Rotary Macarthur Sunrise

DECEMBER 2023

Quo Vadimus

Where are we going?

The Bulletin for the Macarthur Sunrise Rotary Club, District 9675
Wednesday 6th December 2023
Solis Ortus (Sunrise) Campbelltown 5:38am

From the President

Good morning "Funrisers"

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, well, the parties and Carols have certainly started around Macarthur, even though many had difficulties with the weekend storms.

Last week we were privileged to have DG Tonia with us for our end of month social evening, a wonderful night where she was able to assist with the induction of new member, Lee Cummins. We were also able to surprise Secretary, Cathie Richardson, with the presentation of a Paul Harris Fellow Sapphire (2) pin. Cathie's recognition was scheduled for our changeover evening, however, with John and herself travelling overseas it was not possible at that time. Congratulations Cathie and welcome to our club and the world of Rotary, Lee.

DG Tonia spoke on District matters, inspired members to use the District web page and learning modules and spoke on the Koala challenge which we already have well in hand. Our thanks to Tonia for giving so generously of her time and the relaxed and welcome presentation.

These last two weeks have been busy with attendance at the District AGM and Presidents meeting, Ingleburn Rotary's Christmas Party and, with other members, the 10th Annual DV Breakfast at Camden Civic Centre. Congratulations to the Wollondilly Macarthur DV Committee for the function and the work they are doing in our community, it is wonderful to think that we have supported this group for many years and, in particular, the Blue Wren House project.

This Saturday, 9th December, we will be joining with the other Macarthur Rotary Clubs and Police for the "Rotary Says No to DV" walk at Mount Annan Gardens. Meet at the Lakeside Lawn at 9.30am wear a purple or club shirt (maybe add a little purple somewhere), comfortable shoes, hat and BYO lunch for picnic on the lawn following the walk. It would be great if as many members as possible, friends and relatives could also join us for the day.

It was terrific to receive Certificates from The Rotary Foundation for our financial support of End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign and also acknowledgement that, we are now a Club Annual Donor Level 2, which means, on a per capita basis, we have made donations of $250 per head to the Foundation.

Congratulations, you have all contributed to the raising of these funds which do such great work in our world.

Thank you to those members who have accepted a nomination to serve on our board for the coming years, I know it may seem daunting at the moment, however, there is so much to be learned about Rotary and I am sure you will enjoy the experience.

Next week will be our final meeting for the year and it is appropriate that we celebrate Christmas in style at the Mount Annan Gardens Café. Christmas outfits will be appropriate (a chance for great photos) and, who knows, Santa may/may not appear!
Particularly at this time, we are sending our love and support to any member who is not well or cannot be with us at the moment, please let us know if there is anything we can do to assist at any time.

As always, our year is full of endless opportunities, our challenge is to *CREATE HOPE in the WORLD*.

President Barbara

CREATE HOPE in the WORLD



MEETING DETAILS

Wednesdays 6:45 for 7:00am start.
(Except last Wednesday of the month)
Sugar Mint Cafe
Unit 1, 13 Blaxland Road
Campbelltown, NSW 2560

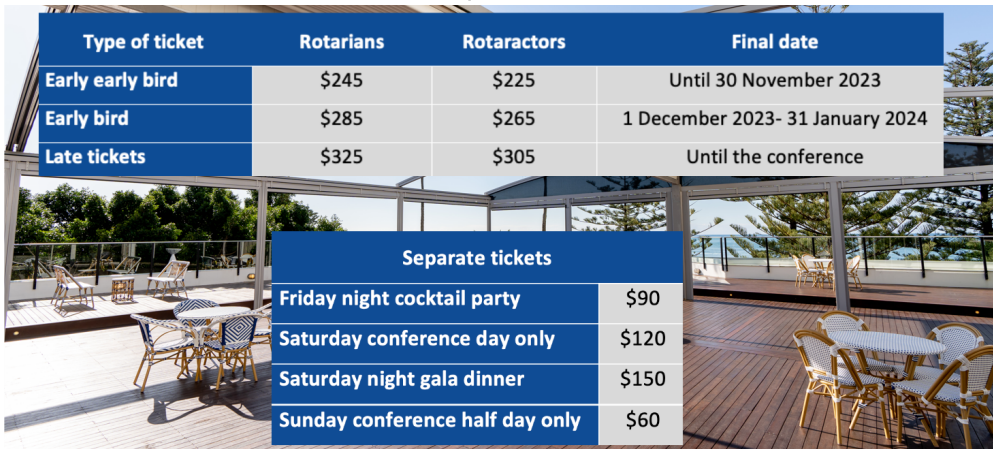
DISTRICT 9675 CONFERENCE

LET'S ASPIRE TOGETHER

8 - 10 MARCH 2024

To book tickets head to
https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1103966

Early Bird tickets are available until the 31st of January, so get in quick!



Type of ticket	Rotarians	Rotaractors	Final date
Early early bird	$245	$225	Until 30 November 2023
Early bird	$285	$265	1 December 2023- 31 January 2024
Late tickets	$325	$305	Until the conference

Separate tickets	
Friday night cocktail party	$90
Saturday conference day only	$120
Saturday night gala dinner	$150
Sunday conference half day only	$60

District Governor Tonia Barnes and the Conference Team are hard at work finalising the program so keep an eye on the conference page as it will be updated over the coming weeks.

Some of the speakers include Costa Georgiadis, Lyn Worsley, Clary Castrission, Jennifer Scott AM and Ken Hutt.











CALENDAR 2023

DECEMBER	
Wed 6th	Meeting at Sugar Mint Café AGM Board Meeting 8am
Wed 13th	Christmas Breakfast Meeting @ Mount Annan Botanic Gardens – 8:30am
Wed 20th	No meeting
Wed 27th	No meeting

Please check the Green Book for more details, tick to say if you are coming or not and if you are bringing anyone with you.



Information to be included in the newsletter must be received by 5pm on the 1st & 3rd Monday of the month before the meeting. Please send to macarthursunrise@gmail.com



This year, RI President R. Gordon R. McInally is encouraging Rotary members to create a culture of care, both within Rotary and around the world, by making mental health a priority. In a caring culture, leaders and members focus on helping each other thrive.

December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month.

Disease prevention and treatment is one of the Rotary Foundation Areas of Focus. And for good reason. The health and vitality of a person, a family and a community can be seriously impaired by what in many cases is a preventable disease. Disease prevention is really a keystone to progress in other areas as well because of the interplay with other areas of focus like Water and Sanitation and Maternal & Child Health.

The eradication of polio has of course been Rotary International's s major worldwide, corporate effort since the early 1980's. And remarkable progress has been made. The job is not finished however, and you can rest assured that we will not, cannot, set this torch down until that job is finished.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Brian Pritchard	Birthday	14th
Cathie and John Richardson	Wedding Anniversary	17th
Ron Kydd	Birthday	19th
Sharon Cook	Birthday	30th

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2023/2024 BOARD

President:	Barbara Edwards
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AG:	Kim Meredith
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Rotary
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Together we say

NO to **DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE**

and

YES to **RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS**

The Rotary Clubs of Macarthur are joining with local Police to organise a walk to raise awareness of the impact of Domestic and Family Violence on the community. This is part of a Rotary Multi National Campaign.

WHEN

Starting 9.30am on 9 December 2023

The walk will be at Mt Annan Botanic Gardens and is known as the Central Valley Walk. The walk will start from the Lakeside Lawn (refer to the map on the reverse side). The walk is 2.7 kilometres and will take approximately 45 minutes. Alternately there will be others walking around the lake as the Central Valley Walk has two steep inclines and may be challenging for some walkers.

After the walk there will be presentations on the impact of domestic and family violence by leaders in domestic violence and local police. We then invite you to a BYO picnic lunch on the Lawn.

WHY

In Australia, Domestic and Family Violence is disturbingly common.

It is one of the drivers of homelessness among women, children, and men. Domestic and Family Violence crosses all boundaries, race, age, financial status, education, gender, and the suburb you may live in.

1 in 6 women and 1 in 16 men have experienced physical or sexual violence by a current or former partner. Alarmingly, on average 1 woman a week and 1 man a month is killed by a current or former partner (AIHW, Family Domestic and Sexual Violence Australia 2018).

Many victims of Domestic and Family Violence will never report their experience. With many incidents unreported, Domestic and Family Violence may be much worse than we think.

FIND OUT MORE rotarydistrict9675.org



DG Tonia Barnes inducting our new Macarthur Sunrise Rotarian, Lee Cummins. Welcome Lee!



Cathie Richardson receiving her Paul Harris Fellow Sapphire (2) pin from DG Tonia Barnes

Mount Annan Botanic Gardens - Lakeside Lawn

Directions: https://maps.app.goo.gl/npKXLmSC3pRfSG8BA



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Three world-leading botanic gardens, the Australian Institute of Botanical Science and The Domain Sydney.