

Bulletin # 3 – 21st July 2016

AUSTRALIA- BUILT ON THE SHEEP'S BACK- A STORY OF LUCK, INNOVATION & FOLLY

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Our Guest speaker Professor Kevin Atkins, was an excellent guest speaker, and was accompanied by wife Ellila

Our Guest Speaker on Thursday night, Professor Dr Kevin Atkins from Shoal Bay drew a good number of guests to our meeting. Kevin's talk on the history of the Australian Sheep and Wool Industry was both informative and entertaining.

The Sheep Industry in Australia was founded by John Macarthur in the early 1800's and was the foundation for Australia's early growth as a nation. The introduction of the Merino sheep aided this growth. Kevin, explained the different quality of wools, how wool competes with other fibres, and that Australia supplies nearly 80% of the world's wool. The peak price for wool at one stage was \$30 a kilo, compared to \$8kg today.

He highlighted some of the challenges the industry has faced over 2 centuries, including the oil crisis of the last century, the introduction of the Vermont Merino which produced less wool and more grease and rabbits.

Kevin concluded his talk with a video on the innovations taking place in the Industry where sheep are now genetically bred for either meat or wool. New technology is leading the way and the scope for improvement is "unlimited". Club members and guests certainly enjoyed the evening, with Kevin proving an entertaining speaker.

Birthdays this coming week:

July 20 Bob Mitchell

July 23 Hugh Randall

July 26 Mike Mobbs

Anniversaries: Nil

Heads and Tails: Bart Richardson

Raffle: Doug Bairstow

Member Duties 28TH July 2016

Door:

Bart Richardson/Greg Flux

Meet/Greet:

Ros Cribb

Loyal Toast:

Trisha Parnell

Grace:

Judi Priestley

Intro Guest speaker:

Ed Parker

Thank Guest Speaker:

Ella Clarke

Bulletin:

Henk Tobbe

NEXT WEEK'S WEEK SPEAKER- PRFOFESSOR PAUL DASTOOR (SEE p2)

Apologies/Extras to Ros Cribb by noon on Wednesday!

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**NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER- PROFESSOR PAUL DASTOOR-
ORGANIC ELECTRONICS**

Professor Paul Dastoor will speak on a range of topics relating to the recent development and application of organic electronics by his team at the Centre for Organic Electronics at the University of Newcastle. He will address 3 areas: Organic Solar Cells, Organic thin Film Transistors and Devices and the Centre for Organic Electronics. - "The greatest issue the World is facing is energy production. We have billions of people who have no access to energy or electrical power"



2016/17 FEES NOW DUE

Our annual fees are now due. Treasurer Kathy Rimmer has issued invoices over the last couple of days. The fees can be paid either in one \$260 sum or 2 instalments of \$130, now, and in January 2017. With a smile like Kathy's who amongst us could resist making a payment to our hard working Treasurer.... Kathy thanks you in advance.....

**THANK
YOU
JOHN
GOOD
JOB**



Our Vice President John Stuhmcke has again shown his handyman skills by repairing our "ever giving" binoculars at Gan Gan Lookout last week. A technical fault in the money mechanism required some urgent attention, with John repairing the fault in freezing conditions, plus carrying out some maintenance at the same time. Thank You John.



Congratulations to Peter Page on receiving his 20 years membership pin of Port Stephens Probuss Club.

ADOPT A ROAD UPDATE

Another Thank You to **Mike Mobbs** for his efforts in discussing our Adopt A Road program with Port Stephens Council, Council deciding to add some very restrictive conditions on our Club, which has resulted in a letter on the Club's behalf being sent to Council expressing our concerns. We have received an initial response from Council, who are further investigating at the present time, and hopefully a positive outcome will result.





One of our many guests on Thursday night was retired engineer Tony Todd who has made the right decision to call Nelson Bay home. We hope to see more of you Tony, we enjoyed your company.



Tim & Penny Meharg were among the many guests on Thursday night. Tim is President of the Shoal Bay Preservation Volunteer Group who are a very active Volunteer Group, improving Shoal Bay.

UNLUCKY BREAKS

2 of our member's wives have had a couple of unlucky breaks recently. Firstly Glennys Parker, wife of club sage and new Sergeant, Ed is nursing a broken arm following a recent fall. Anjes Tobbe suffered a broken collar when she fell on cobblestones at the end of her European Trip with husband Henk, our Club photographer. Fortunately both on the mend and we hear both Ed and Henk have shown remarkable improvements in their house keeping skills. We wish them both a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing you soon. Phill Smith has been filling in for Henk on photos, thank you Phill- top job



Treasurer of the Shoal Bay Preservation Volunteer Group, Nigel Dique and wife Carol were guests on Thursday night to hear Professor Kevin Atkins tell all about the Sheep Industry in Australia

1. **Volunteers are needed** for the Science & Engineering Challenge, August 1-5, at the Forum, University of Newcastle. Rotarians assist with the competition events. Volunteers should contact Paul Griffiths (RC of Williamtown) at 0408431323 or pawmg@bigpond.com to arrange days and times.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

Next Week – Monday July 25. Golf Day Committee meeting, 5.30pm at the Bowling Club
July 28 – **Professor Paul Dastoor- Organic Electronics**
Monday-Friday August 1-5 Science and Engineering Challenge at Newcastle Uni
Wednesday August 3 - Club Board Meeting at Nelson Bay Bowling Club at 5.30 pm
Thursday August 4 - Club Night
Thursday August 25 - District Governor Steve Jackson's Visit.

BART RECOGNISED



19 July 2016

Bart Richardson

EDUCATION WEEK 2016

Dear Bart,

I am delighted to inform you that you have been successfully nominated to receive an award at this years Education Weeks ceremony.

You have been nominated for OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION BY A SCHOOL COMMUNITY MEMBER TO THE SCHOOL AND/OR DISTRICT for many years volunteering, supporting and encouraging children to read via the Rotary Reading Program.

The Awards Ceremony will be held on Thursday 4th August, 6pm for 6.30pm start at Tomaree Education Centre.

Please invite family and friends to attend the ceremony with you. Please let me know as soon as possible the likely number of attendees.

Yours truly

Narelle Mann
Principal



The Mai-Wel Group and Family and Community Services invite you to a

Disability Awareness Morning Tea

When: Wednesday 3rd August, 2016

Time: 10:30am – 12:00pm

Where: Evviva Café and Bar

16 Stockton Street, Nelson Bay (next to Greater Bank)

Who: Invited guests, interested members and business owners from the local Port Stephens business community.

Guest speaker: Community Disability Advocacy Hunter

Separate fact from fiction and find out more about how you can assist people with a disability to be more involved in community life in Port Stephens.



WATCH THIS SPACE

President Judy has advised she is working on a special event to be held on October 29. This will be discussed at the next Board meeting on August 3rd. More details to follow.....

Tact is the ability to tell someone to go to hell in such a way that they look forward to the trip.

– Winston Churchill

We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.

– Winston Churchill

I am fond of pigs. Dogs look up to us. Cats look down on us. Pigs treat us as equals.

– Winston Churchill

– Politics is the ability to foretell what is going to happen tomorrow, next week, next month and next year and to have the ability afterwards to explain why it didn't happen.

– **Thank you Ed, for this week's contribution.**

**APOLOGIES & EXTRAS TO ROS CRIBB BY NOON WEDNESDAY'S
PLEASE –PHONE OR SMS 0401 450 289- THANK YOU**