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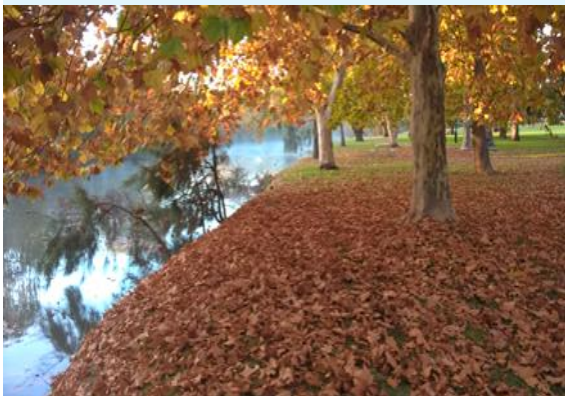
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Serving Mudgee
1937-2017



ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

Congratulations!

**Sof Lee, was inducted as the Club's
2017-2018 President at our
Changeover on 3rd June.**



Sof has assembled a great Board for the year. He will be supported by a blend of experienced Rotarians combined with newer members whose business experience will help the continued growth and vibrancy of our Club.

president's report

It has been a great year for our club under the leadership of Graham Taylor. The club has achieved so much – and now that the responsibility has been passed on to me, what am I supposed to do? Congratulations to Graham for a much deserved Paul Harris award – Rotarians from far afield were standing up to pay respect for the achievement of Graham. The celebration of the 80th club birthday was one of the greatest events that I've attended, much enjoyment, fun and some humour being added impromptu, particularly Chris's joke to our MP that goes something like, "at least, one thing a polly can be useful for is taking photos" which sent the whole room roaring with laughter. That's what happens when a club has a performing arts actor in the membership mix.

The Presidential theme for the coming year "**Rotary, Making a Difference**" focusses on membership diversity as a means of ensuring Rotary remains the pre-eminent volunteer service. We, as a club, must continue the success we've achieved so far, work together, promote the club to the community, gain new members and help in areas where it's most needed.

Hope that you've been energised by the presentation last weekend, particularly on achievements we have made and be a proud member of the club.

The meeting last week was cancelled due to sudden cancellation of venue by MGC at around 1 pm. This didn't allow us time to find another venue. Moving on from now, our plan B will be an alternative meeting venue at PCYC. Thanks to Railene for making this available to us.

Best wishes, Sof.

Tonight
Karin Sheedy
President
Mudgee Golf Club



**JUN
13**

Next Week

Hayley Gray
CWA President—Mudgee



**JUN
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TEAMWORK
MAKES
the
DREAM
WORK

Last October our Board considered a concept tabled by Bob Stanley to hold a combined joint 80th Anniversary, Changeover and Community Awards night. The goal was to hold a memorable dinner that showcased our Club's past achievements and serve as an inspirational message to those present

about the work performed by our Club and other special people within our community. In essence we wanted to "reignite the community interest in our Club".

On Saturday 3rd June, after months of planning, we had the opportunity to "stand and deliver" in front of almost 70 guests. It was my final night as your President and I could not have been prouder of the Club and its members.

A huge thank you to Bob Stanley, Geoff, Des and Jan in helping with the guest list - over 100 invitations were distributed. Additional thanks to Jan in helping organise the catering with the Golf Club and dressing the tables.

Peter Windeyer—take a bow, your help in structuring the program and then handling the MC duties so capably was instrumental to the success of the evening. Athol, Bob Colley, Geoff and Paul's introduction of the award recipients was done with true professionalism and the responses by all of the awardees was equally impressive.

Brian Semmler OAM, our visiting DG representative, provided very appropriate and current input to the evening. The two Mudgee Rotary Clubs provided a fitting farewell to Youth Exchange student, Claudia and also a donation towards Andrea Holden's fundraising appeal for funds to attend the International Youth Science Forum in London during July. Andrea was a Rotary sponsored attendee at this years NYSF in Canberra and is amongst a select number of students selected to represent Australia at the International Forum in London.

Des Dowdy reluctantly relinquished the prestigious "stirrers trophy" to Chris Stephens. After accepting the award, Chris quickly reminded everyone why he won the award with a quick jibe at our guest MP— but all in good fun. Well done Chris and you join an impressive list of "stirrers."

In April last year, just like the majority of any incoming President, my goal was simply to handover the Club to the subsequent, incoming President in a slightly stronger position. Consequently, it was very humbling and a great surprise that the Club considered it appropriate to confer me with Paul Harris recognition at our dinner. Thank you to all Club members for your support and to Des for the kind words in his address.

I have received many comments from people who attended our Anniversary dinner congratulating the Club on the event and our Club's achievements over the past 80 years. I think you will find the feedback (right) to be very stimulating.

Finally, but certainly not least, my thanks to Chris Stephens for his photographic expertise. He snapped over 300 photos on the night and a small sample is included in this newsletter.

Yours in Rotary Graham

From the Secretary's Desk



A survey seeking your opinions about our club and its activities will be distributed later this week. For our new Board your responses will give guidance in planning for our Club in the coming year.

The survey is confidential and is similar to that distributed last year. It will need about 5-10 minutes of your time to complete. It will be available either online (preferred) or as a paper copy and we are looking to have all responses by 27th June.

I will then be analyzing results and Sof will present the results for discussion at the meeting on 18th July.

This is an opportunity for us to take the current Club "pulse" and also to see how we have progressed since the last survey so we need your input for a complete snapshot.

Any questions to Ross Hearne at rhearne@bigpond.net.au



★ "DG Steve had asked that I send him a copy of the presentation I made and a comment or two on the meeting. I did just that and wrote "It was a real privilege and pleasure to represent you at the Mudgee 80th and Change-over; and what an informative and fun night it was. The Club appears to be really firing." PDG BRIAN SEMMLER

★ "Congratulations on a very successful year, you must be very proud of your club's achievements over the past eighty years as it showed in your interesting speech. I was equally impressed with the power point presentation of the year's activities. When the opportunity arises, I tell Rotarians how well the two Mudgee Clubs work together which is wonderful to see, well done to members of both clubs. Thank you for a wonderful night " PDG GERARD McMILLAN

★ "Our thanks for your kind invitation to be present at that wonderful gathering in Mudgee last Saturday evening. I have been fortunate to attend many Rotary functions over the last three decades but none more enjoyable nor uplifting than your changeover. This Rotary year 2016-17 in Mudgee will be remembered in great favour. Sincere congratulations." PDG GREG BEVAN



Our 2017-18 President - Sof Lee



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1. Sof & Helen Ryan (District Governor 2017-18)
2. PDG Brian Semmler OAM inducts Sof as Club President
3. L-R PDG Greg Bevan, PP Graham Taylor, Andrew Gee MP, PDG Brian Semmler, Sof & PDG Gerard McMillan
4. Berni Acqualina & Sof



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Our 2017-18 Board Members



Bill WAUGH
Director



Ross HEARNE
Secretary



Chris STEPHENS
Treasurer



Sof LEE
President



PP Val WEBB
Director



PP Bob Stanley
Director



PP Paul O'BRIEN
Director



PP Jan O'BRIEN
Director



Mark HERFORD
President Elect



PP Graham TAYLOR
Vice President



Maurice WEBB
Director

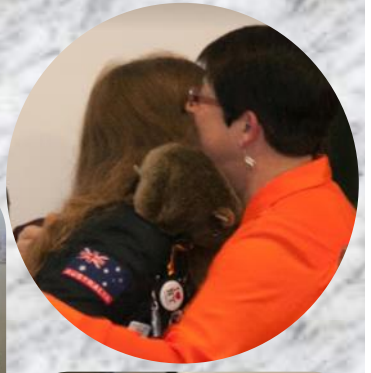
Our Community Service Awards

AWARDEES 2016/17

Mary Mitchell
Heather Rushton
Margaret O'Keefe
Laurie Dawson



Memories of our Special Night



80th
ANNIVERSARY





As mentioned by MC Peter Windeyer, the Club received many messages of congratulations from friends that could not attend our 3rd June Anniversary dinner. The names are acknowledged below. Thank you for your kind words of support.

- PP Bob Kearins -Rotary Club of Mudgee (RCM)
- PP Michael Kearins -RCM
- PP Ian Morgan -RCM
- Maurice Webb -RCM
- PP Val Webb -RCM
- Dennis de Kantzow -RCM
- PP Mal Petrie -RCM
- PP Jack Griffith -RCM
- PP Warwick Spies -RCM
- PP David Bailey -RCM
- PP Paul Fisscher -RCM
- Garry Thompson -RCM
- Graham Peggs -RCM
- Louise Wilson wife of PP Lister Wilson -RCM
- Daphne Redington wife of PP Eric Redington
- PDG Adrian Roach
- PDG Alex McHarg
- PDG Don Stephens
- PDG Peter Raynor
- PDG Ted Atchison
- PDG Peter Sivyer
- PDG Cheryl Bentley Howard
- PDG Janette Jackson
- DG Steve Jackson
- DGN Brian Coffey
- Carol Cockerill-Wright Rotary Mudgee Sunrise
- PP Joy Adams -RMS
- Howard Berridge -RMS
- Barry Tait -Rotary Nomads
- Pres Elizabeth McKay—Rylstone Kandos RC
- Cassie Jones
- Liz Brown
- Melissa & Mark James
- Alan Kerr -Mudgee Public School
- Jason Hanrahan -St Matthews Catholic School
- Andrea Lester - Cudgegong Valley Public

Please forward any items for the next Newsletter to Graham Taylor by preceding Friday.
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WHAT'S ON

June 2017

Tuesday	13th	Club Meeting Karin Sheedy President Mudgee Golf Club
Friday	16th	Kanandah Ladies 2.00pm
Tuesday	20th	Club Meeting Hayley Gray (CWA President)
Tuesday	27th	Club Meeting Jorie Stephens Poetry in Motion

July 2017

Tuesday	4th	Club Meeting Angela Trevor-Jones (Mudgee TAFE)
Fri-Sun	7th-9th	Town Hall Movies
Tuesday	11th	Club Meeting- Ruth Gobbitt (National Association for Loss & Grief)
Thursday	13th	Movie Committee Meeting
Mon-Fri	17th-21st	Meals on Wheels
Tuesday	18th	Club Meeting Budget & Member Survey Presentation
Wednesday	19th	2017 Carols Meeting 5.00pm
Friday	21st	Kanandah Ladies 2.00pm
Tuesday	25th	Club Meeting

August 2017

Tuesday	1st	Club Meeting
Fri-Sun	4th-6th	Town Hall Movies
Tuesday	8th	Daniel Kearney NSW Ambulance "Drivers to Clinicians"
Thursday	10th	Movie Committee Meeting
Tuesday	15th	Club Meeting
Friday	18th	Kanandah Ladies 2.00pm
Tuesday	22nd	Club Meeting DG Visit- Helen Ryan
Tuesday	29th	Club Meeting

We'll be sad if we don't see you at the next meeting.

If you need to give an apology for non-attendance please let our Secretary Ross Hearne know.

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