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On Saturday 5 November 2022, Freemasons on the Central Coast (FotCC) and the Central Coast Bulldogs again joined forces in aid of Central Coast Kids in Need by sponsoring their Charity Race Day at the Wyong Race Club.

The event had been planned earlier in the year but weather events had led to the race day being postponed on two occasions. The race day was an enormous success with in excess of 200 people buying tickets for a marquee event.

With the sale of tickets, raffles and various auction items that had been generously donated, the event raised over \$22,000 which was presented to Lorraine Churchill and Rhonda Doyle at the Budgewoi Soccer Club on 19 November 2022. Lorraine and Rhonda were very grateful to all the people and organisations who gave their services and donations that had made the event the success that it was.

In fact, the event was so successful that another charity race day has already been planned for November 2023. Save the date for your diary and don't miss out!

The Central Coast Bulldogs (Masters Team) have supported Central Coast Kids in Need for the past 14 years and during this period have raised in excess of \$22,000

which has been used to support the families of sick children from the Central Coast undergoing medical treatment and requiring care where Government assistance does not apply.







Likewise, FotCC support CCKIN and they also sponsor the Central Coast Bulldogs.

Since 2016, FotCC have been stalwart supporters of the Central Coast Bulldogs (Masters Team). This connection commenced when the Central Coast Bulldogs requested assistance in purchasing their football shirts.

The Bulldogs are part of a Sydney-wide competition with players ranging from their mid thirties to their oldest active player who is a ripe old age of 83 years! The team regularly travels from their home ground at Vales Point to all points south and west to participate in the master competition.

However, being a Bulldog isn't all about the game. A large proportion of their time is spent raising money for the community and FotCC are extremely proud to be associated with them. Over the years we have enjoyed many joint ventures raising money for breast cancer research, the Shoebox Revolution, The Entrance Neighbourhood Centre and most notably, Central Coast Kids In Need.

A few weeks ago the Budgewoi Soccer Club at Buff Point provided a great backdrop for FotCC to present a cheque for \$5,000 to the Bulldogs to assist members with the purchase of uniforms and training equipment. The donation to the Bulldogs was made in recognition of their sportsmanship and their significant contribution to the Central Coast community.



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The President of the Long Jetty Over 50s Club, was extremely pleased to receive an Apple laptop and 75" 4k HDR Smart LED Screen for the Camera Club – donated by Freemasons on the Central Coast (FotCC).

For discussion, evaluation and critiquing purposes everyone would show their photos on the old TV screen. The amount of different cables to connect everyone's camera directly to the screen was proving very difficult so one of the members brought in their personal laptop to make life a bit easier. All images were loaded onto the laptop and connected to the TV via a HDMI cable. This system worked slightly better but wasn't without issues and took quite some time to set up each week, and if the member with the laptop couldn't make it to the meeting, it all fell apart.

With membership increasing, the set-up and viewing became even more troublesome; it was suggested that they apply to FotCC for support. The purchase of a dedicated laptop for the club and a larger 4k screen would solve most of the problems.

The new equipment has the added bonus of not needing a cable to the large screen and with better photo editing software the club is now able to assist its members by adjusting and cropping photographs as well as displaying them.

The Long Jetty Over 50s Club is a non-profit organisation run by volunteers and all were very grateful for the community support received. The members sincerely thanked the Freemasons on the Central Coast for their support by providing a scrumptious morning tea.



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