



Rotary Opens Opportunities



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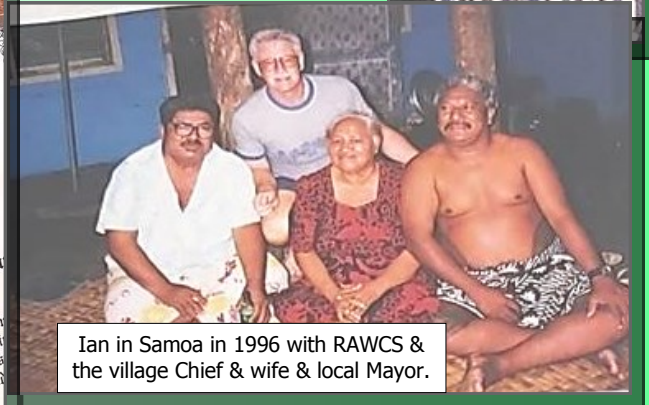
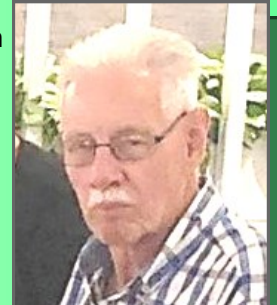
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 - **President-Elect** -
- **Immediate Past President** - Bob Cleland
- **Vice President** - Glenda Barber
 - **Secretary** - Geoff Slack
 - **Treasurer** - Frank Moxon
 - **Club Service Director** - John Oxley
 - **Community Service Director** - Phil Perry
 - **International Service Director** - Ray Hodgson
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 - **Youth Service Director** - Diana Gammon
 - **Membership Director** -
- Club Meetings each Wednesday @ Port Panthers 6pm for 6-30pm start.
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- **Past District Governors -**
Roger Dulhunty 1969-70;
Ivan Meldrum 1975-76;
Laurie Barber 2006-07;
District Governor - 2020-21
Debbie Loveday
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- Kerry Medway
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Ian Cropper - Rotarian for over 30 Years

Sadly Ian has retired from Rotary after 30+ years. Here is his story.. -

Similar to many Rotarians, I became involved in community service work through membership of Apex for many years until the mandatory forced retirement at 40. It is good to see the Apex invocation now being used as the Rotary "Grace" at PMQ R/C.

I joined Rotary some 30+ years ago whilst in Cooma with my guide and mentor being none other than Frank Gaukroger's cousin Darryl. First club position very shortly after joining was Secretary which I'm sure was a little different to what it is now as there was no emails and mobile phones, etc.



Ian in Samoa in 1996 with RAWCS & the village Chief & wife & local Mayor.

Following my move to principal of Goulburn TAFE College, I joined the Goulburn R/C and participated in various club activities including RYLA. Next move was to Bowral-Mittagong club and I occupied many and varied Board positions over a 20 year period with the highlight being the Millennial Club President 1999/2000. My focus for Rotary quickly became RAWC's centred, spending 3 years on the District RAWC's committee. During these years I had the privilege of representing Rotary on 13 Rotary overseas aid programmes. These include 2 trips to Nepal working on new and expansion of hospitals at Banapar some 30 kilometres from Kathmandu. A project in Timor Leste was the repair and recommissioning of a rural studies boarding school following extensive damage to the facility. Other projects included a new hospital at Kokoda and a school at Manus Island in PNG. The work undertaken in the Solomon Islands to the existing hospital and in Samoa was the reinforcement of roofing in the schools. Other hospital work was undertaken at Port Vila in Vanuatu, with 3 visits to Fiji (Lautoka) in the building of Rotary homes for the villagers. Whilst a member of the Bowral-Mittagong club, I was involved in the recurring activities of Tulip Time Festival, yearly Bong Bong Races, Jazz Festival, Science and Engineering program and sundry other activities.

Ian along with partner Sandra Adams have been great members of our R/C for 4 years. Thanks Ian for all your faithful service.



In our 73rd Year



Club program

If you are unable to fulfil your role, swap with someone & advise & Bull Editor - Kerry Medway

Date	Program	Speaker	Program Chair	Welcomer	My Story	Inter.Toast	Fascinating Fact	Sergeant
Aug 19th	Meeting at Panthers	GAMES NIGHT	Glenda Barber					
Aug 26th	Living with Dementia	Sarah Ashton	Gai Nixon	David Mayne	Frank Urban	Phil Perry	Bob Cleland	Neil Porter
Sep 2nd	ZOOM meeting	Ted Giblin Birds of region Bushfire Recovery	Elizabeth Fielding					
Aug 9th	Public Speaking		Diana Gammon	Alastair Moss		Neil Porter		Kerry Medway

AQUATIC CENTRE

A report by
President
Elizabeth

Our speaker was Greg Freeman re the new Aquatic Centre. Greg was a member of a GSE to America 30 years ago. He has worked in environmental protection for 25 years. He is a member of the committee for the new Port Aquatic Centre.



Greg Freeman with President Elizabeth

The present pool services 150,000 users/swimmers per year compared to the Glasshouse which has 60,000. It was built in 1965/66 and our club helped raise \$5000 for tiles donated by local identities in PMQ at the time. In 1999 a structural review showed that the pool was leaking and subsiding. At present it is leaking 50,000 litres per day. There is poor access for the disabled and the change rooms are inadequate and there is very little parking.

A multifunctional centre is required and there is a site selected at Macquarie Park. Estimated cost is \$50 to 70 million dollars. State and Federal grants will be required and the current council is committed to the project. It will consist of at least 2 pools – a 25 metre indoor and an outside 10 lane Olympic standard pool.

The existing Rotary tiles (493) will be removed and relocated into the new complex and our assistance may be required for this task.

Next weeks Game's Night - August 19

Will feature a FACT IS STRANGER THAN FICTION Trivia Quiz.
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN PEN/PENCIL.

Note these Dates - in your diary -

- **August 15 - 22 - RYLA**
- **October 3rd - 11th - Spring Rotary Book Sale @ Bay Park Plaza.**
- **March 12 - 14 , 2021 - District 9650 Conference in Port Macquarie**



* The **International Toast by John Oxley** for the **Rotary Club of Windsor-Roselands USA** which is the home club of **Jennifer Jones RI President Nominee** for 2022/23. The club President is Mara Riccardi and the club meets at Fogolar Furlan club at 12.15 on Tuesdays. They presently meet via Zoom. No upcoming events but they have previously held wines of the world, a Lobsterfest, a whisky experience, a Ghana Mosquito nets fundraiser and a Peace concert. They also hold an annual community knitters appreciation lunch for knitters that have knit 5000 hats for the Windsor Regional Hospital.

- No My Story as Robert Rutishauser was unwell.
- **Fascinating facts** was presented by **Brian Calford** who led us on an enthralling and very funny story on the brain and the difference between men and women's brains. A very brave but extremely funny session.
- The vote for amending the club meeting hours was approved and from September we will meet at 5.30 for 6.00pm.

Club Members caught on Candid Camera -

Is Dr Ted Giblin mixing up a magic potion to combat the Corona Virus????



BIRTHDAYS August 2020

- 12/08 - Joan Moss
- 23/08 - Ian Cropper
- 29/08 - Alan Openshaw
- 29/08 - Glyn Fuller

ANNIVERSARIES August 2020

- 21/08 - Alastair & Joan Moss
- 28/08 - Robert & Josi Rutishauser
- 28/08 - Sheila & Alan Openshaw