

Rotary
Club of Wauchope



ANNUAL REPORT

2025-2026

***UNITE
FOR
GOOD***



INVOCATION

As we join together,
we give thanks for good friends,
good food and the privilege
through Rotary to make a
difference in our community.



CHANGEOVER PROGRAM

MC - SARA KELLY

Welcome

Acknowledgement of Country

Invocation - *Diana Reynolds*

Rotary Toasts: King and Australia - *Graeme McLauchlan*

Introduction of Guests and Apologies

Response - Chris Kirkman

Main Meal

Rotary Toast to International - *PDG Neville Parsons*

Response - *PDG Ian Jackson*

Raffle Draw

Dessert

President's Report - *President Debbie Loveday*

Awards

- Club Person of the Year - *President Debbie Loveday*
- Paul Harris Fellow - *President Debbie Loveday*
- Silver/Friend of Rotary - *PDG Neville Parsons*

Guest Speaker - Kelly from Lifeline

Induction of 2026 2027 President - *PDG Ian Jackson*

Introduction of Incoming Board - *President Debbie Loveday*

Induction of New Member - *President PDG Debbie Loveday*

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2025-2026 BOARD

PRESIDENT	DEBBIE LOVEDAY
PRESIDENT ELECT	DEBBIE LOVEDAY
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT	GRAEME MCLAUCHLAN
VICE PRESIDENT	NEVILLE PARSONS
SECRETARY	PATTI PARSONS
CLUB EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	NEVILLE PARSONS
TREASURER	NEVILLE PARSONS
CLUB ADMIN CHAIR	DIANA REYNOLDS
VOCATIONAL SERVICE CHAIR	BARRY THOMPSON
COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIR	STEVE TOWLE
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE CHAIR	KEVIN WHITBREAD
YOUTH SERVICE CHAIR	LORIS HENDY
PUBLIC IMAGE CHAIR	SARA KELLY
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR	GRAEME MCLAUCHLAN
FOUNDATION CHAIR	MICHELLE CALVERT- KILBURN
PUBLIC OFFICER	ROGER KILBURN

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VACANT

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PRESIDENT REPORT

DEBBIE LOVEDAY

Club President

It has been both an honour and a privilege to serve as President of the Rotary Club of Wauchope over the past year. I am incredibly proud of what our club has achieved together, continuing our strong tradition of service, fellowship, and community connection.

Throughout the year, our members have demonstrated a genuine commitment to supporting those in need. Our ongoing involvement with the Soupervan has been particularly impactful, providing not only essential supplies but also compassion and dignity to members of our community doing it tough. This hands-on service reflects the very heart of Rotary.

A particularly meaningful initiative has been our regular quarterly visits to Rotary Lodge, where we provide an evening meal for residents undergoing treatment in the nearby oncology department. These evenings are always warmly received and are a reminder of the importance of simple acts of kindness. Thank you to all our members who so generously contribute with home-cooked meals and desserts—your efforts are deeply appreciated and make a real difference.

We were also proud to host and support several important community events. Our ANZAC Dinner for veterans and ANZAC Day BBQ once again provided meaningful opportunities to honour and connect with those who have served our country. Events such as these remain a cornerstone of our club's community presence. Our Christmas in July celebration will be another highlight, bringing members together in the spirit of fellowship and fun.

Fundraising continues to underpin our ability to give back, and I thank all members who contributed to the success of our Bunnings BBQs and our annual Book Sale. These efforts not only raise vital funds but also strengthen our visibility and engagement within the local community.

This year, we were also successful in securing District and Global Grants, totalling \$60,000, enabling us to expand our support for international projects. These initiatives remind us that while we serve locally, we are part of a global network making a difference in communities around the world.

An important step forward for the club has been the introduction of new public image materials, helping to increase our visibility and better tell the Rotary story. Building awareness of who we are and what we do is essential to our continued growth and impact.

I would like to sincerely thank our Board, committee chairs, and every club member for their dedication and support throughout the year. Rotary is a team effort, and it is the willingness of members to step up and contribute that makes our club so strong.

As we look ahead, I am confident the club will continue to grow and thrive. I thank you all for your support during my year as President and for the difference you make in our community and beyond.





TREASURERS REPORT

NEVILLE PARSONS

Treasurer

Connection and Impact through fund raising and giving 2025-2026

The Rotary Club of Wauchope has again made a difference in our community through the time, energy, and effort of our members supported by other volunteers and partners.

This year we have enhanced and strengthened our partnership with Troy and Helen Eggleton and their ADRA volunteers that run the Soupervan to support the needy, including those homeless in our community.

A big shout out to Past President Diana Reynolds and President Debbie Loveday for their untiring efforts in coordinating our clubs support to the Soupervan and for regular attending the Soupervan operation. We appreciate and thank the ongoing support of the many supporters of this worthy community cause.

The major annual fundraiser for our club continues to be the annual book sale and again a big thank you to Diana Reynolds and her hard-working committee of members and volunteers that make this a success.

Past President Kevin Whitbread has again done an excellent job organising our parking and entry supervision service to the monthly Wauchope Farmer's Markets. This commitment engages many of our members and we say thank you to all members that give of their time to support this community event and for the regular donations that we receive from those attending the Farmers Market.

Our Club Board applied for and received a Rotary District Grant of \$3,000 to support the community connection and celebration around the annual Christmas Tree lighting celebration in Bain Park. Unfortunately, this was washed out. We have had District approve the repurposing of the District Grant to again have a community celebration as a Christmas in July community connection event during July 2026.

Summary of our Income from 1 July 2025 to 18 May 2026:

Description	Amount
Book Sale net Receipts	\$ 5,940.85
Bunnings BBQ net proceeds	\$ 3,373.18
D9660 District Grant - Christmas in July	\$ 3,000.00
Wauchope Farmers Market gate collection	\$ 2,860.45
Jumble sale net proceeds	\$ 1,658.30
Showground Gate management fees	\$ 1,433.22
Polio movie net proceeds	\$ 1,292.20
Wauchope Yesteryear Truck & Machinery Club donation	\$ 1,000.00
Club members raffles proceeds	\$ 860.60
Hospitality corner net donations	\$ 814.08
Other BBQs net receipts	\$ 518.19
D9660 Public Image Grant	\$ 500.00
Regional Australia Bank Community Partnership funding	\$ 378.08
Ritchies IGA Community Partner funding	\$ 315.34
Other income	\$ 474.40
	\$ 24,418.89

In 2025-2026 we have or will have made the following donations of funds:

- Funds to the value of \$9474.26 have been disbursed to various community groups to support their work in our community and beyond.
- Funds to value of \$8,750.00 have been distributed to Rotary projects and programs supporting the Rotary Foundation, Port Macquarie Rotary Lodge, the Men's Health (MHERV) van and Rotary Youth programs to support the development of our youth.
- Funds to the value of \$1300.00 have been disbursed to International Projects that have supported humanitarian needs in Bali, Indonesia.



Our donations in 2024-2025 have supported the following organisations and causes:

Schedule of Donations			Totals	Community	Rotary Programs	International Programs
2nd Wauchope Scouts			\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00		
Anzac Day community bbq			\$ 369.80	\$ 369.80		
Anzac Day wreath			\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00		
Australian Rotary Health			\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	
Guide Dogs NSW			\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00		
Hastings Education Fund			\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00		
Liberty Domestic violence			\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00		
Lifeline Midcoast			\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00		
Lombok & Sunda donation via RAWCS			\$ 1,000.00			\$ 1,000.00
Port Macquarie Rotary Lodge			\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	
RAWCS Donation for D9660			\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00	
Riding for Disabled Donation			\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00		
Rotary Club of Warners Bay - MHERV Van funding			\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	
Rotary Foundation Donation Annual Programs Fund			\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00	
Rotary Foundation Donation End Polio			\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00	
RYLA 2025 - Triggs			\$ 1,450.00		\$ 1,450.00	
Salam Childrens home repairs			\$ 300.00			\$ 300.00
Sailability Port Macquarie			\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00		
Souper Van - provision for ongoing monthly support 2026.2027			\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00		
Souper van goods			\$ 474.46	\$ 474.46		
Souper van - support for homeless - 5 shelterbags			\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00		
St Josephs College - Year 12 Award			\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00		
Wauchope Girl Guides			\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00		
Wauchope High School			\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00		
Wauchope Hospital Palliative Care			\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00		
Wauchope Show Society - Wade St Gate improvements			\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00		
Wauchope Quilters			\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00		
Westpac Rescue Helicopter			\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00		
Total Donations			\$ 19,524.26	\$ 9,474.26	\$ 8,750.00	\$ 1,300.00

The overall disbursements of Club Funds totalling **\$19,524.26** is a great result for our Rotary Club and delivers a sense of pride and achievement for our members but most importantly makes a real difference and creates lasting impact for each of the recipient organisations and the people that they touch in the delivery of their services to the community.

ADMIN REPORT

DIANA REYNOLDS

Administration Chair

Our Club program is not only a testament to the considerable time and energy invested by our members but clearly reflects the wide variety of experiences our engaged membership has enjoyed over the past Rotary year. This outstanding effort by our members has improved the Rotary brand in our community.

As the attached program calendar shows, we have been very busy over a variety of community building, fundraising and partnership programs. Many of these will be detailed within individual director's reports.

Club Service focuses on strengthening fellowship, engagement and the effective operation of the club. Through member support, leadership development, training and social connection, this avenue helps build a strong and vibrant club culture that enables Rotarians to serve their communities with purpose and impact.

We are well positioned as an incorporated club to meet our compliance responsibilities defined by the Associations Incorporation Act thanks to the presence of several members leading present and past District and Zone portfolios and leadership positions.

My sincere thanks go to all on the Administration team (Neville Parsons, Patti Parsons, Marie Winter and Roger Kilburn). Two of the busier roles in each Rotary club are that of Treasurer and Secretary due to annual compliance and audit obligations. Treasurer Neville Parsons and Secretary Patti Parsons always ensure we meet these requirements. Similarly, our Public Officer Roger. Sincere thanks to Marie whose organisational skills and background work ensure we get to eat and meet. Her feet and fingers enjoy little rest as she manages us and a myriad of tasks.

ROTARY CLUB OF WAUCHOPE PROGRAM 2025 - 2026

DATE	VENUE	PROGRAM	GUEST SPEAKER
Jul-01	CLASSY CAFE	SOCIAL NIGHT	CHRISTMAS IN JULY
Jul-08	ROTARY ROOMS	DINNER MEETING	CLUB ASSEMBLY
Jul-09	SOUPERVAN	COMMUNITY	BAIN PARK -Non perishable food items, personal care, blankets, coats, sleeping bags, beanies and gloves
Jul-15	HOME	BOARD MEETING	ZOOM MEETING
Jul-22	DINNER MEETING	INTERNATIONAL	PP HENRY NSAMBA
Jul-26	SHOWGROUND	COMMUNITY	WAUCHOPE FARMER'S MARKET
Jul-29	ROTARY LODGE	COMMUNITY	COOKED MEAL MEMBERS to PROVIDE
Aug-05	HASTINGS HOTEL	SOCIAL DINNER	
Aug-12	ROTARY ROOMS	DINNER MEETING	DR. JOHN DRINAM OAM - Effects of Coal Mining in the
Aug-13	SOUPERVAN	COMMUNITY	BAIN PARK -Non perishable food items, personal care, blankets, coats, sleeping bags, beanies and gloves
Aug-19	HOME	BOARD MEETING	ZOOM MEETING
Aug-23	SHOWGROUND	COMMUNITY	WAUCHOPE FARMER'S MARKET
Aug-26	ROTARY ROOMS	DINNER MEETING YOUTH	PUBLIC SPEAKING
Sep-02	BAGO TAVERN	SOCIAL NIGHT	
Sep-09	ROTARY ROOMS	DINNER MEETING	BRITTANI MICHELLE -NURSES FOR NEPAL
Sep-10	SOUPERVAN	COMMUNITY	BAIN PARK -Non perishable food items, personal care, blankets, coats, sleeping bags, beanies and gloves
Sep-16	HOME	BOARD MEETING	ZOOM MEETING
Sep-23	ROTARY ROOMS	DINNER MEETING	BOOK SALE
Sep-27	SHOWGROUND	COMMUNITY	WAUCHOPE FARMER'S MARKET
Sep-30	BAGO WINERY	VOCATIONAL	

Oct-07	BAGO TAVERN	SOCIAL NIGHT	
Oct-14	ROTARY ROOMS	DINNER MEETING	STUART REDMAN Hastings Valley Beekeepers Assoc.
Oct-15	SOUPERVAN	COMMUNITY	BAIN PARK -Non perishable food items, fruit, personal care, towels
Oct-16	CLUB TAREE	DINNER MEETING	DG EVAN BURRELL VISIT
Oct-21	HOME	BOARD MEETING	ZOOM MEETING
Oct-25	SHOWGROUND	COMMUNITY	WAUCHOPE FARMER'S MARKET
Oct-28	ROTARY ROOMS	DINNER MEETING	POETRY NIGHT WITH TOM MCILVEEN
Oct-30	RITZ CINEMA	POLIO NIGHT	FILM NIGHT FUNDRAISER WITH LAURIETON CLUB
Nov-04	ROTARY LODGE	COMMUNITY	MEMBERS TO PROVIDE MEALS FOR RESIDENTS
Nov-11	ROTARY ROOMS	DINNER MEETING	FOUNDATION NIGHT - INDUCT HELEN & TROY EGGLETON
Nov-12	SOUPERVAN	COMMUNITY	BAIN PARK -Non perishable food items, fruit, personal care, towels
Nov-18	HOME	BOARD MEETING	ZOOM MEETING
Nov-22	SHOWGROUND	COMMUNITY	WAUCHOPE FARMER'S MARKET
Nov 22-23	COFFS HARBOUR	SHOWCASE	DISTRICT SHOWCASE
Nov-25	ROTARY ROOMS	DINNER MEETING	
Dec-02	BAGO TAVERN	SOCIAL NIGHT	
Dec-09	ROTARY ROOMS	DINNER MEETING	AGM & YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING
Dec-16			CHRISTMAS PARTY AT DEBBIES PLACE
Feb-03			TRANSFER MEETING LAURIETON
Feb-07	BUNNINGS BBQ		
Feb-07	LUSC		LAURIETON 60TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER
Feb-10	ROTARY ROOMS	DINNER MEETING	CLUB ASSEMBLY/BOOK SALE
Feb-11	SOUPERVAN	COMMUNITY	BAIN PARK -Non perishable food items, fruit, personal care, towels
Feb-17	HOME	BOARD MEETING	ZOOM MEETING
Feb-21	CEDAR SERVICE	BBQ	IN SUPPORT OF Hastings Co Op
Feb-21	SHOWGROUND	COMMUNITY	WAUCHOPE FARMER'S MARKET
Feb-24	COUNTRY CLUB	DINNER MEETING	GOLDEN BOOT VS R C LAURIETON
Mar-03	HASTINGS HOTEL	SOCIAL DINNER	
Mar-10	ROTARY LODGE	COMMUNITY	MEMBERS PROVIDE MEAL FOR RESIDENTS
Mar-11	SOUPERVAN	COMMUNITY	BAIN PARK -Non perishable food items, fruit, personal care, towels
Mar-15	HOME	TRAINING	CLUB PRESIDENTS/PRESIDENT ELECT
Mar-17	HOME	BOARD MEETING	ZOOM MEETING
Mar-24	ROTARY ROOMS	DINNER MEETING	DAVID RENEKE - UNIVERSE& ASTRONOMY
Mar-28	SHOWGROUND	COMMUNITY	WAUCHOPE FARMER'S MARKET
Mar-29	HOME	TRAINING	CLUB SECRETARY
Mar-29	HOME	TRAINING	CLUB TREASURER
Mar-31	GREENBOURNE NURSERY	VOCATIONAL	
Apr-07	TRATTORIA	SOCIAL NIGHT	
Apr 10-11	SHOWGROUND	COMMUNITY	WAUCHOPE SHOW GATES
Apr-14	ROTARY ROOMS	DINNER MEETING	ANZAC NIGHT
Apr-15	SOUPERVAN	COMMUNITY	BAIN PARK -Non perishable food items, fruit, personal care, towels
Apr-21	HOME	BOARD MEETING	ZOOM MEETING
Apr-25	BAIN PARK	BBQ	ANZAC DAY BBQ
Apr-28	ROTARY ROOMS	DINNER MEETING	RFE - BEV BARTLETT
May-05	RSL	SOCIAL NIGHT	
May-12	ROTARY ROOMS	DINNER MEETING	RSL SUB-BRANCH
May-13	SOUPERVAN	COMMUNITY	Non perishable food items, personal care, blankets, coats, sleeping bags, beanies and gloves
May-19	HOME	BOARD MEETING	ZOOM MEETING
May-23	SHOWGROUND	COMMUNITY	WAUCHOPE FARMER'S MARKET
May-26	ROTARY ROOMS	DINNER MEETING	HELEN & TROY EGGLETON PRESENT SWAGBAGS
May-30	BUNNINGS	BBQ	
Jun-02	ROTARY LODGE	COMMUNITY	DINNER FOR THE RESIDENTS
Jun-09	ROTARY ROOMS	DINNER MEETING	ROSS NANCARROW - EVERY DAUGHTER METTERS
Jun-10	SOUPERVAN	COMMUNITY	BAIN PARK -Non perishable food items, personal care, blankets, coats, sleeping bags, beanies and gloves
Jun-13	RSL	DINNER MEETING	CHANGEOVER DINNER
Jun-27	SHOWGROUND	COMMUNITY	WAUCHOPE FARMER'S MARKET

VOCATIONAL REPORT

BARRY THOMPSON

Vocational Service Chair

It is a pleasure to be part of The Rotary Club of Wauchope as Vocational Director. My role is to organise visits to businesses and places of interest around the Wauchope area to be attended by the Rotary Club members to not only promote the business but for our members to know how they operate.

Visits included:

July - a visit to Rotary Lodge where the members prepared and served a meal for the guests staying at the Lodge for treatment and then a walk through the new extension.

September - Bago Winery. Jim gave the members a run-down of how he operates

March - Greenbourne Nursery. All the green thumbs got a walk around the nursery.

As another year ends my role as Vocation Director was made possible by, and I would sincerely like to thank those who have assisted me in the role, Robyn Flanagan for organizing the visits and Marie Winter for organizing the meals at and after.

I know that the incoming Vocational Director will do a great job.

To all I wish you a very successful Rotary year.

Vocational Service encourages Rotarians to uphold high ethical standards and use their professional skills and experience to benefit others. It promotes integrity in the workplace, supports vocational development and recognises the value of all occupations in building stronger communities.



COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

STEVEN TOWLE

Community Service Chair

Local Farmers Markets - Our involvement with The Wauchope Farmer's Markets at the Wauchope Showground 4th Saturday each month continues although it is becoming obvious that some patrons no longer actually carrying loose spare cash for donation. Our partner groups such as Riding for the Disabled, Guide Dogs NSW, Lifeline etc. continue to assist and benefit from this activity.

SouperVan - Our Club Members assist the volunteers from ADRA with their Soupervan from 5pm once a month on a Wednesday night. The van caters for those who are homeless, struggling with the cost of living, or lonely. The van is at Bain Park, distributing complimentary soup and buns, fresh fruit and vegetables and grocery items. Our club supports this with non perishables, including long life milk, cereal, rice, pasta, fruit, water and hygiene kits. This is supplemented according to the season with and blankets and winter clothing, summer items.

Rotary Lodge - Rotary Lodge is a combined local Rotary Clubs project, which provides non local residents accommodation at reasonable prices for patients and family members. During the patients treatment, the main patients are Cancer patients being treated by radio therapy or chemotherapy. We cook a meal and share time with patients and family when possible. It is a great time of fellowship and gives patients and family a further insight into Rotary and it's members.

Rotary Community Book Sale - Our Community Book Sale was again run over 5 days this year & once again was highly successful, raising over \$6000 for local projects. A pleasant event enjoyed by our Members & looked forward to by our Community as a great recycling of books, records & CDs.

Community Service encompasses projects and initiatives that improve the quality of life within our local community. Through volunteering, partnerships and practical support, Rotarians work to address local needs, assist vulnerable people and create positive and lasting community outcomes.



Jumble Sale - The club was donated a garage full of goods that we could sell. It took a team to empty sort and sell the goods raising nearly \$2000 for our Club. Thanks to Debbie, Diana, Paul, Steve, Suzannah, Roger, Michelle and Marie for their assistance in getting this job done.

Bunnings BBQ - The Club has had a number of Bunnings BBQ's this rotary year which help to generate funds for Rotary programs mainly local, but some district wide, Australia and two international projects, see our international report for further details. We look forward to our next Bunnings opportunity.

MHERV van - It was our pleasure to provide volunteers to help with this Men's Health community service initiative and our Club intends to maintain or maybe increase our involvement with it.

Dog Park - The Dog Park near Blackbutt Park is well patronised and a great example of what we can achieve in our community. This Park is a perfect place for our pooches to play, train, socialise and exercise.

Thank you - As a new member to the Wauchope Rotary Club I wish to thank Debbie Loveday, Marie Winter and Kevin Whitbread in particular for their assistance and direction in the community service portfolio. Also the members for making me so very welcome, over the last eight months.

INTERNATIONAL REPORT

KEVIN WHITBREAD

International Service Chair

International Service advances goodwill, understanding and peace through humanitarian efforts beyond our local borders. By supporting global projects and collaborating with international partners, Rotarians contribute to improving health, education, disaster relief and living conditions around the world.

Salam School Bali

It has been another successful year of support for the maintenance of the School and the welfare of it's Children. We carry out this project in partnership with Rotary Club of Bali Canggu with whom we have an ongoing and close relationship.

Maintenance works this year included completion of detailing to the kitchen area, installation of new smoke alarms, two glass panels in bedrooms, four new doors and locks, replacement of gutters, a new washing machine supplied and installed plus sundry general maintenance works.

Special mention must be made of Wauchope Rotarian Steve Atkin who has arranged for private sponsors for two of the children, collected and delivered 65kg of clothing for the children [with 300kg in store] and has been our main contact with Bali Canggu Rotarians with this project.

Also, a huge thank you to the Wauchope Patchwork Quilters for their regular donations which become special possessions of the Children.

We should all be proud as Rotarians in making a difference in the lives of some of Bali's most disadvantaged Children and their Families.

Lombok & Sunda Schools

Construction of the two classrooms at Numpeng village school on Lombok is practically complete with concrete floors, roof and ceilings, brick infill walls, window and door frames, electrical work and landscape work. Remaining still to be done is glazing for the windows.

Our Club has donated \$1000 towards ongoing construction at this project, the rest being through donations via a RAWCS Project account and the personal donations and at-site efforts of Wauchope Rotarians Paul Pollett OAM and his wife Suzanne.



Every Daughter Matters

Through President Debbie's efforts, the "Every Daughter Matters" project global grant application for \$55K was successful enabling efforts to combat human trafficking and modern slavery along the Nepal-India border. This is a great achievement and is being carried out in partnership with the Rotary Club of Dhulikhel to fund training and educational materials for the rescued girls.

This project has also received funding from another club for new computers and a hairdresser which means that the project becomes sustainable long after Rotary has completed the project.

This year has been an amazingly successful year Internationally for our Club and reflects the dedication and commitment to Rotary values of all our Members and the Members of our International Committee in particular.

YOUTH REPORT

LORIS HENDY

Youth Service Chair

Despite our best efforts contact with our schools has been difficult this year.

Sara Kelly and I attended the end of year presentation at Wauchope High School last December where our donation of \$150.00 towards the Year 12 Farewell Assembly and the payment of 1 blazer for the 2026 School leaders was acknowledged and presented. We had made contact early in 2026 with the new principal but have not heard from her yet so will follow up.

We had the honour of hosting 4 speakers from St Josephs Regional College for the Public Speaking Competition last year all of whom were in years 7 & 8. The winner was Chelsea Copeland a Yr 7 student who then competed against an older male candidate representing Gloucester Club. Winner shown in the attached photo.

Chelsea's topic "One Stitch at a Time" was very good and she was highly commended by the judges for her speech but she was not the winner this time. She is however very young but very focussed so hopefully her experience will see her in good stead next year.

We were not successful in sending anyone to NYSF RYPEN or RYLA this Rotary year but will try for the next year when we will hopefully have a bit more momentum.

New Generations Service, also known as Youth Service, supports and empowers young people through leadership development, education and service opportunities. Through programs such as Interact, Rotaract, youth leadership initiatives and exchange programs, Rotary helps inspire the next generation of community leaders and global citizens.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

GRAEME MCLAUCHLAN

Membership Chair

Membership remains the lifeblood of any Rotary club, and this year the Rotary Club of Wauchope has continued to grow in both numbers and strength. Our club currently consists of 32 active members and 9 honorary members, each contributing in their own unique way to the success and spirit of our club.

The Rotary year began with the induction of Brittani Michelle, whose passion for international projects and service above self has already made a positive impact in the Rotary World with numerous projects completed in Nepal. We then welcomed Jeff Bartram, an experienced Rotarian who relocated to our area and transferred his membership to our club, bringing with him valuable Rotary knowledge and experience.

In November, we were delighted to induct Helen and Troy Eggleton, who are widely recognised throughout the Wauchope community for their outstanding work with the ADRA Soupervan. Their commitment to supporting those doing it tough aligns strongly with Rotary values and has further strengthened our community connections.

Also joining us in November was Steve Towle, another Rotarian transferring from a fellow club. Steve brings an exceptional range of skills and leadership experience, and we are pleased that he has already joined the Board and will continue next Rotary year as our Community Services Director.

Membership is the foundation of a strong and sustainable Rotary club. This area focuses on attracting, welcoming and retaining engaged members who share a passion for service, fellowship and community leadership. Through meaningful involvement, personal connection and leadership opportunities, Rotary membership continues to grow stronger and more diverse.

Our club is fortunate to have members from diverse backgrounds, professions and experiences. It is this diversity that enables us to work effectively as a team, combining our skills, knowledge and passion to ensure the success of our projects and initiatives throughout the year.

Rotary membership is far more than attending meetings — it is about fellowship, service, leadership and making a genuine difference within our community and beyond. As we look ahead to the coming Rotary year, we remain committed to strengthening and growing our membership. We encourage people who are passionate about community service, friendship and creating positive change to consider joining Rotary and becoming part of the important work we do.



FOUNDATION REPORT

MICHELLE CALVERT- KILBURN

Rotary Foundation Chair

Another successful End Polio Now movie night was held in October 2025 in partnership with Laurieton Rotary Club. The movie, starring Aussie Bryan Brown, was well received and after sharing with Laurieton Club the amount of \$1,144 was deposited in our account. This included raffle proceeds of \$250 due to the generous donations from Wauchope members and friends. A healthy addition to Wauchope's End Polio Campaign annual goal of \$1,500.

The Rotary Foundation has benefited from our club members continued commitment to its goals of:

Water Sanitation and hygiene;

Disease prevention and maternal and child health;

Education and literacy;

Economic development to help people lift out of poverty;

Local and global environment projects and in this very troubled, chaotic world - Peacebuilding and conflict prevention

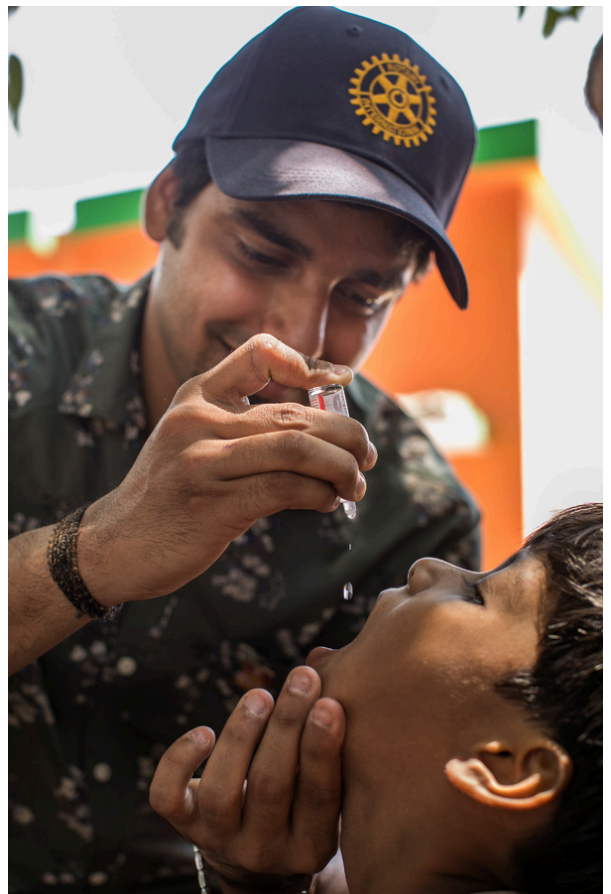
The all-time giving from our little club to the Foundation has been over US \$151,000.

Not bad for a club with an average membership of between 20 and 30 people.

It makes you proud to be a Wauchope Rotarian!!

The Rotary Foundation is Rotary's charitable arm, supporting life-changing humanitarian and educational projects both locally and globally. Through the generosity of Rotarians and supporters, the Foundation funds initiatives that promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water, support education, grow local economies and protect the environment.

END POLIO NOW



PUBLIC IMAGE REPORT

SARA KELLY

Public Relations Chair

Our community engagement this year continued to be strong this year. We have participated in many events in which we were seen working with and in our community:

- Again we have strong representation at the local Soupervan in Wauchope and have been a underlying support system for them in the provisions of food and goods for them to distribute to those in our community.
- Our annual book sale was once again a successful event and was well attended by the local community. We had Book Sale signs created specifically to support this and get our club branding out in the community.
- We continue our work at the Wauchope farmers markets on an ongoing basis.
- We provided ad-hoc BBQs as needed for fundraising, such as the Bunnings BBQ and we now have a Club specific branded marquee to use at these events which was funded by a grant.
- We had a wonderful morning feeding the masses on ANZAC day and an enjoyable evening with our veterans at our annual ANZAC dinner meeting.

We look forward to using a recently received \$500 Rotary District grant to update multiple signs located around Wauchope to ensure our current branding is up to date and relevant.

We have had articles published by Heart of the Hastings throughout the year as well so we can keep the readers updated in what is happening in our club.

Public Image promotes Rotary's work, values and impact within the wider community. By sharing our stories through media, events, partnerships and digital platforms, we increase awareness of Rotary's contributions and strengthen community engagement, support and recognition of our service activities.



Our website is regularly updated and continues to promote what we do in our local community as well as what we have been supporting overseas. We advertise our upcoming events and meetings through this site so that any visitors can join us at these events.

We have been working on updating our Club Brochure to include a snapshot of what our Club achieves both locally and overseas.

In the social media world, our Facebook page continues to grow. We aim to have at least one post per week with ad hoc additions from those who have access as administrators to the page. We currently have 858 followers, an increase of 26 new followers! I love seeing our social media posts shared by our members and followers!

The bulletin continues to be issued weekly to members and other interested parties and I thank all for your contributions towards this newsletter. I will continue to be the bulletin editor next year and look forward to more photos and additions from you all.



Thank you for joining us in
celebrating another amazing
Rotary year!

The Rotary Club of Wauchope looks
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Of the things we think, say or do:

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

