



# Quo Vadimus

Where are we going?



**The Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Macarthur Sunrise Inc.,**  
Macarthur Group, District 9675

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Solis Ortus (Sunrise) - Campbelltown 5:46 am

## HISTORY OF CAMPBELLTOWN

Because last week our meeting was held with the Rotary Club of Campbelltown to celebrate their birthday, our last meeting was the 31<sup>st</sup> of October. At this meeting our Guest Speaker was Jeff McGill. Jeff was the Editor of the Macarthur Advertiser and stepped down in 2015.

Jeff was honoured by the then Mayor of Campbelltown, Paul Hawker, who said “In his



role as editor at Fairfax Community Newspapers, Jeff has recognised many community minded citizens in his opinion piece, and rightly so,” “He shone a light on the hard work and generosity of our local heroes — reminding us that the sense of community we are so proud of here in Campbelltown is not a given, but the result of hard work and big hearts.

“As editor, Jeff lent his support to many community campaigns including the fight to have Minto Mall refurbished and ultimately re-opened as Minto Marketplace in 2013.

“When appropriate Jeff has challenged bad decisions and championed good ideas.

“I think we can agree that Jeff loves Campbelltown.” Cr Hawker said.

Jeff continues to contribute to the Advertiser with photographs.

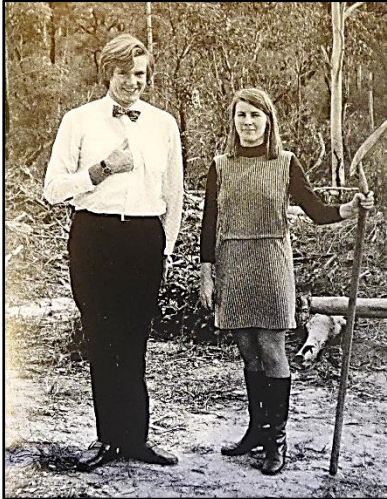
It was with photographs that Jeff spoke to us and showed us his book, published in 2017, entitled *Pictorial History (of) Campbelltown & District*. Jeff had only a few copies with him and they went very quickly but, he assured us, they are available at book shops.

Jeff explained that the term “Macarthur” came about because the official name was South Western Sydney and Environs. Since the Macarthurs had such a huge impact on our locality, it was thought to be appropriate to use the name as a reference. There is even a Rotary Club of Macarthur Sunrise!

Jeff’s book isn’t just pictures and deals with the history of Campbelltown by nine sections. It starts with 1788-1820 and then progresses in sections of around twenty years.

Also, of interest is the reason that we are Campbelltown. This comes from the maiden name of the wife of Governor Macquarie, who was Elizabeth of the Clan Campbell of Cawdor. Originally the locality was two words; Campbell Town. There is a statue of Elizabeth in Mawson Park near St Peters Church where the town was declared.

Some of the more recent history is of immediate interest to the members of the Rotary Club of Macarthur as it includes an historical photograph of some settlers in the area now known as Kentlyn.



Here is a picture of two settlers of interest. On the left is young architect Ron Kydd and with him is Sydney Morning Herald Reference Librarian, Raewyn Sinclair (apparently the worker) posing on the bushland block that they purchased and resided on in an old caravan until they could build their dream home. Raewyn later became the Director of Community and Cultural Services at the Campbelltown Council. First woman to hold such a position of senior rank.

Both Ron and Raewyn became members of the Rotary Club of Macarthur Sunrise with Ron the Charter President.

Regretfully, Raewyn passed away just over two years ago but Ron remains a member.

## A WORD FROM PRESIDENT BEC

Good morning Sunrisers! I hope that you are all well and ready to take on the festive season that has come around way too quick. Starting with the End Polio movie night. Wasn't it fabulous? Thank you Denise for your organisation with Aaron from Camden. A number of us attended Campbelltown Rotary's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday. A great night was had by all with Rob contributing with a speech.

I was unable to attend the District AGM. Thank yous to Anita and Denys for representing our club.

Saturday night was our 10<sup>th</sup> year of *Discobility*. What a cracker of a night with so much enjoyment had by all. Congrats Anita, and thank you to Sal, for attending and to the band of merry Sunrisers. I know we get far more out of the event than we put in.

I dropped in to see Christmas at Narellan to check out the Narellan sausage turning skills.

Sunday, I attended the opening of Narellan Rotary's Brownlow Hill Memorial. Beautiful morning; "lest we forget".

Board meeting today and AGM next week. Please keep me updated on what you are all doing. Love to see emails from you all. Have a great week people and keep the smile bright.

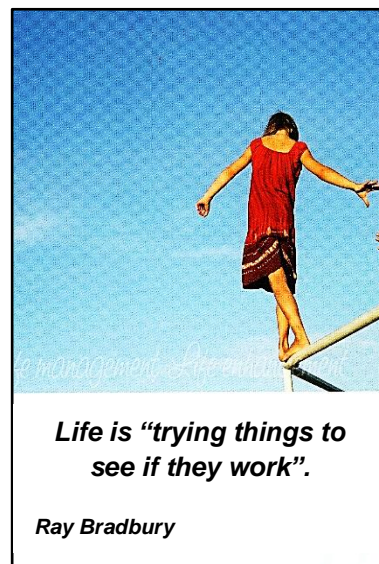
## BEC'S SHOUTOUT

Mega amount of admiration and thanks to Denise for organising over 180 people that had such a great night. And thank you for attending foundation training which allows us to apply for district grants.

Blessed to have you as my PP but more importantly my friend.

*Take care*

**President Bec Purcell**



## ANNIVERSARIES

This period appears to be very popular for Weddings. We actually have three anniversaries to note:

- 8 Nov: Anita and Rick Robinson
- 16 Nov: Greg and Simone Warren
- 17 Nov; Terry and Judy Bradbury

Then we had one birthday. The 6<sup>th</sup> of November was Greg Warren's birthday.

Finally, the 9<sup>th</sup> of November was the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Denys's arrival in Australia.

Our best wishes to all of them.

**Did you know on  
the Canary  
Islands there is  
not one canary?  
And on the  
Virgin Isles?  
Same thing - not  
one canary there  
either!**

## COMING UP

Please check the **GREEN BOOK** for what is coming up and tick to say if you are coming or not and also if you are bringing anyone with you.

Date	Event
Wed 14 Nov	Board Meeting
Fri 16 Nov	Bunnings BBQ
Sun 18 Nov	Harmony Walk for Unity
Wed 21 Nov	Our AGM* Next Gen Charter night please book online for this evening ASAP \$55
Mon 26 Nov	Foundation Dinner Speaker. Ian Riseley. Waterview Sydney Olympic Park. \$75 per head. Book through District site
Sat 1 Dec	Sugarloaf, Dressage
Sun 2 Dec	Sugarloaf, Dressage
Wed 5 Dec	White Ribbon Day Breakfast, Camden 6:45am
Wed 5 Dec	Club Christmas Party at Melaluca House, 6:30pm
Fri 14 Dec	Bunnings BBQ
Tue 25 Dec	Merry Christmas
Wed 26 Dec	No Meeting
Tue 1 Jan	Happy New Year
Wed 2 Jan	No Meeting
Wed 9 Jan	Business as usual. Venue TBA
Fri Sat Sun 15-17 Mar	<b>District Conference</b> Bankstown Sports Club 8 Greenfield Parade Bankstown, NSW 2200

Bookings for the District Conference are now open. Early Birds get a good discount. See the District 9675 Web Site.

Nomination forms for the AGM have been e-mailed to members. Think about whether you can be on the Board.

Return to Secretary Denys.



## DISTRICT 9675 AGM

Last Friday was the District 9675 AGM. It was held at the Bankstown Sports Club which is the venue for the District Conference next year.

Certificates and Banners were presented to those who made special efforts over the year. We were awarded a certificate for our contribution to the Eradicate Polio Campaign.

Comment was made regarding Rotary membership. Overall numbers are lower although 9675 is doing well. It appears that the average age is now 71. This means that we need not only more female members but also younger members. For us this isn't a complete problem since our average age is 65 and we have 63% female members.

We certainly do want more members. Rotaract, is strong and may well be a solution.



The AGM, of course, also elected a District Governor Nominee who will take the position in 2021-2022. The person elected to the position is Edie Ledet from the Rotary Club of Sydney Cove. Edie is currently the Assistant Governor for the Sutherland Shire.

Another matter of interest, and with more to follow, is the possibility of the amalgamation of Districts 9675 and 9685. District 9675 is of course us and 9685 is the adjoining District to the North. Amalgamation would then make the Sydney Region into a single Rotary District.

The possible amalgamation will be the subject of discussion in the new calendar year. We can expect some material outlining the reasons for the change. The main advantage that was mentioned was that it would give a bigger area to seek support.

The Clubs, on receipt of the proposal, will consider the matter and will submit a vote for or against the idea.

Finally, we were encouraged to book now for the 2019 District Conference and so save some money. Do this by going to the District Web Site; <https://rotarydistrict9675.org/>

## Conference 2019

**When:** 15-17 March 2019  
**Where:** Bankstown Sports Club  
8 Greenfield Parade  
Bankstown  
**Cost:** \$195  
(early bird, all events)

