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Ron Land from PS Koala & Wildlife Preservation Society



Ron gave us an emotional presentation about the plights of the koalas in Port Stephens. According to consensus 250 – 400 koalas remain in the wild. Within the 2013 – 2017 period 140 deaths due to car strikes and dog attacks have been recorded. Loss of habitat due to new development is also a major threat. It is accepted fact that once the colony falls below 450, the species will not survive. The operational costs of PS Koala currently run at \$120k p/a in wages, Vet. Fees, medicines, Rescue vehicles, equipment etc. Currently 2 paid employees and 30 Frontline Carers & Rescuers are employed (Judi Priestley being their latest recruit) with 2 Rescue/treatment vehicles. No financial assistance from State & Fed. Government for operational costs is provided. The area covers the whole of Tomaree and Tilligerry Peninsula in a 24/7 all year operation

The New Koala Hospital & Eco-Tourism Facility

PS Council, with current and past mayors, have been great supporters and has committed \$160k for feasibility study & planning. The State Government, mainly due to the intervention of Kate Washington MP and Meryl Swanson MP, has committed \$3M in funding. The Business case for Construction goes to council this month. It will house a Hospital & Rehab facility as well as an Education & Visitors Centre, this will become a major tourist attraction for the area. A Sanctuary area where the animals can be viewed in the wild, but not in form of a petting zoo is also provided, where the koalas are free to roam and come and go as they please.



20 Thermoplastic Roadsigns (similar to this w/o the zebra stripes) are being installed across the area. PSC will meet 50% of the cost. Financial support is needed for the remaining balance of \$5,000



In partnership with Newcastle airport a mobile road sign has been developed that will activate warning when vehicles approach at more than 40kmh

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Birthdays this week:

8th July A. Tobbe

9th July M. Nicol

Anniversaries :

none

Heads & Tails

won by: D. Bairstow(spinner)

Member Duties

12th July 2018

Door:

T.Todd & J.Sully

Meet/Greet:

R.Turner

Loyal Toast:

D.Bairstow

Grace:

D.Clark

Intro Guest speaker:

n/a

Thank Guest Speaker:

n/a

Bulletin:

Phill Smith

Photos:

Phill Smith

Binos:

Dieter & Helga Greiter

Dinner Menu Next meeting : Rump Steak Mash & Vegetables

Apologies/Extras to John Crump phone or text b4 noon on Wednesday! 0401 450 239



Arja & Kathy at Radio PSFM interview regarding the upcoming Golf day



Expert group discussing the “deliberate mistake” our Bulletin Editors insert each week to gauge the reading audience of the Club Bulletin



Tony as impromptu Sergeant this week shows his talent when he stepped in for Warwick in last moment, great first up effort



Kathy presents Peter with our Rotary Club stickers for his rally car in the upcoming Starlight Foundation Rally, as one of the regular participants in this event that usually raises in excess of \$250k each year



Ian & Jim “chewing the fat” with speaker Ron



Kathy presents Dieter, representing Marine Rescue Port Stephens, with a cheque of \$700.- towards the running cost of the unit, this in addition to \$300.- earlier this year

District Changeover Sat. 7th July in Maitland City Bowling Club

Photos by Henk Tobbe



DG Brian & Wise Momma prepare delivery of "Be an Inspiration Theme"



With this badge.....Helen inducts Brian Coffey as 2018-2019 DG



PDG Helen & Mike are recognised



Pres. Kathy, Secretary PDG Don & Pres. Ina George enjoying a chat



AG Sharon Chambers, DG Brian with Judy Mitchell



District Secretary 2017-18 Phil Smith receives a Certificate of Thanks from PDG Helen



Photographer Henk captured this rare photo of Bob Mitchell at the bar



AG Chris, Judi Priestley and Agnes Tobbe enjoy this year's District Changeover at Maitland City Bowling.

BE KIND TO YOUR BULLETIN EDITORS....

Chris B received a Bulletin from his old club Upper Blue Mountains Sunrise Club this week with the following lead story attached.

After reading the article, it highlights how lucky we are as a Club to have not one but 4 Bulletin Editors, and one Reserve Editor. Just in case...

The Weeks That Were MOUNTAIN SUNRISE

Rotary Club of Upper Blue Mountains Sunrise, Bulletin

First off—this editor would like to apologize to all members and friends of the UBMS Club in that there has not been a newsletter for some months. Unfortunately, I was involved in a terrible accident which resulted in some 15 broken bones in my back and ribs including a triple fracture of my spine.

I spent some time in Nepean Hospital (which I highly recommend) as well as many day visits to other medical facilities both in The Blue Mountains as well as in Sydney.

I certainly appreciated the many calls from my Rotary friends as well as the well-meaning and often times good medical advice which put me on the path to recovery. I certainly hope that I have seen the last emergency room and the last triage nurse for the year

Behind the 2018-19 Theme – Be the Inspiration

Rotary's annual themes allow freedom of Interpretation

2018/19 theme – Be the Inspiration has 6 components – any coincidence?

Who can make out:

1. **Sea,**
2. **a breaking wave,**
3. **the crest of a wave,**
4. **Sunbeams,**
5. **a heart,**
6. **a sail**



Let me explain the subliminal message that the theme banner provides

1. **The sea – Connects us** all the continents of the world – fed by rivers, streams and ice masses from every land.

2. **The breaking waves – represent strength and change**

The waves touching the lands are constant, dependable, and unstoppable. Changing the world through their strength and constancy.

Rotary is the same unstoppable force that brings **positive change** throughout the world.

The **wave represents the strength** of Rotary. The power that our combined efforts, and the untold reach we have as global citizens, people of action, and Rotarians.

3. **The Crest** Symbolises that we are on the crest of something great – Polio eradication.
4. **Sunbeams** The **multi-coloured sunbeams**. Behind our wave represent **the diversity and energy** found in Rotary that unites our different backgrounds, different cultures, and different abilities.
5. **The Heart** Underneath the tip of the wave, we see a **heart**. Rotarians have huge hearts;
 - we stand in empathy with those who are suffering,
 - we make it our mission to take action for those who cannot take action for themselves.
6. **The Sail The silhouette of a sail**. This sail symbolizes the direction intrinsic within Rotary: we know where we are going and we are focused on our goals.

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International President Barry Rassin asks each of us to step forward in our own clubs, neighbourhoods, and communities and Be the Inspiration.

This Week's club activities:

Wed. 11th July 9:00am GanGan Lookout Working Bee

Wed. 11th July 5:30pm 1st Boardmeeting

Thu. 12th July Club night and Board Dir. updates

Gan Gan Lookout Working Bee

Wednesday 11th July, 9am

Bring wheelbarrow if you can



Cleanup, tree planting and removal of dead shrubs etc.