



# The Wahroongler



**Bulletin of The Rotary Club of WAHROONGA**

**We meet Wednesdays, at**

**7.15 am at the Warrawee B.C**

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## Neil's Jottings

### CELEBRATING AND ENCOURAGING EXCELLENCE

This week saw the Club gather together for the annual Vocational Teaching Awards. The evening saw a terrific crowd on hand to support and encourage the eight winners, selected from our local schools.



The evening began with a rendition of the song 'Eat', brilliantly performed by Turrumurra High School student, Ellie Meagher. The Chair of the Vocational Service Committee, Angus M Robinson then got the formal proceedings under way by setting out the Rotary goals that have driven this activity. He was followed by the guest speaker, Brian Wexham, Chair of Word Skills Australia, who eloquently spoke about the elements of passion and mentoring as being key to the success of many in the profession.

We were honoured to have a number of District Representatives at the evening. Special thanks to Bobby Redman, Rotary District Director for Vocational Service and Peter Kirkwood, Rotary District Chair for Vocational Support.

Peter Kirkwood, Angus M Robinson and Jo Karaolis introduced the awardees who are referred to over the page.

The evening was a terrific success and on behalf of the Club, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Vocational Service Team of: Angus M Robinson, John Welch, Hugh Burne, Jo Karaolis and Ken Broadhead for the huge amount of time and effort they put into the event.

This week our guest speaker is Mark Pardini, who promises to give an interesting address on humanity's comprehension of the world, our place in it and our ability as a democratic society to influence mankind's future on planet Earth. Mark comes highly recommended by Club member Barry Edmundson who believes this will be a truly inspirational address.

We have a couple of other iconic Club events coming up in the next few weeks and I encourage all members to support these.

**Cancer Council's Daffodil Day** - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August at Wahroonga Railway Station in shifts from 6:30 – 9:00am If you are available, please contact Jenetta on 0407 495471 [JenettaR@cobbett.com.au](mailto:JenettaR@cobbett.com.au)

**Women of Kopanang Fund Raiser** – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August 6:30pm at St Lucy's School. Please show your support for Jo and this terrific cause - only \$40 for a fabulous dinner, prizes and a night of fun!

**Neil McWhannell**

President

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## **Last week we met at the Pymble Golf Club for Vocational Teachers Awards evening**

Apart from our Club members we had a wonderful array of guests and partners join us for this signature event.

The function was planned to honour eight teachers at various North Shore Schools —held at the Pymble Golf Club and according to the attendance register a total of 24 club members (some 40% of club membership) attended accompanied by 8 partners. District Vocational Support Chair Peter Kirkwood was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening

### **Awardees attending were**

Brianne Balfourt -Turramurra High, Susan Filan -Abbotsleigh Senior, John Diamond- Knox, Eva Southern-St Lucys, Heather Hansby- PLC, Nikki Gauman—Masada College, Rose Reward-Wahroonga Preparatory, Heba Weiss-Abbotsleigh Junior

The recipients acknowledged the generosity of Wahroonga Rotary and the honour bestowed upon them amongst their peers.

Brian Wexham the Chairman of World Skills Australia presented the awards and spoke about the challenges in modern day education and the wonderful success achieved demonstrated by the creative talents of many students—as an example this evening the brilliantly performed musical interlude by Turramurra High School student, Ellie Meagher.

A brief summary of the night is contained in this week's President's Message on page 1, however, special mention should be made on Jo Karaolis' contribution for the night. Jo spoke about her recent book which was about her years spent as the principal of St Lucy's School. She basically reinforced the whole teaching process. The challenges of teaching were illustrated by Jo reading an excerpt from her book. In many ways this was a marvellous way to end a most successful and rewarding evening.



**Left to Right**

B/R-Peter Kirkwood -Brian Wexham - Brianne Balfourt -Neil McWhannell -Bobby Redman --Susan Filan  
John Diamond-- Angus M Robinson  
F/R-Eva Southern --Heather Hansby--Nikki Grauman -- Rose Raward -- Heba Oweis

[Photo Album](#)



**Members Partners and Guests**

Joyce Collins, Shirley Comfort, Heather McWhannell, Liz Richards Joan Giacometti, Deb de Ridder, Margaret Broadhead, Karishma Twayna

**Visitors**

Catherine Glover, Brett Kendall, Terry Williamson, Julie Wiseman, Keith Wiseman, Bobby Redman, Brian Wexham, Peter Kirkwood, Nikki Grauma, Heather Hansby, Heba Oweis, Brianne Balfourt, Susan Filan, John Diamond, Eva Southern, Eleanor Meagher, Rose Raward, Jodie Hoenig, Ilan Grauman, Jessica Hansby, Carolyn Burgess, Ben Oweis, Dion Oweis, Jodie Spencer, Sally Ruston, Linda Emms, Andy Filan, Carl Southern, Susan Jones, Mary Anne Haines, Graham Raward, Melissa Raward, Jessica Raward, Kathryn Fraser.

## Help Jo as she helps bring hope to the women of Kopanang

Jo Karaolis invites us all to St Lucy's, Cleveland St Wairoonga, on Kopanang Night, August 26th for *"a night of simple pleasures so we can align ourselves with the women of Kopanang and their fight to change the future for their children."*

Sister Sheila Flynn will speak and show a video and we will have enormous fun with games and competitions and opportunities for our Rotary brilliance to shine.

**Book in tables of 8 or 10 or individually with  
[jo karaolis1@bigpond.com](mailto:jo karaolis1@bigpond.com) and a Table will be allocated.  
Please remit \$40 per head before the function  
noting —"Name" & "Kopanang" - to:  
Rotary Club of Wairoonga - BSB 032189 Account 790267**

Kopanang is an impoverished settlement on the outskirts of Johannesburg where a Dominican sister, Sister Sheila, is working to better the lives of a community of women, mostly single women. They have been trying to stay alive by prostitution in a community battling AIDs and poverty,

Jo said she first met Sister Sheila when Jo was principal of St Lucy's. Sheila said when she first visited us she wanted to thank us "on behalf of our mothers, our grandmothers, our children of Kopanang" for giving people hope.

The women make and try to sell wonderful wall hangings, and a co-operative that the sisters there have formed now trains them in design – and in running a production, learning how to run a photocopier.

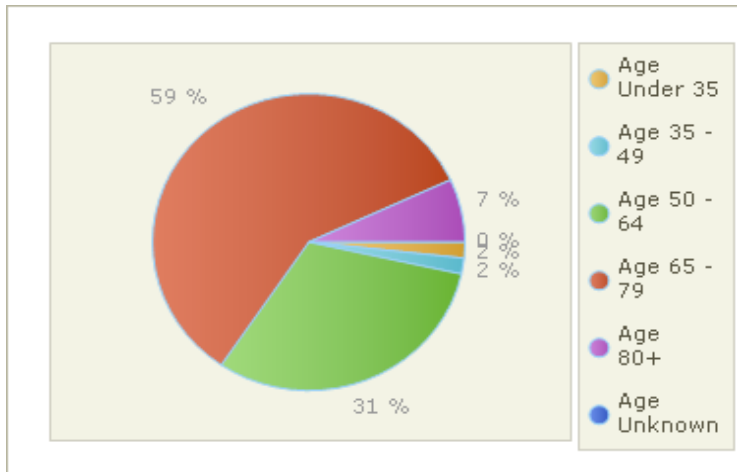


## The Rotary theme for August Membership Month

Did you know?

Wahroonga Rotary Age Distribution Report

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**The Guest Speaker** for our meeting this week is Mark Pardini.

Mark is the Author of “Man’s Horizons” He will talk about humanity's comprehension of the world, our place in it and our ability as a democratic society to influence mankind’s future on planet Earth.

He believes that we are not on a sustainable path and we have to make choices and decisions about population size, pollution, climatic upheaval, unbridled deforestation and widespread desertification. Mark believes he has the answers and alternative ways to counteract these negative forces on our world. Barry Edmundsen will introduce Mark Pardini and believes that his talk will be most interesting and he will be especially looking forward to the question time.

# RECEPTION AND HOSPITALITY ROSTER

If you are unable to attend any day please arrange a substitute and inform Len Stanley at [Istanley@med.usyd.edu.au](mailto:Istanley@med.usyd.edu.au) or 0420 849017, 9144 4049  
Full yearly Roster list is on the Club Web site

Date	Set up and put away	Hospitality	Reception (2 Rotarians)
24h Aug	Sue Owen	Steve McGregor	Marlene Carty, Len Stanley
31st Aug	Richard Pitt	Sue owen	Leon Clark, Len Stanley
7th Sept	Anne Prescott	Richard Pitt	Helen Clarke, Leon Clark
14th Sept	Doug Reid	Anne Prescott	Helen Clarke, Len Stanley
21th Sept	George Richards	Doug Reid	Phil Comfort, Len Stanley
28th Sept	Angus Robinson	George Richards	Phil Comfort, Jim Fulton

## Club and District Diary (Full event diary on Web site)

**August 24th: Club Meeting –Guest speaker Mark Pardini**

**August 26th: Fund-raiser at St Lucy's for Sister Sheila and Kopanang**

**August 26th :Daffodil Day at Wahroonga**

**August 31st: Club Meeting –Guest Speaker Bhuyan Unhelkar**

**September 1st: Joint Business Function at Pymble Golf Club**

**September 7th: Club Meeting St Edmunds Breakfast**

**September 10th: St Ives Rotary's Comedy night at Roseville Golf Club**

**September 11th: Basanta v Rotary Cricket at Karuah Oval, Turramurra.**

**September 14th: Club Meeting –Guest Speaker Solange Cunin**

## What we did Last Week ( Aug 17th 2016)

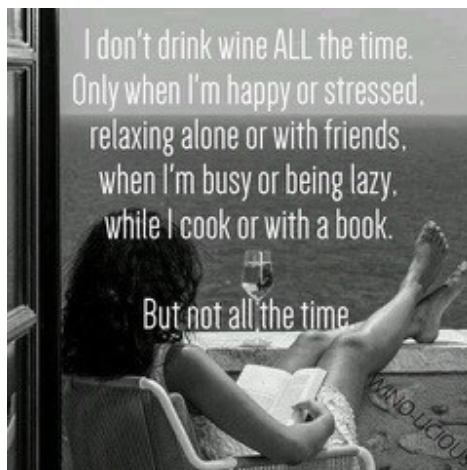
Attendance 38.6%. **Apologies:** Stuart Armstrong, Leon Clark, James Edmundson, Ian Faulks, Robert Ferguson, James Fulton, Brett Goods, Ross Grant, Kerri-Lea Hodge, Terrence Hodge, Robert Howe, Richard Jackson, John Julius, Judith Kaine, Maxwell Lake, Kerrin McCormack, Stephen McGregor Richard Pitt, Anne Prescott, Douglas Reid, Jenetta Russell, Barbara Salisch, Peter Smith, Sandra van Dijk, Ron Wainberg, Garry Webb Richard Webb, Alfreda White, Rochelle Wiley



## News Snippets...



- ◆ Daffodil Day August 26th is not far off – actually two days from today's meeting. Jenetta Russell, leading the team this year, asked for 20 people for two shifts at Wahroonga station on August 26, from 6.30 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. She says she still needs additional people
- ◆ Our Joint Business Function on Social Media for small business at Pymble Golf Club is on the 1st September  
read about the event  
and  
[REGISTER HERE](#)
- ◆ I am reminded as your Cellarmaster that it's time you made a dent in my garage stock—how about it—maybe you are one of these folks—Ian Cameron



**Order forms available from Fundraising Chair—Peter Smith**

# The Rotary Club of Wahroonga

## The McWhannell Clan

### Board and 2016/17 Committees

**BOARD: President:** Neil McWhannell, Past President; Marlene Carty. President-elect: TBA. **Secretary** – Sue Owen. **Treasurer** – John Cameron

**Leaders :** Sergeant – John Collins . Speaker Program – Helen Clarke, John Cameron, Philip Easton. Roster and Attendance – Len Stanley. Badges – weekly collection – John Julius. Archivist/Historian - Ken Broadhead. Public Relations-Janelle Speight, Wahroongler Editor– George Richards – assisted by: Sue Owen, Steve McGregor, Kerrin McCormack. Welfare Officer – Rob Ferguson. Risk Management and Insurance - John Collins . Public Officer - Judith Kaine ,Webmaster – Ian Cameron, New Name Insurance Officer - Phil Easton. Mailbox & Notice Board Key Holder - Sue Owen., Child Protection – Sue Owen, Kerrin McCormack Year Book – Steve McGregor

### COMMITTEES

**Vocational:** Chair Angus M Robinson. Team: Ken Broadhead, Jo Karaolis, John Welch, Hugh Burne. **Youth:** Chair Bob Howe. Team: Ross Grant, Barbara Salisch, Phil Comfort, Greg Starr, Philip Easton, Jim Verco, Ian Faulks , Kerrin McCormack.

**International:** Chair Anne Prescott. Team: Richard Jackson, Jo Karaolis, Janet Grundy, Abhi Poudel, Richard Pitt. **Membership:** Chair Helen Clarke. Team: Rob Ferguson, Phillip Comfort, Carol Johnson, Margaret Sachs, John Collins, Jenetta Russell, Alfreda White. **Partnerships and Fund-Raising:** Chair Peter Smith. Team Barbara Ward, Garry Webb, Dick Webb, Jenetta Russell, Terry Hodge, Leonardo Santos, Stuart Armstrong

**Community:** Co-ordinator Ron Wainberg Team: John Collins, Max Lake, John Julius, Leon Clark, Daksh Baweja, Doug Reid, Barry Edmundson, Helen Clarke, Brett Goods, Janelle Speight **The Ministry of Fun:** Chair Rochelle Wiley Team: Kerri Hodge, Sandy Van Dijk, Phil Comfort. .

**PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS:** The late John Doherty, Jack Rashleigh, the late Bill Leventhal, Gordon Fuller (Sapphire Pin), Rob Ferguson, the late Ern Hoy, Hilton Krone, the late Stan Penberthy, the late David Gardiner, Rob Giacometti (two Sapphire Pins), 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 (4 Sapphire Pins), Dr Charles Sharpe, Jill Everett, Richard Davies, Bob Quodling, (Sapphire Pin) Joan Giacometti (Sapphire Pin), 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 (1 Sapphire Pin), Phil McCarroll (1 Sapphire Pin), Vic Deeble, Peter Edwards, Pat Edwards, Garry Webb (Sapphire Pin) , Richard Pitt, Jon Phegan, Peter Smith (1 Sapphire Pin), Micheal Schwarcz (2 Sapphire Pins), Sue Owen, Anne Prescott (Sapphire Pin), Janet Grundy, Phil Comfort, Arthur Pearce, Allan Waldon, Margaret Sachs (Sapphire Pin), Margaret Cameron, Jim Verco (Sapphire Pin), Leon Clark (1 Sapphire Pin), Jan Cameron (2 Sapphire Pins), Matthew Webb, Barry O'Farrell, Bob Potter, Richard Jackson, Paul Murphy, Chris de Zylva, Greg Starr, Leisa O'Connor, Phil 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, John Collins, Rochelle Wiley, Jim Georgas., Glen Moroney, Barry Edmundson., Doug Reid., Steve McGregor, Len Stanley, Kathy Freeman. Judi Johnston, Barbara Salisch, Judith Kaine, David Russell, Ron Wainberg., Sandy van Dijk.