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**Rotary**  
Club of Penrith



**Club Bulletin**



ROTARY CLUB OF PENRITH INC

ABN 29 831 033 625

**District 9685 Club Number 18079 Established 1945**

**\* Club President Joh Dickens \* District Governor Mina Howard**

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**MONDAY 21st November 6:30 for a 7:00 p.m. start**

**to be held at the PENRITH BOWLING CLUB Corner Derby & Woodriff Streets Penrith**

Next meeting we look forward to welcoming our District Governor back to our club

## **D.G. Mina Howard**



**D.G. Mina Howard with her husband Larry**

Mina is a member of the Blackheath Rotary club and became its first female president in 2011 serving a two-year term. She has a distinguish Rotary career serving in various capacities at club and district level.

Her early years were spent in the natural beauty of Warragamba Dam township before her family moved to the western suburbs of Sydney. She spent forty-three years as a Primary School teacher. In 1991 Mina and her husband Larry moved with their three children to Blackheath and now reside at Mount Victoria.

Mina's goal for 2022-23 is to encourage clubs to look critically at their projects and practices and aim to make their club more diverse

and welcoming whilst providing meaningful service opportunities for each member. Continued support of The Rotary Foundation, the End Polio campaign and other Rotary programs

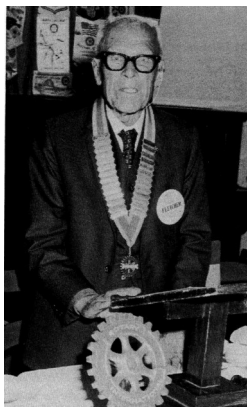
And, of course, fellowship and fun must be paramount.

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The Rotary Club of Penrith received its Charter on the 16th November 1945, the Club having been sponsored by the Rotary Club of Parramatta. Penrith had a population of under 4,000 in 1945, it was a small rural town with little industry, so it was necessary to include St Marys, a town of similar size within the territorial limits of the Club and to recruit eight members from there in order to form the Club.



Charter President  
Oscar Fletcher

The presentation of the Charter was a major event in Penrith, as it was the first Service Club in the Nepean District. The Club and its members were held in high esteem by the townsfolk. Many members then and since have performed notable service for the community outside the perimeter of the Club, but within the ambit of the Objects of Rotary.

The founder and charter President was Oscar Fletcher. He was a remarkable man who came to Australia in 1912 from Lancashire in the U.K. He established his business on the southern side of High Street, between Station and Woodriff Streets. Known as "Fletcher's" it became the largest department store in the district ultimately it was acquired by the Myer Corporation trading as Farmers and later relocated into the Penrith Plaza as Grace Bros and now My-



## 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 Naphthali 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



An interest meeting was held on the 14th March, 1945. The first meeting of the Provisional Club was held on the 31st May 1945. The minutes of that meeting were taken by local solicitor Brian Lamrock. This is a reproduction of the minutes and his handwriting.

A meeting was held in Penrith Council Chambers on Thursday the 31st May at which citizens from Penrith & St Mary's attended.

It was decided to form a Rotary club at Penrith, called the "Penrith Rotary Club".

The following officers were elected:-

President :- Mr O. W. Fletcher.

Vice President :- Mr R. Griffin.

Secretary :- Mr D. J. Phillips.

Treasurer :- Mr E. Kerch.

Sergeant at Arms :- Mr W. Hepworth.

Directors :- Messrs L. J. Spence, G. P. Matthews.

It was decided that membership fees be £2.2.0 + half yearly fee £1.1.0.

The standard regulations, with amendment of sub. regulations 2 were adopted.

It was decided to meet at Mr. Clifton's rooms High St Penrith, on the Tuesday each week at 6.15 p.m. & the President was authorised to make the necessary catering arrangements.

The Meeting decided that their first meeting be held on the 12th June.

The President welcomed Mr. Grainger of Ransamatta Rotary Club, & thanked him for his assistance at the meeting, & for his explanation of the objects & functions of Rotary.

The meeting then adjourned.



## Officers & Committee 2022-23

## Club Diary

President	Joh Dickens
Vice President	Jeremy Bentvelzen
Secretary	Michael Creed
Treasurer	Ross Newell
Immediate Past President	Victor Glanville
Community Service	Trevor Hall
Barbecue Operations	Keth Fulker
Youth Service	John Harding
Vocational Service	John Scott
International Service	Willy Piepers
Rotary Foundation	Willy Piepers
Membership	Jeremy Bentvelzen & John Scott
Attendance	Ross Newell
Bulletin	John Scott
Programs	Joh Dickens
Public Relations/Facebook	Katrina Scott
Sgt at Arms	Barry Cook
Club Photographer	Tess Hall
Child Protection	Cathy Glanville

Day	Date	Event
Theme	November	<b>Rotary Foundation Month</b>
Sunday	20/11/2022	<b>BBQ Harvey Norman</b>
Monday	21/11/2022	Meeting with District Governor Mina Howard
Monday	21/11/2022	Club Meeting @ Penrith Bowling Club
Saturday	26/11/2022	Harvey Norman BBQ <b>TBC</b>
Monday	28/11/2022	Rotary Meeting @ Coffee Club
Sunday	4/12/2022	Luddenham Country Markets BBQ
Monday	5/12/2022	<b>Club Assembly</b> @ Penrith Bowling Club - * <b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b> * <b>ELECTION OF PRESIDENT</b> * <b>ELECTION of the BOARD</b>
Wednesday	7/12/2022	<b>Night out at the Movies</b> with our Rotary friends from Nepean & Penrith Valley <b>"The Lost King"</b> Hoyts Cinema Penrith Tickets \$20 End Polio Now
Monday	12/12/2022	Rotary Meeting @ Coffee Club Lisa Finn from the JOAN
Saturday	17/12/2022	<b>BBQ Harvey Norman</b>
Monday	19/12/2022	<b>Christmas Meeting</b> at the home of President Joh Emu Heights
Saturday	24/12/2022	<b>Christmas Eve</b>
Sunday	25/12/2022	<b>Christmas Day</b>
Monday	26/12/2022	<b>No Meeting Boxing Day</b>
Saturday	31/12/2022	<b>New Years Eve</b>
	2023	The First Meeting in the New Year will be a <b>Joint Social Get Together with our 3 Rotary Clubs</b> at the <b>Rusty Penny Brewery</b>
Thursday	26/1/2023	<b>Australia Day BBQ</b> Details to follow





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