



## Vale Keith Bennett

This past week our club has lost another much loved member in Keith Bennett. Keith was a great supporter of the Life Education Van and moved it from school to school until recently. He was presented with a District Vocational Award in 1997-1998, and served as our Club President in 2005-06.

Keith served on almost every Board for 13 years straight. In 2002-03 he was presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship by PP Craig Cameron, again in 2011-12 by PP Dale Wilford and a sapphire PHF by PP Michael Mastronardi in 2011-12. In 2011-12 Keith was presented with a Gold Harold Award for his Life Education 15 years of service by Jay Bacik CEO Life Education NSW.

In 2013-14 PP Brian Morrison and Keith received a second-hand prime mover for the Life Education Van the help of Shoalhaven Council and the Rotary Club of Bomaderry,

Club members attended Keith's funeral on Friday 29 July at the Mollymook Surf Club. John Hozack gave a moving eulogy for him, thank you John. Keith will be sadly missed by his family Ruth, Scott, Jade, Amy and Jordan, and all of us at Rotary.

## August Online Training Opportunities

There are several great training opportunities coming up this month for members.

Have you ever wondered why Rotary loses approximately the same number of members as it brings in each year? Or why some clubs seem to thrive under any circumstances, even during the pandemic? Or what you could achieve with clear data and customised goals? There's no secret formula for club success, but clubs that are vibrant and growing do have several things in common.

Join us for the first webinar in our series, From Insight to Action: 5 Attributes of Successful and Agile Clubs on Wednesday, 24 August 11:00 AM CT. Register now for the first part of a three-part webinar series to learn more! A recording will be available to everyone who registers.

During this webinar we will:

- Share the five features of successful—and growing—clubs
- Introduce the importance of data-driven decisions
- Celebrate the things that make your club unique, including its culture and opportunities for growth

Members are encouraged to attend - you can register here:

[https://rotary-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Q0ps-pOiRfCoB5JJ8nxjlg](https://rotary-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Q0ps-pOiRfCoB5JJ8nxjlg)

There is also a local training course being offered by Community Connect - our much loved member Leonie is running a free workshop on Thursday 11 August on the graphic design program Canva.

The best thing about this workshop is you can create your own pull up banner and it will be produced FREE OF CHARGE by our local printers Ulladulla Printing. Now - there are plenty of reasons to do this training but a free banner for the club sounds great!

Details are:

Free CANVA Workshop for Beginners

When: Thursday 11 August, 10am - 12pm

Where: CUC Southern Shoalhaven

Ticketing: Register here: <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/5n8ba>

## Regionalisation Program

With a century of service under our belt and support of the Rotary International Board, we're ensuring Rotary continues to do good and flourish in our region with a more contemporary structure. It aims to better support clubs and members to connect with more volunteers, develop leadership skills and collaborate with one another and our communities to change the world.

A pilot program is proposed for Rotary Zone 8, which includes Australia, New Zealand, American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, New Caledonia, Norfolk Island, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Timor Leste, Tonga and Vanuatu.

On the 13th April 2022 the Council on Legislation voted strongly in favour of a pilot being undertaken in Zone 8 on the basis our clubs and districts support this happening by 1st October 2022. The plan is to explore, test and develop a framework developed by the Board's Shaping Rotary's Future Committee to confirm what works and what doesn't in our Zone. If the pilot proceeds, it will occur whilst districts remain in place and in full consultation with districts and clubs.

President Beck will give an overview on the program at the regular meeting on Tuesday 2 August - for more information members are encouraged to visit the webpage here:

<https://creatingtomorrowrotary.org/>

## Dates for your Diary

Saturday 6 August - Bunnings BBQ -

Morning roster 9am to 12 midday - Bev and Steve Nicholas and Tony and Deb Fondacaro, Simon Brown reserve.

Afternoon Midday to 3pm - Avril Pryor, Evie Young, Louise Garrett and Geoff Johns - still need a reserve.

Tuesday 9 August Breakfast Meeting Breakers Cafe Ocean Street Mollymook 7:30am for 8am \$10 per person includes coffee/tea and breakfast platter. Numbers to Bev by midday Monday please.

Tuesday 16 August Guest Speaker Dinner Evening - friends and partners night 6:15pm for 6:30pm start.

Tuesday 23 August Changeover Dinner partners and guests welcome.

30 August - Fellowship evening - Japanese meal at Tanoshi more details TBA by Emile Jansen.

## Recognising Our Health Care Workers August 2022

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, health care workers have dedicated their time, energy, and skills to ensure our safety. As they provided vaccinations, administered tests, tracked outbreaks, and cared for patients, they sometimes put their own health at risk to do so.

With the pandemic far from over, we have an opportunity to show our appreciation for them.

***Rotary's COVID-19 Task Force has designated 21-27 August 2022 as Health Care Workers Week.*** We encourage Rotary and Rotaract clubs to use this time to recognize the work of health care professionals in their clubs and in their communities.

You can show your appreciation in many ways, but a great way to start is by talking to local health care professionals directly to learn what type of support they want and need — and how we in Rotary can best respond.

On your own or with your club, you can also:

Send letters of appreciation to health care facilities or health departments

Volunteer at a health care facility or at an event

Raise awareness by sending letters highlighting health workers to local media outlets

Post about your appreciation for health care workers on social media

Honour club members who are health care workers at a meeting or event

Ask nearby medical centres if you can donate meals or baked goods

Use the templates below to honour and thank health care workers in your community. Then, share your efforts in the [Rotary Showcase](#).

We know that a strong health care system and workforce is an essential part of strong, thriving communities. Advocating for health care workers, promoting vaccinations, sharing science based-information, and collaborating with them allows us to amplify Rotary's impact and brings us closer to achieving our vision for lasting change.

Resource Templates:

[Letter to the editor - Health Care Workers Week](#)

[Letter to local health department/ministry](#)

## New Committee Memberships

If you haven't met with your Director yet please get in touch.

Vocation - Evie Young - Bernie Jones, Ed Z, Rob Powell, Craig Cameron, Alan Foreman and Peter Culham

Community - Ian Tibbles - Assistants Geoff Johns and Simon Brown with Gareth Davies, Robin Cantrell, Wayne Fry

International - Tim Trescowthick - Ross Wade, Rhonda Purtell, Glenn Rowan, Clive Cross

Special Projects - Emile Jansen - Louise Garrett, Brian Morrison

Youth - Avril Pryor - Nathaniel Woodcock, Tony Fondacaro, Dom Fondacaro, Louise Garrett

Environment - Peter Hodges - John Payne, Michael Mastronati, Jo Jones, Dale Wilford

Blessing of the Fleet Ball - Rebecca Cameron - Bev Nicholas, Avril Pryor, Louise Garrett and Leonie Smith

Thanks everyone - I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday night.

Yours in Rotary

Rebecca (Beck)