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Meeting Thursdays 12.30 for 12.50pm at North Leagues Club, Abbot St Cammeray.

(Please Note: No meeting on the last Thursday of each month). ISSUE NO 3969 Thursday 13th September 2018



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

On Thursday we will be hearing from Dick Gall and the subject of his talk will be "May Gibbs" Nutcote, an important community asset in our midst.

Dick is a retired Mechanical Engineer who has worked at May Gibbs former home *Nutcote* located in Neutral Bay as a handyman/gardener for about 18 years. Prior to his retirement Dick worked for a major food company as Purchasing Manager specializing in procurement of food ingredients from overseas suppliers. This exposure led to some overseas travel which Dick and his wife enjoy along with their volunteering activities.

At the North Sydney Council's Australian Citizenship Ceremony in 2012 Dick was honored with the Citizen of the Year Award for his volunteering at Nutcote.

Next week we will be introduced to our Exchange Student Art Crabbe and we will hear all about his home town and family in Belgium.

On Saturday we are back at the Crows Nest Markets. Feel free to call in if you have time and enjoy some coffee with my compliments.

Just a reminder that our Board Meeting will follow immediately after our meeting on Thursday. All members are welcome to join us.

On Thursday we are meeting in the Irvine East Room on the 1st Floor.

Look forward to seeing you at 12.30pm.

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"For Good Food, Good Fellowship and the Opportunity to serve through Rotary, we give thanks".



Club Meetings & Events

| Date | Speaker | Subject |
|-----------|--------------------|--|
| 13-Sep-18 | Dick Gall | History of May Gibbs & Nutcote |
| 15-Sep-18 | Crows Nest Markets | |
| 20-Sep-18 | Art Crabbe | We Welcome our Exchange Student |
| 27-Sep-18 | No Meeting | |
| 4-Oct-18 | Geoff Pritchard | Espionage 2 |
| 11-Oct-18 | Dr Richard Gray | Using Mathematics to Inform Public Health Policy |



| Date | Birthdays | Date | Anniversaries |
|-----------|---------------|----------|----------------------|
| 13th Sept | Ross Waugh | 19th Oct | Peter & Millie Lulic |
| 21st Sept | Jenny Thomas | | |
| 24th Sept | Susie Fennell | | |
| 29th Sept | John Taylor | | |

| Date | Front Desk & Room Set Up Attendance Required from 12:00pm |
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| Sept 13 | Peter Lulic & Tony d'Arbon |
| Sept 20 | Philip Brook & Lily Clarke |
| Sept 27 | No Meeting |
| Oct 4 | Jeff McDougall & Susie Fennell |
| Oct 11 | Peter Lulic & Geoff Pritchard |

Guest Speaker for Meeting 6th September

Gabrielle Mordy from Studio A, recently situated at the Crow's Nest Centre spoke to us on "Art for People with Disabilities. Studio A facilitates weekly specialist workshops and also manages annual exhibitions around the Sydney area. People with disabilities, mental and physical, with a bent towards art, have great difficulty in obtaining the initial opportunity to start painting. Studio A provides the space and mentoring which allows disadvantaged prospective artists to progress up the ladder.

Gabrielle showed many slides of the work of the artists, some of incredible talent, and explained that Studio A is subsidised to a degree by the NDIS organisation but also has to rely on philanthropic support for its survival. She indicated that Studio A would welcome any financial assistance the Club could give, which would allow Studio A to continue its fine work in mentoring disabled artists and helping them become more self-sufficient in today's straightened environment.



Guest Speaker Gabrielle Mordy with PP Denis Booth

Visitors & Apologies for 6th September 2018

Visitors

Gab Mordy (Guest Speaker)

Leave of Absence:

Robert Lau

Apologies

Tony d'Arbon

Susie Fennell

Jeff McDougall

Geoff Pritchard

Brendan Walsh

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Humour by Geoff Pritchard

An Irishman's first drink with his son.

While reading an article last night about fathers and sons, memories came flooding back to the time I took me son out for his first pint. Off we went to our local pub, only two blocks from the cottage. I got him a Guinness. He didn't like it, so I drank it.

Then I got him a Kilkenny's, he didn't like that either, so I drank it. Finally, I thought he might like some Harp Lager? He didn't. I drank it. I thought maybe he'd like whisky better than beer so we tried a Jameson's; nope!

In desperation, I had him try that rare Redbreast, Ireland's finest whisky. He wouldn't even smell it. What could I do but drink it?

By the time I realized he just didn't like to drink, I was so pissed I could hardly push his pram back home!

An Irish Confession.

I went into the confessional box after many years of being away from the Catholic Church. Inside I found a fully equipped bar with Guinness on tap. On one wall, there was a row of decanters with fine Irish whiskey and Waterford crystal glasses. On the other wall was a dazzling array of the finest cigars and chocolates.

When the priest came in, I said to him, "Father, forgive me, for it's been a very long time since I've been to confession, but I must first admit that the confessional box is much more inviting than it used to be." He replied, "You moron, you're on my side of the box."