



**Bulletin 47/01 - 25 June 2015**

## This is your new Board...



*President Ann Evans presented her new Board for the year 2015-2016 in the presence of DG-elect Adrian Roach (far left).*

*(L to R) Bob Mitchell, Geoff Diemar, Richard Harris, Doug Craike, Judith Mitchell, Ann Evans (president), John de Ridder, Don Whatham (secretary), Chris Bartlett and John Stuhmcke (vice-president).*

*Missing are the directors Bill Michel and Ed Parker.*

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### Congratulations

#### Members birthdays

9 July - Murray Nicol

#### Partners birthdays

8 July - Anjes Tobbe

#### Anniversaries

30 June - Chris & Judy

1 July - John & Lynn de Ridder

### Lady Luck

On this special night we did not bother with raffles or Head & Tails.

### Next Week

**Laura Turner**  
Dietitian

**Door**  
Ros Crib - Bart Richardson

**Meet and Greet**  
Richard Harris  
Down Whatham

**Loyal Toast**  
Arja Levonpera

**Grace**  
Larry McGrath

**Introduce speaker**  
Bob Mitchell

**Thank speaker**  
Helen Ryan



### Two important moments!

For Ann Evans there were two important moments during the night. As one of the last official things to do for departing president Chris Bartlett he asked Judy Priestly to present the incoming president with a birthday cake. Because - apart from it being "Change Over" - it was also Ann Evans birthday. Ann has been building a house over the past months and in the meantime lived in a caravan so it seemed appropriate the birthday cake was in the shape of her temporary accommodation.

The second important moment - more so than getting the chain of office - was the handing over of the keys to the shed. Which is more like the holy grail than anything else.



*A close up of the tasty master piece, made of cake and marsepain.*

*This was created by **Hilda Orr** who was also responsible for helping our exchange student Nadine Versall prepare her decorated farewell cupcakes.*

**Apologies and Extras, please phone or SMS  
Ros Cribb (0401 450 239) before Wednesday noon!**

## Paul Harris Fellows



Traditionally the Change Over Night is the right moment to award members and Friends of Rotary with a Paul Harris Fellowship for their support of the the club and their dedication to Rotary. Each Paul Harris Fellowship (PHF) is linked to a donation of US\$ 1,000 to the Rotary Foundation - the world wide principal charity fund of Rotary International. The RC Nelson Bay is one of the larger contributors to this foundation in District 9670 and as a result has the opportunity to issue several awards a year based on their donation. This year the awards were presented to the recipients by the representative of District Governor Gerard McMillan, PDG Brian Atkins.

The first member to be awarded with a PHF was **Dieter Greiter**, Director Club Service and one of the more important "invisible" workers for the club. Dieter does all the sort of things that make meetings run smoothly but are only noticed when they are not looked after, like putting a bulletin together or making sure the microphone is working. Dieter is also active elsewhere in the community: active member of Marine Rescue Port Stephens and working as a volunteer for the PS Yacht Club. Congratulations Dieter!

RC Nelson Bay is an active club that manages to raise funds in many ways - see the annual report - like BBQ's at Bunnings, selling drinks and food on Australia Day and maintaining coin slot binoculars at Gan Gan Lookout. But the annual event that traditionally raises the largest amount of money is the Rotary Charity Golf Day - this year \$ 25,000!

There are two members in particular putting this event together: **Ian Faulkner** and **Greg Flux**. They coordinate and roster the work of other members, inspire a whole legion of sponsors to support the event and network in the community to get as many active golfers to participate as they can. Both, Greg and Ian have already been recognised as PHF in the past but it is very appropriate that they are awarded again for their hard work - this time with the "sapphire pin" ( one sapphire = second level of PHF recognition) for Paul Harris Fellows.

Well done, Greg and Ian! (Only a photo of Ian receiving the pin as Greg is on holiday in QLD).

The fourth recipient - again a sapphire pin - was Past District Governor **Don Whatham**. Don is still working hard on District level in various capacities and has retired last year as vice chairman of the Australian Rotary Health Foundation. Don's ongoing contribution to Rotary is invaluable to the District and especially to our Club. Well earned, Don!

The last award was of a slightly different nature. Usually PHF's are awarded to a person. But this time the award goes to an organisation: The **Kloster Group** comprising Kloster Mitsubishi, Kloster VW, Kloster Special Vehicles and Carzoos in Maitland and Raymond Terrace.

Klosters is an ongoing sponsor of our club and their donations and support make it possible to run the annual Rotary Young Driver Awareness event. Not only does the Club receive a substantial financial contribution to make this possible but Klosters also supplies one or more vehicles for the "keeping distance" demonstration as part of RYDA. Thanks to Klosters the RC Nelson Bay is able to raise the road traffic awareness of local young drivers and learners (year 11 students from Tomaree High School and St. Phillips).

On behalf of the Kloster Group General Manager Dale Chambeyron attended to receive the award-certificate.

Thank you so much Kloster!





### Scholarship

The trustees of the Centennial Scholarship Fund awarded the sum of \$ 3000 to **Vicky Gray** to assist her in the completion of her Masters degree in Palliative Care. On behalf of the members of our club we wish her every success in her studies and with her work in the local community.

The Rotary Club of Nelson Bay Centennial Scholarship Fund was established in 2005 to commemorate 100 years of Rotary and to support research, study and training by locals to the benefit of the local community.

### Positions Vacant!

There are several positions vacant for:

#### Bulletin Editor

This awarding position in the club does not pay but as a member of the "fourth estate" you'll experience the power of the written word. Once every six/eight weeks - depending on how many positions can be filled - you'll be responsible for the content of the Bulletin. Text only as photos will be supplied on demand. Some experience with Office Word or InDesign is an extra but training and templates will be provided. Interested? Call Dieter!

### More Awards.



Constant innovation in our club has resulted in a whole series of awards and recognitions for members that went the extra mile (sometimes literally) to achieve what they were after. The Board was pleased to award the "Dickie Harris Disease" award to two members (Richard Harris and John de Ridder) who seriously intended to travel overseas without a passport. Some were saved by the bell because others also went the proverbial extra mile to supply them with valid documents so they could reach their destination. The awards were heavily sponsored by Royal Caribbean Cruises and Qantas respectively.

Our "club chefs" (Don Whatham, Geoff Diemar and Bob Mitchell) received the Golden, Silver and Bronze tong - the classification is most likely based on the ratio of sausages and steaks cooked properly and burned. Doug Bairstow received the Golden Onion as he is our expert onion cooker. His skill and ability in the art of onion peeling has been acknowledged as Legendary by the members of the Club

Arja Levonpera is now Sport Person of the Year with an empty whiskey bottle and some flowers and "Thumps Up" Phill Smith received the Work Safety Award with John Stuhmcke as a runner up. Queen Raffle ticket seller is Tricia Parnell, seriously supported by her Prince Consort Scott. Tricia is an expert in selling punters more tickets than they want to buy.



Our first overseas visitor of the Rotary year, Ellis Tunn, President of the Rotary Club of Nondugl (PNG) was presented with our Club banner.



Vocational Director John de Ridder presented a special award to **Ella Clarke** in recognition to her tireless effort and dedication to the outstanding success of the **Tomaree Community College** since 1987.

Managing limited resources, Ella knows how to promote the College in the wider community and leads and inspires the College staff through her personal example and by upholding the highest ethical standards. She implements innovative training ideas and methods and maintains and nurtures a strong and valuable association between the College and the Rotary Club of Nelson Bay of which several members serve on the board of the College.

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