

Bulletin #21 2023-2024

President Greg Byers **Secretary** Catriona Jarman **Treasurer** Peter Holland

Next meeting is at the Royal Hotel at 1830hrs for 1900hrs.

Duty Rota

If you cannot fulfill your duties please arrange someone else and inform Pres. .

Date	4th December	11th December	18th December
Guest Speaker	Video for Ukraine Project Gary Doherty	Club Night Behind the Badge	Xmas at Fred's Shed more info to come
Chair	Gary Doherty	Ruth Byers	
Greeter	Jane Challis	Chris Bence	
Loyal Toast	Tony Woodhouse	Trevor Harmes	
Cashier	Ann Pritchard	David Freeman	

Invocation ALL

*For Good Food, Good Fellowship and the Opportunity to Serve through
Rotary We Give Thanks*

Gary D was our Chair tonight. After he said hello he invited our Stand in President Jane Challis to speak. Jane thanked us all for coming and welcomed our Guest Rotarians Grant and Russel who do presentations about Wheelchairs for Kids. Jane asked us to forgive the hotch potch delivery of both her and Gary. (no help sheet to follow).

Back to Gary for the Invocation and toasts presented by Jane. Tonight we toasted the Rotary Club of Conway 6170, USA. This Club is the home of Chris Sweeney who developed the template for the Rotary websites. They meet Thursday at 12noon, at the Hole in the Wall café. There are 60 members and do a lot of events for service.



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Gary then called for reports of which there were none but there was some info for members. The Xmas party is on the 18th December at Fred's Shed. More info will follow shortly. Next we heard from Jane that Fiona was home after her operation and was contemplating rest and recovery over the next few weeks. Gary indicated that we should send some flowers and a card to which Jane said she would look after it.

Our Presentation tonight is from Grant and Russel on Wheelchairs for Kids.



The world over, millions of children with disabilities can't get access to adequate wheelchairs - and the impact on their quality of life is profound.

Many are forced to live on the earthen floor of huts or wait to be carried, making them more vulnerable to disease, malnutrition and armed conflict, as well as experiencing lower education attainment and higher rates of poverty.

Wheelchairs for Kids is a volunteer-based not-for-profit organisation providing the transformative gift of mobility to children in impoverished and under resourced communities both in Australia and around the globe.

Who is Wheelchair for Kids?

- 📄 An Australian Rotary success story with global reach, started in 1998.
- 📄 An entirely volunteer-based project, Wheelchairs for Kids is dedicated to providing wheelchairs for free to children in need
- 📄 We are a registered charity established by the Rotary Club of Scarborough, supported by the Christian Brothers
- 📄 We have over 800 volunteers (250 rostered in the workshop and 550 at home)
- 📄 Australian designed and meets World Health Organisation (WHO) standards



- 📄 We work with disability centres across over 90 countries
- 📄 All wheelchairs are fitted locally by qualified clinicians

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Benefits for the children

- ☐ Life changing impact for the whole family
- ☐ Also has a big impact on extended family
- ☐ Provided opportunity for education that may not have been possible before
- ☐ Reduces vulnerability to disease
- ☐ Reduces burden on the family
- ☐ Improved self esteem
- ☐ Allows them to be more integrated to the family

In September 2021, Wheelchairs for Kids produced their 50,000th wheelchair, since commencing production in 1998.

As at March 2023, 55,000 chairs have been produced and shipped.

Wheelchair for Kids can double production if there are the funds to do so.

What we need help with

- ☐ Raising Awareness / Funds
- ☐ Wheelathons
- ☐ Ritchies Community Benefits Program
- ☐ Doing presentation
- ☐ Adding people to our team

Running Wheelathons

- ☐ We are looking for primary schools who would like to get involved
- ☐ We need connections



Disability centres in the needy countries provide continued support for the child and the chair until 16 years of age. That chair may be passed on to another child.

People who wish to visit the factory may do so by getting in contact; see website.
wheelchairsforkids.org.

Wheelchairs Dispatched since 1998

AFGHANISTAN	1	INDONESIA (TOTAL)	3224	PERU	2
ALBANIA	40	BALI	2176	PHILIPPINES	1642
ANGOLA	50	FLORES IS.	20	ROMANIA	132
ARMENIA	302	JAVA	445	RWANDA	166
AUSTRALIA (TOTAL)	25	LOMBOK	547	SAMOA	231
COCOS IS.	1	SALATIGA	8	SEYHELLES	60
BANGLADESH	671	SUMATRA	28	SIERRA LEONE	495
BELARUS	131	IRAN	22	SINGAPORE	1
BHUTAN	8	IRAQ	1949	SOLOMON IS.	364
BORNEO	340	JORDAN	271	SOMALIA	332
BOSNIA	100	KENYA	2577	SOMALILAND	110
BOTSWANA	1	KIRIBATI	338	SOUTH AFRICA	123
BRAZIL	2	LAOS	90	SOUTH KOREA	20
BULGARIA	25	LEBANON	673	SRI LANKA	2207
BURKINA FASO	164	LIBERIA	181	SUDAN	60
BURUNDI	22	LIBYA	340	SYRIA	507
CAMBODIA	1265	MADAGASCAR	56	TAIWAN	50
CAMEROON	1	MALAWI	2544	TANZANIA	2928
CANADA	2	MALAYSIA	7	THAILAND	338
CHINA	1745	MALDIVES	4	TIMOR LESTE	1156
COOK ISLANDS	5	MAURITANIA	75	TONGA	16
D.R. OF CONGO	1072	MAURITIUS	271	TUVALU	6
EGYPT	665	MOLDOVA	40	UGANDA	2316
EL SALVADOR	1	MONGOLIA	938	UKRAINE (TOTAL)	20
ETHIOPIA	100	MOROCCO	1315	CHERNIVTSI	25
FUJI (TOTAL)	690	MOZAMBIQUE	439	CHERNOBYL	60
BA	2	MYANMAR	2835	USA	2
NADI	8	NAURU	10	VANUATU	383
ONO - I-LAU	10	NEPAL	352	VIETNAM	8056
SAVU SAVU	40	NIGERIA	456	YEMEN	166
SUVA	630	PAKISTAN	848	ZAMBIA	1684
GHANA	234	PALESTINE - GAZA	656	ZIMBABWE	486
GUINEA	1	PAPUA N.G. (TOTAL)	2225		
INDIA	368	BOUGAINVILLE	6		

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FINANCIAL YEAR
DISPATCH

JUL	868
AUG	0
SEPT	672
OCT	390
NOV	82
DEC	226
JAN	235
FEB	173
MAR	347
APR	
MAY	
JUN	
TOTAL	2993

54,911



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The Raffle tonight— Bill chose the chocs and Catriona the wine.

There were no fines this week.



Jane thanked our guests for their time and thoughtful presentation. While this was going on Gary raided the nooks and crannies of his car and found \$275 which he gave to Wheelchairs for Kids. He hoped that the board will look favourably on approving funds to this worthy Rotarian project.

Next week we have the presentation on the orphans in Ukraine.

Upcoming Events			
2023			
<i>Month</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Organiser</i>
November	29	BBQ lunch for Council event Goulburn Park	Peter Holland
December	17	Community Market	Mark Dosser
	18	Xmas Party At Fred S's Shed	Ruth Byers
2024			
January	26	Australia Day Celebrations	John Keefe
February	25	Charity Golf Day	Peter Holland

I found it difficult to do justice to the presentation tonight so please visit the website or talk to one of the attendees for more information. Ann P.

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