

Rotary
Club of Penrith Valley



ROTARY CLUB OF PENRITH VALLEY INC. BULLETIN

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The Rotary Club of Penrith Valley
meets on the traditional lands of the Dharug people.

Chartered 20th May 1977

P O Box 267 Penrith NSW 2751 www.penrithvalleyrotary.org

Meets Wednesday at The Coffee Club, Tench Reserve, Nepean River 6.30 for 7.00 pm

CLUB DIRECTORY 2023/2024

President: Jean Vranich

Directors:

Pres.Elect:

Club Administration: As Below

Secretary: Andrew Mizzi

Foundation: Glenn McFall

Treasurer: Alex Donaldson

Public Relations: Amber Cini/Jean Vranich

Immediate Past

Service Projects: Bronwyn Jackson

President: Bronwyn Jackson

Youth: Chris Dallen

Social Coordinator: Gayl Mallett

Vocational: Terry Davies

COMMITTEES AND CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Sergeant:

Child Protection Officer &

Corporal: Elizabeth Aitken

Risk Management: Bronwyn Jackson

Attendance & Venue: Andrew Mizzi/Paul Salamakis

Program & Club Calendar: Jean Vranich

Welfare Officer: Robyn Burton

Public Officer & Club Historian: Terry Davies

Bulletin: Jean Vranich

Calendar: Bronwyn Jackson

SERVICE PROJECTS: (Chair: Bronwyn Jackson)

COMMITTEE: Alex Donaldson, Jean Vranich

PUBLIC RELATIONS: (Chair: Amber Cini)

COMMITTEE: Jean Vranich, Andrew Mizzi

VOCATIONAL: (Chair: Terry Davies)

COMMITTEE: Shiva Prakash

FOUNDATION: (Chairman: Glenn McFall)

YOUTH: (Chair: Chris Dallen)

COMMITTEE: Robyn Burton, Elizabeth Aitken

MEMBERSHIP IS CONSIDERED THE ROLE OF EVERY MEMBER OF THE CLUB!!!

HONORARY MEMBERS:

Merilyn Beach, Bruce Chenery, Jim Aitken OAM, Armand Sukhla, Peter Lindstrom, John Gollings, Arthur Harris, Chris Kuipers, Ron Chin, Sachint Lal

Club website: www.penrithvalleyrotary.org



Meeting at the Bowlo, 6.30pm (earlier if you'd like as we gather for a chat and drink)

{If you are not members become one. \$5/yr or \$15/5yr}

Board Meeting. All Welcome.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Upcoming BBQ days.

27th & 28th January

- ◆ 24th January: Board Meeting
- ◆ 14th February: Hazel Malhotra, NYSF
- ◆ 21st February: Board Meeting
- ◆ March:
 - ◆ Visit to the Flying Doctors at Bankstown, TBA
 - ◆ Presentation from Neola Funes from RYLA, TBA
 - ◆ District Conference: 15th 16th March
 - ◆ Board Meeting 28th March

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What has happened?

Present: Alex, Bronwyn, Chris, Gayl, Glenn, Jean, Mario, Robyn, Richard, Shiva, Terry

Visitors: Jason Cornelius

Apologies: Andrew, Chris and Brian, Lizzie,

Welcome: Jean - **Grace** was said.

Reports:

President's report - Jean -

1. **Regionalisation** information was sent out to all Rotarians.
2. **The Australia Day BBQ** will be held at St Marys pool. Food supplies are covered by Council. Drinks, and egg and bacon will be purchased to sell at the BBQ. Jo at Penrith is organising the roster. Please contact her to add your name.

Secretary's report - (in Andrew's absence). Jean passed on New Years wishes to our club from Rajeev (a previous exchange student). Rotary magazines (international) were handed out.

Treasurer's report - Alex - The BBQ weekend - Saturday was very hot. Saturday's earnings were \$1136 gross. 53% on the Square. On Sunday, all the food was sold until the rolls ran out. Earnings were \$1393 gross. 38% on the Square. Net profit for the weekend was \$1266.50. There was no Bunnings BBQ on Sunday. There were two chefs on Sunday, Chris (Jean's grandson) and Richard, which were much needed. And special thanks to Debbie who travelled from Lane Cove.

Leftover sausages went to ESQ to try and get someone to do the Return and Earn while Terry is away. Someone did offer.

Vocational report - Terry - We now have an account at Vinnies, which allows for the cans and bottles to be just handed over to Vinnies. They feed them through and deposit the resulting funds into the Service Account.

On 14th February, our authority to fundraise expires. The name on the authority is very out of date. Terry has sent an email to Gambling NSW to try and fix this before that date.

Pride of Workship is very expensive, and will be in April, not March. There are problems with getting enough numbers to balance the books. There was discussion about company versus individual nominations. The overall problem is to cover costs. Jason suggested that the local member could help with that.

Jason also suggested that he could organise a visit to the Royal Flying Doctor Service at Bankstown Airport. He was given 2 dates to play with - 7th or 21st March.

Foundation report - Glenn - The hamper project is closed. There is no written feedback from recipients. It all needs to be wound up. Alex has all the receipts. Glenn reminded us that we need to start planning for next year.

Social committee - Gayl - Will check the dates for TAFE dinners and get back to the club.

Community service - Bronwyn - The cube is working well. We are now alternating between deliveries to Penrith Community Kitchen, the Haven, and Mama Lana's. Rossco doesnt seem to do food any more. the food storage and display area has gone.

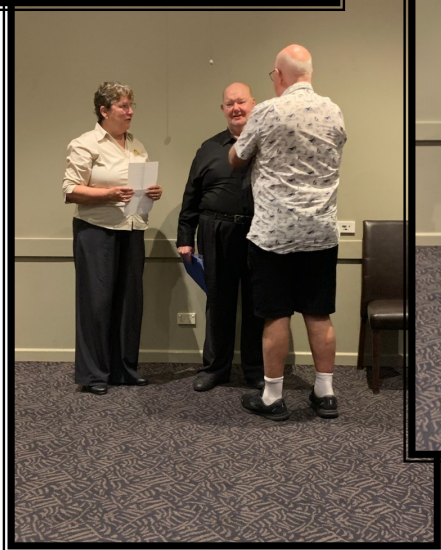
The escape bags for the Womens' Refuge are planned probably for April, depending on preparation time needed.

General business:

1. First board meeting for 2024 will be next week.
2. The conference on 16-17th March still has some day vacancies on Saturday.
3. Induction of Jason Cornelius.

Jason was inducted to the club and will be a team member for Terry in vocational as well as helping with publicity.

Jason will be a very valuable addition to the team.



Mario on the past and future of our club

Our club is a member of RI, and we are all volunteers. We are in Zone 8 which includes Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and several Pacific Island countries.



In 1975, Penrith club were our parents. By mid-1976, 30 people had been found to form a new club. We were chartered in 1977 as the Rotary Club of South Penrith in District 969. The district was later renamed District 9690. In more recent years, this district was divided into North and South Sydney and was very disruptive. At around the turn of the century, our club's name was changed to Penrith Valley to remove the restriction of the South Penrith name, since at one time, territories were strictly enforced. Our preference had been to call it Nepean, but was told by higher ups that that was not acceptable. Later Penrith Sunrise became known as Nepean.

Regionalisation is our latest concern. Mario had hoped to hear more at PETS, but Richard will be deputising for him on that day. Mario wonders how we will relate to the Pacific Islands, especially the French ones. Regionalisation will be reviewed in two years by bureaucracy. We will watch and see.

Our biggest worry - Will regionalisation risk our Club's autonomy?

Question: Women in Rotary. In the early 1990s, a woman applied to become a Rotarian. The possibility that this was contrary to the RI constitution was pursued all the way to the Supreme Court in the US and it was decided that women were allowed. Robyn was the first woman member of our club in 1998, and may have been the first in District 9690.

Alex, Shiva and Mario have been in Rotary for decades. They listed their reasons as giving back, friendships, which also lead to service, and assisting the community both locally and internationally.

When Mario becomes president next year, it will be 40 years since his first presidency.

Meeting closed at 8.35

Kindness is more important than wisdom, and the recognition of this is the beginning of wisdom.

Theodore Isaac Rubin



PAST PRESIDENTS (*Presidents who have passed away.)

1977/78	Arthur Bennett*	1992/93	John Brown*	2007/08	O'Brien Wyngaard
1978/79	Phil Magee*	1993/94	Jim Aitken OAM	2008/09	Ron Norman
1979/80	Ray Waters	1994/95	Barry Preskett	2009/10	Graeme Butler
1980/81	Denis Green	1995/96	John Tourish	2010/11	John Gollings
1981/82	Bert Bragg*	1996/97	Graham Beckett	2011/12	Catrina O'Kane *
1982/83	Shiva PrakashOAM	1997/98	Max Shepherd	2012/13	Jean Vranich
1983/84	Arthur Harris	1998/99	Armand Sukhla	2013/14	Don MacKenzie
1984/85	Mario Bellantonio OAM	1999/2000	Terry Davies	2014/15	Chris Dallen
1985/86	Tony Robinson	2000/01	Jim Honess*	2015/16	Peter Murray
1986/87	Lou Gal*	2001/02	Noor Vellani *	2016/17	Sarah Whereat
1987/88	Tom Walsh	2002/03	Glenn Reinhard	2017/18	Neil Williamson
1988/89	Keith Wakefield	2003/04	Graham Wilson	2018/19	Robyn Burton
1989/90	Sachint Lal*	2004/05	Alex Donaldson	2019/20	Andrew Mizzi
1990/91	Malcolm Beach*	2005/06	Linda Rios	2020/21	Jean Vranich
1991/92	Alan Richardson	2006/07	Dario Poles	2021/22	Glenn McFall
2022/23	Bronwyn Jackson	2023/24	Jean Vranich		

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Up to 30th June 2021 the Rotary Club of Penrith Valley has awarded Paul Harris Fellowships to, or have the following as members or their partners who are PHFs:

Elizabeth Aitken, Jim Aitken, Dr Al_Khhawaja, Charles Ancheta, Therese Attalah, Malcolm Beach, Marilyn Beach*, Graham Beckett, Mario Bellantonio*, Adele Crane, Arthur Bennett*, Jane Bennett, John Boccanfuso, Bert Bragg, John Brown, John Buchtmann, Robyn Burton*, Graeme Butler, Eileen Cammack, Dr Shailja Chatuvedi, Bruce Chenery., Dr Ronald Chin, Wally Cox, Sheila Cunliffe, Chris Dallen, John Daly, Shamus Davies, Terry Davies*, Colleen Dawson, Alex Donaldson*, Arthur Downes, Phil Fehon, Margaret Fenech*, Kevin Forbes, Jim Freeburn, Lou Gal*, Maggie Giddens, John Gollings*, Denis Green*, Lee Hampton, Arthur Harris*, Jim Honess, Bronwyn Jackson, Phyllis Jenkins, Sue Kingsbury, Dipak Kumar, Dr Sachint Lal* Tony Lauer, Julie McElrea, Glenn McFall, Andrew Mizzi*, Peter Murray, Dr Ralph Nanan, Dario Poles, Dr Shiva Prakash, Barry Preskett*, Helen Redler*, Joe Redler*, Glenn Reinhard*, Andrew Rios, Linda Rios, Lorenzo Rositano, Marjorie Ross, Max Shepherd, Armand Sukhla*, Dr Noor Vellani, Jean Vranich*, Luciano Vranich, Keith Wakefield*, Helen Wakeling, John Wakeling*, Tom Walsh, Sarah Whereat, Neil Williamson, Graham Wilson, O'Brien Wyngaard

* *Sapphire and Ruby Pins*

Monday	Nepean	Penrith RSL	7.00 for 7.15am
	Penrith	Penrith Panthers	6.30 for 7.00pm
	Richmond	Richmond Club 6.30 for 7.00pm	
	Springwood	Springwood Sports Club	6.30 for 7.00pm
Tuesday	Lower Blue Mountains	Emu Plains Sporting & Recreation Club 6.30 for 7.00pm	
	St Marys	Twin Creeks Golf & Country Club, Luddenham	6.00 for 6.30pm
Wednesday	Wallacia-Mulgoa Valley	1440 Mulgoa Road, Wallacia	7.00 for 7.30pm
Sunday	The Ponds	Griddle Restaurant, Rouse Hill Town Centre	4.00pm

OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprises and in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;

FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

PENRITH VALLEY

The 4-Way Test

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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Rotary Grace

O Lord, The giver of all good
We thank Thee for our daily food
May Rotary Friends and Rotary ways
Help us to serve Thee all our days

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