



The Knights of St George Heart Association

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♥ PRESIDENT'S REPORT ♥

Dear Fellow Members

I am very pleased to report that the 2015 – 2016 year has been a very good one for The Knights. We had our status as a Registered Charity confirmed by the Australian Charities and Non for Profit Commission in March 2016 following a request from the Commission for a small but important change to our Constitution. Our Auditor, Mr Bruce Spaul provided crucial input to this procedure and we are most grateful to him for securing a successful outcome.

We have not made any substantial donations to the Cardiac Surgery Unit this year. We have however got substantial funds available to the Unit for the purchase of equipment for the new Cardiac Surgery Operating Theatre and Cardiac Intensive Care Unit, presently being built and due for completion in the next 12 – 18 months.

We did make a donation of \$5,600.00 for the purchase of a Resternotomy Trolley and sponsorship of an Emergency Training Seminar.

Our two social functions were a great success. Our Christmas function was held at Club Central in Hurstville on 28/11/15 and was a very enjoyable event. The evening was somewhat diminished however by the absence of the Club's President Mr Bernie Holdsworth due to ill health. Bernie subsequently passed away on 21/6/16. He was a lovely lovely man and he will be greatly missed by his wife Lauren and their family and by a very large number of people in the wider community as demonstrated by the huge attendance at his funeral on 28/6/16.

Our mid-year function was held at The Australian Golf Club on 9/7/16. This was very well supported by the Club with several members of their Board being present and we are most grateful to The Australian Golf Club for making this venue available to us. We had a very good attendance from our members, the hospital staff and members of Service and Rotary Clubs from the St George District. We had a very good guest speaker, Professor Theresa Jacques, Director of The Intensive Care Unit at the St George Hospital. Theresa had led the fight for St George Hospital campaign which has resulted in the 400 million dollar rebuild programme presently underway at St George. Teresa gave us a very interesting and informative account of activities leading up to and presently occurring at the hospital. During the evening we were presented with a cheque for \$3,550.00 by Councillor Liz Barlow of the Rockdale City Council being the funds raised by the Annual Albie Thomas Rockdale City Fun Run, an event which is crucially supported by the St George District Athletic Club. We are most grateful to the Council and The Athletic Club for this annual donation.

On Saturday 12/3/16 we had a stall at the Annual Riverwood Community Fair. Thank you Mavis and Dick for once again being the driving force and principal provider for this stall and many thanks to all who assisted them.

I wish to acknowledge the special roll that our Secretary Susan Leahy plays in the running of The Knights of St George Heart Association. Without Susan the show would not go on. Thank you Susan for your hard work and devotion to our cause over many years. It has been a truly remarkable effort. My grateful thanks to our Committee who have given us such loyal support and to all those who have contributed merchandise for our raffles and silent auctions – and this incl includes many local businesses. Thank you Denis and Colleen Keys for running our silent auctions.

Our Christmas Dinner Dance will be held at Club Rivers on 26/11/16. Club Rivers continues to be a very strong supporter of The Knights in a most agreeable way and, President Michael Free, you and your team are very much appreciated.

Since 1985, The Knights have raised around \$1.7 million for the Cardiac Surgery Unit at the St George Hospital. Currently I believe our affairs are in good order and I am very encouraged by the continuing support we receive from the St George community.

Cheers

PRESIDENT Knights of St George Heart Association

Pictured Right:
Professor Theresa Jacques
Director of ICU St George Hospital
Guest Speaker at our July function.





Greetings to all & Welcome to the Spring Newsletter

We have certainly had a very cold winter but hopefully now enjoying warmer weather. Club Rivers have been very supportive this year in allowing us to have our Committee meetings at their Club free of charge which we very much appreciate.

Our AGM was held on Sunday 14th August 2016 at 1100 at Club Rivers.

The results of our AGM with changes were as follows;

Dr David Horton – President
Mr Alan Jacobs – Vice President
Ms Susan Leahy – Secretary
Mrs Cheryl Simmonds – Assistant Secretary
Mr Nick Marshall – Treasurer
Mrs Dorothy Marshall – Assistant Treasurer

Committee members as follows;

Mavis & Dick Mathews, Trish Horton, Kath Creighton, Malcolm Budsworth, Jacqui Jacobs, Gwen Swadling, Carla Perry, Colleen & Denis Keys, Linda Yiu, Gloria Phillips & Merv Lynch – (welcomed as a new committee member)

Dr Gary Fermanis – TRUSTEE
Dr Mathew Horton – TRUSTEE
Dr Sheen Peeceeyen – TRUSTEE



The Albi Thomas Rockdale Annual Fun Run/Walk
Donates \$3,550



Rockdale Annual Fun Run/Walk held Sunday 22nd May 2016, on a lovely sunny day although cool, numbers again appeared down. The run was reorganised and start times altered for the 2 and 5 Km Run/Walk which was very successful. Thanks to the committee members who came and their families. It was great to see, Albie's wife, Nola and her family there, once more supporting the event. The hard work and dedication of both Rockdale Council and the St George Athletic Club ensured another wonderful day and a great success.

Cheque received this year from Rockdale City Council and St George Athletic Club was for \$3,550.00 which was presented to David by Councillor Liz Barlow of Rockdale City Council on 9th July 2016 at our Dinner Dance at The Australian Golf Club. Their continued support is very much appreciated. **THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED.**

Please note – to all our Committee members –

MEETING DATE FOR YOUR DIARY.

Last meeting for the year is

Sunday 23rd October 2016 @ 1100 at Club Rivers.

This is a general meeting + Christmas Dinner arrangements for
Sat 26th November 2016.

ALL members are welcome to attend

**Membership Fees \$10
Due 1st Jan 2017**

Leaflet enclosed – cut off and return with payment &
stamped addressed envelope
OR

Pay by EFT via website.



Christmas Dinner Dance

Saturday 26th November 2016

To be held at Club Rivers commencing 7pm

I am so looking forward to returning to this venue for our last function for 2016. The tickets will be \$65 pp & includes

Champagne on arrival, a three course meal & also a great night of music & entertainment, so please, come along & enjoy some Christmas cheer with us & celebrate the end of yet another year of fund raising for our association.

Put it in your diary or on the calendar so you don't forget!!!!

Send off the enclosed form with requests for tickets for our last function in 2016. OR - eft pay via website.

NB; With your ticket request, please note, where or with whom you would like to sit.




Club Rivers
32-34 Littleton Street
Riverwood



Our **SILENT AUCTIONS** are proving both successful and enjoyable to all who participate.

My special thanks go to our committee members, Colleen & Denis keys for this and of course those who purchase the goods.

Our latest **DONATION** to the **St George Cardiac Unit** was for **\$2,106.16** which was for continued essential training Seminars for staff in The Cardiothoracic Intensive care Unit.

Shire Woodworking Club presents handcrafted box to Knights



*Pictured :
Richard Cain presenting box to David Horton & Susan Leahy*

In the April Newsletter concerning requests for envelopes to be available at funerals (in lieu of flowers) as noted, these are available but a suitable container was required to receive these donations at time of funeral.

After speaking with Ray De Marco, President of Shire Woodworking Club Inc. he offered for his Club to make a container for these envelopes as a donation to the Knights. On completion of this David and I were invited over to The Shire Woodworking Club in Lilli Pilli to view the Club's work, meet the members and be presented ,as a donation, a beautifully made, stained wood box including laser engraved, Knights Logo and the words " with heartfelt thanks" We were then invited to join a very happy group of men and women for a lovely morning tea.

I was very humbled to see the incredible work this Club does donating to The Children's Hospital as well as many other people with great needs.



Special thanks go to Ian Rudd, Ray Tregoning and the "builder" Richard Cain for their efforts in the design and building of the box.



Thanks to all
who attended.

Our midyear, **WINTER DINNER DANCE** was held at

The Australian Golf Club in Rosebery
on Saturday 9th July 2016 commencing at 7pm.

We were extremely pleased to be invited to this lovely new venue and very much appreciated their support for this wonderful event.

Our heartfelt thanks go to Lady President, Carolyn Robinson who attended the evening, taking a table with other members of The Golf Club.

The evening was an incredible success everyone enjoyed a great night. The function Manager, Melissa O'Sullivan with her professional skills was invaluable to me in bringing this memorable evening together. The food and its presentation were excellent and The Room was an absolute picture. The staff on the night, working as a team, enabled the smooth flow of the evening. The music from the Band "Girl Talk" added to the wonderful atmosphere of the night.

Our speaker on the night, Professor Theresa Jacques, Director of The Intensive care Unit at St George Hospital was excellent as David has said in his report. We were very honoured to have the opportunity of her presence as our guest speaker, many thanks Theresa.



A big thank you from me, to both committee members and nursing staff for all your help on the night. The in-house raffle went off so well with the girls selling and of course as always, our own Xavier with his wonderful selling ability and all those who bought tickets, .



On a sad note;

Mr Bill Jacobs, who was for many years a great supporter for The Knights and the father of our Vice President Alan Jacobs, passed away on 16/9/2016. Such a lovely man, he will be truly missed by all. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family. This rounds up yet another newsletter from me. I look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas function on Saturday 26th November 2016.

Until then, God bless.

Susan

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A very special thank you to Margaret De Marco for her assistance with our newsletters

NB; for future Newsletters, if you would prefer to receive via email, please send your details to Susan at susanleahy55@gmail.com

BIG CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Our BIG raffle will be drawn at our Christmas Dinner on 26th November 2016 so get your requests in for tickets, or if you have them, please send sold ticket butts



Christmas Dinner Dance

Saturday 26th November 2016

at Club Rivers 32-34 Littleton St Riverwood - RSVP 16/11/2016



I would like (No of tickets) @ \$65 each for the Christmas Dinner- Enclosed \$

OR Pay by EFT via website www.knightsfstgeorgeheartassoc.com.au

NAME:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE:

If possible I would like to be seated with / near

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KNIGHTS OF ST GEORGE HEART ASSOCIATION

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BIG CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Drawn at Christmas Dinner Saturday 26th November 2016



Please send mebooks of tickets in the above raffle (Tickets \$2 each or \$20 for book of 10)

Tickets may also be purchased through our website—www.knightsfstgeorgeheartassoc.com.au

NAME:

ADDRESS: TELEPHONE:

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Enclosed please find my **Membership Fee for 2017 \$10 per annum (Due January 2017)**



NAME:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE: Amount Enclosed:

Mail to: **KNIGHTS OF ST GEORGE HEART ASSOCIATION PO Box 201 SYLVANIA SOUTHGTE 2224 NSW**

If possible please enclose a stamped addressed envelope—postage is our largest expense, it would be appreciated

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