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District 21 – Central Coast

## A 10 Year Anniversary



Last week, Freemasons on the Central Coast (FotCC) and the Central Coast Bulldogs (CCB) celebrated the 10 Year Anniversary of their association at the Budgewoi Soccer Club.

The Central Coast Bulldogs are an enthusiastic group of rugby league players ranging in age from 25–80 years who aim to enjoy their beloved sport along with the camaraderie and sense of community that comes with it, to keep fit and active and, at the same time, to give back to their local community by raising money for various projects on the Central Coast.

Promoting Freemasonry on the Central Coast through community action, charitable relief and the advancement of education.



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Freemasons on the Central Coast and Central Coast Bulldogs members, with some of the food donations for Shoebox Revolution

Our association started in 2014 when, together with Freemasons from District 21, it was decided to arrange the collection of tins of soup and warm socks to keep the many homeless people on the Central Coast warm during the winter months. The 'Soxs and Soup' campaign was launched by <u>Shoebox Revolution</u>, a charity providing care packages for the homeless, based at The Entrance. This was a very successful initiative which continues to this day. During these past 10 years FotCC and <u>CCB</u> have carried out many fundraising events together and are always happy to help each other with community projects when needed.

On 24 April 2024, to mark the 10 Year Anniversary, the CC Bulldogs Club President was presented with a cheque for \$6,600 to purchase the Club's kit for the year. This takes the total amount donated to them to over \$45,000 since 2014. It may seem strange for us to provide a club – another charity – with apparel but FotCC rarely give cash; instead we purchase needed goods and services, while CCB provide financial assistance in the form of cash to many charities based on the Central Coast.

During the last few years the Club has raised much-needed funds for Central Coast Kids In Need (CCKIN) by donating money raised on their bus trips to games, conducting meat-tray raffles at Budgewoi Soccer Club, and by sponsoring a Race Day at Wyong Races, along with FotCC and other organisations. This year, already, CC Bulldogs have donated \$5,000 to CCKIN to assist children and families who require hospital care. \$45,000+

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Central Coast Bulldogs Club President, presents a cheque for \$5,000 to Central Coast Kids in Need Photo: Chris Matthews

Freemasons on the Central Coast are happy and proud to provide the Central Coast Bulldogs with their game jerseys, shorts, jackets and kit bags for the season. May our relationship continue, and our joint mission to help the Central Coast community flourish far into the future.

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