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POMMY JOHN AND HIS SHEILA



President Kathy had great pleasure inducting “Pommy John” Sully as a full member of our Club on Thursday night. John and his charming wife Sheila are well known to us, through John’s long term honorary membership.

An unusual induction of honorary member “Pommy John” Sully to full membership of Nelson Bay Rotary Club took place on Thursday night with a small but enthusiastic number of members present to witness the happy event. John attended his first meeting our Club back in 2000 with a BBQ on the beach at Corlette while visiting from his Rotary Club of Chard in Somerset UK. As most members now know John and Sheila now live at Soldiers Point after years spending 6 months in God’s Country and 6 months in the UK. After a long paperwork battle with the Federal Government they have move permanently to Australia. John has been a long standing Honorary member of the Club, Now he is a full member, John will step into a Board position as Membership Director. His membership committee (all members) will welcome his rotary knowledge and experience in this role. He enjoys being called “pommy John” and we are sure all members will oblige. He is also an active member of the Tomaree Probus Club, enjoys spending time with his family, travelling and the odd glass of red wine.



HON. MEMBER- RYAN PALMER THE MAN BEHIND THE MAYOR

Club members will welcome honorary member Ryan Palmer and his wife Jessica to our meeting next Thursday, where Ryan will deliver his Behind the Badge- “The Man behind the Mayor”. The meeting is **politically neutral** and our Board have requested no political questions be offered. Ryan of course is Mayor of Port Stephens. Partners and guests are welcome to join us in the Bay Rooms, NB Bowling Club. Please advise John Crump of extras.

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Birthdays this coming week: July 18 Ian Rolfe
July 20 Bob Mitchell
Anniversaries None

Heads and Tails: Tony Todd

Member Duties: July 19th 2018

Door Jim Booth, David Clark

Meet/Greet: Doug Craike

Loyal Toast: John Cropley

Grace: John Crump

Intro Guest speaker: Don Whatham

Thank Guest Speaker: Arja Levonpera

Bulletin: Phil Smith

Photos: Phil Smith

Binos The McBean’s

Menu Fish & Chips

Meeting- Mayor Ryan Palmer - The Man beyond the Mayor. Partners and Guests are very welcome

Next meeting -

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BOARD MEETING UPDATES

The Club's new Board met for the first time in our "inspirational Year", with 3 new faces in Chelsea Ellul, Liz Friend and John Sully joining President Kathy, VP John Stuhmcke, Secretary Don Whatham, Treasurer Ian Brigden, President Elect Arja Levonpera and Chris Bartlett.

Our Club had a very successful year in 2017/18 highlighted by the very successful District Conference of now PDG Helen Ryan at West Diggers in March. All our traditional activities were successfully carried out, with our community profile on the rise. President Kathy will lead us again this year in similar style, encouraging participation with our sponsors and supporters. The Board made several decisions regarding traditional aspects of a first meeting of the new Rotary year including the confirming of Honorary members and the appointment of the Club Auditor. These will be announced on confirmation back to Secretary Don. The Board also considered a request from member Milton Williams regarding a wheelchair for Koby Poole (See Page 4), plus confirmed our participation in the 2019 Australia Day Celebrations. A small committee has been set up to allocate funds from the baby Joshua RABS project.

Members would have noticed last year, that we did not have committees as such, with the Directors opting to ask members to volunteer for various activities. The Board believe this structure worked very well with the Directors receiving great support for the many activities throughout the year. Our key areas of focus again this year will be our continued quest for membership under John Sully's Directorship (and all club members are on this committee), Youth activities and Involvement under Arja's leadership and our many and varied community activities with Chris B at the helm, with assistance from his experienced subcommittee chairs again. Club Service/Vocational Director Liz is always seeking member input with regards to speakers and possible vocational visits. Last, but not least Chelsea looks after the International/ Rotary Foundation portfolio and welcomes ideas and advice on the activities she looks after.

The Club's finances are in good shape under the guidance of Treasurer Ian Brigden and our bookkeepers. It is pleasing to note that the majority of membership fees have been paid, with only a couple outstanding. VP John provides advice and support in a variety of ways, while Secretary Don is a pillar in our Club. Under Kathy's leadership the Board will continue to work as a team to deliver another great year of Rotary and Community Service. It is Kathy and the Board's desire to keep all members active and informed, in a similar style to 2017/18. It is recognised that members can as little or as much as they wish, as it all adds up to keeping our Club happy and effective in so many different ways. An early reminder District Governor Brian Coffey and Carol's visit is scheduled in 3 weeks August 2. This is an ideal night to bring partners, family and friends along to give them a better picture of what we do.

COMING UP

Wednesday July 18 Project Neighbour

Thursday July 19 Mayor Ryan Palmer. The man behind the Mayor. Partners/Guests night.

Saturday July 21 Bunnings BBQ

Thursday July 26 Club Meeting

Friday July 27 Science & Engineering Challenge commences

Thursday August 2 District Governor Brian & Carol's visit. Partner's/Guest night

Wednesday August 8 Board Meeting

ROTATING MENU 5 WEEK ROSTER.

- Week 1. 200g Rump Steak mash and chefs Vegetables
- Week 2. Grilled Fish with chips and salad
- Week 3. Roast of the Day
- Week 4. Mild Curry with fragrant rice and flatbread.
- Week 5. Rissoles on mash and vegetables & gravy

Including bread-rolls, tea and coffee & mints.

There will be a \$1 per person price rise making it now \$16.50 per person. There has not been a price rise since 2015.



President Elect Arja and Club Service Director Liz take a break at the Gang Gan Working Bee. Full Report Page 5 of the Bulletin

Upper Hunter Tour, 22 September

Rotary Club of Salamander Bay

Depart PS Coaches depot at 8am and return 6.30pm.

Morning tea at Aberdeen, visit thoroughbred stud(s), Pukara Olive Grove before lunch at Gerard's Place in Denman. Then two Rivers Wines and the Godolphin Stud at Woodlands.

We need to fill 53 seats on the coach to keep the cost to \$75/head (includes morning tea and lunch). Let Peter North know if you can come. (0438 613 884)



Our new International/Rotary Foundation Director, Chelsea Ellul demonstrating the changing face of Rotary, checking out opportunities for the Club, prior to the start of our meeting on Thursday night.



BINOCULARS ROSTER JULY-DECEMBER 2018

Dieter Greiter has kindly put together the Roster for the next six month for the coin collection at Gan Gan Lookout. The many volunteers are thanked in advance for their assistance. If you are not on the Roster and would like to be contact Dieter or Chris B. Another point of interest for members was briefly discussed on Thursday night, when member Bob Mitchell informed the Club that the NSW Dept of Conservation are planning to install their own binoculars on Tomaree Headland. We are currently investigating the possibility of installing an identical set of binoculars on the lower viewing platform at Gan Gan Lookout. The Board has received a quote and will carry out for due diligence before reporting back to the Club. Contact Chris Bartlett on: **0488 552 486** or Dieter Greiter on : **0409 607 413** if there are issues or unable to attend or you see anything that needs attention.

July	09	Dieter & Helga Greiter
July	16	Peter & Marianne Mc Bean
July	23	Phill Smith & Chelsea Ellul
July	30	John Crump & Valerie
August	06	David Clark & Andrew Downey
August	13	Dieter Greiter & Liz Friend
August	20	Robert & Judith Mitchell
August	27	Doug Craike & Milton Williams
Sept.	03	John Stuhmcke & Dieter Greiter (Maintenance)
Sept.	10	Phill Smith & Alicia Cameron
Sept.	17	Chris Bartlett & Arja Levonpera
Sept.	24	Dieter & Helga Greiter
Oct.	01	John Stuhmcke & Chris Bartlett (Maintenance)
Oct.	08	Tony Todd & Tricia Parnell
Oct.	15	Ian McIver & Peter Page
Oct.	22	Doug & Jenny Craike
Oct.	29	Phill Smith & John Sully
Nov.	05	John Stuhmcke & Dieter Greiter (Maintenance)
Nov.	12	Dieter Greiter & Michael Jenkins
Nov.	19	John Crump & Valerie
Nov.	26	Chris Bartlett & Judi Priestley
Dec.	03	John Stuhmcke & Chris Bartlett (Maintenance)
Dec.	10	John Sully & Andrew Downey
Dec.	17	Robert & Judith Mitchell
Dec.	24	Peter & Marianne McBean



CAROL'S PARTNERS PROJECT

DG Brian's partner Carol announced her Partner's Project at Maitland last Sunday. She has chosen Australian Rotary Health (ARH), particularly the Lifting the Lid on Mental Health Research. ARH District 9670 Rep, Chris Bartlett, ARH Life member and Ambassador Don Whatham and Regional ARH Director Brian Beesley met with Carol and Brian at Raymond Terrace on Tuesday to assist Carol in planning her Partner's program. Carol should receive strong support from all 48 Clubs in the District in raising additional funds for this very worthwhile cause.

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AM Shift - 8:30am start to 12:15

Doug CRAIKE 0452 036 324

Liz FRIEND 0409029927

Judi PRIESTLEY 0488 552 486

Chris BARTLETT 0488 552 486

Reserve

Morning Transport :

Tony TODD 0410 741 110

Food Supplies :

Doug BAIRSTOW 0438 811 246

**PM Shift- 12:15 to 4:00pm finish**

Sue WILLIAMS 0488974842

Milton WILLIAMS 0488974842

Tony TODD 0410 741 110

Andrew DOWNEY 0438906700

Reserve Chris BARTLETT 0438552486

Afternoon Transport :

Tony TODD 0410 741 110

SATURDAY JULY 21st 2018**A HELPING HAND FOR KODY**

Member Milton Williams submitted a request (below) to the Club Board for consideration regarding his neighbour Kody Poole. The Poole family require an additional \$2500 to purchase a specialised chair for Kody to improve his quality of life. The Board reviews each case on its merits and express thanks to Milton for bringing this particular request to the Club. The Board felt that Kody's parents have done so much for their son, in what is to be a lifetime of care. Other business, especially Soldiers Point Bowling Club, local business and the community have all assisted. The Board, on behalf of you, our members, will provide the Poole family with the \$2500 requested for Kody's new chair. Milton was able to those members present on Thursday night a glimpse into Kody's life and thanking the Club for supporting his request. Kody's parents are an inspiration for us all with the love and care provided to their son.

Kathy,

Attached is some documentation regarding Kody Poole who is the son of our next door neighbour. We have only been here a short time and when I meet our neighbours for the first time I was lost for words, it is a tragic story. The parents have a huge task to look after Kody 24/7 with 0 days off. They are an amazing couple who have had to adjust their lives and also the house to enable them to look after Kody. The task to look after Kody will never change or improve unless they can source specialised equipment, all items are very expensive. Given Kody's disability they have had to source a special vehicle which was donated by Soldiers Point Bowling Club and required another \$40,000 to convert the vehicle with specialised hydraulics. They have achieved this through "Crowd Funding" up to 50% and the NDIS has now advised they will support it dollar for dollar so now they can have the vehicle modified for a wheelchair. Kody is too heavy to lift in and out as he has no muscle strength. Brodie, his mother currently has back problems from an epidural 18 months ago.

I have attached a note below describing the specialised chair and some photos of Kody. As a side note we bought Kody a remote controlled car last week and it is the first time I have seen him smile. Kody has no muscle use to be able to control the car which has to manoeuvred by his father but he knows it is his car, something he can put in his room.

Anyway would appreciate consideration by the board for this fund raising request of \$2500.

Milton Williams

KODY POOLE

Kody was born on the 4.10.08 a healthy happy baby. At 18months of age, things changed with Kody. He lost his balance and wasn't acting like a normal two year old..We took Kody to the John Hunter and spent months in hospital. At two, Kody was fully disabled in a blink of an eye, our son was gone.Kody suffered a rare and large swelling from a highly rare virus that affected the basil ganglia in his brain. This then meant that due to the area that was damaged Kody now has very high dystonia, level five movement disorder that doesn't enable him to talk. Clinical name: Dystonic Cerebral Palsy

This is just a small fraction of our story. Kody is now turning 10 this year. This young man has beaten the odds and trialled countless medications and has gone through minor surgeries to receiving Botox every 4 months (14 injections / treatment on the day) Nothing seems to calm his movements down .Kobe was originally through the enable funding body .Due to changes in the government funding the last few years, change of department, Kody's needs have been not been addressed until recently and effectively has put his physical needs behind. The proposed chair allows Kobe to have the freedom and comfort but also the posture support he needs a.wheelchair, his high movement disorder the wheel chair is restrictive.

Because of Kody's movement disorder, he is unable to sit in his wheelchair for long periods of time, needs breaks frequently. A suitable chair allows Kody to sit upright, improve his respiratory function, recline and more importantly engage visually with family members. A suitable chair will be functional for him until approx. 16 years of age. Currently he is sitting in an upright position on a lounge with support from pillows.

Kody is unable to lay down for long periods due to gastric reflux and the danger of inhaling gastric contents into his lungs.

We have written this hoping to receive a helping hand in achieving this for our son Kody. Our current financial status requires another \$2,500 for the chair.

Because of NDIS and the delays, we have pushed ourselves in asking the community and challenging ourselves to do fundraising in achieving the equipment that Kody so muchly deserves and needs to keep him up to point with his disability.

This chair for Kody will give him a break from being constantly positioned. This is our story, thank you for your time to listen.



GAN GAN LOOKOUT WORKING BEE

We staged our third very successful working bee, under the watchful eye of our duty supervisor Liz Friend at Gan Gan Lookout last Wednesday with some 16 members taking part. PS Council had supplied soil and our eager work force were soon moving soil, weeding moving rocks and planting trees and shrubs (supplied by PSC) to enhance the upper lookout. With the large number of members on the job the work was completed in 90 minutes. Thank you to Liz for great organisation and to Ian McIver for some of the photos

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