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### Ready for Action



Pres Kathy and stand-in sergeant Chris chat before Kathy swings into action.

Our first meeting for the year was a “Club” meeting where President Kathy and Board members set out some of the aims and aspirations for the year.

This year we plan:

- “schooling” members in the use of Facebook and our Website/Club Runner. Training is planned for sooner rather than later.
- To hold a “Night for Larry”. Following the passing of Larry McGrath partner Lynn Moffit has expressed a desire to celebrate Larry’s life with an informal night of cocktails, finger food dancing and memories via slideshow. As well as a member of our Club Larry has been involved with RC Williamtown, Raymond Terrace and Salamander Bay as well as Probus... And of course he was well known through his work at Williamtown Bureau of Meteorology.  
Chelsea Ellul (soon to be inducted) has had some preliminary talks with Lynn and is heading up the planning. The proposed date is late September. Anyone interested in helping would be more than welcome. Contact Chelsea.
- Golf Day - 13th October 2017. Several changes are being considered for this year’s event. Starting time, evening dinner, fund raising and golf format are all being considered. If you would like to be part of Arja’s committee please let her know. Already 4 of the “new members” are on board. But, they are wanting support and guidance from experienced Rotarians.

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#### Birthdays this coming week: 7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> July

None

#### Anniversaries :

None

#### Heads and Tails:

Ian McIver

#### Member Duties 3<sup>rd</sup>

##### March 2016

##### Door:

Ian McIver. Bill Michel

##### Meet/Greet:

Bob & Judy Mitchell

##### Loyal Toast:

Peter Page

##### Grace:

Ed Parker

##### Intro Guest speaker:

N/A

##### Thank Guest Speaker:

N/A

##### Bulletin:

Chris Bartlett

**Next meeting Club Planning Night**

**Apologies/Extras to John Crump by noon on Wednesday!**

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## NEXT WEEK'S MEETING

- We will be sitting in our committees. **Would you like a change? (Below is last year's committee list).**
- There will be a table per Director.
- Kathy will be filling in for Membership whilst Deiter is away.

## AIM:

- Project Planning and Review by committees, led by Directors**
  - What did we do last year?
  - Are any projects past their used by dates?
  - What do we continue?
  - Can we work SMARTER, not HARDER on the project?
  - What do we need to do to make it happen this year?
  - Any new ideas?
- Twelve months event calendar**
  - Plotted to share on the website, facebook and with members.
  - E.g. Hat Night, International Night, Foundation Night all co-ordinated so we reduce clashes.
- Club Meetings Structure**
  - How often do we have Guest Speakers? Weekly, Fortnightly, Monthly
    - Kathy's thought is once a month in line with Rotary Theme for the Month
    - Can make a partners and visitors night
    - Will help with showcasing and marketing Rotary.
    - Increase exposure and possibly help with getting more new members.
    - Above all - it will be FUN!
  - How often do we have partners nights/theme nights?
  - Thursday nights look like they are to stay?**
    - Not one of the newly joining members are pushing for Tuesday's. Their comment has been we do not want Rotary to change just for us.
    - They have shown their commitment by already jumping into the meeting Tuesday morning with Lynn Moffit. Jumping into Night for Larry and Golf Day Committee's and making sure one of them attend the meetings for the month of July.
    - They all like the sit-down meal is the feedback recently received.
  - Review of Survey - Thank you to Bob and Liz for facilitating
    - Propose any changes which on the surface may be minimal.

**These are the committees from last year. Want to stay in or move to a different Committee? Do you have a particular interest you would like to explore?**

Club Administration	Vocational	Community Service	Youth	International	Membership	The Rotary Foundation
<b>John deRidder (Dir)</b>	<b>John De Ridder (Dir)</b>	<b>Chris Bartlett (Dir)</b>	<b>Arja Levonpera (Dir)</b>	<b>John Cropley(Dir)</b>	<b>Robert Mitchell (Chair)</b>	<b>Phill Smith(Dir)</b>
	Geoffrey Basser	Ann Evans-Deputy	Geoff Diemar	John Crump	Kathy Rimmer	Bart Richardson
	Peter Page	Ian Faulkner	Don Whatham	Greg Flux	Doug Craike	Mike Jenkins
	Tricia Parnell	Warwick Mathieson	Judi Priestley	Dieter Greiter	Peter McBean	Mike Mobbs
	Hugh Randall	John Stuhmcke	Richard Turner	Ed Parker	Richard Harris	
		Doug Craike	John Shaw	Ian Molver	Helen Ryan	
		John Sully Bill Michel				
		Doug Bairstow				
		Mike Mobbs				
<b>District Governor</b>	<b>Australia Day</b>	<b>Liaison Australian Rotary Health</b>	<b>Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Chair</b>	<b>District Interplast Committee</b>	<b>Public Relations</b>	
Steve Jackson	Doug Craike-Chair	Don Whatham	TBA	Ian Molver	Chris Bartlett	
AG Earl Heckman	Warwick Mathieson				Tricia Parnell	
<b>Sergeant at Arms</b>	John Stuhmcke	<b>WELFARE</b>	<b>Rotary Youth Driver Awareness</b>	<b>District Bowlscon Committee</b>	Phill Smith	<b>PCYC Representatives</b>
Warwick Mathieson	Doug Craike(DPS)	Peter Page	Arja Levonpera	Richard Harris	Arja Levonpera	Dieter Greiter
Mike Mobbs	Judi Priestley OH&S		Richard Turner		Henk Tobbe	Tim Ireland
Jim Booth	Don Whatham				Dieter Greiter	Chris Bartlett
Ed Parker	Dieter Greiter					
	Doug Bairstow	<b>Rotary Golf Day</b>	<b>Literacy Projects</b>	<b>ShelterBox Response Team Member</b>	<b>St Dominic's Day</b>	<b>Bulletin Team</b>
	Chris Bartlett	Ian Faulkner (chair)	Helen Ryan(Coord)	Bill Michel	TBA	Henk Tobbe
<b>Insurance Officer</b>	Ann Evans	Chris Bartlett	Judi Priestley			Phill Smith
Phill Smith	Phill Smith	Arja Levonpera	Bart Richardson			John deRidder
<b>Public Officer</b>	Dieter Greiter	Tim Ireland	Chris Bartlett	<b>Rotary Australia World Community Service</b>		Dieter Greiter
Ann Evans		Ann Evans	<b>Youth Exchange Counsellor</b>	Larry McGrath		Don Whatham
<b>Risk Management Officer</b>	<b>Catering</b>	Trish Parnell	TBA	Bill Michel		Chris Bartlett
Phill Smith	John Stuhmcke (Chair)	Robert Mitchell	<b>Youth Exchange Student</b>			
	Chris Bartlett	Judy Mitchell				
<b>Photographer</b>	Arja Levonpera					
Henk Tobbe	Doug Bairstow	<b>Exercise Trail</b>	<b>Scholarship Trustees</b>	<b>Australian Rotary Health Projects</b>	<b>Rotary Leadership Members</b>	
	Judi Priestley	Ann Evans	Judy Mitchell	Don Whatham	Chris Bartlett	
<b>Program Manager</b>	John Crump	Ian Faulkner	Board		Helen Ryan	
John deRidder		Phill Smith	<b>Scholarship Committee</b>	<b>Strategic Planning</b>	Judi Priestley	<b>District Conference</b>
<b>Welfare Officer</b>	<b>Probis Liaison</b>	Warwick Mathieson	Ian Brigden ( Chair)	The Board NB Rotary Club	Ann Evans	Don Whatham
Peter Page	Bart Richardson	Chris Bartlett	Richard Turner		Trisha Parnell	<b>International Convention</b>
			Ed Parker		Judy Mitchell	Don Whatham
<b>Equipment Officers</b>	<b>Adopt a Road</b>	<b>Other Projects</b>	Arja Levonpera			
Bill Michel	Mike Mobbs (Chair)	Warwick Mathieson	Judy Mitchell	<b>Project Neighbour</b>	<b>Honorary Members</b>	
John Stuhmcke		Ed Parker		TBA	Ian Rolfe	
Doug Craike					Terry Fitzsimons	
					Peter Buckley	



Members get to know prospective member Chelsea Ellul

Chelsea Ellul (as a Friend of Rotary) has already put her hand up for two functions (Night for Larry and the Golf Day).

The group of young prospects are keen to get involved and we look forward to their induction.



Presentation of past Bulletins.

PDG Bart Richardson for many years presented a copy of the weekly bulletins to the outgoing President as a memento of their year. Following Bart's death in March Phill Smith completed the task and made the presentation to PP Judy.

### More from our intrepid traveller PDG Don...

(Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July)

Dear All,

We docked Monday morning in San Juan Del Sur, Nicaragua and boarded our coach for the longest excursion of our trip. We travelled through the small port city before entering the typical Central American country side. The natural vegetation is tropical rain forest which thrives in the hot, humid and wet climate. The area is just coming into the 7 month rain season where heavy storms are common each day. Fortunately, our time here so far has been without much rain so we have been able to walk around without getting wet. Much of the natural vegetation has been cleared for agricultural purposes. sugar cane, bananas, coffee and cocoa beans, corn and other tropical fruit trees grow profusely in the rich volcanic soil. Melons are also grown and much of the product is exported. The long mountain range which divides the Caribbean and Pacific side of the country is lined with a series of active volcanos and much of Central America is prone to earthquakes. After one and a half hours we reached the inland city of Granada. This was a very pretty city with many magnificent buildings featuring a strong Spanish influence in their architecture. We had a walking tour through the large Central Park which was busy with tourists and local vendors selling their various wares. Our main purchases have been soccer shirts from the various countries and Fiona has many necklaces purchased from eager and persistent vendors. Coffee is the major export of most Central American countries and most stores have quantities of the high quality coffee for sale. We visited the Museum in one of the magnificent buildings and our guide explained Nicaragua's interesting history. After a lunch of local food and coffee we travelled to the large inland Lake Nicaragua where we boarded small boats for a cruise around the many islands of the lake. We returned to the ship tired after a long day but still enjoyed an excellent meal in the speciality restaurant. My seafood meal featured lobster, prawns, scallops and local fish.

Next day we docked in the early afternoon in Peurto Guetzal, Guatemala and joined our tour away from the port city for a drive through an animal park featuring wild life and birds of Central America. Pumas, cheetahs and coyotes are the main animals. Colourful macaws and toucans were the main bird life. Travel to and from the park through the Guatemalan country side was similar to that experienced yesterday in Nicaragua. The agricultural products were similar but the roads much busier and in poor condition. Many heavily laden utilities carried local families and workers unrestrained in their trays. Most seemed not to be registered and road rules did not appear to exist. Large colourful buses carried tourists, workers and school children to their various destinations. Back on board that night we were entertained by an Australian entertainer born in West Wyalong and went to school in Leeton prior to enrolling at the Conservatorium of Music. Wednesday was a very pleasant sea day. Late breakfast, Fiona attended her sewing class, I had my usual 30 minutes in the gym and we lazed around the pool with an occasional dip in the 30 degree pool water. The Pacific Ocean was as smooth as a mill pond. Lunch featured Central American food and beer.



**If not already paid please pay your Annual Dues ASAP.**

**Full year \$270, or \$135 ½ year**

**BSB: 637000, Acct:781 017 418. Please quote your name and "subs".**

**Or, give cheque to Treasurer Ian Brigden made payable to Rotary Club of Nelson Bay**



### Bulletin Editors Wanted:

Use your creative talents to disseminate Club and Rotary news to Club members. Editor's remunerations have been increased this year. Double the pay (nothing), double the thanks (maybe).

- No previous experience needed (surely that's obvious).
- Sense of humour helpful (hopefully you'll laugh more than you cry)
- Thick skin a benefit (when you realise the dumb thing you did).
- Deep pockets also beneficial (to pay fines for typos, omissions etc.).

Speak with one of the current editors: Chris Bartlett, Don Whatham, Dieter Greiter or Phill Smith.



### Bunnings BBQ

An excellent result from last week's Bunnings BBQ.

\$1471 Taken for a net result of \$1209.

It really is a great way of helping raise funds – which as members know goes back into the community. Think about it.

Acknowledgement should go to John Stuhmcke, Judi Priestley, Chris Bartlett, and Doug Bairstow who form the backbone of this significant income producer.

### Something to be proud of..

The Rotary Club of Nelson Bay last year provided nearly \$133, 000 to the local and wider community.

Fund raisers such as our Charity Golf Day, Australia Day, Long Lunch, Bunnings BBQ's and funds from the Gan Gan Binoculars all contributed to raise the funds.

Coupled with this were grants from our Local, State and Federal Governments as well as The Rotary Foundation.

Grants are not given out "Willy Nilly"! Good governance requires that recipients are not only worthy but have demonstrated the ability to fulfil promised works/projects.

Our past efforts and our abilities have been recognised by these bodies. Congratulations all.

*Opposite: Extract from Annual Report*

DESCRIPTION	DONATION
Multi Gym Facility Stage 2	\$36,600.00
Port Stephens Women in Crisis	\$36,200.00
Rugby Club of Nelson Bay Under 17's	\$950.00
NSW Police Legacy	\$1320.00
RYLA x 2 Candidates	\$1600.00
PCYC BBQ	\$500.00
Tomaree Public School- Special Needs Playground Equipment	\$4608.00
SEAK	\$250.00
Anna Bay Public School- Playground equipment	\$1350.00
Anglican Church Nelson Bay –Vanuatu Project	\$1000.00
School Presentations- Anna Bay, Shoal Bay, Bob's Farm, Tomaree High x2, Tomaree Public	\$600.00
PCYC – Snr Constable Tim Smith- courses	\$327.00
Heaven Can Wait Yacht Sponsorship	\$500.00
Australian Rotary Health- Mental Health research	\$1000.00
Shelterbox Australia	\$1000.00
District Governor's Partners Project- End Polio Now	\$1700.00
Leukaemia Foundation- World's Greatest Shave	\$500.00
Tomaree Hospitality Students- Additional Training	\$400.00
PCYC Basketball Uniforms (includes \$700 from Nelson Bay Bowling Club)	\$1400.00
Multi Gym Facility (\$4,500 still to be allocated to this project)	\$26,000.00
Nelson Bay Rotary Town Clock (Allocated but not spent as at May 31 <sup>st</sup> 2017)	\$12,040.00
Roadwhyz	\$1500.00
Anna Bay School Klippe learning toy trial	\$300.00
MUNA	\$490.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$132,295.00</b>