

# BUNGARRIBEE

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## ROTARY CLUB OF BLACKTOWN CITY INC.

CHARTERED 16TH NOVEMBER 1961 INCORPORATED 25TH JUNE 1991

Meetings held Tuesday Nights. 6 for 6.30 in the Marana Room at  
the Blacktown Workers Club, Campbell Street Blacktown.



### DUTIES FOR THE 13th. August

Meet & Greet	Dinner Fees	Grace & Loyal Toast	International Club Recognition	Program Chair	Note Taker
Scotty McNally	Bob Gardiner	Ivan Kelly	Pam Carne	Mel Gray	Keith Waller

### UPCOMING DUTY ROSTER

DATE	20th. August 2019	27th. August 2019	3rd. September 2019
DINNER FEES	Len Winter	Pam Carne	Ray Stanwell
GRACE & LOYAL TOAST	Paul Reid	Gary Raymond	Jack Kestle
INTERNATIONAL CLUB RECOGNITION	Jack Kestle	Manie Stalker	Ted Powell
PROGRAM CHAIR	Mel Gray	Mel Gray	Mel Gray
NOTE TAKER	Russell Ashley	Geetha Eruvatt	Ivan Kelly

### UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

DATE	AUGUST - SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER - NOVEMBER
13th. August 2019	Geetha Eruvatt - The National Day of India
20th. August 2019	David Bamford - Preparations for Grace's Place
27th. August 2019	David Bamford - Preparations for Grace's Place Continued
3rd. September 2019	DG Dianne North - Official DG Visit

7th. September 2019	Soil Turning event at Grace's Place including a BBQ
8th. September 2019	Spring Horse Show in Clarendon
10th. September 2019	Dr. Robert Johnson - Veterinary Association
13th. October 2019	Annual Pet Festival in Blacktown
19th. October 2019	Fairwater BBQ in Blacktown
Citizenship Ceremonies for Blacktown Council	31st. October. Please confirm with David if you are able to assist
23rd. November 2019	Anita Cobby Fundraising Dinner \$85pp till 31st. August then \$110pp from 1st. September. Tables can be booked through " <a href="https://www.stickytickets.com.au">stickytickets.com.au</a> " Tables are for 6. See David for further details.
27th. November 2019	Annual Seniors Luncheon. (Setup is on the 26th).
1st. til the 24th. December	Christmas Gift Wrapping

### ROTARY GRACE

O Lord & giver of all good  
We thank thee for our daily food  
May Rotary friends & Rotary 8th.ways  
Help us to serve thee all our days.

### THE 4 WAY TEST

Is it the TRUTH?  
Is it FAIR to all concerned?  
Will it build GOODWILL &  
BETTER FRIENDSHIP?  
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all?

## INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

**Date joined our Club** - Manie Stalker 7th. Ray Stanwell 18th.

**Birthdays for August.** Keith Waller 2nd. Ted Powell 13th. Chetan Patel 22nd. Ray Stanwell 27th.  
Len Winter 28th. Tony Orr 31st.

**Partners Birthdays for August.** Lorina Dickens 14th. Julie Waller 22nd. Lyn Bamford 31st.

**Wedding Anniversary's in August.** Manie & Nicole Stalker 8th.

### CLOSEST MAKE UP CLUBS

Holroyd - Mondays 6.00pm for 6.30 Merrylands Bowling Club  
Mt. Druitt - Wednesdays in the Bistro 6pm for 6.30 before heading to the meeting rooms.  
St. Mary's - Tuesdays 6.00pm - 7pm & then for a meal 7.00 to 8pm a meeting room in the St. Mary's Band Club.  
1st; 2nd. & Tuesday of the month.

## A REMINDER FROM PAM

**APOLOGIES & OR GUESTS NAMES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS ARE REQUIRED BY MID-DAY MONDAY. PLEASE TEXT OR PHONE PAM ON 0414764604 IF YOU HAVE A GUEST OR CAN'T ATTEND. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU ARE ON THE DUTY ROSTER TO ASSIST FOR THE NIGHT & ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING COULD YOU ASK ANOTHER MEMBER TO TAKE YOUR PLACE FOR THAT NIGHT.**

## LAST WEEKS NOTES WERE TAKEN BY PAUL

President Mel opened the meeting and welcomed our guest speaker, Sally Hetherington from Human and Hope Association Cambodia & Nanette Belista, Elizabeth Ampere and Bipan Adhikari

Rotary Grace & the Loyal Toast was led by Jack Kestle & Ted Powell read the International Toast.

Tonight, along with the National day of Bolivia celebrated on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August, we acknowledge the Rotary club of Sucre. It was established in 1931 and it has 43 members. The president is Hugo Mollinedo Martinet and the secretary Eduardo Irusta Fernández. Bolivia is a country in central South America. The country has two capitals, La Paz and Sucre. La Paz is the capital, where the seat of government is and Sucre is the capital as described in the Bolivian constitution. Roughly 11 million people live in Bolivia. Bolivia has the world's largest salt flat, which covers 10,582 square kilometres of the area and is 3,656 meters above sea level. It is almost 100 times larger than the famous Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah, USA. It contains 50 to 70% of the world's lithium reserves. The North Yungas Road, which is also known as the Road of Fate or Death Road, is in Bolivia. It is 56 kilometres long, and as per an estimate, nearly 200-300 people died from falling off the road every year. San Pedro prison in Bolivia is another tourist attraction. Unlike other prisons around the world, this special prison permits its inmates to live with their families, work, earn and even buy or rent their accommodations.



Ladies guests and fellows give you the Rotary Club of Sucre

**President Mel** advised that the date for the Forbes visit has been changed to the 9th & 10th November 2019. We will be staying at the Lakes Motel and need to advise Pam if you are going and what style of room you require. President Mel also contacted Helen Pitt from Rotary Club of Forbes and offered a "Buddy Bench" which was gratefully accepted. President Mel also gave an update on the Variety Night to be held 1 October 2019. All bookings have been confirmed and menus chosen, expecting around 100/120 attendees.

Proceeds of the night are for purchase of equipment for Neo Natal Ward at the Blacktown Hospital with any surplus funds raised to go to the Forbes visit. Spiro has sourced a split air-conditioning system as a prize, Rob has sourced a painting and Pam has donated three "African" style paintings. Members wishing to volunteer to assist on further organisation of the evening are very welcome.

President Mel also presented Paul Reid with a double Ruby pin for contributions to The Rotary Foundation.



**Treasurer Russell** advised that all but one member has paid their annual dues. He is also looking for more "sawdust" to refill the snake for his front door.

**Keith Waller** that planning for Vocational activities for the year are well in hand & he has a young neighbour who is looking for 1 week's work experience as a journalist or in legal services if anyone can assist with a contact.

**Rob Smith** reported; BBQ at Fairview estate last Sunday was a success with favourable comments received from those attending and the staff from Frasier Developments who put on the day. Rob thanked Jack, Pam, Keith, Michael, Paul and Julia for their assistance during the day.

**Tess Sayas** reported that we now have "36 teams" for the Golf Day and this is the maximum number that can play. Volunteers needed for 6.00am start to commence preparing with breakfast and registrations to commence 7.00am & helpers needed on the day 16 August 2019 to assist with setting up for lunch and selling raffle tickets etc. Tess also reported that she had two visiting Rotarians from Philippines who were attending tonight's dinner but were called away to a family function.

**Marideth Laquian** reported that she will soon be asking her committee to commence contacting local schools regarding annual Citizenship Awards. She has also contacted Sally White from Eagles Wraps to come to the club during October. Following a quick discussion that date will have to be changed with Marideth to follow up with Eagles Wraps.

**Sergeant Gary Raymond** again conducted an entertaining fines session.

### OUR GUEST SPEAKER LAST WEEK SALLY HERRINGTON

Treasurer Russell introduced Sally Herrington then gave an interesting and informative presentation on the Human and Hope Association in Cambodia.

Sally initially told us a little of her story firstly asking "What do you think it looks like, seeing a family living in poverty with no safety net, no government support and no hope for the future?" It was this image that led her to pack her bags and head off to Cambodia to try to make a difference. She intended to stay for 15 months but instead stayed for over 5 years. Cambodia is the poorest ASEAN country with

35% of its people living in multidimensional poverty. When she moved to Cambodia Sally initially worked as a volunteer coordinator managing short term foreign volunteers at a school for disadvantaged children, where she witnessed the local staff becoming complacent and disempowered as the foreign volunteers took over their jobs. With her job of organising rich philanthropists coming and playing with the children for an afternoon, using their money to help the school going from month to month. Sally realised she wasn't solving a problem but creating an even greater one. She saw two choices, try and change the school from within or run away back home. Fortunately she did neither and was introduced to a nightly English school called "Human and Hope Association". The school was opened for two hours an evening and run by Cambodian volunteers, teaching English and Buddhist morality for 50c to \$1 a month.

Sally joined the team and set out to have them registered as a reputable NGO, on the condition to stop the foreign volunteer program. This was done with some of the volunteers being employed and setting about developing a range of programs to support whole families to move out of poverty. The

Association runs preschool program, education programs, vocational programs, domestic violence workshops, road safety workshops hygiene workshops and farming training. The aim of the education program is to supplement the public school education of children. The classes are conducted by local teachers with university level training. Students are taught both English and Khmer. They have a 90% pass rate with the average student completing the English program in 4 years. The preschool program was launched to cover those children who had no other option but to go and work with their parents. In daily classes they are taught to read and write in their native language, also doing craft, playing with toys and spending time in the library.

The main vocational program is teaching women to sew and most can earn an income after 3 months. The school also provides Microfinance loans to buy sewing machines. The program also includes life skills training covering domestic violence, child protection, family planning and hygiene.

Through the domestic violence workshops there has been a reported 80% reduction in domestic violence amongst those who attend.

Sally was successful in making the Association self-sufficient and herself redundant and returned home in 2017, with Human and Hope continuing and lead the way with a locally run ethical community centre.

Russell thanked Sally for her most interesting and informative presentation and presented him with a gift about what Rotary does, a pen made by Mel & a photo of her evening.

### PHOTOS FROM LAST WEEKS MEETING



From the top left: Russell & Pam, Mel, Chetan, Dick & Rob, Guests Elizabeth Ampere, Nanette Belista & Sally Herrington, Roma, Marideth, Pam, Spiro & Bob, Russell, Keith, Ray & Russell, Jack, Marideth & Roma, Ted, Rob, Keith, Russell, Mel & Paul after receiving his double Ruby Pin, Tess, Gary, a group photo of members, Russell, Sally & Mel & a photo of Susan & Gener Balanay with Tess & Atoy. Susan is a past President of the Intramuros Club in the Philippines.

"Please note that after Russell had complained about not having a photo in last weeks newsletter I have hopefully satisfied his request".



## DISTRICT SECRETARY'S REPORT

**ROTARY100DOWNUNDER:** Rotary "Down Under" will mark an epic milestone in April 2021, when districts, clubs and Rotarians from across our regions celebrate 100 years of doing good in the community, both at home and abroad. Many centenary projects are already underway, and the R100 team is calling on all Australian, New Zealand and Pacific Island Rotarians to add their own local flavour to these joint celebrations. How will your club commemorate our past 100 years of achievement and kick-off a bright new era for Rotary into the future?  
<https://rotarydownunder.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Rotary-Centenary.pdf>

**Australian Aid: Friendship Grants** are bringing local Australian community organisations into the Australian aid program by providing funding for Rotary clubs to expand or enhance their international development activities in our region. The three-year Australian Aid: Friendship Grants program will bring some of the best of these organisations into the Australian aid program by providing grants of \$30,000 to \$60,000, allowing them to expand or enhance their existing international development activities. Round 2 of the Friendship Grants is now open, and will close at 1.00pm (AEST) on 10 September 2019.

**The Rotary Club of Sydney Inner West** invites Rotarians and friends to the *Spring into Spring Dinner Dance* at Balmain Bowling Club, 156 Darling St Balmain on Saturday, September 21st at 6.30pm.  
\$75.pp Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BEID1>

**Mark Anderson** at the Presidents Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> July gave details of the **Polio Train Ride** which starts in Cronulla at 4.33AM and finishes at Tallawong at 10.52PM on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019. The correct timetable is attached (Plan C) so that no will miss joining Rotarians on the train. List the *Save the Date* in the club's diary to join Rotarians and friends and ensure another very successful community project.

**DGN Jeremy Wright** invites all Rotarians and friends to participate in **Red Nose Day** on Friday 9th August 2019. The Sudden Infant Death Research Foundation Inc. now known as Red Nose, was founded by a group of parents in 1977 following the deaths of their infants to SIDS. Among these families were DGN Jeremy Wright who was instrumental in starting the first Red Nose Day in 1988. For more information see  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sudden\\_infant\\_death\\_syndrome](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sudden_infant_death_syndrome).

Ian Scott, from the Rotary Club of Mornington in Victoria, was so moved by the impact of SIDS on families that he resolved to set up a fund to support research on this and other family health problems. This resulted in the establishment of the **Australian Rotary Health Research Fund** (later called ARH). The Fund offered its first research grants in 1985. The Fund initially supported research on sudden infant death syndrome, including a project which showed that prone sleeping position of the infant was a major risk factor. An information campaign following this research led to a rapid fall in the deaths from SIDS in Australia.

**DG Dianne** announces that at **District Conference 2020**, to be held in Wollongong from 20th to 22nd March 2020, two **Vocational Excellence Awards** will be presented to members of our community to honour their outstanding contribution in their vocational field in Australia. We want to acknowledge their enthusiasm and give recognition to these exceptional achievers. We want to demonstrate to others, particularly our young people, the need to strive for vocational excellence for the benefit of all. The nominee must work or reside in District 9675. If you think you know of someone who fits these criteria please fill out the nomination form attached. Applications close on 31st. October. Please contact David Bamford or myself if you request a nomination form.

**The Rotary Club of Sylvania**, which was chartered on the 7th. February 1991 with 27 members, was sadly farewelled on Wednesday 7th. August 2019. The evening was a celebration of their memorable years with over 70 people attending, including three of their charter members who still remained as members. The club was originally sponsored by the Caringbah Rotary Club but unfortunately they were unable to continue, and they handed in their charter on 30th. June 2019. Many of the local Rotary Clubs attended the evening with many Rotarians sharing memories of the club's achievements. President Donna Wallace and Secretary Wendy Davis were both presented with a PHF in recognition of the great service they gave to their club and to their community. Most of the club members have found homes in other local Rotary Clubs and will continue with their *Service above Self*.

**The Rotary Fitness website** has been reborn and includes a great story on City2Surf which will be held this coming Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> August. See photos of the Legends who have participated in every City2Surf since it started almost 50 years ago. They all wear bright yellow Australian Rotary Health shirts and fundraise for ARH. Read about one of these Legends - our very own Keith Henning and DG Dianne is also mentioned. Rotarians can click on the links and donate too ARH on either Keith or Dianne's fundraising page. The calendar on the website allows clubs to list their health and sports-related fundraising events. There are other stories to read such as adventures in Nepal, running in Hamburg and the Rotary Henley on Todd Regatta. Please check the website: <https://activerotarians.org/> for details.



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President

Dear Friends at the Rotary Club of Blacktown,

I write to thank you for the donation of \$500 towards the work of The Salvation Army Blacktown City.

We received this donation through the Police Officer of the Year award and we are grateful for the networking and shared interests in our community at Blacktown.

We pray God's blessing on you each and we pray for a safer Blacktown City community.

With blessings

Glenn

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "G. Price", written over a horizontal line.

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