

Bulletin # 1, 8th July 2022

SPECIAL YEAR BEGINS FOR PRESIDENT DOUG SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



Hand wash supplied by Bunnings on every table



Dentist John Cropley recommended donot use as toothpaste.

President Doug conducted his first meeting of the new Rotary Year on Thursday night after a week's delay due to Covid restrictions. A good number of members were present to welcome Doug to his new role. It is a special year for him as he will be the Club's last President in District 9670. As members are aware we will become District 9660 on July 1 2022 with forward planning well under way.

Doug's relaxed nature augers well for the Club Board and members with Thursday night's meeting being a great indicator of the members support for him.

He has an experienced Board to support him with Directors preparing reports for the first Board meeting next Wednesday night. Doug is also very keen to embrace our local community this Rotary year, concentrating on the Rotary Foundation's 7 avenues of service, listed on Page 4 of this Bulletin. He welcomed one of our newest members Craig to the meeting. He can also announce District Governor Amanda's visit to our Club on Thursday August 12th. More vocational visits are also planned, including the first on Thursday August 5th to the Hunter Valley (Page 3), plus having a family weekend in Buladelah in October this year, and an early Christmas party (see below). On behalf of all members, we wish Doug a happy and productive year.

Members enjoying a glass of refreshment at Thursday night's Covid meeting as Doug commences his first meeting as President



EARLY WARNING – XMAS PARTY 2021
President Doug has announced our Xmas Party will be held early this year. The CWA Hall in Nelson has been booked for Saturday afternoon November 20th at 2.30pm. Cost will be \$35.00. Please put on calendar now- More details in due course.

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Birthdays this coming week:

July 8 Agnes Tobbe

July 9 Murray Nicol (hon member)

Anniversaries

July 13 Peter & Elena Arena

Heads and Tails: N/A

Raffle N/A

Member Duties

Door: David Clark

Meet/Greet: Ella Clarke

Grace:

Doug Bairstow

Intro Guest speaker:

N/A

Thank Guest Speaker:

N/A

Bulletin:

Don Whatham

Photos:

Phill Smith

Binos Milton/Chris

Meeting Club meeting and Directors Board reports

Next meeting -

Apologies/Extras to Phil Smith on Wednesday by noon

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World President's message



Incoming Rotary International President **Shekhar Mehta** urged members to become more involved in service projects, saying that caring for and serving others is the best way to live because it changes not only other people's lives, but also our own.

Mehta, a member of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, West Bengal, India, revealed the 2021-22 presidential theme, *Serve to Change Lives*, to incoming district governors on 1 February during the Rotary International Assembly. The assembly, a yearly training event for district governors-elect, was originally set to take place in Orlando, Florida, USA, but was held virtually because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Mehta spoke about how participating in service projects through Rotary changed him as a person and made him empathize more with the needs of others. Soon after joining his club, he helped carry out projects that benefited rural communities in India.



DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2021 - 22 AMANDA ROACH AND DAVID

Amanda was educated in Sydney and was a member of Interact throughout her high school years. Her tertiary studies were undertaken at Sydney University and the University of Newcastle.

Amanda first joined the Rotary Club of Rylstone-Kandos in 2003 followed by David in the same year. Amanda has been President five times and is currently Assistant Governor, Zone 3, 2018-2020. She has a keen interest in all youth programs including Rotary's support of people with disabilities, mental health issues, the disadvantaged, particularly Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM), and ShelterBox. She is a facilitator for Youth Mental Health First Aid programs and a volunteer for other community assistance programs such as NALAG and Max Potential. Amanda is currently a Youth Exchange Officer and a Youth Protection/Welfare Officer on the District YEP Committee.

David and Amanda met each other through teaching. David was appointed to Rouchel Public School in the Upper Hunter as Teacher in Charge in 1982 and Amanda was Teacher in Charge of John Foley Special School in Muswellbrook. At this time, Amanda joined the local Quota Club as women were not permitted to be Rotary members. They married in Muswellbrook in 1985 and later had five children; Zachary, Yedda, Eamonn, Imogene and Finley, all living in Newcastle, and are now very proud grandparents. Some of their children participated in Rotary and University exchange and youth programs.

In 1992-93, David retrained as a Special Education teacher in Newcastle and Amanda retrained as a School Counsellor at the University of Newcastle. They were each appointed to schools in the Central Tablelands of NSW, and both held executive positions with the NSW Department of Education.

David and Amanda each received a Paul Harris Fellow from the Rotary Club of Rylstone-Kandos in 2011, and both were recognised by the District with a Paul Harris Sapphire in 2016.

David and Amanda are both retired and remain extremely active in the Rotary Club of Rylstone-Kandos assisting with the coordination of all major community projects and fundraisers along with managing the Australian Gift Shop on behalf of their Rotary Club.

Amanda's visit to our Club is Thursday August 12th. She will meet with the Board prior to the meeting, before being our guest speaker for the night. Partners and friends are invited to this meeting.

Upcoming events calendar

Sun July 11 President, secretary, treasurer Maitland
Wed July 14 Club Board meeting 5pm NB Bowling Club
Thurs July 15 Club meeting, Directors reports
Sat July 17 Bunnings BBQ (Please check Roster)
Thurs July 22 Meeting-Guest speaker Mark Tynan, local Wine maker
July 26-30 Science and Engineering Challenge
July 29 Meeting speaker TBA
Thur Aug 5 Vocational Visit to Hunter Valley. No evening meeting.
Sat Aug 7 Bunnings BBQ.
Thurs Aug 12 District Governor Amanda's visit Partner's/friends welcome.

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

Youth Director Lesley called for volunteers for the Science & Engineering Challenge to be held at Newcastle Uni from Monday July 26th to Friday July 30th. This is a great week, where schools from all over the State compete in a variety of different challenges. The day at the University starts at 8am and goes to 2.30pm. Several members have already offered support and Lesley will be in touch with all members during the next week. A Working with Children number is required for this event,



Treasurer Milton gave an update on recent happenings at Bunnings on Thursday night. We assisted Karuah Progress Assoc last Saturday and Horse Haven last Sunday, by providing assistance with our Community BBQ program. Two very successful BBQs were conducted by these groups which resulted in the Club passing on \$1400 to them, after meeting all the club costs. In recognition of our assistance given, Bunnings have given the Club \$450 in vouchers to be used as prizes on the Golf Day. A further gift of vouchers will follow. Special Thanks to Chris, Milton, Lesley, Don, President Doug and Doug B for their efforts in making the weekend happen. Don is editing the roster with a few members not renewing membership, however the roster for Saturday **July 17th is as follows AM shift (Milton, Transport) Liz, Craig and TBA & PM shift Peter Page, Ella, Erin & Warwick (transport)**. There may late changes to Bunnings BBQs depending on Covid restrictions. Members to be advised.



Lisa McGuigan Wines



Tasting and lunch here

HUNTER VALLEY DISTILLERY



VOCATIONAL WINE TASTING TOUR-HUNTER VALLEY

Director Bob Mitchell has completed some intensive research into organising a wine tour to the Hunter Valley on Thursday April 5th. It will be an entertaining day with no club meeting held in the evening. The bus will departing and returning to Nelson Bay. Partners and friends are welcome to join the members on this vocational visit. The cost is good value at **\$60.00 per head** which includes bus travel and your lunch at BEN EAN winery. More information? talk to Bob



ROTARY FOUNDATION 7 AREAS OF FOCUS

1. Peace and Conflict Resolution
2. Disease prevention and treatment
3. Water Sanitisation and Hygiene
4. Maternal and Child health
5. Basic education & Literacy
6. Community & Economic development
7. Environment

President Doug is keen to prompt the majority of these areas of focus in our local community, particularly in health, Literacy economic development and the Environment area

ROTARY CENTENARY & ROTARY READING UPDATE FROM HELEN RYAN

Centenary Helen indicated that some 36 End Trachoma packs were being sent to the north to aboriginal children in the Northern Territory with some funds hopefully left over for some mirrors to be sent show the children so they can check their eyes.

Helen and her hardworking team are investigating putting in a couple of park benches and a plaque at Tom O'Dwyer oval where 100 trees were recently planted to celebrate the 100 years of Rotary in Australia.

Rotary reading Shoal Bay will be recommencing this week, while the program is currently suspended at Tomaree Primary due to Covid. Anna Bay has yet to recommence, Helen asked for more volunteers for this very worthwhile and enjoyable club project. It's only an hour a week and it is certainly time well spent.

A MESSAGE FROM CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR PHILL

Club Service Director Phill Smith recently returned from his holiday in Queensland (see evidence above, with some excellent photos). He explained to members the cost structure of our weekly Dinner fee (\$25.00) including the \$20.00 dinner cost we pay to the Bowling Club each week and the \$2.50 fee to the Rotary Foundation plus other costs. With Covid restrictions again in place it is particularly important we get our numbers right each week.

He is also planning another entertaining year of speakers, vocational visits and activities which will include family and friends with some assistance from President Doug and his fellow Directors. He also asks if members know of any speakers who may like to make a presentation at the Club to contact him.