

**ROTARY CLUB OF MOSS VALE INC.
N.S.W. AUSTRALIA – DISTRICT 9705**

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President's greetings:

Dear Members and Friends,

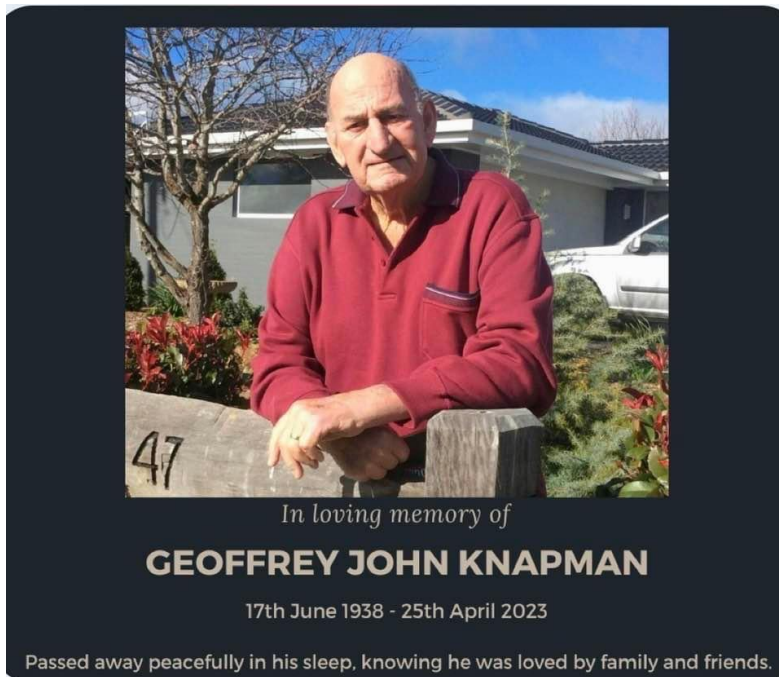
Sad news this week, on two counts, as you see from Jim's reports below. With lots of you, I'm sure, I remember warmly our welcome back New Year Dinners, held at Geoff and Christene Knapman's lovely home in Young road – great nights of friendship and fellowship. So very sad also, as well as unexpected, to hear of the sudden loss of Ted Smith. I know all of our Members join with me in sending love and sympathy to both families and we want them to ask us if we can help with anything, at the moment.

The Rotary year is galloping away, and we have a few short weeks until our Changeover Dinner. We have a few busy weeks ahead and as always I am so very grateful for your support and help in our fundraising efforts, particularly our talented work support team: Lorraine, the two Laurels, Moya, Janet, Trina and Kym – you know well, we could not do this without you, and the Board, and especially Jacqui and Robin and I, really value how much you do for our Club and thereby our Community.

Margie Stuart

President RCMV

VALE GEOFF KNAPMAN PP PHF:



It was very sad news last week when Past President Geoff Knapman PHF died after struggling strongly for quite some time. Geoff was an honorary Rotarian after many years as a very honorable member of our Rotary Club. Geoff became a member in 1984, was President in 1988/89, held many directors' positions over the years, and in 2017 received a Paul Harris sapphire pin to go with his PHF for his many years of dedicated service. The photo below is the then President Chris Slade who presented the pin to Geoff. Geoff's funeral will take place this Tuesday at 12 noon at the Exeter Memorial Hall and the lunch catering will be done in a style that Geoff would have approved. Our Rotary Club will be providing a traditional Rotary barbecue with sausages, onions and bread rolls, and our President Margie and her band of helpers will produce scones with jam and cream as well as mixed sandwiches. Newer members of our Club might not be aware of the huge contribution that Geoff has made to Rotary and our community over so many years, but he was a hard-worker at every working bee, barbecue, golf day breakfasts, raffle ticket selling and especially Brigadoon prior to COVID, delivering the Chief in his vintage car in the grand parade before putting his Rotary apron back on at the barbecue. His eulogy on Tuesday will include many more things that Geoff was involved in, but I will conclude this brief paragraph with his words given to me by Christene, "By no way was I able to achieve all this without working as a team with my fellow Rotarians, family and friends".



BARB SMITH PHF:

At our most recent Rotary Dinner meeting at the Moss Vale Services Club on 18 April, our Rotary Club gave Barbara Smith a huge surprise when President Margie presented her with a Paul Harris Fellowship. Barb was an inaugural member of the Inner Wheel Club of the Southern Highlands and was a stalwart of it until it handed in its charter recently because of the challenges in getting new members and volunteers for office bearer positions. Our Rotary Club was the sponsor of the Inner Wheel and was the only local Rotary Club prepared to assist in its establishment. Barb was joined on the night by many of her friends from Inner Wheel who were all delighted for Barb.





VALE TED SMITH

After all the joy of Barb being presented with her PHF at our Rotary dinner with so many of her Inner Wheel friends present, we were all shocked on the following Monday, 24 April, to hear that her wonderful husband Ted had died in Campbelltown Hospital. Ted was delighted when Barb got her PHF and chatted with lots of our members after the presentation. Ted was known to many of us and was a delightful man with lots of different associations in a very full life. Amongst many achievements, Ted had the distinction of holding the record for the largest French Black Perigord Truffle (June 27, 2014) grown outside of Europe (1.172kg, only 128gm short of the world record. Ted and Barb farmed truffles after Ted retired after a very successful career). Barb has advised that Ted's funeral will be by invitation only because of restricted numbers at the funeral venue. All of us who knew Ted found him a delightful man and great company. Our thoughts are with Barb now. The photo below is of Ted supporting Barb at our Rotary dinner on the 18th of this month.



BOARD REPORT

Our recent Board meeting at the Moss Vale Showground was a very productive one. Some of the highlights include:

- Moving all our accounts to the IMB from the CBA in Moss Vale, rationalising all the accounts so that they can be more manageable and so invoices can be paid quickly, especially with our incoming treasurer Jacqui Bayley taking over at Changeover. Peter Hammon has worked very hard to get everything in order to make this a smooth transition.
- The Changeover Dinner will be held at the Moss Vale Services Club on Tuesday 20 June. A fine two course meal with a pre-dinner drink will cost \$50 so start saving. An invited guest list is being prepared, and Directors have been asked to prepare their reports for the Changeover publication.
- Our Annual Charity Golf Committee is working very hard preparing for the big event on Friday 24 November. Members are investigating worthwhile causes that our club can support from the funds raised.
- Colin Boland has prepared a schedule of guest speakers but will also include talks by our members, not just visitors.
- Dinner badges have arrived for Ian and Sian Mander. These will be presented at Ian's induction as a Member, at our dinner meeting this coming Tuesday (2 May).

CAN ASSIST MOVIE NIGHT 11 MAY

Former member and Friend of the Rotary Club of Moss Vale, Mike Walker, has let our Club know about a movie night to raise funds for Can Assist Southern Highlands. The movie is Book Club 2 and tickets are \$28 and can be bought at the box office.

CLUB MEETING VENUES FOR 2023:

Our dinner meetings will be held at the Moss Vale Services Club from now on, unless we have any other special functions elsewhere. Please arrive at 6.00pm for a prompt start to our meeting and an enjoyable meal together. The standard cost for dinners will be \$25.

2023 CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	Notes
2 May	Dinner meeting, induction of Ian Mander, welcome Sian Memorial for Geoff Knapman	MV Services Club Exeter Hall	Margie/Throsby talk
9 May	Board meeting	MV Showground	All directors
11 May	Can Assist Movie Night	Empire Cinema	Mike Walker
16 May	Dinner, Shelter bags talk	MV Services Club	Colin
21 May	Market Day	MV Showground	Roger/Chris
6 June	Dinner meeting	MV Services Club	Roger
13 June	Board meeting	MV Showground	All directors
20 June	Changeover dinner	MV Services Club	\$50 a head.
4 July	New Rotary Year	MV Services Club	Malcolm Webber!
24 November	GOLF DAY!	MV Golf Club	Peter Nelson and team

APOLOGIES MUST BE SENT TO ROGER BY 4.30PM ON THE MONDAY. ANYONE WHO DOESN'T ATTEND AND WHO HASN'T APOLOGISED WILL BE CHARGED!

Roger Bayley will continue to be the contact person for most dinners. Please show him the courtesy of contacting him with any apologies so that accurate numbers can be reserved for our dinner meetings. Roger's mobile number is **0439 642 717** and his email address is roger.bayley65@gmail.com.

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