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Club Bulletin

10th March 2025



Dear Rotarians and Friends of Rotary,

It is hard to imagine but our speakers are getting better and better. This week we heard from Matt Redman- he felt the pressure when I announced he was presenting after an Olympic medal winner, however I am sure we all agree he had nothing to worry about.

Matt shared his story that started when he took his partner's child to a sporting event to register. He ended up with the role of coach and from there was born a passion and spark for baseball and developing children's skills in the sport. Matt is passionate and driven. His passion led him to open 2 baseball specific spotting stores, one in Smeaton Grange and one at Rouse Hill. Covid meant he needed to find another way to create an income and Matt started selling machinery such as scissor lifts and cranes. The machinery business certainly supports the sporting business.

The young people in our community would have no idea at just how lucky they are having such a passionate, driven and inspiring man making sure they have incredible opportunities in their sports. These young people are travelling the world playing their beloved sport and achieving great results.

Matt, thank you for your commitment and service to our community.

On Tuesday evening Judith and I had the pleasure of attending a movie Premier at Little Wings. This event was to celebrate International Women's Day. Judith and I arrived at the Hangar at Bankstown Aerodrome and were treated to a genuinely special night. We had champagne (soft drink in champagne flutes) and access to beautiful grazing boards, savoury and sweet. Our Wonderful friend, Clare McCabe spoke and we watched the premier of a beautiful movie made that acknowledged the work of Little Wings Volunteers. To wrap the evening up Clare presented a panel of men, who are allies to women who shared what they have learnt from the strong and inspiring women around them. It was truly a spectacular night and it was a privilege to attend.

See you on the lawn on Monday to bowl!

Yours in Rotary, Regards Jacque

UPCOMING EVENTS

Not at Golf Club this week

10th March 2025

Barefoot Bowls at **Camden RSL**

6:30pm followed by dinner at 7:30pm

17th March 2025

Steve Marriott

Camden Golf Club (7:00pm to 8:30pm)

24th March 2025

Phil Kaye

Camden Golf Club (7:00pm to 8:30pm)

31st March 2025

Bev and John O'Brien

Camden Golf Club (7:00pm to 8:30pm)

7th April 2025

TBC

Camden Golf Club (7:00pm to 8:30pm)

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



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MARCH CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday to our Rotarians:

◇ Mike Scarce 19th March

Happy Birthday to Spouse and Partner's Birthdays

◇ Robin Harricks (Roy Kellaway) 1st March

◇ Pauline (Graeme Watson) 24th March

Anniversaries in March

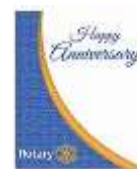
Matt and Sandy Playford (35 years on 3rd March)

In March, we recognise Years of Rotary service by:

Bruce Farquharson (49 years on 1st March)

Bruce Harding (49 years on 1st March)

Greg Eagles (37 years on 1st March)



Next BBQ at Bunnings is 25th May.

Add to your diaries



Monday 10th March at Camden RSL

Barefoot Bowls one (1) hour 6.30pm to 7.30pm at the RSL Club. — \$20 each

Meals can be purchased 7.30pm (Chinese) at the Club.





*These are upcoming events.
Important to keep your calendars updated with key programs and activities*

23rd March 2025

Lift the Lid Walk at Camden Town Farm. 10am to 1:00pm

4th and 5th April

Camden Show

6th May 2025

UTurn The Wheel at Elderslie HS

12th May 2025

Pride of Workmanship Awards

15th May 2025

UTurn the Wheel at St Benedicts

25th May 2025

BBQ at Bunnings



Our next Guest speaker on March 17th, will be Steve Marriott. His topic is "Using technology to fight bushfires"

Steve has been a volunteer firefighter with the NSW Rural Fire Service in Macarthur for the last 29 years. He joined the Catherine Field Brigade right after the terrible fires of 1994, having just completed high school. Since that time, he has progressed up through the ranks and currently holds the rank of Group Captain, which is the highest position that a volunteer can hold. In that role, he is regularly called out to manage large, complex and multi-agency emergencies, as well as coordinating Crew Leadership training for the firefighters of the Cumberland/Macarthur District, and assisting Brigade leaders in the management of their Brigades. He is also very active in aerial firefighting, regularly spending time in RFS helicopters as an Air Observer, Airborne Systems Operator and Air Attack Supervisor, and since Christmas has been busy in these roles in the Tamworth, Hunter Valley and Hawkesbury districts. Steve also has a long history with the Rotary Club of Camden, as the son of Past President Lew Marriott, and a former attendee at RYLA in Stanwell Tops.

In his presentation, Steve will be describing how technology is being increasingly used to make firefighting safer and more effective across NSW."

RYPEN2025 Applications now open.

The camp is at Teen Ranch in Cobbity from Friday 4th April until Sunday 6th April. Details are on the website and the application is attached to this email.

[https://rotarydistrict9675.org/Stories/rotary-youth-program-of-enrichment-\(rypen\)](https://rotarydistrict9675.org/Stories/rotary-youth-program-of-enrichment-(rypen))



What phrases do these pictures represent. First one is SPLIT PERSONALITY. Good guessing with the other 8.



MACARTHUR, NSW 2025



LIFT THE LID WALK

— PHYSICAL HEALTH FOR MENTAL HEALTH —

We are very excited that the eight Rotary Clubs in the Macarthur area will host our inaugural **LIFT THE LID WALK for Mental Health** event in March this year.

Rotary has been a long-term partner in raising awareness about mental health issues.

We invite you to participate in our Walk in beautiful Camden to support **Mental Health Research**. You will also have the opportunity to have a conversation with service providers and other walkers. And a barbe-
que!

When: - Sunday 23rd March - 10 am to 1pm

Where: - Camden Town Farm – 40 Exeter Street, Camden (at the bottom end of John Street)

Cost \$30 pp (includes a shirt and cap) – children under 15 walk free



www.liftthelidwalk.com.au/macarthur

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1122365546051501>

The aim of the Walk is to:

1. Raise much needed funds for Mental Health Research - 100% of funds raised go directly to research.
2. Offer an opportunity for the community to come together and identify with those suffering from mental health issues and start a conversation.
3. Provide an opportunity for Walk participants to have access to mental health information resources.

Enquiries: Stephen Humphreys: 0412 933 561

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Thanks Stephen for taking the 5 questions in 'Under the Spotlight'.

- 1. Can you share some of your favourite meals from a menu. Entrée, dinner and dessert?** Italian food is my favourite (Luigi's Narellan is my favourite restaurant). If I was to have 3 courses, which I rarely do, I would start with Barbeque Calamari, my main would be Spaghetti Marinara, and finish with Crème Brulee. And a cappuccino
- 2. Talking of meals, let us wash that down with a glass of RED. Do you have a favourite style and label?** A full bodied shiraz is my absolute favourite from the Barossa or the Hunter Valley. If I was to pick a brand it would be Penfolds.
- 3. Judith and you have been married for many years? Do you know how many and share the goss, where did you first meet?** We married on 26th August 1972 so we have been married 52 years. We met at school, at a school dance. There was a lady's choice dance and Judith asked me to dance. That was 5th May 1967 so we have been together for almost 58 wonderful years.
- 4. I know you and Judith like to travel. Do you have anywhere special on the bucket list to still tick off – here or overseas?** We didn't travel much outside of Australia before 2010 when we went to Canada & Alaska. We love going to Hawaii where we have been many times. We have travelled quite a bit through Europe and we love the river cruises which we have done quite a number of. Japan has been on the bucket list for a while and we are doing a Japan cruise for almost 3 weeks starting in mid-April this year. Next year we will finally get to see Ayers Rock.
- 5. Lift the Lid walk is on Sunday 23rd March. Can you in a sentence or two tell us why we should get involved?** LTLW will raise greater awareness of mental health issues in our community, bringing community members together to start the conversation and it will provide participants access to mental health information. Our club has been a community leader in the mental health space and, following on from the Mental Health Forum & Expo we held in March last year, the LTLW will raise our commitment even further.

Let us take time for a Camden 'Friendly FIKA'. Make time for family, friends and rotary colleagues to share a cuppa and chat.

This week, my focus is on MEMORIES

We often look back and start a conversation with remember when,

Let us see how your memory is? Where were you or what were you doing when these things occurred

- ◆ Your last day at school or perhaps a graduation ceremony?
- ◆ Getting your licence and your first car?
- ◆ Have you won a special prize in a raffle?
- ◆ First week in a new job?

Or for those with a longer memory

- 14th February 1966 and decimal currency arriving in Australia!
- The day Prime Minister, Harold Holt went missing in the surf!

You might have some very special memories to share. Mine are only the start ...

Happy reflecting and chatting!!

Friendly



Congratulations to John McBride and Leanne on your very special wedding Day last Saturday.

In glorious sunshine, John stood in the Heritage Rose Garden at Macarthur Park, gazing down the path as Leanne arrived for a special ceremony in front of family and friends.

From all Rotarians, we wish both John and Leanne our very best wishes. Enclosed in this week's bulletin are a few snaps from this happy day







TRIVIA NIGHT

Bring your friends and your brain power
for an unforgettable night of trivia.
Charity Fundraiser for Camp Quality

SATURDAY 29 MARCH 6.30PM

Camden Sporties



JOIN NOW!



Event run by 'Trivia with an Edge'

Mark and Mattia

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1352629>

March is Water and Sanitation Month.

If you ask a Filipino living in a rural area of the Philippines where they go to the toilet, they will turn their head towards a non-specific direction and say “over there.” This means that they use any location that gives them some sort of privacy to do their needs.

Women generally have to go longer distances to avoid prying eyes and avoid assaults. In fact, when one talks to local community health workers about the risks of open defecation, they tell you about parasitic and bacterial infections while also emphasizing the high percentage of women being molested or harassed.

In November 2013, part of the Leyte province in the Philippines was hit by the devastating typhoon Haiyan, the country’s worst typhoon affecting 25 million people and claiming nearly 6000 lives while leaving tremendous damage throughout the island.

Immediately after the typhoon, Rotary clubs from various countries came to the rescue. Local clubs responded with food supplies and worked with NGOs to begin rebuilding homes. Once immediate relief was provided, the focus shifted to meet sanitary requirements in restoring water supply and the construction of toilet facilities.

The Rotary Club of Ormoc Bay identified the WAND Foundation (Water, Agro-forestry, Nutrition and Development) as having the expertise to construct 20,000 latrines together with various NGO’s immediately after the typhoon in the province of Samar in the Philippines. WAND Foundation’s previous contacts with the Malmö (Sweden) International Rotary Club, provided a natural connection to propose this project at the 8th Multi Club Workshop (MCW) held in Ischia, Italy. The project was accepted by the MCW and the partners applied for a global grant, which was approved in February 2016. Seven Rotary clubs and three districts from Italy, the Philippines and Sweden contributed to the US \$52,000 Project.



<p>Trivia</p> <p>Answers</p>	<p>PERSONALITY PERSONALITY</p> <p>Split Personality</p>	<p>WHAT WHAT WHAT</p> <p>What's Black and White and Red all Over</p> <p>ALL OVER</p>	<p>EAST EAST EAST</p> <p>Middle East</p>
	<p>CALM STORM</p> <p>Calm before the Storm</p>	<p>See for yourself</p> <p>C YOURSELF YOURSELF YOURSELF</p>	<p>S B M U H T</p> <p>Thumps Up</p>
	<p>SH OP</p> <p>Corner Shop</p>	<p>FEET FEET</p> <p>Two left Feet</p>	<p>Two steps forward and one step back</p> <p>STEPS STEPS PETS</p>

It's on again!

Rotary
Club of Gregory Hills,
Next-Gen

Invites you to be part of our 2025 Charity Golf Day!

Secure your opportunity now to be part of this
successful fundraising & community event..

18 holes of fundraising fun, with all proceeds going to
support local **domestic violence** charities and projects
of the Rotary Club of Gregory Hills, Next-Gen

When: Wed April 9th, 2025 8:15am start
Breakfast from 7:15am
Where: Lakeside Golf Club, Camden

Sponsorship opportunities available at various levels!!

with thanks to our Platinum Sponsor



Enjoy the magnificent scenery at Lakeside Golf Club. Start the day with a delicious egg and bacon roll from the Bunkers Cafe.

The day

- Play a relaxing 18 holes of golf
- 4 Ball Ambrose competition
- Shotgun start
- Lunch and prizes

All profits raised from the day will go to

Our Causes

- Escabags
- Blue Wren House - Camden Women's Shelter Inc
- Rotary Club of Gregory Hills, Next-Gen

Escabags is an Australian registered charity who distribute 'Escape Bags' for victims fleeing domestic and family abuse.

Each 'Escape Bag' contains high-quality products as we understand the importance of feeling comforted and worthy in a crisis. Our 'Escape Bags' are not gender-specific and, by providing two variations, 'Parent and Child' and 'Single Adult', they proudly cater for ALL victims of abuse.

Blue Wren House - Camden Women's Shelter Inc is a community based, not-for-profit, non-government charitable institution, providing relief & support to women & children in need who are experiencing or escaping from homelessness due to Domestic or Family violence. Their mission is to provide hope & opportunity for women & children through safe, secure & supported accommodation, providing wraparound services, advocating for & empowering women and their children on a journey to independence, and educating the community.

Sponsorship opportunities available

GOLD \$2000	SILVER \$1500	BRONZE \$1000
<i>Remaining</i>	<i>Remaining</i>	<i>Remaining</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golf, golf carts, breakfast & lunch for 4 players • Drink vouchers x 16 • Signage on 1 tee, 1 green • Social Media Package • Reserved table plus 4 extra lunch seats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golf, golf carts, breakfast & lunch for 4 players • Drink vouchers x 12 • Signage on 1 tee and 1 green • Reserved table plus 2 extra lunch seats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golf, golf carts, breakfast & lunch for 4 players • Drink vouchers x 8 • Signage on 1 tee • Reserved table for lunch

SINGLE PLAYER REGO: \$200 **Longest DRIVE Sponsor: \$1000**
Includes breakfast and lunch Includes Award naming & lunch for 4

Raffle Prize Donations Welcome

MACARTHUR SUNRISE
ROTARY'S

30

YEARS

SATURDAY 5TH APRIL 2025
12PM - 4PM

JOIN US FOR OUR PEARL THEMED LUNCH
AND CELEBRATE OUR 30 YEARS OF
ROTARY SERVICE.

GLDSWOOD HOMESTEAD AND WINERY
900 CAMDEN VALLEY WAY, CATHERINE FIELD NEW
SOUTH WALES 2557

COST: \$70PP
DRESS: SMART CASUAL
RSVP: 17TH MARCH, 2025

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EVENTS/LANDING/1339888?EMBED](https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1339888?EMBED)




Thank you again Matt Redman for an amazing presentation on Monday evening

