



## BULLETIN 3 – 15 July 2021

Tonight's meeting was our first club assembly of the new Rotary Year. It followed Wednesday's Board meeting and provided an opportunity for Directors to report on club activities and plans.

President Doug reported that he, Secretary Chris and Treasurer Milton had attended a Zone meeting of club executives convened by Area Governor Christine Walmsley held at Maitland at the weekend. Doug reported that the meeting was most helpful in guiding club leaders in formalising plans and becoming aware of current Rotary focus areas. He commented on how beneficial it was to interact with executive members of other local clubs and gain ideas from them. Doug stated the importance of addressing internal conflict and the benefit of early intervention and conflict resolution techniques. Doug, Chris and Milton travelled in company with President Peter North from our sister club Salamander Bay. They took the opportunity to discuss plans for inter-club initiatives and ways that the clubs could support each other during the year.

President Doug announced that the following would be invited to accept Honorary Membership for the coming year: Peter Buckley, Murray Nichol, Ian Rolfe, Bill Michel, John Shaw, Hugh Randall, Ryan Palmer, Judi Priestley, John Sully and Michael Jenkins. Treasurer Milton outlined the Board's decision to upgrade square allowing it to operate as a stand-alone facility and not rely on use of a member's smart phone. The unit can provide immediate accounting links compatible with club accounts. It will be easily transportable and very suitable for our outside projects such as Bunnings barbeques. Milton has prepared an annual budget essential for good financial planning. The budget includes forecast donations such as Rotary Foundation, RAWCS, ARH, ShelterBox etc. He also stressed the need to service local community programs such as the Yacaaba Centre. Options will be explored to make a significant donation to the Rotary Foundation in-lieu of the weekly \$2.50 payment made by each member in dinner dues. This system is accompanied by complex accounting procedures which need to be simplified. Milton concluded that our accounts at handover were very healthy and that our main source of annual income was Bunnings barbeques.

Administration Director Phill thanked Dieter and Robert for managing club administration during his recent vacation. He also thanked Robert for planning the vocational visit to Hunter valley wineries. Phill indicated that the program was full till 9 September (see later in this bulletin in coming events). Vocational visits will be prioritised with the already planned winery visit and possible meetings at the CWA hall, SES shed, Department of Fisheries, Fire Station and Tin City. He forecast plans to update the club's inventory of equipment and revise risk assessment procedures. His announcement of his plan to seek additional bulletin editors met with immediate success with our newest member Craig offering to join Phill, Chris, Dieter, John and Don as editors. With Craig's extensive technology skills, we look forward to his first edition.

Community Service Director Robert provided details of the Winery Bus trip (see advertisement later in the bulletin with full details). Numbers were taken on the spot with 17 immediate acceptances. Please invite your friends, honorary members, members of Probus and other Rotary colleagues. Robert made mention of the birthday wishes extended to Rotary in the HMRI magazine. The article also acknowledged the significant contribution to HMRI by Rotary.

Membership Director Kathy reported that Brian Comley had been nominated for

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### LUCKY WINNERS.

No H&T or Raffle.

### CELEBRATIONS:

#### BIRTHDAYS:

18 Jul Ian Rolfe  
18 Jul Elena Arena  
20 Jul Bob Mitchell  
23 Jul Hugh Randall  
23 Jul Jessica Palmer

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

None this week.

#### DUTIES 22 July:

**Speaker:** Mark Tynan - Tynans Wines.

**Door:** Arja Levonpera

**Welcome:** Warwick Mathieson

**Toast:** Kathy Rimmer

#### Introduce Speaker:

Peter McBean

#### Thank Speaker:

Robert Mitchell

**Bulletin:** John Cropley.

**Photos:** Phill Smith

**Binoculars:** Lesley Freeman

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membership and that a fireside chat had been completed. The seven day period has now elapsed and Brian will be invited to become a member of our club. Kathy is following up another potential member. Kathy has arranged for new members and members requiring either Rotary formal or work shirt purchase to make personal arrangements at the Salamander Bay Totally Work Wear shop. Be sure to try the article for size when ordering. A 50% deposit is required with the order and balance on collection.

VP Don reported on the success to date of the Bunnings roster. Members had been able to arrange their own swaps where necessary in most cases. Our next duty is this Saturday with Milton, Ella, Craig, Don, Peter Page, Phill, Erin and Warwick rostered for duty. Don also indicated he had met with Yacaaba centre staff to assess the availability of gardening equipment to perform the planned yard maintenance at the Donald Street site during the next 12 months. We plan monthly maintenance (fourth Friday) in winter and fortnightly maintenance in summer. Don will seek two volunteers next week to join him 9am to 12am on Friday 30 July for a work session at Donald Street.



Youth Director Lesley reported the sad news that due to COVID-19 both the Science and Engineering Challenge for secondary students and Science Discovery Day for Primary students had been placed on hold and were unlikely to take place this year. More pleasing news was that the ROADWHYZ program for year 11 and 12 students at St Phillips Christian School would proceed on 6 September. Lesley will seek volunteers at a later date, if our members are

allowed on site to assist on the day.

Secretary Chris outlined plans for a Walk for Mental Health involving local primary students and their parents in place of Hat Day. The Rotary Club of Salamander Bay will partner us with the project. The event would require students and parents to seek sponsorship and complete the graded walk to an identified location and the reward of sausage sandwiches and drinks. Proceeds would be forwarded direct to ARH for research into mental health issues particularly those relevant to youth. Chris reported that Shelterbox had provided its two millionth ShelterBox. A wonderful effort to which our club has made a significant contribution.

President Doug then opened the meeting to general discussion via a club assembly. He sought members input into whether we should conduct a golf day this year. Doug complimented Arja on the outstanding effort she had contributed over many years and that it was time now to ease the burden by extending the roles involved in Golf day planning. He suggested four areas of focus: Liaison with the golf club and game management to remain with Arja and Don; Catering; Sponsorship and an overseeing chair. Leaders for the latter three will be sought. A date has been booked with the Golf Club namely 1 April 2022.

President Doug emphasised the need for the digital profile of the club to be a priority. He stated that any visitor or member of the public seeking information about the club would do so on their smart phone. It is therefore necessary that up to date and accurate information be available. Dieter would be approached to advise on this important issue.

Milton suggested the club could assist emergency service organisations in the event of a disaster event by providing our Clive's Cooker and manning a catering exercise for the duration of the event. Spontaneous volunteers would be sought from our members. Members endorsed this suggestion enthusiastically with Warwick volunteering to be emergency catering co-ordinator.

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The remaining time was devoted to discussion of our weekly club meetings. Discussion focussed on three main areas namely cost, format for meetings including heads & Tails, Raffle and fine session and finally suitability of venue. Many informed and well thought out comments and suggestions were made in the open forum. Discussion was full and frank with many constructive ideas presented for consideration by the board. Meetings will maintain the same cost and structure until after the August Board meeting as speakers and meeting arrangements have already been made. Any revision of the current arrangements will be carefully considered by the Board. President Doug is congratulated on the efficient and ordered way he ran the meeting. All members were pleased to have the opportunity to express their thoughts. We look forward to a very friendly year of fellowship and service under Doug's leadership.

### Next meeting – Mark Tynan – Tynan's Wines

**Apologies/Extras to Phill by noon on Wednesday!**

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### COMING EVENTS.

**Thursday 22 July** – Mark Tynan – Local wine maker.

**Thursday 29 July** – Maureen Phillpott – Tomaree SES Commander.

**Friday 30 July** – Garden maintenance – Yacaaba Centre – (Don Whatham – coordinator)

**Thursday 5 Aug** – Wine tour to Hunter Valley vineyards – (Robert Mitchell – coordinator)

**Saturday 7 Aug** – Bunnings Barbeque AM: D Craike, J Booth, E Clark, B Comley – PM: J Stuhmcke, R Turner, R Mitchell, H Tobbe.

**Wednesday 11 Aug** – Board meeting.

**Thursday 12 Aug** – DG Amanda Roach official visit - (Amanda meets board at 5.30pm)

**Thursday 19 Aug** – Stephen Keating – Modern photography.

**Thursday 26 Aug** – Lesley Freeman – Port Stephens Koalas (TBC)



### HUNTER WINE TOUR.



Community Service Director Robert Mitchell has planned a vocational tour to several Hunter Valley Wineries, Luskintyre Airfield and Hunter Valley

Distillery with lunch at Ben Ean Winery.

Departing 10am (TBC) Thursday 5 August.

Cost: \$60 includes lunch, wine tours and bus.

Partners friends & visitors welcome.

Below is the Bunnings roster for events scheduled to October. Changes from the original are shown in red. If you encounter a problem with a particular rostered duty please arrange your own swap and inform Don and Milton.

### BUNNINGS ROSTER

DATE	Transport Down	Cook	Serve	Sauce	Money	Transport back
Sat 7 Aug am	D Craike	D Craike	J Booth *	E Clarke	B Comley	
Sat 7 Aug pm		J Stuhmcke	R Turner	R Mitchell *(12.20	H Tobbe	J Stuhmcke
Sun 29 Aug am	W Mathieson	W Mathieson	H Ryan	I Brigden	L Friend	
Sun 29 Aug pm		G Diemar	P Arena	E Arena	L Freeman	G Diemar
Sun 5 Sep am	D Whatham	D Whatham	L Friend	C Ellul	C Paroissien	
Sun 5 Sep pm		P Smith	E Clarke	B Comley	J Cropley	P Smith
Sat 25 Sep am	M Williams	G Diemar *	M Williams	L Friend	H Tobbe	
Sat 25 Sep pm		D Craike	A Levonpera	C Bartlett	P McBean	D Craike
Sat 9 Oct am	J Booth	J Booth	D Clark	T Kelly	K Rimmer	
Sat 9 Oct pm		G Diemar	E Clarke	B Comley	R Turner	G Diemar



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### BUNNINGS BARBEQUE SATURDAY.

This month's Bunnings barbeque was certainly one with a difference. Operated under full COVID – 19 safety conditions the crew had to cope with wind gusting up to 60Kph. The shade shelter was securely tied to the trailer and held down by several sandbags, However, this proved to be no match for the strong wind gusts which made short work of the quick shade.

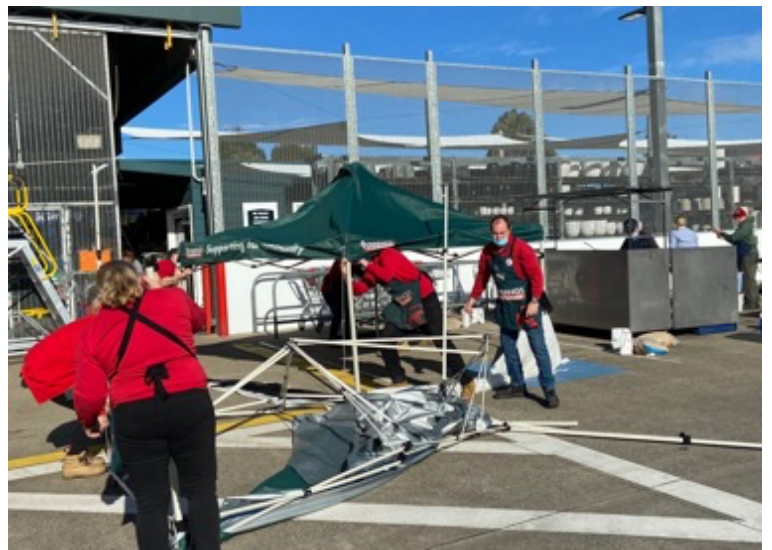
This quotation from PM team leader Warwick aptly describes the situation:

*'Today through storm and rain we prevailed suppling sausage sandwiches to the masses, even when the quick shade blue away we kept up the fight, Peter Page kept the boilers going, never leaving his post even without a roof over his head, my congratulations to all who served at Bunnings this Saturday.'*

Thank you to Milton, Craig, Ella, Don, Warwick, Erin, Peter and Phill for braving the extreme conditions. Thanks to Chris and the two Dougs for preparatory work. Even though our takings were down to \$730 with a \$500 profit the fellowship and fun made for a great day of Rotary service. The pictures below tell the story.



The AM crew in COVID safe attire.



After the storm



Peter soldiers on.



Pictured left is honorary member Bill Michel relaxing at home yesterday with wife Mary. Bill devoted many outstanding years of service to our Rotary club until ill health caused him to take life a little easier. Bill and Mary were both awarded a PHF by our club for their wonderful contribution to Rotary.