



WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Corrimal
Rotary
Club



District 9675

SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Membership & Extension Month

Tonight:
John Kewa
The ill-fated Ruby Princess
6.30 pm - Zoom Meeting



The ill-fated Ruby Princess arrived in Port Kembla during a difficult time when we were all gripped by fear and anxiety thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic. The 1,200 crew found themselves in a distressing situation which was not of their making.

I felt strongly that the crew were being 'forgotten' while the cruise ship was put under criminal investigation and authorities were focused on 'playing the blame game' for the COVID outbreak that was linked to Ruby Princess.

I am first a citizen of Wollongong and a member of my local community. My role as a Port Chaplain was secondary, especially when we were all facing the same threat. It is in that context that I reached out to citizens of Wollongong, appealing for understanding and compassion to be shown to the 1200 crew.

The response from the community was almost immediate and quite overwhelming. Soon it became clear that the Mission, along with many members of the community, accepted the challenge to change the narrative of the fearful stigma that surrounded the RP with a single aim – to protect the dignity and welfare of the seafarers.

We collected some \$80K worth of care packages which were delivered in 13 pallets. Hundreds of hand-written notes of support and solidarity and drawings from children were also collected and delivered.

The community's show of humanity in the very act of love and compassion afforded to the ship's crew made headlines in many news outlets and reached many thousands, globally.

In return, I believe, our communal act of love and compassion lifted our own spirits, especially in a time of despair and anxiety.

President's Report:

We will be hosting District Governor Jeremy Wright and all our Northern Illawarra Clubs on the 18th August. Part of the evening will include Presidents of each club outlining their goals for the coming year.

Please wear something bright and sparkly for the evening. Tonight's meeting is just as important. Looking forward to seeing you all.

President Judy

Books, Games & Puzzles:

If you have any books for children (any ages), games or puzzles that you no longer need and are happy to give to Julie Sadero for her client families – she works for SAHSSI (Supported Accommodation & Homelessness Services Shoalhaven Illawarra) – please let me know & I'll try to arrange to collect them.

Sue

Illawarra Cancer Carers Raffle:

I have a book of raffle tickets that I'm hoping to sell for the Cancer Carers. Tickets are \$5 each. There are 5 prizes (listed in last week's bulletin). All funds raised by this group are used to support Illawarra cancer patients, provide equipment for the Cancer Care Centre or Wollongong hospital, or for cancer research at UOW. Please let me know if you want to buy a ticket or transfer the cost to our account, BSB 082 916, acct number 20970 8667 and include your name. *Sue*

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Anniversaries for August:

Birthdays:

- 5 James Davey & Linda Bunclark
- 10 Sue Clark

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 12 Tim & Pam Mann
- 24 Peter & Valerie Leiner

Club Anniversaries:

- 10 Dilys Hoser (2020)
Phillip Broad (2020)
- 22 Gerri Wood (2012)
Peter Leiner (2012)

Upcoming Meetings:

- 18 Aug DG Jeremy Wright + Our Club Matters
- 25 Aug Anne Jane Linke – Seaside Scavengers
- 1 Sept Di North – Interplast
- 8 Sept Tonia Barnes – Future DG
- 15 Sept Our Club Matters
- 22 Sept To be Advised
- 29 Sept Omar Soker - Recycling

Dates to Remember:

- 17 Aug ESRAG Chapter Meeting Webinar
- 18 Aug DG Visit – Combined with Illawarra Clubs
- 16 Oct Relay4Life BBQ & Event
- 6 Nov Annual Trivia Night
- 13/14 Nov Wings of Illawarra BBQ & Event
- Postponed Days4Girls High Tea (planned for 2022)

If there are any events above which interest you, please feel free to come along or contact the Co-ordinator.

Member's Raffle:

38 Cards in the Deck - The Joker is worth \$8200.

Tickets are available at the meeting or pre-paid by EFT to Club account (BSB 062 528 Account 0090 2773)

Let me know by email you have transferred money. *Dennis*

Days4Girls High Tea

Due to CCOVID lockdown, the high tea has been posted. A new date will be advised soon.



CREG:

No clean-ups scheduled due to COVID-19 lockdown.

Reminder, if you see a Council bin overflowing, or rubbish dumped somewhere, then log onto Wollongong City Council website and report it.

The following webinar is coming up:

ESRAG's role with Climate Solutions & Project Drawdown

Tuesday 17th August

7.30 PM AEST [Register Here](#)

Peter & Dilys

Helping the Jilkminggan Community:

The Jilkminggan Community Op Shop in the Northern Territory are requesting donations of summer clothing for the remote communities in the region. In particular they have requested children's clothes including:

- Sports Shorts for both genders (footy type ones) – the girls wear these as well.
- Joggers for over 10's and pretty sandals for little girls
- Underwear all sizes
- Any summer clothes – size 2 to 16.

If you can donate, please drop items to Jean's home and she'll get them to me – I'm working with Aunty Cathy, an Illawarra Elder who is assisting remote communities as well as the local koori support community centre.

Jean & Kay

Why Support Hat Day?:

1 in 5 Aussies are affected by a mental illness every year, but it's not something we tend to talk about. These illnesses include anxiety, depression, eating disorders, dementia, schizophrenia and many more. This is why it's so important that we Lift the Lid on Mental Illness by funding mental health research. Your support helps fund important research focusing on early intervention and prevention of mental illness in young people aged 0-25. Your 2020 Hat Day event may look a little different this year with COVID-19 restrictions in place.

Here are some COVID safe ways to get involved:

- ✓ Host an online trivia/raffle session
- ✓ Sign up for a Clue Detective Puzzle Agency subscription - get together on Zoom to solve puzzles!
- ✓ Have a hat-themed meeting on Zoom (contact news@arh.org.au to organise an expert speaker)
- ✓ Decorate your own hats at home with a small group (depending on restrictions in your area).



First day back at school after lockdown 🤔 😞 🧑 🤪

