



Rotary Club of Wauchope Inc.

Bulletin



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**Don't forget the
Rotary
International
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**The 9650 District
Convention at
Inverell 8th to 11th
March 2012**

**EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR**



The Week That Was

Club Changeover



The Club changeover dinner last Tuesday night was a great display of the fellowship and commitment our club has to our community and to Rotary International. Four Paul Harris Fellows and a Silver Friend of Australian Rotary Health is a testament to the club members' participation and the ability of the club to raise the required funds. I have included parts of Reg's final speech, the awards and presentations he handed out and also some points from Neville's acceptance speech.

Extracts from the final speech by President Reg Pierce:
"To me, Rotary is more than a humanitarian, or service organization. To me, Rotary is a way of life, or in fact, a way that life should be lived. Think how the world would be if everyone lived by the 4 way test. It is not a burden to be a Rotarian, it is an honour, which carries a responsibility. A responsibility to reach out to those who cannot help themselves.

I have been a proud Rotarian for some years now & I've been honoured to lead my club as President on two occasions. I've known & worked with some wonderful human beings & in many cases we've achieved things that have made a difference.

Every Rotarian in this room deserves praise & recognition. If a Rotarian does no more than turn up for a meeting, they are contributing. That's not being derogatory, I just recognise that we all serve in different ways & at different levels, according to our means.

Whilst all of us contribute, a few Rotarians stand out in their service & commitment to others & the Rotary cause. Tonight we recognise & honour some of them."

Rotary awards were presented to:

Bev Meldrum: I'd like to publicly thank Bev Meldrum for her support of me & of our club. Whenever there's a fundraiser on, Bev throws herself into the fray, arranging sponsorship, selling tickets or getting printing & the like done. During the recent Lasiandra Concert, Bev almost single-handedly organised the whole event, from ticket sales, through to floor plan.

Paul Froome: Paul Froome is a relatively new member to Rotary, but has already proved himself to be an enthusiastic member of the Wauchope Rotary club.

Paul was very quick to put his hand up for the New Generation portfolio. He has made it his business to read & absorb as much as he could regarding the position he'd taken on, & Rotary in general. Paul's enthusiasm for Rotary is infectious & he has the ability to make members want to do things & become more involved.

Laurie Edmonds: Laurie too, is a relatively new member of Rotary. Laurie is the quiet achiever, taking on whatever task comes his way. His first job at the club was hospitality & as his position was at the bar in the front of the club, he was the welcoming face of Wauchope Rotary. In the

changeover of structure, Laurie took on Club Services & has done a great job.

Tony Morton: Among our members, Tony Morton is one of the more committed to Community Service. The Farmers Markets are one of our important & consistent money making events, at the same time, a notable service to the community. Tony seems to have inherited the primary role in this area & probably not by choice. None the less, each time it comes up, he's first to volunteer. At other times when I've asked, Tony has come to our rooms, or to the Showground Hall or any other place, to help out.

Jean Rumble: The Rotary club of Wauchope would like to thank Jean Rumble for 31 years of service to our club. Jean is the unseen person who sets up our tables, helps in the kitchen & then washes the dishes & pans. When our club has held a special night, such as a past Presidents, or theme night, Jean comes up with some great ideas for the table decorations etc. On several occasions during my 2 Presidencies, Jean has got together with Meg to put on a bit of a show & brighten up the décor, adding to the atmosphere. Tonight is another example.

Tonight we reward a few Rotarians with **PHF** recognition.



Kevin Whitbread: Kevin Whitbread is one of the silent toilers for our club & Rotary International. As our treasurer, he's performed well. He's great at moving the decimal point to the left or right as needed.

The job of treasurer is one of the most demanding in any organization & it certainly is in Rotary. There are so many programmes, therefore accounts & sub accounts, yet Kevin keeps on top of it all.

Often, at the end of a meeting, when everyone is getting ready to go home & Kevin is shuffling papers & packing up, someone (generally me!) drops a plastic bag full of coins & notes for Kevin to count, wanting the result next day.

Kevin is also the secretary for our Hall Committee, which is another thankless task, yet Kevin goes about his work there too, in a quiet & efficient way.

On top of his role of treasurer, Kevin is quick to volunteer for other activities & fundraisers. He never seems to flag or lose enthusiasm, although some of us really test him out at times. Kevin has been treasurer of our club for 6 years, which is enough to tax anyone's enthusiasm.

During both my Presidencies, Kevin has given me 110% support, encouragement & advice. He's become a trusted friend & a valuable member of the family of Rotary & well respected by the members of the Wauchope club and I recognise him as a Paul Harris Fellow.



Rob Baker: Although not a Rotarian, Rob Baker has provided invaluable support to the cause of Rotary. One of the ideals of Rotary, is the fostering of friendship for the purpose of service. Rob's association with me is a classic case of how that can be achieved. Rob, with wife Tanya, are the

owner/operators of R&T Trucking here in Wauchope.

A few years ago, when my workshop was full of DIK & AAS goods, I was faced with a logistic problem that others before me had faced. That is, how to get this stuff to our depot in Sydney? In casual conversation, Rob said he'd take it. I asked how much & he immediately said "for free." To date, R&T have transported 4 entire semi-trailer loads to Sydney, one load into the Vic. Bushfire zone, 2 loads of "wrapped with love" goods to Alexandria, one load of DIK earmarked for Dilli to Vic & 1 load into flood ravaged Qld. The Qld load had to be loaded on a particular night to clean out a warehouse. On this day, Rob had 2 drivers out of action, a workshop going crazy from overwork & everyone wanting a piece of him. But he & I went to Port & loaded about 10 tonnes from 4.30 till about 7.30. All of this was done, not only for free, but with willingness. Many times R&T have made a section of their workshop available for storage. They give Rotary free & unlimited access to their forklift, saving many an older Rotarian's back. No matter the load, R&T transport, has been able to transport massive amounts of freight to people in dire need. R&T's total contribution to the cause of Rotary can be measured in the approximately 80 tonnes, or more, of goods transported, at a cost to them of thousands of dollars in fuel & drivers wages, not to mention the immeasurable savings to Rotary. Rob's reason? **"Because you blokes do great work."** Most of this work was done during this country's financial down turn. At a time when paying loads were hard to come by, when competition for freight was frenetic, Rob stuck to his guns & as a man of honour, & integrity, he kept his promise to Rotary. His firm have always seemed to be able to find room on his trucks for Rotary's needs.



Andy Neal: Sapphire Pin

Andy Neal is a long serving Rotarian, having been inducted into the Rotary club of Wauchope in 1964. He has given magnificent service, not only to our club, but to the cause of Rotary & the community. I know he holds some sort of record for the number of consecutive years of 100% attendance. Andy has served this club as President in 1976/77 & as a director on several occasions, including Sgt-at arms. Andy owned & operated his own plumbing business for many years, during which time he trained many young men in the trade, most of whom have gone on to own their own businesses. He's a man who's always prepared to roll his sleeves up & "hook in" as the saying goes. Never short of an opinion, he's nonetheless prepared to listen, & accommodate another person's views. Apart from his commitment to Rotary, Andy is a devoted husband to Robin, a father to their children & now, grandchildren. He's served on the local hospital board, the Australia Day committee, the sportsman's award committee & numerous other community positions. Andy has been an administrator in the local & country Rugby League scene, a sport he has a passion for. Don't start him on "The Bunnies" Throughout his years of service to the community, he's never been afraid of work & always puts his hand up for the mundane & thankless tasks. Andy has many stories to tell of his years in Rotary & of Wauchope. In conversation, Andy is a very interesting source of information & history. Wauchope Rotary recognised Andy's service with a PHF in April 1989. Tonight I'd like to add a well earned Sapphire pin to that.



Neville Parsons: Sapphire Pin

Fellow Rotarians & guests, where does one start in telling the "Neville Parson's story in Rotary?"

From my early days after joining Rotary, Neville made it clear that he was ready to help me, just as he's helped others, to achieve their potential in this great organization & he's still doing it.

He is a tireless worker. His workload would flatten most people. Not only is he the CEO of the Credit Union, but he also took on the job of District Governor. On top of flying about the world & Australia for the Credit Union, he was travelling this huge District, visiting each club & shoring up support for Rotary, giving encouragement & where needed, advice. It would take some considerable time to read out Neville's achievements & the positions he's held in Rotary. In private conversation, I've found Neville to be very sharp & switched on & he has a wicked sense of humour. He's also very compassionate & a dedicated Rotarian, whose brought nothing but credit to his family, this club, the District & Rotary in general. Behind the scenes he's given tremendous support to Rotary, whether by way of sponsorships, or assistance from his staff. Let me tell a story to demonstrate the quality & temperament in this man. I remember the first Power Point I did at our club after returning from India for the polio campaign. I had bought a new lap top & borrowed Neville's projector. I had taken the precaution to have both devices checked & "married" the day before at a computer place. On the night & at the last minute, these devices decided to get divorced! Panic! Guests were arriving from the Eastern States & things looked grim. I phoned Neville to borrow his lap top, to

"talk" to his projector. Neville listened, then said "no problem, I'll be there in 10"

I didn't know at the time, but he had barely driven into his driveway when I rang. So he just about faced, went back to work & got the lap top & continued to the hall. The amazing thing is, he didn't even complain, or raise a sweat. The important thing for Neville was that the night was a success. That has always been his focus, the success of others & the team.

Neville's term as our DG was the culmination of many years of dedication to & passion for, the cause of Rotary & the unfortunate & downtrodden that we serve.

It is with great pleasure that I ask you all to stand & acknowledge the world's newest Paul Harris Sapphire pin recipient.

Another lesser known, yet highly prestigious award is the "Silver Friend" of Australian Rotary Health. This award is for the recognition of individuals who have made a considerable contribution to ARH. Like a "Paul Harris" it is a receipt for \$1000 (US) paid to the ARH & just like a PHF, it is awarded as an honorarium. Tonight we honour a Rotarian who's given immeasurable time & effort to the cause of Rotary's commitment to health.



Peter Laurantis: Peter has been the driving force of this club's bowel scan programme for many years. It isn't a glamorous job, as can be appreciated. But it is a very important part of Rotary's commitment to health in the community. I know of at least 3 people whose lives have been saved by the early detection of bowel cancer, thanks to this programme. It is therefore not unreasonable to assume that many more have been saved within the sphere of Rotary's influence & from there

we can safely assume that Peter, through his efforts, has been responsible for many people recovering from this disease, who have then gone on to lead fruitful lives. I'm very pleased to present Peter with this "Silver Friend" of ARH award.

In Conclusion: As I step down from the Presidency tonight, I know my club is in good hands & although Rotary worldwide is experiencing a membership shortfall, it will survive & grow. As an organization we have to reinvent ourselves & sell our brand to the world. This is the 21st Century & we must do whatever it takes to survive & grow. Wauchope Rotary has the people to make this happen. And with PDG Neville in the chair, this growth & strengthening is assured.

Finally, I'd like to thank the members of the Rotary club of Wauchope for their magnificent support, friendship & commitment to the Rotary cause & for their support of me. There have been many times that I've had to call on members for help & it was always given gladly. And of course the last word goes to Meg, as it usually does, thank you.

Reg then inducted PDG Neville Parsons as the President of the Rotary Club of Wauchope. In presenting Neville with the Club Charter, President's lapel pin, the 2011-2012 Rotary International Theme Banner, "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity" and then the Presidential Sash, Reg handed over the running of our club to Neville. Reg, and all the club members, can be very proud of what the Rotary Club of Wauchope achieved this past year. Reg ran the club with dignity and this dignity shone through on Tuesday evening as Reg finalised his year as President.



Neville then accepted the Presidency of the Wauchope club and below are some of the points Neville covered...

"I share with you my stated Vision for the Rotary Club of Wauchope in 2011-2012 and this has been endorsed by my incoming Board:

To work together to lead the required positive changes to ensure that the Rotary Club of Wauchope will celebrate its 60th Anniversary on 8 Sep 2012 in the knowledge that we will have revitalised and transitioned our Club for Rotary service to our community for the next 60 years. This will occur while we continue to make a positive contribution in terms of time, energy and effort as well as dollars in our community and the communities of the world that we seek to assist through contributions directly or indirectly through the Rotary Foundation.

I am also very supportive of the 2011-12 Rotary International Theme of "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity" as to me it is another way of emphasizing the Four way test and the importance of us demonstrating our values day to day:

- Look within yourselves, to understand that all of humanity has the same dreams, similar hopes, the same aspirations and similar problems.
- If we are to create peace, friendship and tolerance on a global scale we must

first practice it in our own neighbourhoods.

Mahatma Gandhi – "You must be the change you wish to see in the world"

"The future of Rotary will not be shaped at RI headquarters – it will be shaped in each and every Rotary Club because it is for each of us as Rotarians to do what is necessary to keep Rotary strong" My DG Class RI President John Kenny

We as the current members of the Rotary Club of Wauchope and I issue the same challenge to all of the visiting Rotarians in the room have a personal responsibility to shape our respective Rotary Clubs for the next decade and beyond and to do that we must encourage new members and at the same time decrease the average age of our Club."

Neville had the honour of inducting Honorary Member Bev Meldrum as an Active Member of our club. Bev has for many years worked behind the scenes in our community fundraisers and at many catering activities and has truly been a real contributor to our club.

The introduction of the Board & Officers was the final part to the formal proceedings.

Board Members 2011-2012

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| President | Neville Parsons |
| President Elect | Patti Berrigan |
| Vice President | Bob Gilligan |
| Immediate Past President | Reg Pierce |
| Secretary | Paul Froome |
| Treasurer | Raelene Monkley |

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| Membership Director | Patti Berrigan |
| Public Relations Director | Reg Pierce |
| Club Administration Director | Bob Gilligan |

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| Rotary Foundation Director | Kevin Whitebread |
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| Club Service Projects Director | Laurie Edmonds |
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| Sergeant at Arms | John Meldrum |
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| Youth & Vocational | Leonie McHugh |
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| Community & International | Will Jamieson & Bev Meldrum |
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| Bulletin Editor | Paul Froome |
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President's Pen **Neville Parsons**

At our changeover, PDG and now Club President Neville Parsons toasted Rotary International. The following are sections of PDG Neville's toast.

Toast to Rotary International

- 33,000 Rotary clubs
- 200 countries
- more than 1.2 million members who each and every day through their efforts provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.
- Service Above Self, Rotary's main objective is service — in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world.
- The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is the "Rotary Piggybank".
- The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from

Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

- There are as many reasons to support The Rotary Foundation as there are ways to do good in the world.
- The six areas of focus reflect critical humanitarian issues and needs that Rotarians are addressing worldwide.

Areas of focus

1. Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
 2. Disease prevention and treatment
 3. Water and sanitation
 4. Maternal and child health
 5. Basic education and literacy
 6. Economic and community development
- *"I believe we can change the world, one life at a time. No project is too small or insignificant, especially to those who benefit. My hope is that these seeds of service will blossom and live on for countless generations to come".*

RI President 2002-03 Bhichai Rattakul

The Bean Counter **Raelene Monkley**

Hello and welcome to our new Rotary year and my first year as a Treasurer. Kevin has been working with me for the past 3 months, helping me prepare for this task. Just so we have no 'scary moments' may I ask;

* All funds that require banking come via the treasurer. Each amount is to be receipted prior to banking. This will make reconciliations far more efficient and keep the auditor happy.

* If you purchase something for the club please get a receipt.

* Fees are now payable. \$170 annually, \$85 half annually or if you would like to make an arrangement to pay them off we can do that also, as the board approved this some time ago.

Thank you for your assistance with this.
Raelene

Rotary Four Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

Is it the truth

Is it fair to all concerned

Will it build goodwill and better friendship

Will it be beneficial to all concerned

Youth Exchange

Our exchange student from Sweden, Tova Roos, will be arriving in Port Macquarie next Friday 15th July. She will be staying with us (Leonie & Paul) until she has settled into school etc and then she will be moving to Raelene and Jake Monkleys' for 3 months. Tova will be attending our Rotary meeting next Tuesday 19th July to be introduced to the Club.

I have contacted Tova and she is very excited and looking forward to her stay in Australia.

Leonie

Cluster 3 Meeting Times & Places

Port Macquarie Sunrise: Friday 7.00am
Rydgies Port Macquarie

Port Macquarie: Wed 6:00pm
Port Panthers

Port Macquarie West: Tues 6:30pm
Westport Bowling Club.

Laurieton: Monday 6.30pm
Laurieton United Services Club

The Lighter Side

My sister Darlene has the courage, but not always the skills, to tackle any home-repair project. For example, in her garage are pieces of a lawn mower she once tried to fix. So I wasn't surprised the day my other sister, Jesse, and I found Darlene attacking her vacuum cleaner with a screwdriver.

"I can't get this thing to cooperate," she explained.

"Why don't you drag it out to the garage and show it the lawn mower?" Jesse suggested.

Duty Roster

| Date | Toast | Welcome Guests | Intro Guest Speaker | Stewards | Guest Speaker | Topic |
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| 12/7/2011 | Graeme Beeforth | Ron Dures | Frank Harrison | Bob Gilligan & Kathy Jones | Anne Warwick | Cambodia |
| 19/7/2011 | Murrough Benson | Laurie Edmonds | Will Jamieson | Peter Laurantus & Chris McCarron | Darcy Budden | MH |
| 26/7/2011 | Patti Berrigan | Robyn Flannigan | Leonie McHugh | Bev & John Meldrum | Kyanah Goggin & Tova Roos | Youth Exchange |
| 2/8/2011 | Pub night at The Hastings Hotel 6:30 for 7:00 pm | | | | | |