

22nd August 2022

Club President: Jo Perrin

Secretary: Chris Evans

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Rotary International President 2022/2023: Jennifer Jones

District Governor 2022/2023: Janice Hall

Assistant Governor: Gail Taylor

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hello everyone.

Busy times are definitely coming our way, and I'm feeling a bit of a Police theme in the air! Wednesday 24th August is the Macarthur Police Officer of the Year Awards, followed by the Narellan Police Station open day on Saturday 27th August, where we will be holding a barbeque. In the past the barbeque has been a really busy event, so keep an eye on your emails from Secretary Chris and make sure you get your name down for a shift. We've had two years of cancelled open days to make up for so this one should be big!

Bookings are now open for our District Governor Visit, which will be a combined meeting with Rotary Clubs of Campbelltown, Picton and Wollondilly North. Because we are expecting to reach capacity, we will be using Trybooking for bookings and payment, so make sure you register early so as not to miss out.

The Provisional Rotaract Club of Macarthur will hold an information night on Tuesday 20th September at Campbelltown RSL. Details will be provided but the event is on Trybooking and is free but registration is required for catering purposes. Stay tuned for more information as this is a really exciting project for the Rotary Clubs of the Macarthur area.

Hope to see you at the Bunnings barbeque at Narellan on Sunday!

Yours in Rotary,

President Jo

THIS WEEK- 22nd AUGUST



Our guest speaker this week is **Merrilyn (Mez) Nessi**.

Mez is currently the volunteer coordinator at Ronald McDonald House at Westmead. Her role is to facilitate the recruitment and onboarding of volunteers. This was a natural progression for Mez, as she has been a volunteer herself at Ronald McDonald House for over 15 years. Her role as a volunteer was to provide whatever support is needed by the families entrusted to her care, including cooking, cleaning, providing a hug or a listening ear, playing with the children if the parents need assistance. Mez says this aspect of her life keeps her grounded and gives her a healthy perspective on life.

Previously Mez spent 10 years working for AMP providing administrative support to the Learning and Development team, delivering face to face training to staff, and coordinating all of the logistics that go along with training staff all over the country.

Mez gained her Master's Degree in Commerce at Western Sydney University. Through the AMP Foundation, Mez has won an "Unsung Hero" award each year for 9 years, and AMP has donated \$3,000 to Ronald McDonald House for each award, totalling \$27,000 over these years.

In her spare time, Mez is a devoted carer for her elderly Mum, and along with her husband Frank grows an impressive garden of fresh fruit and vegetables enough to be self-sufficient. Mez and Frank are also transforming an old Toyota Coaster 22-seater bus into the motorhome of their dreams in preparation for retirement adventures

Upcoming Events

Rotary Coffee Time

Cafe 104

Aug 19, 2022

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Bunnings Barbeque

Bunnings Narellan

Aug 21, 2022

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Merrilyn Nessi - Ronald

McDonald House

Camden Golf Club

Aug 22, 2022

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Macarthur Police Officer of the Year Awards

West's Leagues Club

Aug 24, 2022

6:30 PM – 11:00 PM

Camden Police Open Day

Narellan Police Station

Aug 27, 2022

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Turning Point

Camden Golf Club

Aug 29, 2022

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Peter McLean - Bicycle

Australia

Camden Golf Club

Sep 05, 2022

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

IMPORTANT MEETING INFORMATION

If you are **NOT** attending a meeting, or **to register** your guests, you **MUST** notify the Attendance Committee by email.

(No later than midday Friday).

camdenrotaryattendance@gmail.com

LAST WEEK – JAROSLAV (JERRY) DUMA OAM

Our guest speaker last week was **Jaroslav (Jerry) Duma OAM**, the Honorary Consul of Ukraine in Sydney. In that role he represents Ukraine at official Consular functions and represents the Head of Mission at functions where he is unable to attend in the State of NSW, and supports Ukrainian citizens when there is a call to do so.

Jerry is also a member of the Rotary Club of Holroyd. He is an active member of the Australian-Ukrainian community to which he has devoted most of his life through a myriad of "volunteer" positions in various community organisations.

Through a short video, a slide presentation, and his own words, Jerry gave us an incredible, at times confronting, and sadly disturbing, insight into the impact the war is having on Ukraine and its people.

www.ozeukes.com

www.Ukrainians.org.au



Also last week Mike Scarce was recognised by Rotary International President Jennifer Jones for 30 years of service to Rotary. Congratulations Mike.

Rotary  | On The Move
Zone 8

[Rotary On The Move - August 2022 \(hail.to\)](mailto:hail.to)

** Your editor has an article in this month's edition.

AUGUST MEMBERS' CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK



(Lillane)_Lee Lowry – 31st August



Judith & Stephen Humphreys 26th August (50 years)



John & Diana Lee – 31st August (65 years)



Graeme Watson – 29th August (20 years)

Rotary
Clubs of Macarthur



Rotary Clubs of Macarthur
Police Officer of the Year Awards



Date: 24 August 2022 Time: 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm
Venue: Jacaranda Room, Wests Leagues Club
10 Old Leumeah Road, Leumeah NSW

\$50 per person

BOOK NOW through TryBooking

<https://www.trybooking.com/CAAUQ>

Any enquiries please talk to **Ian White**

A great night to acknowledge & support our wonderful local Police Force.

District Governor's Official Visit



District Governor Dr. Janice Hall will make her Official Visit to our Club on Monday 19th September. We will be joined on the night by members of the Rotary Clubs of Campbelltown, Picton & Wollondilly North.

In order to manage attendance numbers, we have set up a TryBooking site and we request that all members book through this site. The normal dinner fee of \$32 will apply on the night.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CBUDV>



Happy 25th Birthday.

Congratulations Noel and Lee.

We have an opportunity to work together to determine what is best for our region of Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands. The purpose is to establish a regional governance structure to transform Rotary and Rotaract in our region to better support clubs to provide relevant and engaging experiences that serve our communities and enable us to grow.

A pilot program is proposed for Rotary Zone 8, which includes Australia, New Zealand, American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, New Caledonia, Norfolk Island, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Timor Leste, Tonga and Vanuatu.

The plan is to explore, test and develop a framework developed by the Board's Shaping Rotary's Future Committee to confirm what works and what doesn't in our Zone.

Club members will be asked to vote on the regionalisation pilot as each Club President across Zone 8 will cast a vote, on behalf of his/her Club, towards the end of September.

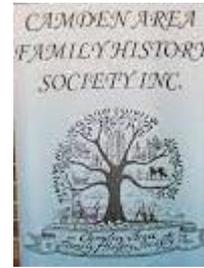
You can find out more about the proposed pilot program:

You can access further information by visiting <https://creatingtomorrowrotary.org/>



Congratulations Poppa Rob & Nana Rachel's daughter Emily, son-in-law Jordan & big sister Hazel on the birth of their second beautiful baby girl, Adalee Marie Ellen Lawson.

Book now for our very exciting District Conference on the **4th & 5th November** at the William Inglis Hotel at Warwick Farm: http://bit.ly/D9675_Conf_Nov2022



Our guest speaker next week is **Jo O'Brien** and the title of her presentation is "Camden Family History".

Jo is the President of Camden Area Family History Society and has a keen interest in researching family history, Camden's history, local families and their stories.

Jo will talk about the stories of some Camden families, and a little about our society and general family history research.

Member Survey Gives Glimpse of Where We Are At

In the most recent annual survey of Rotary members, 45% of respondents cited friendship as the reason they remain in Rotary, and 84% said they were satisfied with their ability to connect with friends through Rotary.

Meanwhile, 42% of respondents cited the opportunity to make an impact on their communities as the reason they remained in Rotary — another response that would have delighted Rotary's founder, Paul Harris. Gathering info of this nature is one of the reasons Rotary surveys members every year.

To read more about the survey results click

[United in friendship and service | Rotary International](#)



The eight Macarthur Rotary Clubs are joining together to hold an Information Night about the formation of a Rotaract Club in the Macarthur area (Ingleburn to Wollondilly).

This will be held at Campbelltown RSL at 7pm on Tuesday 20th September. Please encourage anyone you may know in the 18 to 30 age bracket to attend.

The evening is free but registration is requested at [Provisional Rotaract Club of Macarthur Information Night Tickets, Campbelltown RSL, Campbelltown | TryBooking Australia](#)

For information about Rotaract go to <https://www.rotary.org/en/get-involved/rotaract-clubs>