

23rd January 2023

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hello everyone,

Thank you to everyone who came along last Monday night to enjoy our first social function for 2023! The social committee did a great job at Café 104, and the attendance was excellent. It was a nice relaxed environment to catch up and have a chat and some fellowship. Many thanks to Rob and his committee for organising.

Yesterday I was happy to present our Christmas Trailer Raffle winner with his prize. David Purtle was unable to collect the trailer as he had just left for overseas when it was drawn, so he was finally able to have a good look at what he had won. Ken will give us a final report on the results of this project on Monday night.

On Monday night we will be discussing our entry into the Camden Australia Day Parade. Please let me know if you can help out on the day from approx. 9am to 11am, as at this stage the response from members has been disappointing, and we will need to make a decision on whether we proceed with the very small number of people available to help.

Yours in Rotary,

President Jo

MONDAY 23rd JANUARY NEW MEMBER TALK – BILL MCGOOKIN



Bill McGookin commenced his legal career in 1985 as a Law Clerk and was admitted as a solicitor in 1990. He has worked in the area of Family Law since 1985 and became a Law Society Accredited Specialist in Family Law in 1997.

Bill is the Partner in charge of the Litigation and Family Law Sections of Caldwell Martin Cox and has a philosophy very much focused on helping his clients manage the difficulties of relationship breakdown in a considerate and compassionate manner and to achieving the best possible outcomes.

Bill is a member of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia, a member of The Australian Institute of Family Law Arbitrators and Mediators and has been admitted as a Solicitor and Barrister of the High Court of Australia and as such is entitled to practise in any Federal Court in Australia.

Outside of work Bill is the (volunteer) Chairman of The Right Start Foundation – a local charity that provides much needed assistance and funds to children with Down Syndrome – a keen tennis player and an avid fan of his children's sports.

Upcoming Events

Bill McGookin Member Talk
Camden Golf Club
Jan 23, 2023
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Cheryl Abradors-Ballus - TAFE
Camden Golf Club
Jan 30, 2023
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Club Assembly
Camden Golf Club
Feb 06, 2023
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Bunnings Barbeque
Bunnings Narellan
Feb 11, 2023
8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Linda Inglis - ADFAS
Camden Golf Club
Feb 13, 2023
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

RYLA & RYPEN - tbc
Camden Golf Club
Feb 20, 2023
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Rotary's Birthday
Feb 23, 2023

Denise Pritchard - Blue Wren
House Camden
Camden Golf Club
Feb 27, 2023
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).

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JANUARY CELEBRATIONS



Andrew Perrin 26th



Max Tegel – 28th



Andrew Ellis – 29th



Brian & Denise Pritchard -6th



Terry & Diane Gordon -29th



Noel Lowry -23rd (20 years)



Judith Humphreys -26th (6years)



LAST WEEK – FIRST NIGHT BACK – SOCIAL NIGHT

Our first meeting back in 2023 at Caffe 104 was a very enjoyable evening. Lovely venue, great company and good food. Many thanks to the Social Committee for organising the event.



MONDAY 30TH JANUARY 2023

Guest Speaker: **Cheryl Obradors-Ballus**

Topic: **"Lifelong Learning Toward Vocational Pathways"**

Cheryl is Head Teacher of Community Services, Campbelltown, TAFENSW. Cheryl graduated with a bachelor's degree in Arts, majoring in Psychology and Sociology in 1990.

Aspirations to work in the field of child protection changed after being offered a position working in Disability Residential Care with clients with complex needs transitioning from long term large residential care. From there a career in the Disability sector ensued working in a range of settings such as Living Skill programs, Recreation, Peer Support, Respite, Advocacy and Carer support programs and managing a small non-Government community-based organisation.

After completing a Cert IV certificate in Training and Assessment in 2010, Cheryl began working for TAFENSW as a part time Teacher, moving to a full-time position in 2012 and Head Teacher position in 2020. After starting in the Head Teacher Role at Campbelltown, Cheryl completed both a Diploma of Training Design and Development and A Diploma of Vocational Educational Training in 2021.

Cheryl is motivated by supporting students to achieve their goals and obtain employment in the community sector knowing that they will make a positive impact to the lives of their clients.



BUNNINGS SUNDAY 15th JANUARY

Many thanks to those members who helped out on the Bunnings Barbeque last Sunday in very warm conditions. Sales might not have been as high as expected but it was still a very profitable day and the proceeds will help many in our community.



Secretary Chris sent an email to all members on Wednesday with a link to the roster for the Camden Show Gates on Friday 24th & Saturday 25th March.

Some members have had problems in accessing the link but that issue should now be fixed. If you still have problems, please contact Chris or Stephen.

<https://bit.ly/GateBoothRoster2023>

Please note: one name per box/time please.



Rotary International President-elect R. Gordon R. McNally called for members to capture the world's attention and lead the way toward possibilities far beyond our current expectations.

McNally, a member of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry, West Lothian, Scotland, revealed the 2023-24 presidential theme, ***Create Hope in the World***, during the Rotary International Assembly in Orlando, Florida, USA, on 9 January. **He urged members to promote peace in troubled nations, help those affected by conflict, and maintain the momentum of initiatives begun by past leaders.**

"The goal is to restore hope — to help the world heal from destructive conflicts and, in turn, to help us achieve lasting change for ourselves," McNally said at Rotary's annual training event for incoming district governors.

A significant way to bring hope to the world is to put a greater emphasis on peace, McNally said. He cited the action Rotary members have taken in the past year to support the people of Ukraine after the invasion by Russia. Rotary has made humanitarian relief a priority, attracting more Ukrainian members in the process. But McNally noted that true relief won't come without peace — not just in Ukraine, but in Yemen, Afghanistan, Syria, and dozens of other places around the globe.

"Peace is the soil where hope takes root," McNally said.

McNally also emphasized **the power of continuity**, calling for Rotary members to continue the work of some past leaders. He pledged to maintain the Empowering Girls initiative launched by 2020-21 President Shekhar Mehta and uphold the emphasis on diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout Rotary. He also noted recent events that underscore the importance of Rotary's continuing focus on polio. In the past year, polio cases have emerged in many areas around the world, making it more crucial than ever for Rotary members to lead the fight against the disease.

To do that, McNally said, Rotary must continue to raise at least US\$50 million each year to receive the full 2-to-1 funding match from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Only about 1 in 12 members currently gives to the polio eradication campaign, with fewer than 1 in 5 clubs donating each year.

McNally asked the district governors-elect for support creating a new sense of urgency in their clubs to help realize Rotary's vision of a polio-free world. "This is the time for us to go beyond what's necessary year to year and make sure we provide every resource necessary to succeed as quickly as possible," he added.

In addition, McNally said, Rotary members should offer hope to **those affected by mental health challenges** — a crisis exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many people have lost family members, many more have found their social networks uprooted, and young people especially have had their educational and developmental paths interrupted. As a result, more people around the world are facing mental health issues. And yet, seeking assistance is often perceived as a sign of weakness.

"Nothing could be further from the truth," McNally said. "Reaching out for help is courageous — and continuing on a path toward wellness is even more so."

He added that Rotary will work to improve mental health services in the next year and beyond. Rotary should be known as an organization that takes care of its members as well as the people it serves, McNally said. "Any mental health professional will tell you that by helping others, we essentially help ourselves."

McNally ended his speech by describing his ideal balance of continuity and innovation. "Rotary helps create the conditions for peace, opportunity, and a future worth living," he said. **"By continuing what we do best, by remaining open and willing to change, and by keeping our focus on building peace in the world and within ourselves, Rotary helps create a more peaceful world — a more hopeful world."**