



Club Bulletin

ROTARY CLUB OF PENRITH INC

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MONDAY 15th August 6:30 for a 7:00 p.m. start

To be held at the Penrith Bowling Club, Corner Derby and Woodriffe Streets, Penrith

Our Guest Speaker will be:-

RICHARD FOX MBE

A British slalom canoeist who competed for Great Britain through until the mid-1990s. He won eleven medals at the ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships with ten golds and also won the overall World Cup title three times.

He moved to Australia in 1998 to take up a position as the National Head Coach for the Sydney Olympics. Richard's intervention in a worldwide campaign had been instrumental in preventing canoeing from being axed from the 2000 Sydney Olympics after the Australian Olympic Committee determined there to be inadequate facilities and insufficient funds to address the requirements for hosting an Olympic slalom competition. The result of Fox' campaigning was the construction of the Penrith Whitewater Stadium in western Sydney. From 2001, Richard was also the Australian Institute of Sport and National Team Head Coach leading the slalom team at the 2004 Summer Olympics.



At a recent meeting, our Assistant Governor, Paul Rogers talked to us about the proposed changes in the structure of Rotary

Regionalisation of Rotary

The basic aim of regionalisation of Rotary is the streamline the structure and become more efficient. To provide better and more direct support to clubs through a less layered, but more effective and contemporary structure. The ideals of Rotary are to be retained with the focus remaining on the Clubs and their engagement with each other and their communities.

In addition to potentially saving members time and money, the new structure will foster more vibrant club environments and provide doable and attractive roles that are accessible to more potential Rotary leaders.

By streamlining our existing governance structure, we will:

- Allow clubs sharing geography, culture and language to organise in ways that suit them.
- Eliminate duplication and remove layers of hierarchy to make Rotary nimbler and more cost effective.
- Bring together the best resources from across the region and make them easily accessible to every club.
- Improve communication effectiveness in order to enhance club and member engagement.
- Grow membership through new club types, flexibility, and partnership options reflecting our diversity.
- Attract more community, corporate, and government sector support by communicating with one voice.
- Enhance leadership and personal development activities to better suit our modern world.
- Foster more diverse perspectives in decision making.
- Reduce the burden of administrative responsibilities placed upon leaders.



Our meeting last week was an informal get together held at O'Donoghues Irish Pub. We were pleased to welcome back Jacqui Hinvest, who was our raffle winner last week, Joh's daughter Tiffany Dickens, Cathy Gadd and our regular guest Gayle Newell. Tiffany and Gayle were our raffle winners this week.

Our members were able to purchase some Castlereagh Honey which delighted them greatly, should anyone else wish to purchase this beautiful honey just see John or Katrina

Club Diary

Day	Date	Event
Theme	August	Membership & Extension Month
Monday	15/08/2022	Club Meeting - Richard Fox Penrith Bowling Club
Tuesday	16/08/2022	
Wednesday	17/08/2022	Board Meeting - Zoom
Thursday	18/08/2022	Panthers Vs Rabbits Away
Friday	19/08/2022	
Saturday	20/08/2022	BBQ Harvey Norman
Sunday	21/08/2022	BBQ Harvey Norman
Monday	22/08/2022	Rotary Meeting - Nepean River Coffee Club
Friday	26/08/2022	Panthers Vs Warriors Home
Monday	29/08/2022	Rotary Meeting - Nepean River Coffee Club



Getting to know

Our President JOH DICKENS



Joh was born in Keil near Hamberg close to the Norwegian border, when she was one year old, she came to Australia with her parents on the 22nd of October 1954. The family arrived in Melbourne and went to Bonny Giller which was a native migrant hostel.

Joh's parents were given the choice of going to Cairns to cut sugar cane or to go Orange to pick fruit, they chose fruit picking in Orange because the temperature was very similar to the German climate. They stayed in Orange for five years after which her parents bought a property in Penrith on the Northern Road. Joh's Father began working on the building of Warragamba Dam and in between they started a fruit shop which

they called "The Ponderosa" after their favorite TV show "Bonanza." They operated the fruit store until 1973. Many of us will have purchased our fruit there I am sure.

Joh went to Kingswood Public school and Penrith High school; she then went on to T.A.F.E to become a secretary and worked in the city for quite a long time for Dunn and Bradstreet.

Soon she met Michael and they married and had two beautiful daughters Christie and Tiffany. Joh didn't want to leave her children to go to work so she did a course in floristry as a hobby however that quickly became her occupation. When Kingswood florist was up for sale, she bought it and started a new venture.

Most of you would probably be aware of Joh's passion for the Penrith Panthers, she may even be their greatest fan... Joh confessed to me that she actually was a cheer leader! She was not one who did the summersaults, but she was a drum majorette. Her daughter Christie followed in her footsteps when she was 18 becoming a Pantherette cheer leader.

Joh has been a member of various industry associations such as Interflora where she saw a demonstration of decorative balloons and thought she would give the balloons a go, this gave her a point of difference with her competitors. For ten years Joh was the Chairperson for Interflora and is also a member of Petals which is a similar organisation that will send floral orders to other areas both here and overseas.

When talking about her daughters you can hear the pride in Joh's voice, she told me that Tiffany is a fantastic florist in her own right, taking out "NSW florist of the year" three years in a row and was runner up for "Australian florist of the year."

Christie is the academic and works for Transport NSW where she is a Project Manager and lives in Port Macquarie.... Joh said Christie is the "brainy one" and Tiffany "the artistic" one. One very proud Mum.

Kingswood Florist has been established for 45 years; Joh has owned it for 32 years. She services the hospital and most of the local clubs in the area along with various functions. Joh tells me that she would rather do funerals than weddings as she sees it as an honour to do the flowers for someone who has passed on as it's the last thing someone gets to do for that person.

She told me a story about being asked to do the flowers for the casket of a lady whose name was Iris, and the family wanted Iris flowers in the arrangement. Joh said as luck would have it, when she went to the market to buy them, they had a special on Iris's so the whole casket was decorated with nothing but Iris's. Ten years later the daughter still comes in to reminisce and thank Joh again for doing such a beautiful job.



You can find Joh's business online at Kingswood florist (or) by calling Joh directly on 02 47 322182 or 0418900064

ROTARY GRACE

O lord and giver of all good, we thank thee for our daily food.
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways, help us to serve thee all our day

ROTARY 4 WAY TEST

Of the things we think,
say or do

- Is it the **TRUTH**?
- Is it **FAIR** to all concerned
- Will it build **GOODWILL**
- **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concern

OBJECTS OF ROTARY

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and in particular to encourage and foster:

FIRST The development of acquaintance as an opportunity of service

SECOND High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarians occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

THIRD The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarians personal, business and community life.

FOURTH The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world Fellowship of business and professional people united in the ideal of service

PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF PENRITH

1945/6 Oscar Fletcher +	1946/7 Rex Griffin +	1946/48 Frank Allen +	1948/9 Lisle Spence +
1949/50 Eric Keech +	1951/2 John Knox H +	1952/3 John Cram +	1953/4 Allan Hodgson +
1954/5 Roy Handley +	1955/6 Mac McArthur +	1956/7 Harry Uren +	1957/8 Maven May +
1958/9 Mac Carruthers +	1959/60 John Epton +	1960/1 Alex Taylor H +	1961/2 Bruce Neale H +
1962/3 Warren Pinfold H +	1963/4 Reg Green +	1964/5 Brian Lamrock H +	1965/6 Jack Thumm *
1966/7 Doug Watson H	1967/8 Arthur Bennett	1968/9 Alex Taylor H *	1969/70 Len Lord*+
1970/1 John Roach*	1971/2 Jim Scott H +	1972/3 He Ross +	1973/4 Laurie Alcorn +
1974/5 Ralph Rylance +	1975/6 Ivor Speirs H	1976/7 Alf Preskett H +	1977/8 Peter Green*
1977/9 Trevor Hitchcock H *	1979/80 Harvey Joyner H*	1980/1 Peter Mead H	1981/2 Robert Neale H *
1982/3 Tom Hobbs*	1983/4 Ray Lynch H +	1984/5 Bert Taylor H*	1985/6 Charles Glanville H
1986/7 Barry Cook H	1987/8 Len Satara H	1988/9 Albert Blatch H	1989/90 Robin McKay H
1990/1 Bruce Napthali H*	1991/2 Brian Nicholson H	1992/3 Peter Bull H *	1993/4 Trevor Hall H
1994/5 Alan Hind H	1995/6 Ray Boyle H +	1996/7 John Scott H	1997/8 Geoff Wood H
1998/9 Brian Corlis H	1999/00 John Costa H	2000/1 John Hickmott H	2001/2 Brett Cottee H*
2002/3 Paul Allen H	2003/4 Chris White H*	2004/5 Charles Oxenham H	2005/6 Janet Cottee H*
2006/7 Nadim Joukhadar H	2007/8 Willy Piepers H	2008/9 Victor Glanville H	2009/10 George Maroun H
2010/11 Keith Willoughby H	2011/12 Ross Newell H	2012/13 Willy Piepers HH	2013/2014 Tess Hall H
2014/15 John Harding H	2015/16 John Harding H	2016-17 Z (Ben) Feszczuk APM H	2017/18 Roger McMaster-Faye H
2018/19 John Scott H/ Trevor Hall H	2019/20 Trevor Hall H	2020/21 Willy Piepers H	2021/22 Victor Glanville H

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