



Rotary Club of Beecroft Inc

2023-24 Annual Report



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From the President



what makes all this work possible.

It has been one of my greatest privileges to serve as the President of The Rotary Club of Beecroft. I want to thank my board for the massive amount of support and work leading up to and during the 2023-24 year. I want to thank every club member for your passion and vigour towards project delivery throughout the last year. I want to thank my family and friends for supporting me throughout the last 12 months to allow me to bring as much of myself into the club as possible. I'd also like to thank all the friends and family of our board and club members for supporting them in the exact same fashion. Giving back to the community is a part of all Beecroft Rotarians' DNA and having the support and understanding from loved ones throughout the year is

Our focus coming into the 2023-24 year was to fine tune all the great work we've already had the privilege of delivering at The Rotary Club of Beecroft for over the last 50 plus years. This saw us looking at how we could enhance membership engagement and morale and implementing additional systems that would help propel us forward in the most effective way into the new age of Rotary engagement with the community and making Rotary more accessible to a larger range of people within the community. Through the introduction of project-based meetings, further encouraging a more flexible membership engagement that allowed for more involvement in project delivery and setting ourselves ambitious goals for each of our portfolios we were able to successfully achieve our goals of increasing engagement and morale.

I want to extend my most sincere thanks to the friends of Rotary, the local community, and local businesses for their partnership and support. It was through their additional hard work, dedication and contribution during the year that allowed us to maximise our positive impact to the community through our projects. Additionally, I'd like to thank all those who came before us at the Rotary Club of Beecroft. Being able to stand on the shoulders of such great former, presidents, boards, and members again has directly contributed to creating a great foundation this year for us to continue our great works at the Rotary Club of Beecroft.

I am proud to say going into the next financial year we will have distinguished Rotarians representing us at District and at the pilot for Regionalisation. I congratulate and wish the best of luck to our incoming District Governor, Niranjana Deodhar. Speaking with him, I know he has ambitious goals in bringing Rotary further forward into the future and bringing more of the community along for the awesome Rotary experience and I know him and his team will be able to deliver this result very effectively. I'd also like to congratulate and wish Russell Zimmerman, coming in as our Regionalisation Community Leader, all the best in fleshing out the new role and seeing how we can best collaborate with our surrounding clubs to best deliver for the community.

I wish incoming President, Daniel Dummer, his board, and the club every success while continuing to deliver great quality projects for the community.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Christian Kirkendall

President, Rotary Club of Beecroft, 2023-24

The Board of the Rotary Club of Beecroft 2023-24



The Board of the Rotary Club of Beecroft 2023-24, from left to right.

Tim Abrams
Community Director

Niranjan Deodhar
Foundation and International Director

Russell Zimmerman
Treasurer, Conflict Resolution Officer

Christian Kirkendall
President

Dave Anderson
Public Image Director, Serjeant-at-Arms

Sophie Lloyd
Vocational Director, Environmental Officer

Daniel Dummer
President-Elect, Administration Director

Greg Keighran
Youth Director

Cathy Sherwood
Vice President, Membership Director

Madeline Sherwood
Immediate Past President, Secretary



Who We Are, and What We Do

We belong to a global network of 1.2 million individuals across 35,000+ Rotary clubs worldwide. Founded in 1905, Rotary is both an international organization and a local community leader.

OUR VISION

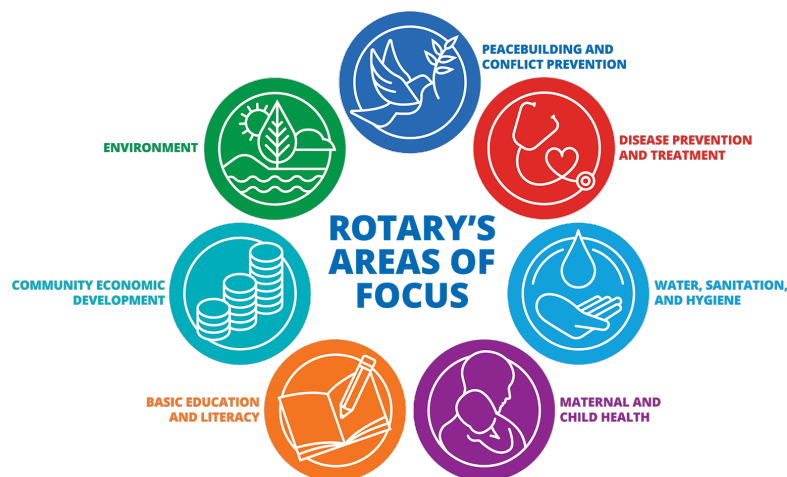
Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change - across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

OUR MISSION

We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

OUR AREAS OF FOCUS

We believe that we have a shared responsibility to take action on our world's most persistent issues. Rotary's Areas of Focus are;



OUR VALUES

The world today has changed since Rotary was founded in 1905. The pace of change has accelerated, demographics have shifted, and technology has created new opportunities for connection and service. What has not changed is the need for the values that define Rotary: Fellowship, Integrity, Diversity, Service and Leadership. By honouring our past and embracing our future we continue to evolve and keep our Club not only relevant but thriving.

OUR MEMBERS

The heart of our Club is our members - dedicated people who share a passion for community service and friendship. We value diversity and celebrate the contributions of people of all backgrounds, regardless of their age, ethnicity, race, colour, abilities, religion, socioeconomic status, culture, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

The Rotary Club of Beecroft has 36 members. This year we inducted the following new members: Rachel Foster and Marion Samson. We have strengthened our membership base, participation, and engagement. We are continuing to increase the representation of women and younger age groups, and greater diversity to reflect the demographic composition of our local community.



Key Projects in 2023-24

The Preloved Bookshop

Our main fundraising effort that doubles as a community and environmental project which sees us selling donated second hand books that sees the club bring in roughly \$50,000 a year gross and also acts as a great opportunity for local retirees, Duke of Edinburgh students, and other interested parties to volunteer and give back to the community. This store also acts as a footprint for us directly in the Becroft community to further the good Rotary name as well as enhance our continued positive impact our projects bring to the community.



Train Ride to End Polio



The Train Ride to End Polio is in its sixth year. This year not only did we successfully visit all 189 stations on the Sydney Metropolitan railway network, but we also visited the Illawarra all the way down to Bomaderry the day prior.

This was a great opportunity for Rotarians from both Districts 9685 (Northern Sydney, Blue Mountains, and Central Coast) and 9675 (Southern Sydney, Illawarra, and Southern Highlands) to collaborate and engage in fellowship. This year was a great success with the endeavour raising over \$97,000 towards eradicating Polio.

The club has contributed \$2,000 to be matched 2:1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

Youth Awards

The Becroft Youth Awards continued to support the aspirations of local students through mentorships and experiences, while deepening our club's ties with community groups within Becroft and beyond. Now, in its third year, this project is uniquely steered by a volunteer committee of local student alumni who shape the youth-focussed awards ceremony, and leverage their personal relationships with schools to maximise participation, while building their own organisational and leadership skills.



Becroft Rotary donated a total of \$660 towards eradicating polio through collecting \$5 from registration fees paid by each attendee on the day. We believe this incentivised registrations and boosted community understanding of Rotary's role in the fight to end polio.

We were able to build on the program by stepping up our digital engagement, building on last year's Instagram "takeover" - a series of posts and stories produced by students on the day - by increasing promotional posts in advance, as well as wrap-up posts for the ceremony. Additionally, we introduced professional headshots for all prize winners, so that they can polish their résumés and LinkedIn profiles as they start to build their career experiences.

We are profoundly grateful to our amazing youth volunteers, who have shaped the vision and taken ownership over delivering an outstanding community project with tangible benefits for young people. Thank you and congratulations to all involved!

Swap Into Spring: Youth Scholars Community Event



To show how Rotary can empower young people to serve the community, despite barriers to formal membership, Beecroft Rotary piloted the Beecroft Youth Scholarship.

The project developed between the Youth Scholars and the Rotary Club of Beecroft became known as the “Swap into Spring” Beecroft Clothes Swap - a fantastic community event in September 2023 that delivered strong environmental benefits while engaging new community partners.

Over 10 bags of clothes found new homes instead of falling into landfill, helping to reduce fashion waste and promote reuse and restyling in the Beecroft community. The event was hosted at St John’s Beecroft thanks to Maddy and Michael’s church connections. The team received priceless support from Eco Styles founder (and past Youth Awards keynote speaker) Nina Gbor, who also offered her clothes racks and coat hangers. Joel Devlin from Hills Rotaract helped mobilise volunteers for the barbeque, well as surplus clothes donations to the Shining Light Foundation. Visakhan arranged for a guest speech by Nehal Jain, co-founder of After, an innovative textile recycling pickup service. Camille arranged for musical performances by the cast of Jersey Boys from the Hornsby Musical Society.

The end result was a fun and festive spring event that highlighted the problem of fashion waste and spurred strong community engagement through donations to promote clothes swapping and styling.

Young At Heart: Living Treasures and Colouring Competition

250 primary school children from Beecroft Public School and Arden Anglican School took part in the Rotary Young at Heart Art and Colouring competition, designed to engage children on the theme of service and regard for older generations. In the words of one of the participant’s family, “We really appreciate all your efforts to organise this local community event and it is very meaningful for our family!” Jeremy said about his artwork – “I am taught to respect my family especially those who are older than me. [My] picture represents the respect of younger generations to their elders. I exuberantly support and entertain my grandparents so.”



Twilight Christmas In Beecroft

This event saw all of Beecroft village taken over for the day. This involved a majority of our Rotarians in the club for on day support as well as a majority of the local Beecroft businesses and local community groups getting involved. This day served as a whole community day event.

This event also allowed local businesses to reengage with local customers in a way that best suited their business. This was also an excellent opportunity for the local school bands and music groups to get involved by spreading Christmas cheer. We were able to get Santa to arrive and wander the village and take photos with the kids.

Many fun activities were available including but not limited to, petting zoo, face painting, dancers, various music groups, and the community teddy-bear spreading Christmas cheer. We offered a treasure hunt for the kids that saw them adventure throughout Beecroft with parents and family leading them to the Rotary Club of Beecroft Preloved Bookstore to further our positive engagement with the community. The predominant feedback from the community from the large turnout seeing the whole Beecroft village filled with people saw everyone looking forward to us repeating the event again next year. The cost for the event was under \$500 due to the businesses involved paying for various parts of the day.



Tree of Joy – Taldumande Youth Services

The Rotary Club of Beecroft continued our association with Taldumande Youth Services by presenting some of the dozens of gifts donated from The Tree of Joy to Liz de Rome Grants and Volunteers Officer. Beecroft community also donated \$3,444 in gift cards. Taldumande is an organisation providing care and support for young people from homelessness and family breakdown. On any given night Taldumande has around 65 children and young people in residence including on Christmas Day



Australia Day Ceremony

The Rotary Club of Beecroft continued to have the opportunity for another year to combine our forces with the Rotary Club of Carlingford North Rocks to pay tribute to the wonderful country we reside in. Government funding for this event allows us to ensure we can continue to deliver this staple community effort for the locals of Beecroft. A flag raising ceremony took place in Carlingford with a barbecue supported by the local Fire Services.

ANZAC Day

The Rotary Club of Beecroft was invited to assume the responsibility of organise the ANZAC day service in Beecroft. We thank the Lions club for their service in the past, and wish to maintain the high standard that they set for us. The ceremony saw over 600 people attend the Cenotaph in the Beecroft Railway Gardens. Afternoon tea was served following in the Community Centre with the assistance of the Beecroft Guides.



Quilting Bee Team Up with Blanketlovez

This quilting bee saw various members of the community and the Rotary club coming together to finish off 65 quilts which were ultimately delivered to The Children's Hospital at Westmead for all the sick children in need of a handmade blanket that they can snuggle up and keep warm with.



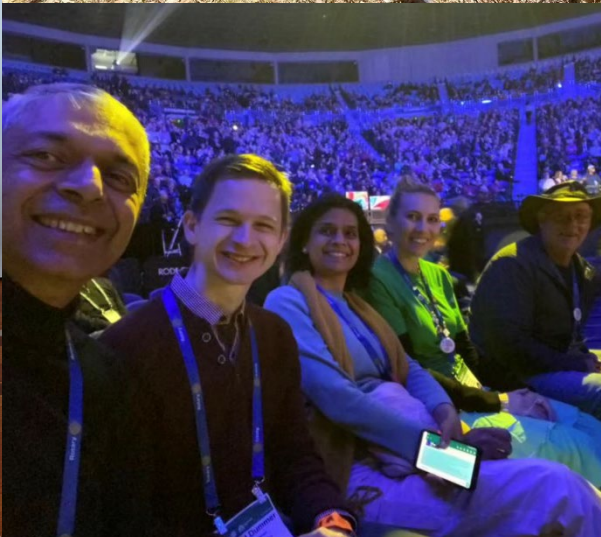
RYPEN – Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment

This was held in February over one weekend with students (from Year 9 and 10) participating. RYPEN helped our young people develop increased motivation, improved life skills, better self-image, an understanding of setting and achieving goals, and increased confidence to overcome problems and take control of their future. By interacting with peers from different backgrounds, it also gave students an improved appreciation of diversity.

As is commonly the case, many found the experience “life changing”. In a survey, participants said they found it very different to school and rated it highly in helping with teamwork, leadership skills and self-reflection. As one participant said, “they have changed my life in some ways, helping me see things from a different perspective.” This year's RYPEN also had an impact on the facilitators with them getting as much out of the event as the students.



Rotarians At Work



Community Recognitions and Acknowledgements

Living Treasures of Beecroft

We had 14 nominations for our inaugural Rotary Living Treasures of Beecroft. The nominations reflected significant contributions made by nominees in various fields or community service. Five of these nominees were selected for induction into Beecroft Living Treasures Hall of Fame.

Catherine Bartho

Pharmacist, local historian, active contribution to Girl Guides and St Johns, fashion expert.

Dorothy Doolan

Deeply committed to the care and transformation of local parks and bushland; established the Hazelwood Rose Garden and Ray Park Heritage Group.

Dawn Ferguson OAM

Tireless volunteer in many community activities, including the Linnet Girls Choir, Girls Friendly Society, Brownies, Beecroft Public School.

Stuart Pittendrigh

Highly respected landscape architect, led the revegetation of Barangaroo Headland. Designed Fagan Park. Long-time supporter of Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust.

John Simpson

Former Beecroft Fire Brigade Station Officer, Scouts leader, gardener, handyman, organiser of Beecroft ANZAC Day ceremony.

Pride of Workmanship, Small Business, and Community Service Awards

The Rotary Club of Beecroft recognises and honours the local small businesses, outstanding workmanship, and phenomenal service to the community. This year (24th June) we recognised the following individuals.

Pride of Workmanship

Bob Warton
Prashant Gupta

Small Business Award

Zappi's Pizzeria Café, Epping
George's Fine Meats, Cherrybrook

Community Service Award

Mary O'Bryne
Charlotte Hudson



Youth Awards

| Youth Award | Awardee | Year | School | Prize |
|---|-------------------------|---------|------------------------------|---|
| Youth Volunteer of the Year | Yuna Cho | Year 11 | Hornsby Girls High School | Mentorship, sponsorship to attend National Leadership Camp |
| Young Athlete of the Year | Audrey Hogg | Year 11 | Loreto Normanhurst | 6 months Snap Fitness membership, EducationUSA consultation, signed copy of <i>Girls Don't Play Sport</i> by Chloe Dalton |
| | Emily Rogers | Year 11 | Cheltenham Girls High School | |
| Young Journalist of the Year | Rose Cunningham | Year 11 | Loreto Normanhurst | Mentorships and publishing opportunities with Missing Perspectives and Triple H Radio |
| | Anju Dhanushkodi | Year 12 | Hornsby Girls High School | |
| Young Performing Artist of the Year | Isabelle Ogier | Year 12 | Arden Anglican School | Northbeat music studio recording session, Perfect Pitch music marketing mentorship |
| Young Person in STEM of the Year | Ranya Khan | Year 12 | Cheltenham Girls High School | Mentorship |
| Young Environment Leader of the Year | Hana Stennett | Year 11 | Pennant Hills High School | Taronga Zoo Family Pass, Koala Park day with the keepers, mentorship |
| Young Entrepreneur of the Year | Jesse Witt | Year 11 | Arden Anglican School | Art of Smart mentorship |
| Young Creator of the Year | Sophia Lau | Year 12 | Hornsby Girls High School | Mentorship |
| Future Educator of the Year (Bill Grant Memorial Award) | Arrow Bosanquet | Year 12 | Arden Anglican School | Mentorship |
| | Madeleine Grindon-Ekins | Year 11 | Loreto Normanhurst | Mentorship |

Children's Art, Poetry, and Colouring Competition Winners

As a part of the Young at Heart Festival, the club organised a Children's Art, Poetry & Colouring Competition. The winners were honoured at a ceremony at the Beecroft Community Hall

| Youth Award | Awardee | Year | School |
|---------------|-------------|--------|------------------|
| K-2 Poetry | C. Oh | Year 2 | Arden Primary |
| K-2 Poetry | A. Chen | Year 2 | Arden Primary |
| K-2 Poetry | C. | Year 2 | Arden Primary |
| 3-6 Poetry | A. Wang | Year 5 | Arden Primary |
| 3-6 Poetry | H. George | Year 6 | Beecroft Primary |
| 3-6 Poetry | J. Lee | Year 6 | Beecroft Primary |
| Free Art | G. Leung | Year 1 | Arden Primary |
| Free Art | E. Li | Year 6 | Arden Primary |
| K-2 Colouring | E. Li | Year 1 | Arden Primary |
| K-2 Colouring | C. Oh | Year 2 | Arden Primary |
| K-2 Colouring | J. | Year 1 | Arden Primary |
| 3-6 Colouring | K. Shum | Year 5 | Beecroft Primary |
| 3-6 Colouring | A. | Year 6 | Arden Primary |
| 3-6 Colouring | S. Manfield | Year 4 | Beecroft Primary |



Club Members Recognitions and Acknowledgements

We are deeply grateful to each one of our Club members, to local businesses, community members, local community organisations, and partner clubs and districts within the world of Rotary. Without their support the Rotary Club of Beecroft would not have been able to achieve the collective impact it did.

Club Members

We thank every member of the Club for their support and contribution during the past year. In addition, we offer thanks to the following members who led, coordinated, delivered or participated in various programs

Community Service

ANZAC Day Event

Project Head: Christian Kirkendall

Project Team: Cathy Sherwood, Russell Zimmerman, Tim Abrams, Daniel Dummer, Greg Keighran, Zenda Spry-Pohl, Rachel Foster

Supported by: Dave Anderson, Glenis Johnson, John Simpson, Beecroft Garden Club, and Northbeat Music

Australia Day Event

Project Head: Greg Keighran, Russell Zimmerman

Project Team: Jaythene Hiscock

Supported by: Dave Anderson, Bob Catherall, Niranjan Deodhar, Ed Sice, Zenda Spry-Pohl, Lyndall Windsor, Robert Windsor, Marion Zimmerman, and Northbeat Music

Combined day event with Carlingford Rotary. This even was co-funded with support from the National Australia Day Council

Domestic Violence Campaign - Parramatta Women's Shelter

Project Head: Bob Catherall

Donation of \$1,000 AUD as well as Rotary Club of Beecroft members involvement in District Conference DV walk. Supported by Window Display at Beecroft Place

Heart of the Nation - Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

Project Head: Christian Kirkendall

Project Team: Russell Zimmerman

Supported By: Cathy Sherwood, Maddy Sherwood, and Greg Page (The Yellow Wiggle)

Quilting Bee

Project Head: Cleary O'Brien Boots

Project Team: Lynne Anderson, Christian Kirkendall, Roslyn Sice

Others: Sophie Lloyd, Genevieve Langron, Ethan Kirkendall, Emily Kirkendall, Ken Boots, Zenda Spry-Pohl

Substation Renovation

Project Head: Russell Zimmerman

Project Team: Jim De Martin, Daniel Dummer, Greg Keighran, Christian Kirkendall



Tree of Joy in Becroft Place – Taldumande

Project Head: Paul Young

Project Team: Bob Catherall

Supported By: Rob and Lyndall Windsor, Russell Zimmerman, and Liz DeRome (Taldumande)

Young At Heart Schools Poetry & Colouring Competition, and Living Treasurers

Project Head: Vinita Deodhar

Project Team: Bob Catherall, Cecil Cheng, Jim De Martin, Isha Deodhar, Niranjan Deodhar, Daniel Dummer, Sue Ellyard, Jaythene Hiscock, Greg Keighran, Meera Shin-Mital, Ed Sice, Roslyn Sice, Andrew Sneddon, Zenda Spry-Pohl, Vis Vythilingam, Lyndall Windsor, Rob Windsor, Paul Young, Marion Zimmerman, Marion Zimmerman, and Russell Zimmerman.

Environmental Service**Club Environmental Project Night**

Led by Sophie Lloyd

Community Recycling Information Campaign

Project Head: Sophie Lloyd

Project Team: Christian Kirkendall

Earth Day

Project Head: Sophie Lloyd

Guest Speaker: Melanie Lewis – *End Plastic Soup*

Earth Hour

Project Head: Sophie Lloyd

Project Team: Dave Anderson

End Plastic Soup

Supporting Club Sign Up - \$400

**National Tree Day**

Project Head: Sophie Lloyd

Project Team: Dave Anderson, Niranjan Deodhar

Swap Into Spring in conjunction with Youth Scholars

Project Head: Daniel Dummer

Youth Scholars: Camille Chin, Madeleine Johnson, Michael Moriatti, and Visakhan Vythilingam.

Project Team and Event Volunteers: Dave Anderson, Cecil Cheng, Niranjan Deodhar, David Ellyard, Greg Keighran, Christian Kirkendall, Sophie Lloyd, and Lyndall Windsor

Foundation Service**Club Donation to the Rotary Foundation**

AU\$3,750 to date, with additional remaining funds to be donated after the June Board meeting.

Ganga Abhiyan Global Grant, India

Ganga Abhiyan Global Grant project number 2460360 in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Calcutta in District 3291 in India. The club has committed \$5K USD to match with the district for this project. Funds disbursement is expected to occur in the next Rotary year.

Train Ride to End Polio

Project Head: Dave Anderson, Mark Anderson

Thanks: Dr Lindsay McDougall of ABC Illawarra, Brothers Ben Café in Petersham, Wrapped Campsie, Rotary Club of Macarthur Sunrise

Water and Sanitation in Flores, Indonesia

The club has contributed US\$3,000 towards a global grant project led by the Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook.

Fundraising

Beecroft Rotary Preloved Bookshop

Project Head: Russell

Project Team: Jaythene Hiscock, Zenda Spry-Pohl, Marnie Biffen, Helen Colman, Gail Holsgrove, Kay Holst, Gillian Kelso, Liz Lawrie, Geoffrey Mills, Eloise Rogers, Narelle Statos, Anne Walker, Alison Wighton, Philippa Wong, and Beecroft Place.

Majority of club members and community involvement thank you to all.

Beecroft Community Spirit Gin

Project Head: Daniel Dummer

Supported by Lord Howe Island Distillery

Re-release of Beecroft Gin this year allows it to be available on local distillery distributor website for promotion and it sees us raise \$17.95 amount per bottle)



Christmas Raffle

Project Head: Russell Zimmerman

Project Team: Mark Anderson

Supported by: Dave Anderson, Bob Catherall, Lionel Jackson, Christian Kirkendall, and David Rands

Special Thanks to Gerry Harvey for donating the main prizes.

International Service

Disaster Relief – Wildfires in Hawaii

the club has contributed AU\$1,000 through the appeal set up by RAWCS (Rotary Australia World Community Services) - an entity related to Rotary focusing on domestic and international humanitarian projects.

Food Distribution Support

The club has contributed AU\$250 alongside similar amount from Pennant Hills Rotary for transport costs for food distribution in Timor, with the actual food supplies donated by Malaysia.

Lake conservation for fishery and agriculture support in India

the club has contributed US\$500 towards a global grant in partnership with the Global Wizards Rotary Club in Hyderabad, District 3150 in India.

Papneiguenia Fundraising Appeal

This fundraising appeal was a response to the recent disasters occurring in Papa Neighune to date through marketing this to club members and the wider community we have been able to raised thousands of dollars to help support the RAWCS efforts in aiding the locals.

Project Rosana – Peace Building in the Middle East

The club has made a financial contribution of AU\$500 going towards peace building between Israel and Palestine by creating joint medical teams that service patients from both sides of the conflict.

Shelter Box

Annual donation of AU\$1,000

Youth Leadership Development in East Timor

The club has contributed AU\$2,300 towards RYPEN Timor Leste - a project run by Theo Glockman of Pennant Hills Rotary Club.

Public Image

Director: Dave Anderson

Committee: Isha Deodhar, Jaythene Hiscock, Sophie Lloyd

Beecroft Place Window

Project Head: Bob Catherall

Club Pennant Redesign

Project Head: Dave Anderson

Website Administration

Team: Jaythene Hiscock, Sophie Lloyd

Vocational Service

International Men's Day

Project Head: Sophie Lloyd

Project Team: Zenda Spry-Pohl

Speaker from Lifeline



International Women's Day

Project Head: Sophie Lloyd

Project Team: Niranjana Deodhar, Janelle from the Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook
Previewing Domestic Violence District Project with Janelle as guest speaker (followed by a \$1000 donation from the club to the DV District Project)

Pride of Workmanship/Vocational Service

Project Head: Sophie Lloyd

Project Team: Dave Anderson, Christian Kirkendall

Twilight Christmas In Beecroft

Project Team: Christian Kirkendall, Jaythene Hiscock, Russell Zimmerman, Robert Windsor, Lyndall Windsor, Bob Catherall, Tim Abrams, Paul Young, Ed Sice, Ros Sice, Carolyn Goldsmith, John Goldsmith, David Rands, Alan Keighran, Cecil Cheng, Zenda Spry-Pohl, Dave Anderson, Emily Kirkendall

Others: Thanks to all local supporting businesses and local community groups

Youth Service

Debate Competition at Beecroft Primary School

Project Team: Daniel Dummer, Paul Young, Zenda Spry-Pohl

MUNA – Model United Nations Assembly

Project Head: Greg Keighran

National Youth Leadership Forum

Donation of AU\$400 towards Chloe Brennan attending the National Leadership Forum approached by Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook to contribute.

National Youth Science Forum

Cross-club support of this event with Rotary Hills Kellyville and Rotary Castle Hill in light of the program's relationship with Rotary, and AU\$3,000 total combined donation

RYLA – Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Project Head: Greg Keighran
Funded 1 Participant - \$1,250

Science and Engineering Challenge

Project Head: David Ellyard
Project Team: David Rands, Cecil, Greg, Zenda, Paul Young

Youth Awards – 3rd Year of this Original Beecroft Rotary Event

Project Head: Daniel Dummer
Project Team: Community Volunteers - Sofia Guastini, Jaime Pitcher, Shreya Mukherjee, Hasti Rostami, Luciana Romanski, and Anika Joshi
On day Rotarian supporters: Greg Keighran, Christian Kirkendall, Ed Sice, Ros Sice, Zenda, Mark, Russell, Norths Collective, Golden Kangaroos, Annie Liao, Hornsby Chamber of Commerce, and Kwik Kopy Hornsby

Youth Scholars

Project Head: Daniel Dummer
Project Team: Greg Keighran, Sophie Lloyd, Niranjana Deodhar, Dave Anderson
Others: Maddy Johnson, Michael Moratti, Camille Chin, Visakhan Vythilingam
Funded 4 Participants

**Club Administration****Bylaw Review Committee**

Project Head: Dave Anderson
Project Team: Christian Kirkendall, Sophie Lloyd, Cathy Sherwood, and Russell Zimmerman

Child protection and Child Safe Organisation: Jack Su

Christmas Party

Project Head: Russell and Marion Zimmerman

Club Changeover Committee

Project Head: Cathy Sherwood

Project Team: Christian Kirkendall, Daniel Dummer, Dave Anderson, Isha Deodhar, and Russell Zimmerman

District Conference Participation: Niranjana Deodhar and Russell Zimmerman

Editor of the Weekly Pin, and the Pinion: Jaythene Hiscock

Fundraising: Russell Zimmerman

Guest Speaker Co-ordination: Mark Anderson

Recognition Committee: Cathy Sherwood, Russell Zimmerman

Club Service

Vice President and Membership Director Cathy Sherwood

For overall governance and administrative support to the Board and the Club as well as for promoting the Club, membership, and for attracting new members.

Treasurer Russell Zimmerman

For overseeing the Club's budget and financial management.

Secretary and Immediate Past President Madeleine Sherwood

For enabling effective functioning of the Board and Club year around, maintaining official records, coordinating communication, meeting organisation and attendance.

President-Elect, and Club Administration Director Daniel Dummer

For promoting fellowship and engagement among members, planning and organising social events and participation.

District Governor-Elect, Foundation and International Service Director Niranjana Deodhar

For promoting Rotary Foundation and continuing to contribute a large amount of support for international community projects around the world

Community Service Director Tim Abrams

For promoting the program of work for Community Service

Public Image Director, and Serjeant-at-Arms Dave Anderson

For promoting and coordinating the marketing and Public Image of all our projects throughout the year.

Vocational Director, and Environmental Officer Sophie Lloyd

For promoting and co-ordinating the great program of works for vocational and environmental projects throughout the year.

Youth Service Director Greg Keighran

For promoting and coordinating the program of work for Youth Services

Thanks

Our Fellow Rotarians

Thank you to the friendship and fellowship from our friends and neighbours.

- Rotaract Club of the Hills District.
- Rotary Club of Blackheath
- Rotary Club of Castle Hill
- Rotary Club of Carlingford
- Rotary Club of Epping
- Rotary Club of Kuring-gai
- Rotary Club of Lane Cove
- Rotary Club of Macarthur Sunrise
- Rotary Club of Pennant Hills
- Rotary Club of Social Impact Network
- Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook

Thank you for the friendship and international collaboration with our fellow Rotary clubs abroad.

- Global Wizards Rotary Club in Hyderabad, India
- Malmö International Rotary Club, Sweden
- Rotary Club of Hamel Hampstead, United Kingdom
- Rotary Club of Lakeview Chicago, United States
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Thank you to any other members of the club or community that we might have missed for all your efforts in contributing to the great outcomes delivered by the Rotary Club of Beecroft throughout the 2023 financial year.

Our Business Community

We gratefully acknowledge the support of the local business community, their sponsorship, donations, contributions, vouchers, and gifts to our programs and projects.

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| Albert & Meyer | Delight Homeart |
| Beecroft Buddies Childcare Centre | Denny Pharmacy |
| Beecroft Fire Station | Espresso Recipe |
| Beautiful Things By... | Hannahs Dining |
| Beecroft Smiles Dentist | Macchina Espresso Cafe |
| Beecroft Physiotherapy | McConnell Dentist |
| Beecroft Place | McGrath Real Estate |
| Beecroft Post Office | Melange Chic Boutique |
| Beehive Cafe | North's Collective |
| Blue Illusion | Positanos / Italian Dining |
| Britannia Travel | Pretty Sweet Supplies |
| C9 Chocolate & Gelato | Skin by Sarah Hudson |
| Cafe Longshot | Snap Fitness |
| Carmichael Jewellers | Southern Cross Bakehouse |
| Chargrill Charlies | Stone Real Estate |
| Chicken and Fishhead - Cafe and Clothing store | The Verandah |
| CU Cafe | Woolworths |
| Davis & James Travel Associates | Zalm Hair |

Past Presidents and Major Awardees

| Presidents of Beecroft Rotary | | Past Presidents - Other Clubs | | District Governors | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| 1972-73 | Keith Spark | | | 1984-85 | Don Keighran |
| 1973-74 | Reg Burgoyne | 1976-77 | David Rands (Western Hutt, NZ) | 2011-12 | David Rands |
| 1974-75 | Don Keighran | | | 2024-25 | Niranjan Deodhar |
| 1975-76 | John Nance | 1997-98 | Mark Anderson (Morningside, ZA) | | |
| 1976-77 | Ray Stanton | | | | |
| 1977-78 | Alan Keighran | | | | |
| 1978-79 | Des Morton | | | | |
| 1979-80 | Bob Adcock | | | | |
| 1980-81 | Arthur Gabb | | | | |
| 1981-82 | Alan Bowden | | | | |
| 1982-83 | Bob Daniels | | | | |
| 1983-84 | Ken Wonson | | | | |
| 1984-85 | John Yeaman | | | | |
| 1985-86 | Jim Sullivan | | | | |
| 1986-87 | Geoff Goldman | | | | |
| 1987-88 | John Hogson | | | | |
| 1988-89 | Wallace Donald | | | | |
| 1989-90 | David Rands | | | | |
| 1990-91 | David Dart | | | | |
| 1991-92 | Rob McIntosh | | | | |
| 1992-93 | Bill Grant | | | | |
| 1993-94 | Ted Workman | | | | |
| 1994-95 | Michael Schwarz | | | | |
| 1995-96 | Geoff Kelly | | | | |
| 1996-97 | Ken Odbert | | | | |
| 1997-98 | David Ellyard | | | | |
| 1998-99 | Tim Fenton | | | | |
| 1999-00 | Rod Seares | | | | |
| 2000-01 | Geoff Brunner | | | | |
| 2001-02 | Alan Reid | | | | |
| 2002-03 | Ian Burrows | | | | |
| 2003-04 | Miriam Jacka | | | | |
| 2004-05 | Graham Grant | | | | |
| 2005-06 | Mark Anderson | | | | |
| 2006-07 | Ed Sice | | | | |
| 2007-08 | Peter Holst | | | | |
| 2008-09 | Bob Walcot | | | | |
| 2009-10 | Maryanne Sansom | | | | |
| 2010-11 | Cathy Sherwood | | | | |
| 2011-12 | Di Hammond | | | | |
| 2012-13 | Geoff Heise | | | | |
| 2013-14 | Paul Young | | | | |
| 2014-15 | Christine McPhillips | | | | |
| 2015-16 | Lionel Jackson | | | | |
| 2016-17 | David Ellyard | | | | |
| 2017-18 | Mark Anderson | | | | |
| 2018-19 | Greg Keighran | | | | |
| 2019-20 | Johanna Johns | | | | |
| 2020-21 | Niranjan Deodhar | | | | |
| 2021-22 | Russell Zimmerman | | | | |
| 2022-23 | Madeleine Sherwood | | | | |
| 2023-24 | Christian Kirkendall | | | | |
| 2024-25 | Daniel Dummer | | | | |
| 2025-26 | Isha Deodhar | | | | |

| Avenues of Service Citation | | Regional Service Award | |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 2014-15 | Bob Catherall | 2023 | Dave Anderson |
| 2015-16 | Peter Holst | 2023 | Mark Anderson |
| 2016-17 | Alan Keighran | | |
| 2017-18 | David Ellyard | | |

| Major Donors | | Bequest Society | |
|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Level 4 | David & Anne Rands | Level 2 | David & Anne Rands |
| Level 2 | Bob Adcock & Lucie Gabb | Level 1 | Alan Keighran |
| Level 2 | Mark & Lynne Anderson | Level 1 | Julie Keighran |
| Level 1 | Dorothy Barnett | Level 1 | Paul Young |
| Level 1 | Geoff & Keren Heise | Level 1 | Lionel Jackson |
| Level 1 | Alan Keighran | | |
| Level 1 | Paul Young | | |
| Level 1 | Anonymous | | |
| Level 1 | Edwin Ikwu | | |

| Paul Harris Society | | Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|---|-------------------|
| | Mark Anderson | | |
| | David Ellyard | 2019-20 | David Rands |
| | Geoff Heise | | |
| | Anne Rands | | |
| | David Rands | 2023 | Russell Zimmerman |
| | Madeleine Sherwood | 2024 | Cathy Sherwood |
| | Paul Young | | |
| | <i>Anonymous</i> | | |

| Rotary Club of Beecroft Distinguished Contribution Award for Outstanding Achievement | | Living Treasures 2023 | |
|---|-------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| 2020-21 | Mark Anderson | 2023 | Carol Ann Liston |
| 2020-21 | David Rands | 2023 | David Leece |
| 2020-21 | Russell Zimmerman | 2023 | Glenys Johnson |
| 2021-22 | David Ellyard | 2023 | Maryanne Sansom |
| 2021-22 | Paul Young | 2023 | Robin Morrow |

Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions

| | | | | | |
|------|-------------------------|------|------------------|------|-----------------------|
| 1977 | Keith Spark | 2003 | Arthur Gabb | 2015 | Bill Grant |
| 1979 | Don Keighran | 2003 | Rod Seares | 2015 | Bob Catherall |
| 1980 | Tony Dehlisen | 2003 | Ian Burrows | 2015 | Alan Keighran |
| 1981 | Ray Stanton | 2003 | Deke Zimmerman | 2015 | Jaythene Hiscock |
| 1982 | Reg Burgoyne | 2004 | Bill Grant | 2015 | Lingam Ramanathan |
| 1984 | Alan Keighran | 2004 | John McIntosh | 2015 | F Tan |
| 1984 | Rob McIntosh | 2005 | Bob Catherall | 2016 | Des Morton |
| 1985 | Bob Adcock | 2005 | Alan Reid | 2016 | Di Hammond |
| 1986 | Des Morton | 2005 | Bob McIntosh | 2016 | Peter Holst |
| 1987 | Geoff Tweedale | 2006 | Tim Fenton | 2016 | Sue Ellyard |
| 1987 | Jim Sullivan | 2007 | Miriam Jacka | 2016 | Dave Anderson |
| 1988 | Alan Bowden | 2007 | Mark Anderson | 2017 | Jane Jackson |
| 1988 | Arthur Gabb | 2006 | David Dart | 2017 | Lionel Jackson |
| 1988 | Keith Forrester | 2007 | Micheal Schwarcz | 2017 | Hilary Hannam |
| 1988 | Alan Reid | 2008 | Graham Grant | 2017 | David Dart |
| 1988 | Dorothy Evans | 2008 | Shirley Grant | 2017 | Christine McPhillips |
| 1988 | Max McGill | 2008 | Ross Gilkeson | 2017 | Brian Banfield |
| 1988 | Bob Daniells | 2009 | Ken Odbert | 2017 | Bindi Shah |
| 1988 | Ken Wonson | 2009 | Peter Holst | 2017 | Johanna Johns |
| 1988 | Ted Workman | 2009 | Julie Keighran | 2017 | Anne Wright |
| 1988 | Ian Shearman | 2010 | Cam Marshall | 2017 | Paul Young |
| 1989 | Geoff Goldman | 2010 | David Ellyard | 2017 | Minette Ozen |
| 1989 | Keith Seale | 2010 | K Ryan | 2018 | Val Parmar |
| 1989 | John Yeaman | 2010 | Anne Rands | 2018 | Niranjan Deodhar |
| 1990 | Jack Bonner | 2010 | Minette Ozen | 2020 | Melanie Lewis |
| 1990 | Russell Zimmerman | 2010 | Colin May | 2020 | Bob Catherall |
| 1994 | Don Keighran | 2011 | Marion Zimmerman | 2020 | Greg Keighran |
| 1991 | Cecil Cheng | 2011 | Brian Banfield | 2021 | David Dart |
| 1992 | Don Parsons | 2011 | Ed Sice | 2021 | Cecil Cheng |
| 1993 | John Nance (Posthumous) | 2011 | Di Hammond | 2021 | Ray Pohl (Posthumous) |
| 1993 | John Hodgson | 2011 | Greg Keighran | 2022 | Carolyn Goldsmith |
| 1993 | Alan Chapman | 2011 | S Charlesworth | 2022 | Lorraine Grant |
| 1994 | Micheal Schwarz | 2011 | David Rands | 2022 | Cathy Sherwood |
| 1994 | David Rands | 2011 | Margaret Dart | 2023 | John Simpson |
| 1994 | Dorothy Adcock | 2011 | Dorothy Barnett | 2023 | Marnie Biffen |
| 1996 | Alan Dawson | 2011 | Lynne Anderson | 2023 | Zenda Spry-Pohl |
| 1997 | Geoff Kelly | 2011 | Lucie Gabb OAM | 2023 | Ed Sice |
| 1997 | Wallace Donald | 2012 | A Hansen | 2023 | Madeleine Sherwood |
| 1997 | Bob Adcock | 2012 | Alan Reid | 2024 | Gail Holsgrove |
| 1997 | Alan Keighran | 2012 | John Duffy | 2024 | Kay Holst |
| 1998 | Geoff Goldman | 2013 | Patricia Spark | 2024 | Glynns Johnson |
| 1999 | Geoff Baxter | 2013 | Rob McIntosh | 2024 | Dave Anderson |
| 2000 | Wendy Wonson | 2013 | Cathy Sherwood | 2024 | Roslyn Sice |
| 2000 | Ken Odbert | 2013 | Maryanne Samson | 2024 | Christian Kirkendall |
| 2001 | David Ellyard | 2013 | Kay Holst | | |
| 2001 | Margaret Goldman | 2014 | Elizabeth Fenton | | |
| 2002 | David Dart | 2014 | Roslyn Sice | | |
| 2002 | Geoff Brunner | 2014 | Ilias Yaseen | | |

Changeover 2024



The Board 2023-24

L to R: Russell Zimmerman, Daniel Dummer, Niranjana Deodhar, President Christian Kirkendall, Greg Keighran, Dave Anderson, Madeleine Sherwood, and Cathy Sherwood. Absent: Tim Abrams



The Board 2024-25

L to R: Ed Sice Isha Deodhar, Vinita Deodhar, Christian Kirkenall, President Daniel Dummer, Greg Keighran, Madeleine Sherwood, Paul Young, and Cathy Sherwood



Sophie Lloyd (centre) being presented the **Gold EnviroClub Award** from District 9685 Environmental Chair **Melanie Lewis** (left). This recognition acknowledges that Sophie has been pivotal in leading the club to that status through her role as Club Environmental Representative.



Mazin Hanna
Outstanding Community Service Award



Cathy Sherwood
President's Award



Glynns Johnson
Paul Harris Fellow



Dave Anderson
Paul Harris Fellow



Jillian Kelso, Kay Holst, and Gale Holsgrove
Paul Harris Fellows



Roslyn Sice
Paul Harris Fellow





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