

## Meeting Notes & News 2022/23

### Tuesday 14 February 2023



### Report from President Patrick

Patrick has identified some issues that need to be considered in the near future. These include:

#### Club Survey

There will be a survey of Club Members to solicit their options of the functioning of the Club. Patrick will organise this.

#### New District D 9423

The Constitution and By-Laws for the new combined WA District, District 9423, are now available for review by Clubs. As our representative, Patrick is responsible for the Club's formal response .

#### Funding Request

Carey Baptist College has asked us to consider funding their students to take part in the VEX Student Robotics Championships to be held in Dallas in April this year. How do we feel about this?

### Thornlie High Says Thank You

On 14 February, Donna McDonald Principal of Thornlie Senior High School, presented President Patrick Bartlett with a Certificate of Appreciation for 40 years of support, by our Club, for the school and students. See below for detail.



# Club Service

## INFORMATION

Next Tuesday, 21 February, our guest will be Owen Yandell who will speak to us about his attendance at the recent National Youth Science Forum.

### CLUB NIGHT DUTIES

Tuesday 21 February 2023

**Property**

**Sindy Bishop**

**Craig Howlett**

**Attendance**

**Lloyd Dungey**

**Ric McDonald**

**Sergeant & Fines**

**Michelle Kerr**



### BRING & BUY DUTIES

Sunday 19 February 2023

**TEAM 1**

**Phil Cordery [Leader]**

**Sindy Bishop**

**Dom Manno**

**Gordon Smith**

## Award Presentations at Thornlie Senior High School

Thanks to those who attended Thornlie Senior High School on Tuesday 14 February to see Vocational Director John Stockbridge present nine Arts and Technology awards and Phil Cordery present Charlotte Fletcher with our 2022 Young Citizen of the Year Award and a Paul Harris Fellow.

### Rotary Club of Southern Districts 2022 Young Citizen of the Year

### Charlotte Fletcher

At Thornlie Senior High School, Charlotte – or Charlie, as she is known – was on the school council from Years 8 to 12 and, in her final year at school in 2022, she was elected as Head Girl.

One part of her role as Head Girl, was to attend School Board meetings, and she truly enjoyed sharing, from the student's perspective, how to better the school.

During her time at Thornlie High, Charlie participated in all of the fundraising events, such as *Jeans for Genes*, free dress days, and Trivia Nights. Her friendships were widespread and were never governed by age or gender. If she saw someone sitting on their own during lunch or recess, she would reach out to them to make sure they were doing OK. She was a great role model. Many of the younger students can testify how she counselled and mentored them.

Charlie has always had the ability to talk with adults and students, regardless of who they were or where they came from. She can often be seen talking to an elderly lady at the shops, or someone she has served at work, always smiling and forever complimenting people.

When Charlie was four years old, her sister Lola was born with Cerebral Palsy and needed around-the-clock care. Immediately Charlotte rose to the occasion. Charlie has been more than just a big sister to Lola; she has become her best friend, her therapist and her role model. Charlie now takes her sister to dance class for children with special needs and helps take the classes for all the children who attend. Charlie goes to and participates in Lola's school carnivals and readily gets involved in the events.

Charlie would like to eventually work in the field of Occupational Therapy to help other children just like her sister. At the moment Charlie is enrolling in an Education Assistant's course so that she will be able to work with children with disabilities until she is able to get into the Occupational Therapy course.

Recently, Charlie shaved her head for a charity event that has been instrumental in the support of her little sister. By taking part in Variety's fundraiser *Hair with Heart*, Charlie raised \$3716. At the Thornlie Senior High School Year 12 Graduation ceremony last October, The Rotary Club of Southern Districts presented Charlie with the Rotary Community Service award, and we are now honoured to recognise Charlotte Fletcher as the inaugural Rotary Club of Southern Districts 2022 Young Citizen of the Year.



*Charlotte Fletcher (front left) with her parents, sister and grandparents. Also Phil Cordery (back left) and School Principal Donna McDonald (front right).*



*John Stockbridge, Charlotte Fletcher, Donna McDonald and Mayor of Gosnells Teresa Lynes. Charlotte was presented with a glass plaque, a laminated certificate and \$500 donated by the Club.*



## Meeting Highlights

### Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC) Update

This week, Phil Cordery– in his role as ROMAC Western Region Chair – brought Club members up to date with what’s happening nationally and locally.

We were delighted to learn that baby Melanaite, who arrived in Canberra from Tonga at three weeks of age last July, is doing well. After two lengthy operations and some small doses of chemotherapy, which had no side effects, she is almost ready to travel home.

And what about ROMAC in WA ? Thanks to MLA for Thornlie Chris Tallentire, and after and the Perth Children’s Hospital last November, there was a re-drafting of the ROMAC Memorandum of Understanding [MOU], and a further meeting set with all parties Friday February 17.

Phil hopes to get the MOU signed and put in place so that we can soon see the first ROMAC Patient in WA since 2014!



*ROMAC patient Melanaite is now nearly nine months old. She’s thriving and almost ready to return home to Tonga.*



*LEFT: ROMAC Western Region Chair, Phil Cordery, presents President Patrick Bartlett with a certificate of appreciation for our donations to ROMAC.*

### Fun & Games News

Ric knew that, on the new \$5 note, the Queen will be replaced with an indigenous design. Andy knew that Rotary International will be 118 on February 23. And there was no luck with further **Trivia**.

Because no one knew that the smallest Gazetted town in WA is Kookynie in the goldfields, the **Know Your WA Jackpot** has reached eight scratchies!

Our Sergeant and Finesmaster for the evening, Malcolm, truly set the bar, bowling us over with his selections for the Southern Districts’ Twelve!

As appropriate on Valentine’s Day, Phil drew the two of hearts in **Chase the Joker**, missing out on the \$307 jackpot. The **Newsletter Puzzle** prize was won by Lloyd and Zaneta won **Heads and Tails**.



## Around the Club

- ☀ It was lovely to have Club friend – and Community Service Grant and Paul Harris Fellow – Giselle Villar join us for dinner this week. We're really hoping she'll be around a lot more often in future...as a Club member.
- ☀ Happy birthday to Treasurer Stephen. Enjoy your night off!
- ☀ Happy Rotary 'birthday' to Sandy Cream for February 16.
- ☀ A big thank you to John Rechichi, who celebrated an outstanding property sale achievement, by shouting us all a drink. What a gentleman! Congratulations, John!
- ☀ Phil has secured Ritchell Lim, who received a Shine On Award three years ago, to perform at this year's Awards dinner. She will do three or four numbers on the piano keyboard donated by the Club.
- ☀ On 7 February, John Stockbridge visited Harrisdale Senior High school to present two students with their Sloan Scholarship awards.
- ☀ Michelle Kerr was snapped 'playing hooky' at Rotary Club of Kwinana last week.



Michelle visited the Rotary Club of Kwinana on 6 February.



John Stockbridge with Sloan Scholarship awardees Keanu Niemack and Sohaila Rezae at Harrisdale Senior High School. Congratulations to you both.

## Upcoming Events

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| <b>Tue Feb 21</b> | <b>Club Night at GGC: Owen Yandell – National Youth Science Forum</b>                      |
| <b>Thu Feb 23</b> | <b>Wear Your Rotary Shirt to Work Day</b>  |
| Sun Feb 26        | Bring & Buy Markets at Maddington Central: 5.00 to 10.30am<br>Grant's Team 2 is on Duty.   |
| <b>Tue Feb 28</b> | <b>Club Night at GGC: Monica Morunga – Feed it Forward</b>                                 |
| Sun Mar 5         | Bring & Buy Markets at Maddington Central: 5.00 to 10.30am<br>Patrick's Team 3 is on Duty. |
| <b>Tue Mar 7</b>  | <b>Club Night at GGC: Ron Sloan Scholarship Night</b>                                      |
| <b>Wed Mar 8</b>  | <b>Brightwater Huntington's Campus, Piara Waters, Sod Turning Ceremony</b>                 |
| Sun Mar 12        | Bring & Buy Markets at Maddington Central: 5.00 to 10.30am<br>Murray's Team 4 is on Duty.  |



## This Week's Puzzle

Can you identify these items from the close-up photos?



## Answer to last Week's Puzzle

The odd one out is C.

There are a couple of valid reasons why: (i) C has an odd number of intersections [three] whereas all the others have an even number of intersections [two or four]; or (ii) In all the figures *apart from C*, arrangements of three lines are blue and those of four lines are red.



