

# Pride of Workmanship 2019

The Rotary Club of Illawarra Sunrise hosted its Pride of Workmanship Awards for 2019 to assist business leaders in our Illawarra community to acknowledge their employees who achieve the goal of job satisfaction, and publicly recognise them for their efforts.

Director of Vocational Services, Mr. Peter Rixon said "I have often noticed what is missing in an organisation's quality system is the human side of quality. Caring about doing a good job is critical in all levels of an organization."

This prestigious award, the Pride of Workmanship is targeted to any member of our community, irrespective of age, gender or vocation, who displays outstanding qualities in terms of approach, dedication, attitude and commitment to their workplace service.

Our two nominees of this year the Pride of Workmanship awards were Mr. David Anderson from the Illawarra Turf Club, and Mr. Ernie Beach from the Fairy Meadow Community Centre. Both David Anderson and Ernie Beach were supported by family and friends who were also present to witness their justified recognition of their workplace achievements.

David Anderson was nominated on behalf of the Illawarra Turf Club (ITC) by Mr. Peter De Vries Chief Executive Officer who said "David has been working for ITC for 28 years and is responsible for the wellbeing and condition of the race and training track, as well as the overall grounds. David is a capable leader of a team, who leads by example."

Ernie Beach was nominated by Daphne McKenzie who said "Ernie is a selfless man of many hats and roles as he is known as if anyone can, Ernie can. Ernie cares about doing a good job and takes ownership and responsibility for what he can control."

Both awardees David Anderson and Ernie Beach lived by the Rotary slogan of "do it once, do it well and build a better Australia."



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## Swing into Wings

Rotary Club of Illawarra Sunrise is holding its annual Swing into Wings. The Dinner and dance to be held at the fabulous HARS Hangar, Illawarra Airport, on Saturday 4th May 2019. The program starts at 6:00 pm with Champagne and nibbles.

This year theme is Lawrence Hargraves, and the friends of Lawrence Hargraves will be attending to give a wonderful insight into one of the great pioneers of aviation.

A catered dinner will be served at 7:30 pm. There will be a cash bar plus a raffle. Book now, tickets are limited to this rare opportunity to give back to the community after a day of great fun at the Wings over the Illawarra air show.

Tickets available at <https://wollongongtickets.com.au/event/swing-into-wings-dinner-9068> at \$125.00 per ticket.

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## Presidents Report – 4th to 10th June

Last Monday, the handing out of the cheques took place. The selected charities were nominated by each of the 5 Rotary Clubs of the upper Illawarra. The money came from the event managers of Wings over the Illawarra, Kerry and Mark Bright. The Bright's have been generous to Rotary for a number of years.



This generosity was extended to this year as the Bright's gave to Rotary \$10,000 to distribute to our chosen charities. The handing over of the cheques was held at the HAR's Hanger. The same one we held our Swing into Wings event in May.

Our club was represented by Stephen Swan, President Elect Brian Ashe and I. We heard from each of the Charities as to what they were going to do with the money they received. Our club gave to Supported Accommodation & Homelessness Services Shoalhaven Illawarra (SAHSSI).



It was interesting to note that Rotary Club of Corrimal used their proportion for their literacy program, which is a great cause. The 4 Rotary clubs gave to charities that look after the welfare of the homeless, feeding people on the street or youth who are at risk.

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## President's report – 28th May to 3rd

# June

June and July are the changeover months. Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May was Rotary Club of Fairy Meadows Presentation night. The Presentation dinner was held at Collegians Club at Balgownie. President Jenny Godin will continue as President of the club for the next 12 months and this Rotary year will share the presidency with Rotarian Beverly Reardon.

Rotarian PP David Guillaume gave the toast to Rotary International and the response was given by District Governor Stephen Humphreys. A number of cheques were distributed to a number of local charities. It was a good night of Rotary fellowship and I we wish the club success as they continue their service above self.

Our club changeover is quickly approaching, with much to do as club president. To date our venue has been organised at the Admiral Room Novotel, awards have been organised. The program for the changeover is nearly finalised. Just need to complete our awards and we are ready.

In the mean time our New Generation Director Bernadette McNamara has been organising with our Interact Club suitable applicants for the National Youth Science Forum. This annual program is a highly competitive summer school program dedicated to exposing year eleven students who are heading into year twelve and are thinking about a career in science.

There are 4 applications from our Interact club at St Marys Star of the Sea. Each of them has expressed an interest, now we go to the next round of selection. The interview for selection will be held in July and the interviewers will be from our district.

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## President's report – 21st to 27th May

Ride4Rotary was held on a beautiful day as the sun shone. It was a warm day and little wind. There were a number of Rotarians thereto support the event. Members from Rotary Clubs of Corrimal, Illawarra Sunrise and West Wollongong.

District Governor Stephen Humphries and wife Judith were there in support as well. PP David Swan reported at our Club meeting the event raised over \$14,000, to be distributed to Southern Youth and Family. Well done to David, Michael and Rowan who represented our club on the Ride4Rotary committee. Well done to Tony and Peter for their assistance on the day.

District Presidents meeting was held last Friday at Liverpool Catholic Club near Hoxton Park. Number of speakers presented a variety of topics. Several

of the speakers stood out to me. One was a mother and her son who are part of a Rotary Oceana Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC) support. They came from an isolated village where transport was nonexistent. It was fantastic to hear the mother's story and how successful her son's medical treatment has been.

Preparation is well under way for our change over luncheon on the 25<sup>th</sup> June at 12:00pm. The changeover will be held at Novotel North Beach, Wollongong. This coming Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June is the Wings over the Illawarra 2017 Rotary presentation, 1100am at HARS. At this important PR ceremony Mark and Kerry Bright will present \$10,000 to Rotary as donation from WOI 17.

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## President's report – 14th to 20th May



Last Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May was a busy day. John Bilboe had organised a packing day at his home. Stephen and I were joined by Rotarians from Rotary Club of Glenhaven as we sorted and packed boxes with electronic goods. Over the course of time John had collected some 35 computers and 35 computers CPU for the Philippines.

These computers will be sent to Bacolod City where our partner club, Rotary Club of Metro Bacolod will distribute to educational facilities on the Island of Negros. These computers will be used by those seeking employment in the "call centres" and information technology industry. Many of the students come from remote areas and, in their late teens and generally under 30 years of age. This training allows those who come from remote areas to gain employment. These students are generally high school graduates and have not the financial resources to go to College (bit like our old College of Advanced Education).



Bacolod City is one of the major training centres within the Philippines. The computers are shipped to the Philippines and the transport cost is payed by the Governor of Negros Occidental. The Governor is delighted for the assistance with the computers as this has helped to attract investment to Bacolod City.

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## Presidents report – 7th to 13th May 2017-05-15

As this week was a little slow, I have had an opportunity to prepare for:

1. Changeover luncheon 25<sup>th</sup> June starting at 12:00pm.
  1. Guest list,
  2. Awards,
  3. Program
2. Upcoming board meeting – 17<sup>th</sup> May at 6:00pm for 6:15pm start,
3. Review our Swing into Wings, over 200 people attended on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> It was a good evening as the ambiance of the hanger with military aircraft of yesterday and modern. Parked either inside or just outside the hanger doors. The weather was great as well. This coming Thursday PP Tony will hold a wash-up meeting. Where we will discuss:
  1. Ticket Purchase,
  2. Program for the night,
  3. Catering both the nibbles and main meals,
  4. Bar area which will include drinks and staff,
  5. 747
  6. Hanger layout,
  7. Master of Cerimonies.
4. National Youth Science Forum (NYSF,) the club has had three enquiries so far from parents who are interested in their daughter or son to attend. As a club we support our Interact students from St Mays Star of the Sea. We have sponsored our applicant 50% of the costs. Last January PP Carol was part of the Rotary team there in Canberra supporting the hundreds of eager, excited and passionate future students of the sciences.
5. Our guest speaker Dr Christian Swann has asked me to mention to the club members that he is currently running a research project at UOW which is particularly interested in participants aged 50+. The aim is to try and find ways of making exercise/physical activity more enjoyable, in order to help the 60% of Australians not currently meeting guidelines to be more active. It only takes an hour, and we provide \$20 vouchers (e.g., for coffee/lunch at the uni, or for Coles/Myer, cinema tickets, Early Start Discovery Space, etc) as a thank you. During that hour, we just do a mini-fitness test based on a walking task around a basketball court, measure heart rate, and take some questionnaire scores, so it isn't strenuous. We'd love to invite any Rotary members who are interested to come along.

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# President's Report – 30th April to 6th May

A big week, New Generations committee met on Wednesday night 3<sup>rd</sup> May at Bernadette's home. Besides Bernie, there was Rowan and I. The agenda of the meeting focussed on Youth Exchange. The committee was in accord with the fact that our youth exchange program in the past has been of value to both the club and youth involved.

A number of points were raised and we focussed on two important points. Firstly as a club, are we willing to be involved in the youth exchange program? Secondly, do we as a club join with another club in a partnership or will we do all the organising of the youth exchange ourselves? Please consider as club member's opinions are welcomed.



Swing into Wings committee met on Thursday afternoon in the cafeteria at the HAR's Hanger. Besides Tony, there was Carol, Stephen and myself. Paul from the Rusty Catz, Sheryl Heston and Joan Della Huntey were in attendance as well.

The meeting focussed several points, firstly, hanger layout for the band, bar, food, table layout. Secondly, the table layout for drinks on the 747. Thirdly, the hanger decorations. Fourthly, greeting guests as they arrived.

Interact, Murder Mystery Night at Saint Marys Star of the Sea. Seven club members attended a marvellous night. The students were well organised with the room layout and food. Two points of interest were that the students love their lollies.

Bags of lollies and slices of pizza were for sale on the night. Both lollies and pizza were in demand. The other point of interest was the majority who attended were students. Rotarians and Principal and deputy principal and two teachers were the older age group. I asked where the parents were? The Interacter's did not want their parents at this Murder Mystery event.

The night went well and our Interacter club is to be praised as they raised just under \$500 for their chosen charity. On behalf of the club I have congratulated our Interact club in writing. I also intend to make a presentation of \$200 as well.

Saturday was District Assembly which was held at Greystanes High School. Both Brian and I attended. I recommend that those who have never been to a District Assembly, attend the next one in 2018, probably in late April.

I had a chance to join in with the discussion concerning youth exchange. There are two different types and the program we have been involved with is for 12 months. This program allows us to send out (Out Bound) students and to host a student (In bound) from several selected countries.



Saturday Night was our Swing into Wings event. It was a great success and credit to Tony McAdam and his committee. It was a busy night with greeting our guests. I discussed Rotary business with District Governor Stephen Humphries, his wife Judith and District Governor Elect Stephen Brittan and his wife Jane. Thank you to Carol for the Air Officers hats supplied and detail to the table decorations. Big thank you to all who stayed behind to help pack up. All completed in one hour. There is going to be a wash up meeting for Swing into Wings to be held soon.



# Presidents Report – 23rd to 29th April



Collette and I took our previous exchange student Jan-Uwe Schmidt and his twin brother Sven Schmidt to see the sights of Sydney. This was Sven's first time in Australia and to Sydney. We stayed near the Rocks for 2 nights and took full advantage of this great location.

Jan told me that he and his brother wanted to do the bridge climb, tour the Opera House and visit botanical gardens. Easy enough as all three are close by. The bridge climb was undertaken on a beautiful day. The sun was shining, no clouds and no smog.

Jan and Sven were equipped with all the outdoor gear they needed for their climb based on that day's weather conditions. The only disappointment for Jan was that he could not take his camera for safety reasons. Part of the Bridge Climb is watching a short video of the bridge construction.

They reached the summit of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, 134m above sea level, right in the heart of Sydney Harbour for an uninterrupted panorama of the city and surrounds. Whilst at the top, they soaked up the world around them.



Later we walked around to the Opera House via Circular Quay. The Opera House is an ageless piece of architecture. We did the basic tour which lasted a little over an hour. We visited the Joan Sutherland theatre and the three smaller theatres.

After the tour we walked back to Circular Quay and took the ferry to Darling Harbour. We enjoyed a well earned beer after our busy day. Afterwards we walked and took in the sights and enjoyed dinner together, which capped a great day.

On Tuesday we went to the dawn service at Martin Place watched wreath laying, marches and commemorative services. Jan and Sven enjoyed watching as it was the first time they had witnessed such an occasion. They both loved the Scottish Pipe Bands as Jan and Sven are talented musicians.





Wednesday we took the ferry to Manly and enjoyed a walk to Manly beach. From there we walked to Shelly Beach or Cabbage Tree Bay and on to North Head and back. The bugger was the rain which started as we began to eat our lunch, oh well, as good Rotarians we adapted.

It was enjoyable to have Jan and his brother with us at home. Both are great company. Jan was pleased to join with us for our club breakfast. I think we will see Jan back in the next few years. Safe travels to Jan and Sven Schmidt.



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## Meeting Minutes – 28th April 2017

### Minutes of Rotary meeting 28 April 2017

**Sergeant of Arms:** Rowan Huxtable.

**Apologies:** Betsy Lilley, Carol Jeffs, Elaine Hart, Janice Pettitt-Gray, and Rob Edwards

**Extended Leave:** John Bilboe and Tony McAdam

**Guests:** Jan-Uwe Schmidt and Sven Schmidt.

Jan was a past exchange student from Germany. Jan and his twin brother Sven are in Australia for a 6 week holiday. Presently they are touring Tasmania.

**Member's birthdays:** Edith said that there were no members birthdays for that week

**Visiting Rotarians:** Nil

**International Toast:** No International Toast was proposed

### **Peter informed members:**

He spoke with Janice Pettitt-Gray who has been recovering from the flu. Janice has been busy with family as well.

Carol Jeffs has been actively helping with Swing into Wings with catering and table decorations.

ticket sales for Swing into Wings had reached 113.

The Murder Mystery night organised by St. Mary's girls is on 5<sup>th</sup> This is not a late night so please can all members support this event.

Volunteers needed for manning the Rotary information booth at Wings Over The Illawarra for Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> .So far Rowan has volunteered.

### **Committee Reports:**

New Generations committee will meet at Bernadette's home on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Guest Speaker:** John Ebbott from CareFlight – Australia

John told us that the mission of CareFlight is to save lives, speed recovery and serve the community. Care Flight achieves their mission via several services that John described:

- **Emergency and rescue**, helicopters, aeroplanes and jets are used to fly specialist medical teams to the critically ill and injured. Thereby bringing the hospital to people who cannot wait to get there for life-saving care. Specialist doctors, nurses and paramedics use air ambulances to reach critically ill and injured patients. CareFlight also provides search and rescue support to the Australian Maritime Authority (AMSA). Our night vision capability and winch equipped helicopters allow them to locate and rescue people in the dark and from difficult to access places.
- **Patient care and transfer**, for patients in need of specialist care, around Australia. CareFlight operates a fleet of turbo-prop air ambulances to transport patients between clinics, hospitals and from accident scenes. CareFlight has the ability to transport patients with serious respiratory conditions, cardiovascular problems, obstetric complications, snake bites and severe burns, as well as people injured in car, motorbike, farm vehicle and aircraft crashes.
- **Education and training**, John described how CareFlight train their own doctors, nurses and paramedics, as well as many of our partners in the chain of survival. Senior doctors employed by CareFlight work part-time in retrieval and must be clinically active in their chosen speciality. Registrars can spend six or 12 months working full-time with CareFlight. They are then accredited with core training by the Critical Care Medical Colleges of Anaesthesia (ANZCA), Emergency Medicine (ACEM) and/or Intensive Care (CICM). Flight nurses receive regular in-house education and training. They also attend a number of accredited external courses, funded by CareFlight. For helicopter operations, continuing accreditation requires a fitness assessment every 90 days, three-monthly static winch currency training, six-monthly live helicopter rescue procedures and two-yearly HUET.

Peter thanked John Ebbett for his presentation and handed a \$200 cheque as a small donation to CareFlight.

Read more of this great charity <https://careflight.org/>

**The Raffle:** Peter Rixon who collected a bottle of wine.

**Apologies:** Contact Isla Bowen PH 4228 1346 [islabowen@gmail.com](mailto:islabowen@gmail.com)

**Dates for the diary:**

- Interact – Murder Mystery Night, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017,
- Wings Over The Illawarra, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017,
- Board meeting, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 6:15pm,
- Ride for Rotary, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017, Book you spot online <https://www.ride4rotaryillawarra.com.au/>
- Shoalhaven Winter Wine Festival –June Long Weekend, 10-12<sup>th</sup> June 2017,
- Changeover Luncheon, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

**Next week:**

Guest Speaker – Adele Beck, Medieval Society, College of Saint Malachy.

**Reminder:**

**Next Friday's meeting 5<sup>th</sup> May will be held on level 4 in the Belmore Room.**

