

16th December 2021

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Dear Members and Friends,

I hope you have all booked in for our Christmas Party and final meeting of 2021 this week at Camden Golf Club. (Sorry, bookings are now closed for this event). I'm sure you are all looking forward to a wonderful night of delicious food, catching up and maybe even winning one of the many great raffle prizes that have been kindly donated by Rotarian Dawn Thomson. Thank you so much Dawn for your generosity once again.

There will also be a couple of surprise, but well-deserved recognitions & awards on the night and I've even heard a rumour that a certain jolly man in a red and white suit may make a visit too.

Louise Murphy, founder of the Australian First Responder Foundation & a registered nurse with over 30 years' experience, was our special guest speaker last week. Louise, supported by husband Wade, gave a very interesting presentation on this charity that is committed to doing great things to help reduce mental ill-health & suicide in volunteer emergency first responders. Louise is also RIWA's 'Health Care Worker of the Year' for 2021, a very deserving recipient.

Please check out our Club calendar in this bulletin for upcoming dates/events for your diary in the new year. The next six months will be a very busy time for Camden Rotary with many events, among them our 75th Birthday Celebration next June. Our Birthday Committee, headed by Rob Mulley, is an enthusiastic group who are working hard to make sure June 18th will be a night to remember for our Club. Please save the Date now to your 2022 diary!

Rob and the Social Committee (Jacquie, Mike & John) are planning a wonderful start to the year for our first meeting back at the beautiful home of Matt & Sandy Playford. (See details elsewhere in the bulletin).

Even though this is our last meeting for the year, our Editor Stephen has agreed to produce a special Christmas bulletin edition next week with lots of photos from our Christmas Party and also any updates/news for our members & friends.

Take care everyone.

Yours in Rotary, Judith

THIS WEEK – TIME TO PARTY!



VENUE: CAMDEN GOLF CLUB

TIME: 6.30PM FOR 7PM START

DRESS: CHRISTMAS THEME (SMART CASUAL)

(Bookings have now closed for this evening)

For those members and guests who have booked but haven't prepaid, Ian and Glenys will be on the attendance desk at the door. EFTPOS is available.

Tickets for the raffle will be available on the night with a number of great prizes to choose from.

Cost \$5 Per ticket or 3 for \$10



Upcoming Events

Club Christmas Party
Camden Golf Club
Dec 16, 2021
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

RYLA (Rotary Youth
Leadership Awards)
Stanwell Tops Conference
Centre
Jan 02, 2022 – Jan 09, 2022

Club Barbeque Night - 1st
Night Back 2022
The Playfords'
Jan 13, 2022
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

To Be Confirmed
Jan 20, 2022
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Club Assembly
Camden Golf Club
Jan 27, 2022
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

No Meeting (Transferred to
Friday)
Feb 03, 2022

Barefoot Bowls
Camden Sports Club
Feb 04, 2022
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM



Check out our website [Home Page | Rotary Club of Camden \(camdenrotary.org.au\)](http://Home Page | Rotary Club of Camden (camdenrotary.org.au)) to see the Countdown Clock to our Mega Online Auction on 20th May 2022.

Mega Auction

158 DAYS 08:01:59

20 May 2022 - 6:00 PM

IMPORTANT MEETING INFORMATION 2021

As previously advised, you must register your attendance at the **front door** of the Golf Club to comply with Registered Club and COVID-19 requirements.

Patrons are still required to scan the QR code and provide proof of double vaccination upon entering the Clubhouse. The wearing of masks will no longer be mandatory for patrons.

If you are **not** attending the meeting in person at the Golf Club, or to **register your guests**, you must notify the Attendance Committee by email (**no later than midday Wednesday**) camdenrotaryattendance@gmail.com

LAST WEEK – LOUISE MURPHY

Founder Australian First Responder Foundation



Our guest speaker last week was Louise Murphy, founder of the **Australian First Responder Foundation**, a charity committed to reducing mental ill-health and suicide in volunteer emergency first responders. Louise is currently a Nurse Practitioner in drug and alcohol medicine with South West Sydney Local Health District.

Louise has been responsible for the development and implementation of the State Peer Support Program for St John Ambulance (NSW) and a National Education Program for the Australian Department of Defence. She volunteers as a St John Ambulance Officer first responder and trainer.

In 2018, Louise was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to investigate peer support programs in volunteer first responders to reduce mental health issues and suicide.

Louise spoke passionately about the unmet mental health needs of first responders and how the Australian First Responder Foundation was making a difference in their lives.

Here is the link to the **District Governor's latest update Wright Talk No. 9** <https://youtu.be/ewzpuVqaLnY>

DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Happy Birthday!



Brian Pritchard - 14th



Alek Jankowski – 15th



Cliff Reece 17th December (1 year)

CHRISTMAS TRAILER RAFFLE NARELLAN TOWN CENTRE



Thank you to all members & friends who have volunteered already. However, we still have a few vacant shifts to fill in the next week or so until the 23rd December - please click now to volunteer.

[2021 Christmas Roster.doc](#)

We have also set up a website to try to attract sales from people who do not visit the Town Centre. Check it out, the link is below.



<https://rafflelink.com.au/camdenrotary2021>

Please share this link on your social media so that we might encourage more ticket sales. Go to the Camden Rotary Facebook page and "like" and "share" the link.



December is Disease Prevention & Treatment Month

During the month of December, we recognise all that Rotary International and Rotarians are doing to combat diseases through effective treatment and prevention. It was certainly no small task that RI decided to take on in 1985 when we pledged to eradicate polio. Smallpox in 1979 is the only infectious disease that has ever been eradicated due to diligent vaccination and surveillance efforts; the same efforts that have bought mankind closer to the elimination of another devastating disease.

An amazing partnership between RI, the World Health Organization, the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and regional governments is working to make this possible. Although infectious diseases continue to be a major cause of illness and death across the globe, they are not the major health concerns for most developed countries. Many people now see their lives shortened by chronic diseases such as heart disease, diabetes and cancer. Many of these conditions are not caused by infectious agents but are rather due to certain health behaviours and social conditions.

The continued involvement of Rotary in Disease Prevention and Treatment will need to be directed toward finding solutions to these social and behavioural determinants of health while continuing to fight against existing and emerging disease threats. Disease prevention and treatment takes on many forms, from supporting studies to helping immunise people to improving drinking water and the sanitation infrastructure. The world relies on Rotary to tackle these global challenges, and to set an example for others to follow.

The Rotary International organisation sets up health camps and training facilities in undeveloped countries and in communities struggling with HIV/AIDS and malaria. They also design and build the infrastructure for doctors, nurses, governments, and partners to reach the one in six people in the world who can't afford to pay for healthcare.

For further information on his topic, go to: -

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/fighting-disease>

First Meeting Back in 2022 Thursday 13th January

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

For the first meeting back next year we are going up to Razorback to take in the view from the **home of Matt and Sandy Playford**. For those who haven't been there Sandy and Matt live at Razorback and their property has 270-degree views from Southern Sydney right around to the Southern Blue Mountains. On a balmy summer night, it is a beautiful place to be so you don't want to miss this one.

The usual fare of seafood starters, a barbecue and salads, and a palate cleanser at the end will fill you up, whilst a hot or cold beverage as you mingle amongst friends and chat about the year ahead will be a great start to our Rotary year.

Members and their partners are invited and we ask attendees to bring their own drinks so that the normal cost for the night of \$30 per head will apply. Details for payment will be provided closer to the night and more information at our next meeting.

'Merry Christmas' to all from your Social Committee; Rob, Mike, John and Jacqueline



ROTARY GIVE EVERY CHILD A FUTURE



The Australian Government will provide \$1.4 million to support **Rotary Give Every Child a Future (RGECAF)**. RGECAF is celebrating 100 years of Rotary in Australasia by immunising 100,000 children across 9 Pacific Island countries. The government will help with childhood immunisation in Kiribati and Nauru. This is great news for the children of the Pacific.

Here is the link to the press release by

Senator the Hon. Zed Seselja:

[Partnership with Rotary and UNICEF to give every child a future | Ministers and Assistant Ministers \(dfat.gov.au\)](https://www.dfat.gov.au/partnership-with-rotary-and-unicef-to-give-every-child-a-future)



Book now for the chance to hear some inspiring and well-known speakers. You will also have the chance to meet and mingle with fellow Rotarians from your District and hear the latest about new Club & District projects.

For more details, including the speakers already confirmed, check out the District Website:

[Home Page | District 9675 \(rotarydistrict9675.org\)](https://www.rotarydistrict9675.org)

Registrations for our District Conference 2022 are now open:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=808939>

The event is being held at The Warwick, 355 Hume Hwy, Cabramatta NSW 2166.