



Welcome to the first issue of our Monthly Newsletter! We hope this keeps you all informed of upcoming Projects and Events - and anything else that comes up during the month.

We thank **Australian Governor, Steve Hughes** and his wife Cathy (Sydney Club) for attending our meeting on Wed 8th. Steve



officially inducted the 2025/2026 executive and board, and shared his aspirations for the coming year.

Bryen continues as President, Ken as Treasurer & Annette is the new Secretary (taking over from Vivienne who has performed this role brilliantly for the last 2 years).

Board members are Graham, Mary, and Cheryl.

Our guest speaker was **Ross Bingham (OAM)**, CEO of Ronald McDonald House



Charities since 1996. Ross gave us a wonderful insight into the challenges he and his team face every day supporting families of sick and injured children. He also spoke about the annual 500km 'Ride for Sick Kids' - raising money to support Ronald McDonald House Northern NSW.

Newcastle Club has had an association with RMHC for many years. From the very early days cooking BBQ dinners for the families, providing gift cards for fuel or food costs, fitting screen doors in the original rooms, to continuing our annual donations.

Projects completed in September:

- Terrific Kids presentations at Awaba, Boolaroo, Fern Bay and Teralba Primary Schools.



- Refereeing at Special Olympics Regional Bocce competition at Charlestown Bowling Club.



- Aktion Club monthly meeting - with a visit from a local NSW Fire & Rescue team visit.



- Penny made bags for the Beachside Club who fill them with clothes and toys for local refugee kids.

- The Dumpster Divers - recycling cans & bottles fundraiser.



- Creating our first Kiwanis Kid's Book Box at Lake Fair Mt Hutton and stocking it with second hand books (from 123Read2Me) - to encourage kids to take a book home.



Upcoming Projects/Events:

- Oct Sun 26th - Heartkids 2 Feet & a Heartbeat Walk - BBQ & Marshalling.
- Nov Sat 1st & Sun 2nd - Refereeing at Special Olympics State Bocce Comp. **NEED REFEREES!**
- Nov Sun 9th - Bunnings BBQ Kotara fundraiser
- Nov 26th - Aktion Club Pack Soul Care Buckets
- Dec Sat 6th Dec - Xmas Tree Sales
- Dec Fri 19th - Combined AK Christmas Party