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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE



The second of our Club planning nights was held on Thursday with a good number of members attending, to assist the Board to plan not only for this year, and beyond. International & Rotary Foundation Director, John Cropley is pictured in deep discussion with some of his team members, Ian McIver, John Crump and Ed Parker at Thursday's nights Planning evening, voted a success by all

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Birthdays this coming week:

July 18 Ian Rolfe
July 20 Bob Mitchell
Anniversaries None listed

Heads and Tails: Our President Kathy Rimmer- Well done

Member Duties July 20 2017

Door Peter McBean/Ian McIver

Meet/Greet: Judy and Bob Mitchell

Loyal Toast Peter Page

Grace: Tricia Parnell

Intro Guest speaker:
N/A

Thank Guest Speaker:
N/A

Bulletin: Don Whatham

Photographer Henk Tobbe

Guest Speaker- Club Night, Open Discussion
Lead by President Kathy, Directors and others



Nelson Bay Rotary Club, under President Kathy's leadership, is in for a good year. Phil Smith captured this photo on Thursday night showing Club Service and Vocational Director, Geoff Diemar welcoming our new member David Clark to his team, while Project Neighbour Coordinator Peter McBean toasts a terrific year ahead with our Club Food procurement officer Don Bairstow looking on. With 4 new members in the process of final approval, and several other potential new members in the wings we have kicked off on a high note

Apologies/Extras to John Crump by 12noon on Wednesday Ph 0401 450 239

CLUB PLANNING NIGHT

FIRST FOR BOARD

The Club's initial Board meeting for 2017/18 created a first on Wednesday night, when Membership Director, Dieter Greiter "attended" the meeting by Whats App, while on holiday in Austria, Dieter was able to give his report and listen and make contributions to the meeting, courtesy of this media. It is certainly a sign of the times and Dieter's efforts are appreciated by both the Board and Club members.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PROJECT NEIGHBOUR

More Club Volunteers are need for Project Neighbour to be held next Wednesday July 19. Peter McBean has kindly offered to coordinate this program, so if you assist please get in touch with Peter asap. At the Club planning session on Thursday night, it was agreed to continue with this project, with a review date set for November 1. The success of the project is dependent on member participation.

HONORARY MEMBERS FOR 2017-18

The Club Board, at their meeting on Wednesday night have invited the following former members of the Club to be Honorary for 2017-18

- Bill Brown
- Peter Buckley
- Terry Fitzsimons
- Murray Nicol
- Ian Rolfe
- John Sully

The new addition this year is Bill Brown. We hope to see John Sully return to Australia in the next few months as he is currently looking at a permanent move to Australia.

We are hopeful that all will accept the Club's invitation to be part of our Club in an honorary capacity.



DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2018 PLANNING

The Club's District Conference 2018 Planning team met on Thursday night prior to our Club Planning evening. Plans are well embedded with some good sponsorship already pledged, keynote speakers organised, and the program and events all being organised. The committee will continue to meet regularly until the Conference commences on March 16 2018. Our picture, taken by Committee member Phil Smith,, shows from left to right Judi Priestley, Chris Bartlett, Richard Turner, Don Whatham, Judy Mitchell, President Kathy Rimmer, District Governor Helen Ryan, CoChair Warwick Mathieson, Conference Treasurer Misty Reid and CoChair Ian Brigden in planning mode, The Conference is shaping up to be a memorable event for our Club and the Nelson Bay area.

APOLOGIES & EXTRAS TO JOHN CRUMP BY NOON WEDNESDAY'S
PLEASE -PHONE OR SMS 0401 450 289- THANK YOU



The Club Board agreed to transfer our meeting of Thursday August 31 to support this event, being organised by Salamander Bay Rotary with support of our Club, Raymond Terrace and Williamtown Rotary Clubs.

Keynote guest speaker for the night will be **Susan Rea, OAM**, former Polio sufferer. Susan is the World's Greatest Meal – To Help End Polio Project Partner / Global Team Coordinator

She received in 2014/2015 the Rotary International Service Award for A Polio Free World. Should be a good night.

Date : August 30 .

Place : Soldiers Point Bowling Club .

Menu : 2 course dinner with coffee and tea .

Beverages : Available at bar prices .

Timing : 6.30pm for 7.00pm .

Price : \$40.00 per head .

Dress : Dressy casual .

Invitation to Rotary's Million Dollar Dinner

The Rotary Million Dollar Dinner is a fundraising evening at which we recognise donors who have recently made, or pledged, a contribution of US\$10,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation. You are indeed on the path, and recognised as one of our valued contributors.

DATE-TIME-COST

Saturday 18 November 2017 at 6:00pm for 7:00pm
\$80 per person for 3-course meal and drinks on arrival

LOCATION

Rydges Hotel, 1 Hay Street, Port Macquarie, NSW 2444

KEYNOTE SPEAKER JENNIFER JONES

Jennifer is a proud member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada and is a Past District Governor of District 6400 and 2016-2017 Vice President of Rotary International.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL (via link below)

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=297418>

Subs are now due:

You should have received by now an invoice for the coming year's subs.

Although not due until 1st July the Club must pay before that date. So, it would be appreciated if you could pay now rather than wait another week.

Annual fee \$270.00, ½ year \$135.00

If for some reason you have not received an invoice contact Treasurer Ian. In the meantime you can still make your payment online by bank transfer.

Bank details are:

BSB: 637000, Acct: 781 017 418

Please quote your name and "subs"

The next Couple of Weeks....

Date	Speaker	Topic
July 20	Club Night	Planning Feedback/Fellowship
July 27	Club night	Fellowship
Aug 09	Club Board Meeting	Nelson Bay Bowling Club 5.30pm
Aug 10	Club Night	Directors reports
NOTE	Wednesday August 30	Transferred meeting to End Polio Night at Soldiers Point Bowling Club with Salamander Bay, Williamtown and Raymond Terrace Rotary Clubs

SECRETARY DON'S LAST HOLIDAY REPORT

After three very pleasant sea days spent at leisure swimming, lazing on sun lounges, eating, enjoying entertaining shows and time in the gymnasium we reached San Francisco. We were up early to sail under the Golden Gate Bridge to the pier adjacent to the famous Pier 39 and Fishermans Wharf. After clearing customs we wandered ashore and walked along the waterfront. We spent the morning riding the famous cable cars up and down the steep hilly streets past many famous land marks.

In the afternoon we returned on board for a quick lunch before boarding our bus for a four hour city tour. We drove via the city and through the Presidio the former residential area for US military officers and personnel. The Presidio is an expansive area with nice homes and manicured gardens. This was the area of the first settlement in San Francisco by the Spanish in 1776. The city grew quickly with the gold rush of 1849. Much of the city was destroyed by the earthquake and fire in 1906. It was quickly rebuilt and was a major point for departure of servicemen during both World Wars. It was the birthplace of the United Nations in 1945. We also passed the San Francisco war cemetery covering many acres lined with white headstones in neat rows. We drove on across the Golden Gate Bridge and parked to take pictures. We then travelled to the perimeter of the city which is square in shape covering only 124 sq km (the city is one of the world's most densely populated) to reach Lands End National Park. Again we left the bus for photos of this famous area. We then travelled through a large park originally planned and gifted to the city by a rich land owner. This housed the Museum of Contemporary Art, Botanical Gardens and many sporting and recreational fields. The coach then made the steep climb to Twin Peaks where we had a 360 degree view of the city. Our return trip to the ship took us past the financial area, Government Offices, Chinatown, the hippy area known as Castro now home to the large gay community. We observed many strange sights and individuals as we drove through the city which is famous for its mixture of alternative cultures.

Back on board we we had dinner in the ship's Italian restaurant. We had excellent harbour views as we sailed away from San Francisco via its magnificent waterfront after a memorable day,

Another pleasant day at sea and we reached Astoria, Oregon at the mouth of the Columbia River. This is a small but important city whose port processes massive timber exports of Douglas fir trees to Asia and Germany and salmon to many countries. The attractive, historic city with many large timber homes and historic port buildings draws many tourists via cruise ships and local tourists by road. The state is tax free making it popular with residents from adjoining American states. Our tour took us to the summit of the mountain in the city's centre. On its peak was Astoria Column a concrete tower 121 feet tall with 164 internal spiral stairs to the viewing platform at the top. From here there was a great view of the area including the 6.4 km long bridge which crosses the wide mouth of the Columbia River. The exterior of the tower is covered with a spiral mural etched into the concrete surface which depicts the 300 years plus history of the area.

Leaving Astoria we were on our way to our last port of call, Victoria in British Columbia Canada. Victoria is one of the most scenic in the World. The Empress Hotel and House of Parliament are very imposing buildings. Our coach driver took us on a scenic route to the Butchart Gardens. We passed through Beacon Hill Park a well used recreation and heritage area. Native grasses, trees and plants grew wild in most areas. We also passed many nice homes on the way. The gardens were again magnificent, this was our third visit over the years. The gardens built in an old brick pit are carefully manicured by the two hundred staff. At this time the rose garden was in full bloom and a spectacular sight with its display of roses from throughout the world. We also visited the sunken garden with a colourful display of varied flowers, trees and shrubs, the Japanese and Italian Gardens. On our return trip we travelled via the city past China town and the city centre. Our driver dropped us at the Empress hotel and from here we enjoyed the pleasant one hour stroll along the waterfront back to the ship.

We had drinks on the deck as we sailed out of Victoria bound for Vancouver. We arrived in Vancouver at 8am and had an easy disembarkation from the ship. A short stroll to the Canada Line station and 30 minute train ride on the excellent underground train service direct to airport departures. We have a long wait for our plane to Los Angeles and then another few hours till our trip home to Sydney.

EDITORS NOTE The Bulletin Editors' would like to thank Don and Fiona for sharing their memorable holiday with us. While intended for family members Don's writing style made for interesting reading and hopefully given our members some ideas for future travel plans. Don and Fiona returned to the Bay on Tuesday afternoon.

PORT STEPHENS HERO'S DINNER

Saturday 12th August 2017

6pm arrival for a 6.30pm sit down

Venue: Nelson Bay Bowling Club Nelson Room, ground floor

THANKS & APPRECIATION

To the Volunteers of
Our Port Stephens Community!



\$40.00 per person

3 Course Dinner with Drinks on Arrival
& Guest Speakers

**Live Entertainment by Charlotte Rose
featuring Paul Greig**

Sponsored by
Salamander Mens Shed, Yacaaba Centre & Nelson Bay Bowling Club

For tickets contact
Nelson Bay Bowling Club 4981 1272



The aim of this dinner is recognise, thank and honour the volunteers who glue our community together. Everyone is welcome, all volunteers. their colleagues, friends and families join in the celebration of their community work. You can either come as a group, or as individuals.

Our Club has a possible nominee for this function, and members and friends can book directly through the Nelson Bay Bowling Club. The event is being organised by John Weaver of the Salamander Men's Shed, with support from the Yacaaba Centre and the Nelson Bay Bowling Club.

LAST WEEK'S MEMBERS PR SURVEY REPORT

Our PR survey report filled in by members last week and completed by an additional number of members last night showed how our members which preferred communication methods you want. The two key methods you requested as by email and at our weekly meetings, nearly 100% of the survey indicate these methods. Others such as FaceBook and Website received some support. We failed to add the word Bulletin in the survey and it is strongly suggested all members take the time to read their Bulletin, lovingly put together by our hard working Editorial team. Several "tech nights" are planned for the near future where members can bring in devices, including mobile phones, tablets and laptops for tips on who to best use the resources at our fingertips. Stay Tuned.

MEMBERS ARE AGAIN REMINDED TO GET THEIR APOLOGIES INTO JOHN CRUMP BY 12 NOON ON WEDNESDAY'S BY PHONE OR SMS ON 0401 450 289. WE ARE CHARGED FOR ALL MEALS BASED ON THE NUMBERS SUBMITTED & THESE COSTS WILL BE PASSED ON

