

ROTARY CLUB OF PENRITH

A.B.N. 29 831 033 625

Established 1945

District 9685 Club Number 18079



2022/2023
Monday, 17th July 2023



CLUB PRESIDENT JO DICKENS

DISTRICT GOVERNOR MINA HOWARD

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PENRITH, N.S.W.**



The founder and charter President of the Rotary Club of Penrith was Oscar Fletcher. He was a leader in community. For many years he operated a huge department in High Street which was later taken over by Myers. He was largely instrumental in the forming of many organisations in the town including Penrith Valley Chamber of Commerce, the first Parents & Citizens Association. He served Penrith as an Alderman on Penrith Council. He took the initiative to form the Rotary Club and guided it through its infancy.



Past Presidents 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 Hec 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	2019/20 Trevor Hall H	2020/21 Willy Piepers H	2021/22 Victor Glanville H

The Rotary Club of Penrith is one of the oldest Rotary Clubs in Australia. It received its Charter on the 16th November 1945, having been sponsored by the Rotary Club of Parramatta. Penrith has fostered two additional clubs, Penrith Valley in 1977 and Nepean in 1994 as well as co-sponsoring a number of other clubs in the district.

Members and Presidents have come from all walks of life. The contribution of Penrith Rotary in the community has been enormous with such major projects as the accommodation house at Nepean Hospital and the Museum of Fire. The Club has achieved much through working together utilising the trades and professions the talent and dedication of its members.

In 1995 our club welcomed our first lady member President Janet Cottee followed by Tess Hall. Jo Dickens continues this tradition as she enters her second year as President of Penrith Rotary



PRESIDENT Jo Dickens



As the ongoing President of our esteemed Rotary Club, I am delighted to present a summary of the remarkable achievements we have accomplished over the past year.

Furthermore, I am filled with great pride as I look forward to leading our club once again in the year ahead.

The past year has been an extraordinary journey filled with compassion resilience and unwavering spirit of service. I am pleased to share with you some of the notable achievements we have accomplished.

Assisting flood victims in the Hawkesbury and Eugowra areas, supporting bus crash victims. Aiding a young boy in the helicopter crash, supporting P.C.Y.C in their Ambassador Club as well as the Haven and Penrith Community Kitchen.

At the beginning of last year, we began our tri-club working together with Nepean and Penrith Valley Clubs to work on larger projects. We found this to be a great partnership as separately we are all small clubs, but together we can achieve much more for our community. This year we shared Australia Day barbecue at Panthers, the City of Penrith Festival also with St. Marys Rotary we organised the Police Officer of the Year for the Nepean Police Area Command and were able to donate \$15,000 to Police Legacy and most recently with Nepean Rotary worked together to cook 8,000 sausages for the NAIDOC day at Jamison Park, an amazing day.

In the coming year we will build upon our past successes and embark on new endeavours. We will continue to prioritise community service, fundraising for vital causes and strengthen our partnership with local organisations. Together we will inspire change, foster hope, and improve the lives of those that depend on us, the year ahead holds tremendous promise for our clubs.



Penrith Rotary Club

13 Nov 2022 • 🌐

Thank you President Joh & Kayla for representing us at the remembrance service 🌸



The Rotary Club of Penrith Inc.

A.B.N. 29 831 033 625

Although there is no attendance or service requirement, Penrith Rotary meets on a Monday for dinner alternating between the Penrith Bowling Club and the Coffee Club Nepean River, 6:30 for a 7:00 p.m. start.

Rotary's motto is "Service Above Self", membership is open to both men and women who adhere to high ethical standards in both their working and personal lives.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

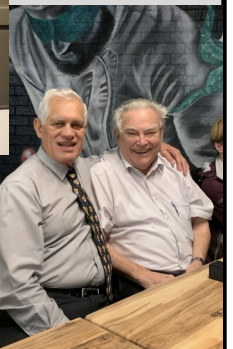
	2022/23	2023/24
President	Jo Dickens	Jo Dickens
Vice President	Jeremy Bentvelzen	Jeremy Bentvelzen
Secretary	Michael Creed/Trevor Hall	Trevor Hall
Treasurer	Ross Newell	Ross Newell
Community Service	Trevor Hall/Cathy Glanville	Keith Fulker
Youth Service	John Harding	John Harding
Membership	Jo Dickens	Katrina Scott
Vocational Service	John Scott	John Scott
Public Relations/Facebook	Katrina Scott	Katrina Scott
International Service	Willy Piepers	Tess Hall
Rotary Foundation	Willy Piepers	Willy Piepers
Bulletin	John Scott	John Scott

<u>MAJOR DONATIONS</u>
Western Area Flood Appeal
Tonga Tsunami Appeal
Wesley Mission
Cleaning Kits for disaster recovery
Rotary Citizenship Awards
Centre for Learning & Childrens Rights
M.U.N.A.—Caroline Chisholm School
N.S.W. Police Ledgacy
Grace's Place
Rotary Centurion Program
Victims of Bus Accident
\$22,264.24

MEMBERS with 100% ATTENDANCE
Jeremy Bentvelzen
Jo Dickens
Trevor Hall
John Harding
Peter Mead
Tess Hall
Ross Newell
Willy Piepers

Penrith Rotary has provided assistance to many other organisations throughout the year in various non-monetary ways by attending functions with our equipment, cooking 8,000 sausages for the NAIDOC day.

Club Meetings & Social Get Togethers



Penrith Rotary Club
22 Sep 2022 · 🌐
A night of good cheer and
fellowship at Penrith Rotary.
... See more



Penrith Rotary Club
is at **ZONE BOWLING**.
11 Oct 2022 · Penrith,
Sydney · 🌐
Fun times when Penrith
Rotary goes Ten Pin Bowling





COMMUNITY SERVICE



Community Service is a team effort with all members involved



A major fund raising activity is operating a barbecue outside Harvey Norman Penrith which the club runs on a rotation basis with Penrith Valley and Nepean Rotary Clubs. Operating the barbecue at Harvey Norman enables us to offer an extended menu of bacon & egg and steak sandwiches. Often the barbecue is run for special causes such as the victims of the floods and the SeaWorld helicopter tragedy and local community causes



Rotary Club
of Penrith

FUNDRAISER

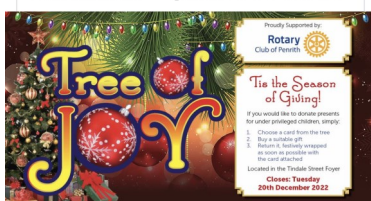
Harvey Norman Penrith from 8:30am April 15-16

The Penrith Rotary Club invites the community to raise much-needed funds for local child Nicholas Tadros, a victim of the SeaWorld helicopter tragedy. All proceeds will go to Nicholas and his family, so that they can receive the vital support they so desperately need at this time.



Penrith RSL
5 Dec 2022

Help us bring joy to
someone in need this
Christmas - please See more



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Christmas is a special time as people are encouraged to leave toys under the Christmas Tree at the Penrith RSL. Rotary not only donates toys, but delivers them to the P.C.Y.C. so that Penrith Community Kitchen can distribute them at their special luncheon for the many underprivileged families in the area





COMMUNITY SERVICE



Working together with our friends from Penrith Valley and Nepean Rotary Clubs on AUSTRALIA DAY



Penrith Rotary Club
20 May · 🌐
Fabulous night at the Penrith festival Thankyou Gai and the cbd team and... See more

Promoting Rotary with our friends from Nepean Rotary





YOUTH SERVICE REPORT

Under the leadership of John Harding, Penrith Rotary has been very active in the development of Youth Programs. Rotary recognises the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, involvement in the community that enrich and foster cultural understanding.

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Penrith Rotary Club

Posted by Katrina Scott

1 Dec 2022 · 🌐

John and Joh presenting Rotary Citizenship Award at Glenmore Park Public school to two girls Azizah Deol and Jennifer Yang this morning



MUNA - Model United Nations Assembly

Penrith Rotary had two teams from the Caroline Chisholm High School, one team from years 11 & 12 the other from years 9 & 10 and they were successful in winning the "Peace Prize"

What is MUNA?

It is a forum where Senior high school students develop an awareness of the United Nations and the countries they represent at a simulated UN Assembly. The event provides an excellent place for students to develop and practice their public speaking skills whilst debating on topical world issues. The goals of the United Nations in the areas of Peace, Health, Education and Living Standards underline all the debates. Teams are asked to become a citizen of the country they represent, including adopting their religion, politics, and indeed dressing in the national dress of the country.

The team that places first in our MUNA is invited to compete at the Australian National MUNA at the Old Parliament House in Canberra.



Gwen Cooper Higgs

What a wonderful gesture to the school.

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Paul Rogers

Well Done All -Congratulations

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Dennis Perry

An amazing club with amazing people doing so much good in their neighbourhood and beyond..Thank you Penrith Rotary for your service above self

Comment as Jo... 🗨️ 📷 🌐 📧



RYDA

RYDA—Road Safety Education.

It is a one day workshop with a practical demonstration of road

safety for both drivers and passengers throughout their lives.

This year Penrith Rotary sponsored two schools, St. Dominics and Caroline Chisholm High Schools



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Penrith Rotary Club

10 Nov 2022 · 🌐

To the Members of Rotary Penrith.

I would like to thank you for the donations off books and computers that your club gave to Kingswood Sth Public School. My grandson and granddaughter that now live with us we're given 3 beautiful books each. Thank you for encouraging children to embrace and enjoy reading. My husband and I are extremely grateful for your kind donation to this wonderful school. Thank you also for the wonderful



John Scott

A BIG thank you to our Youth Service Director John Harding who has for many years been responsible for Penrith Rotary's outreach to the youth through Rotary's many programs for the youth. John was responsible for the donation of books & computers to Kingswood Sth Public School

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VOCATIONAL SERVICE

The highlight of the Rotary year was re-establishing the Police Officer of the Year program after an absence of three years due to the COVID lockdown.



The event was held by the combined Rotary Clubs of Penrith, Penrith Valley, Nepean and St. Marys being the Rotary clubs withing the Nepean Police Area Command. It was held on the 7th June at the St Marys Band Club, approximately 200 people were in attendance.

It was a huge success, the next Police Officer of the Year event has been set for May 2024.



The Club PHOTOGRAPHER

Our Club Photographer, Past President Tess Hall. Where would we be without the great photos to remind us of all the wonderful times we spend together with our many Rotary friends.

Tess does a wonderful job capturing a visual history of the Club including some camera shy subjects. Thank You Tess





ROTARY FOUNDATION

The Rotary Foundation is our charity, it is" recognised to be among the top 1% of charities," said Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair John Germ. "Our donors can feel proud knowing that their gifts will allow them to make an impact in their communities and the world for years to come."

The Paul Harris Fellowship is a continuing the legacy to the founder Rotary, the Paul Harris. It is Rotary's highest honor that recognizes individuals who demonstrate Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self". A Paul Harris Fellowship is a recognition of contributions made by a person or in their name of a person, of (US)\$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.



Over the years, Penrith Rotary has awarded 59 people the Paul Harris Fellowship.

Tonight, Penrith Rotary is proud to award the Paul Harris Fellowship to a member of our community



PUBLIC RELATIONS

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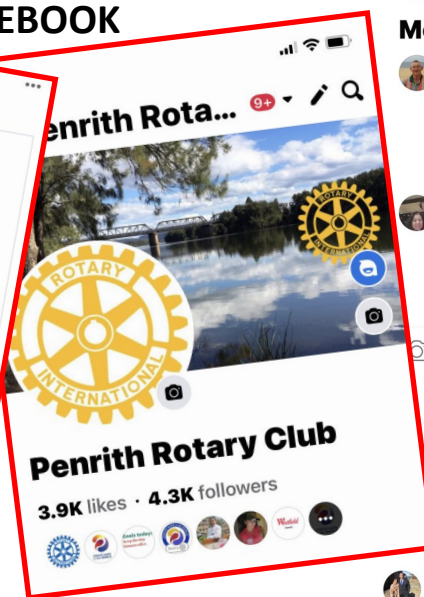
Stacey Webb
Thank you again Jo for inviting me to be a guest speaker. It was an honor to be there.

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Author

Penrith Rotary Club
Stacey Webb
thank you so much from our club.

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Allen Cullen
Good work Penrith Rotary

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Francesca Cando-Gajete
We salute you for this noble project 🙌🙌

12 w Like Reply 1

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Jocelyn Marrian
Was a great night with lots of laughs

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John Harding

LOCAL NEWSPAPERS Nepean News & Western Weekender



Hope Cottage finds its new home

HOPE COTTAGE has moved into a newly refurbished space at Nepean Hospital on Level 2, Building D as part of Stage 2 of the Nepean Redevelopment.

The service previously sat within the footprint of the new Stage 2 tower and needed to be relocated to facilitate the construction of the second clinical building.

Hope Cottage provides accommodation for patients and visitors who have travelled long distances to receive vital treatment or require ongoing care at Nepean Hospital.

Hope Cottage started as a shared house that the Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District used to rent on Hope Street – so that's where we got the name Hope Cottage," says Renee Ishak, who has been the manager of the service for the last ten years.

"As the service evolved and grew larger, Hope Cottage was relocated onto the Nepean Hospital campus.

Opening in 2005, the new Hope Cottage at Nepean Hospital was a \$1.4 million fundraising initiative by three Rotary Clubs in the region – Penrith, South Penrith/Perrin Valley and Nepean Rotary Clubs. Three years ago, Rotary handed operations of the

Rotarians tour the new Hope Cottage at Nepean Hospital.

central to other hospital services.

"From our staff's perspective, they'll be closer to staff amenities and the hospital wards they pick up or deliver patient valuables to. From a safety point of view, we won't be as isolated as where we are now."

"It will also be safer for our patients. For example, parents who need to feed their babies in the middle of the night no longer have to walk outdoors but can make their way to the ward inside the hospital."

Nepean Redevelopment Project Officer, Rebecca Cooper, worked closely with Renee and her team to ensure a smooth transition into their new home.

Rebecca says Hope Cottage guests



Rotary launch of Police Officer of the Year

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OUR FINEST AND BRAVEST

Friends, families and dignitaries gathered at the St Marys Band Club last week to celebrate the 2022 Police Officer of the Year awards.

Phil Martin (St Marys Rotary), Jo Dickens (Penrith Rotary), Tricia Hitchman (Penrith Mayor), Paul Rogers (Rotary ADG), Bronwyn Jackson (Perrin Valley Rotary), Kerrie de Havilland (Nepean Rotary), Supt Trent King.

PCC Mayor Tricia Hitchman, Supt Trent King, Phil Martin (St Marys Rotary)