge (Secretary) and Mike Brownlow (Director of Partnerships and Fundraising). Mike replaces Peter Smith who is continuing in many other ways to support the club.

I ask that you support our new team and help us come to grips with our tasks, keeping in mind Garry Huang's quote that new DG Ian Scott reminded us about at the District Changeover:

From K'ung Fu-tzu (Confucius): *"It is better to light one candle than sit in the dark"*



WHY IS IT 'DAVID'S DISPATCH'?

Members often wonder where we get our ideas for naming the President's report. Well this year, we considered ~~David's Diatribe~~ ~~David's Drivel~~ ~~Russell's Rant~~ ~~Russell's Rambling~~ but none seemed to fit, So we give you David's Dispatch, a recognition of the similar work of William Howard Russell, who reported the Crimean War, sending back Dispatches for *The Times*, including the news of the Charge of the Light Brigade. That's the earlier Russell, at right



When St Ives was a prison camp – of sorts

Today's speaker is Laurie Hindmarsh, an old friend of Ken Broadhead, who will be speaking about a little known time – when there were Italian prisoners at St Ives during the war. Laurie was an Army guard there and at Cowra. He also served in New Guinea.



John Baikie resigns from the club

John Baikie, who joined the club in April 1990, is resigning.. John was President in 1997-98. He writes: "As Anne and I have relocated to Boat Harbour, which is about two-hours' drive from Wahroonga, it is unlikely that I will be able to attend Club breakfast meetings on a regular basis. It is therefore with a great deal of reluctance that I have decided to resign as a Club member. I do not want to lose contact with my many Rotary friends and I would like to keep in touch with the Club's activities and to attend functions when it is possible for me to do so. It was nice to catch up with many members at the recent Club change-over dinner and I hope to keep in contact with Club members and the Club's activities. I wish the Club and all its members well and hope to see you in the near future. It has been a great pleasure and a privilege being a member of the Rotary Club of Wahroonga for nearly 25 years."

The club has now lost three stalwarts – John joins Ian Perrett and Ian Davidson as Friends of Rotary.

Congratulations Richard's team!

A small but select band of Wahroonga Rotarians attended the District 9685 Changeover at the Castle Hill RSL on Saturday night to see our new District Governor, Ian Scott, installed.

The major District Awards were presented, with the news that when Ian makes his zone visit to us in September, other awards will be presented - and that the International Award goes to our club. Congratulations Richard Jackson and his team!



There was a lot of news at the Changeover, none more interesting than a new and unusual club has been formed. It's Vinegar Hill, in the Hills area, and you can look up the history of

the name. Unusual? Yes, it will be meeting for coffee on Sunday afternoons. This is the club, being chartered on stage by DG Graeme Davies, before leaving for their first meeting.

District Changeovers are always good to meet old friends. Past President Rob Quodling, our president in 1994-5 and now with Upper Blue Mountains Sunrise, was one we met.



An honour for Barbara Ward

Our member Barbara Ward, managing director of the San Foundation, has been awarded a Certificate of Appreciation in the State's National Volunteer Week for her volunteer contributions in the community. The award was part of the 25th anniversary of National Volunteer Week, under the auspices of Volunteering Australia.



The citation said that apart from a very demanding day job, Barbara had given up her time to "do good" in the community for the past 21 years. From helping homeless people, cooking for older people, reaching out to people in need, teaching Sunday school at St John's at Gordon and scriptures at Gordon East Primary school, to simply raising millions of dollars for various charities/worthy causes including overseas aid.

Barbara is a Rotarian and sits on a number of charity/not for profit boards. In accepting her award Barbara said she was humbled. "I am passionate about our community committed to helping people who are not so fortunate - a small act of kindness goes a long way. I don't do it for recognition, I just love making people happy - it's a privilege".

Rotary honours 7 who have put Service Above Self

At the Club Changeover last Wednesday President Jim presented a Paul Harris Fellowship recognition to seven people. We reported the honour for Coralle Batchelor in last week's Wahroongler. Six stalwarts of the club also received the honour, and they were:

Bob Howe – a second Sapphire Pin: Bob Howe has been a member since April 2000. He has previously been recognised with the Paul Harris Fellowship Award for his work on behalf of Rotary at District level and by our Club with a sapphire pin for his enormous and ongoing work within the Club as President in 2007-8; as Projects Director in 2011-2 and as the Director responsible for our Youth portfolio from 2012. A position he will be taking up again in 2014-5.



In 2006-7 Bob was part of a small team of members who set about revitalising this Club's approach to fundraising by developing the idea that became the NOVUS FOUNDATION. Bob has been a director of NOVUS since it became an incorporated entity, providing both guidance and enthusiasm each year as the gala fundraising dinners gathered pace.

In particular Bob has in recent years taken the leadership role as chairman of the Dinner Committee, which has been responsible for much of the work that pulls the entire event together. Since its inception

NOVUS has raised \$1.1million for organisations providing youth-related services. Of this approximately \$250,000 has been channelled into the club's Youth Projects. The 2014 Dinner broke all records by raising more than \$175,000. As a result of Bob's work we can honestly say he has done good and saved lives!

Helen Clarke – a PHF: Helen has been a member of Wahroonga since 2008. Helen completed her university studies at Sydney University and graduated as an English and History teacher. Most of us have thought of Helen as being forever at Knox but before this Helen taught in various High schools in Western Sydney for 10 years and later as workplace trainer in the food industry.



Helen spent six years heading the education team at Coca-Cola Amatil and in 2002 moved to Knox Grammar where she was appointed Head of Social Justice in 2006. This is a passion, this was her dream job.

Within Wahroonga Rotary, Helen has always been active in Youth and became our Youth Chair in 2009. However, Helen is best known for two of our major Youth activities: ABBOX and MUNA. Helen initiated and is co-convenor of the annual ABBOX Fun Camp and more recently as one of the convenors

Jenetta Russell – a PHF: Jenetta, You have given many years of service to your community putting your unique skills to work in many different organisations. In your business life you are a Graduate Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and a member of the CEO Institute.

From its inception you were a committee member of Riding for the Disabled; you were active in Jaycees and were an organiser of the Chatswood branch. You were a highly regarded committee member of the Abbotsleigh Old Girls' Association and a long time committee member and effective fund-raiser of the cricketing charity, the Primary Club of Australia.

You have given long service to the Australian Cape Horners' Association and have received worldwide recognition in being awarded the prestigious Amicale Internationale de Cap Hornier Medal



for your contributions to that international body. You are an accomplished author of books on maritime and military history and have served as Writer in Residence for the Sydney Heritage Fleet and for the Australian Society of Marine Artists. You became the first woman member of the League of Ancient Mariners and you are actively involved in the Goons Appreciation Society, The Australian Light Horse Association, St John's Anglican Church, Gordon and Wafflers.

You have been an enthusiastic member of Rotary since 2001 and have served for several years on the Board as Membership Director. Jenetta, we thank you for your generous contribution to so many worthwhile endeavours.

Mike Brownlow – a PHF : Mike has been a member of the club since April 2009. He immediately involved himself in our club's activities by becoming attendance secretary in 2009-10 and was awarded the Martin Forrow award in 2009.

Then, in 2011, Mike accepted the role of secretary of the club, a role which he has now filled for three years. Mike has committed many, many hours to the upgrading of our records and storage of processes and procedures. This has been a mammoth task which has set our club up for efficient running for many years into the future,

Mike has now taken on the role of Director Partnerships and Fundraising; a role which is critical to the effectiveness of our club into the future.



Marlene Carty – a PHF: Marlene joined our club in June 2008 and served as Partnership Director in 2009-2011, and was the recipient of the Martin Forrow Award in 2012. Marlene has been a wonderful supporter of the Novus Foundation annual fundraising dinner throughout the last few years (2012-2014) while managing the silent auction activity and increasing its contribution to the overall effort. Recently, she has done this while living on the Central Coast.



In 2013, Marlene was encouraged by Helen Clarke to go on a Matesabroad mission to the Light of Mercy Home in Pnom Penh, Cambodia, a home for nine blind, 17 deaf, seven disabled and eight vulnerable teenagers. Her brief was to develop lessons in English and American/Khmer sign language to the children. While there, Marlene did a make-up with the Rotary Club of Pnom Penh and has promoted the work that that club is doing for children with MEC, which involves a protrusion

of the brain and cerebral fluid through the front of the skull and terrible facial deformity.

. We thank you for demonstrating in your work a commitment to helping persons in need here and around the world.

Terry Hodge, a PHF: Terry has been a member of the club since April 2009. He immediately involved himself in our club's activities by taking on the role of chairman of the Community Service Committee in 2009-10. Then, in 2010, Terry accepted the role of chairman of the Vocational Service Committee, a role which he has now filled for four years. Under Terry's leadership, that committee has identified and honoured people in our community who have served to improve the life of others.

Terry has now taken on the role of secretary of our club; a role which involves many hours of record maintenance and support for the club board.



As reported in last week's Wahroongler, President Jim at the Changeover presented Coralie Batchelor, a core member of the Sydney Adventist Hospital Health Care Team for more than 20 years. Dr Charles Sharpe PHF, was there to support her.

Our Big Night Out - the Changeover

Some scenes from our Changeover last week. You can see and download these and many more by following:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/c8ryvnni5v4dagl/AADASXSfz0aSJUAgnGEhvu2Ua>





CLUB AND DISTRICT DIARY

July 2: Club meeting – Laurie Hindmarsh, the prison at St Ives..

July 30: Club meeting - Dr Peter Tuchin, Developments in physical health.

August 22: Daffodil collection at Wahroonga station.

RECEPTION AND HOSPITALITY ROSTER

If you are unable to attend any day please arrange a substitute and inform Len Stanley at lstanley@med.usyd.edu.au or 0420 849017, 9144 4049

	Set-up and Put Away	Hospitality	Reception (2 Rotarians)
July 2	Phil Easton	Haydn Donnelly	Ian Faulks Peter Edwards
July 9	Peter Edwards	Phil Easton	Rob Ferguson Ian Faulks
July 16	Gordon Fuller	Rob Ferguson	Rob Giacometti Ross Grant
July 23	Rob Giacometti	Gordon Fuller	Ross Grant Janet Grundy
July 30	Kerri Hodge	Janet Grundy	Carol Johnson Steve McGregor

2014-2015 Russell's Regiment

The Rotary Club of Wahroonga Board and Committees

President: David Russell.

President Elect/Administration: -

Secretary: Terry Hodge. Treasurer: Ian Paterson. Assistants: Rob Giacometti, Steve McGregor). Vice-President and Immediate Past President: Jim Verco.

Projects: Director Chris de Zylva. Membership: Director Jenetta Russell. Team: Rob Ferguson, Phil Comfort, Carol Johnson, Margaret Sachs, John Collins. Partnerships and Fund-Raising: Director Mike Brownlow. Team: Peter Smith, Barbara Ward, Garry Webb, Dick Webb, Jenetta Russell. PR and Marketing: Director Ian Cameron. Team: Haydn Donnelly, Peter Smith. Rotary Foundation: Director John Cameron. Public Officer: Judith Kaine.

Sergeant: Margaret Sachs.: Speaker Program: Phil Easton, Ken Broadhead, Jim Verco. Risk Management and Insurance: John Collins, Phil Easton. Archivist/Historian: Gordon Fuller. Wahroongler Editor: George Richards. Webmaster: Ian Cameron. Welfare Officer: Rob Ferguson. Attendance and Rosters: Len Stanley. Liaison St Lucy's and St Edmund's: Richard Pitt. Social: Rochelle Wiley.

Avenues of Service: International: Chair Richard Jackson. Team: Greg Starr, Jo Kariolis, Anne Prescott, Marlene Carty, Peter Edwards. Community: Chair John Collins. Team: Max Lake, Richard Pitt, John Julius. Ron Wainberg, David Cooper, Ian Faulks, Leon Clark, Dach Baweja, Doug Reid, Judi Johnston. Youth: Chair Bob Howe. Team: Sue Owen, Kerri Hodge, Ross Grant, Barbara Salisch, Helen Clarke. Vocational: Chair Angus Robinson. Team: Gordon Fuller, John Welch.

Administration/Social: Chairman David Russell, Terry Hodge. Team: Len Stanley, Sandy van Dijk, Gordon Fuller.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS: The late John Doherty, Jack Rashleigh, the late Bill Leventhal, Gordon Fuller, Rob Ferguson, the late Ern Hoy, Hilton Krone, the late Stan Penberthy, the late David Gardiner, Rob Giacometti (Sapphire Pin), the late Martin Forrow, David Cooper, the late Phil Dean, Tom Love, the late Gordon Johnston (Sapphire Pin), Ross Blackmore, Jim Mein, the late Henry Salisch (Sapphire Pin), Ian Davidson, Peter Weekes, Richard Lombard (Sapphire Pin), George Richards (2 Sapphire Pins), Ian Cameron (Three Sapphire Pins), Dr Charles Sharpe, Jill Everett, Richard Davies, Bob Quodling, Joan Giacometti, Graeme McLean (Sapphire Pin), the late Lionel Lever, John Cameron (2 Sapphire Pins), Paul Cave, David Maclean, John Welch, Dick Webb, John Baikie, Bob Howe (2 Sapphire Pins), Bruce Grime, Ken Broadhead, Phil McCarroll, Vic Deeble, Peter Edwards, Pat Edwards, Garry Webb, Richard Pitt, Jon Phegan, Peter Smith, Micheal Schwarcz (Two Sapphire Pins), Sue Owen, Anne Prescott, Janet Grundy, Phil Comfort, Arthur Pearce, Allan Waldon, Margaret Sachs (Sapphire Pin), Margaret Cameron, Jim Verco (Sapphire Pin), Leon Clark, Jan Cameron (Sapphire Pin), Matthew Webb, Barry O'Farrell, Bob Potter, Richard Jackson, Paul Murphy, Chris de Zylva, Greg Starr, Leisa O'Connor, Philip Easton. Jan Rowling, Angus M. Robinson (Three Sapphires), Michael Sobbi, Jo Karaolis, Ian Perrett, Rob Hamilton, Brian Freeman, Max Lake, John Julius, Lyn Wood., Tina Donnelly, Coralie Batchelor, Helen Clarke, Terry Hodge, Mike Brownlow, Marlene Carty, Jenetta Russell