



ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

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President Kathy led the club's third planning meeting as we finalized our committee goals for the coming year. This was a very happy and productive meeting with our directors providing a summary of the outcomes of last week's discussion. Youth Director Arja predicted a very busy year with the club continuing to support all district programs and to explore several others not addressed in recent years. In just two weeks time several members will volunteer as assistants at the Science and Engineering Challenge at the University of Newcastle. Both local high schools will be participating. Later in the year we will support the Science Discovery Day which

involves year 6 students from all local primary schools as well as year 10 Tomaree High students in a day of very relevant science, maths and technology discovery. We will continue the Roadwhyz program involving both schools using the very successful format of last year. Model United Nations and the Rotary Program of Enrichment have both been advertised and schools are being encouraged to participate whilst a talented year 11 student will be invited to apply for the National Youth Science Forum. The Short Term Youth Exchange program for year 10 students to New Zealand was advertised in the local paper last week and we will support any applicant.

Liz Friend Community Service Assistant Director to Chris reported that we would assist with Australia Day activities and were awaiting a response from the Australia Day committee accepting our offer to participate. We have offered to help with catering food, chips and drinks only this year as our extended management and organizational role had become too much for many of our members. Discussions with Port Stephens Council have been very positive and we will extend our activities at Gan Gan Lookout We are in the process of arranging workplace training by the council to allow our members to complete certain horticultural tasks. A suggestion was made that we may be able to include International President Ian Riseley's goal of planting a tree on behalf of every Rotarian.



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Weekly Winner:

Heads & Tails was won tonight by Richard Harris.

Congratulations:

Birthdays:
23 July: Hugh Randall

Next Week:

Door:
Judi Priestley, Hugh Randall
Meet & Greet:
Phill Smith, Henk Tobbe
Toast;
Tony Todd
Grace:
Gordon Treble
Introduce Speaker:
Richard Turner
Thank Speaker:
Don Whatham
Bulletin:
Henk Tobbe
Photos:
Henk Tobbe.

Golf Day is locked in place for 13 October and approval has been negotiated for a 10.30am shotgun start for the Ambrose event. Major sponsorship is being discussed with Port Stephens Toyota and tee, green and fairway sponsorship sought from local business houses. A change from previous years will be the early finish with prizes being presented during snacks and drinks immediately after the game. We will continue to support and maintain our Exercise Trail which was completed last year. New brochures available in tourist centres have been printed. The Town Clock project will be completed during the year. We have all funding and planning in place but must co-ordinate the project with the council's renovation works in the town centre. Our involvement with PCYC will continue and Project Neighbour was successfully run this week with plans in place for it to continue. Rotary hosts are needed to ensure we are able to cater for our most appreciative elderly guests each month. Barbeques will continue to be a major source of revenue to fund our many projects. We are thankful to Bunnings allocating us regular times. Additionally we have been asked to cater breakfast for 400 Ex-service Women during their reunion early next year.



International Director John reported plans for an International night to be held at a local venue in February. He hopes also to involve the club in a major international project and invited members to provide suggestions. Many such projects are conducted by RAWCS and there is an opportunity to link with one of these. Our club has had much past involvement in this type of program.

President Kathy reported on behalf of Club Director Geoff that several exciting club meetings are planned. An attempt will be made to obtain guest speakers according to the Rotary monthly theme. Some excellent speaker and vocational visit suggestions were provided by members in last week's survey, Geoff will follow up the suggestions. The suggestion to have a member investigate a Rotary topic and prepare a presentation to the club was approved as was that of experienced Rotarians telling of their Rotary and vocational experiences. Planning for the night for Larry is well advanced. This will be a fun and social night with lots of dancing. Funds may be used to provide a book on our Planet's preservation (a topic close to Larry) to a young person as a legacy in memory of Larry. Kathy also reported that four new members will soon be inducted to the club and several others are likely later in the year. Richard Turner a long term membership committee member encouraged us all to seek suitable prospective Rotarians and invite them along to club meetings. He did however stress the need to follow the correct protocol. The club's guidelines in proposing new members will be made available to members. President Kathy spoke enthusiastically of the plan to upgrade our club website and commence a Facebook page. Our new younger members will assist her in this process and at later club meeting sessions will be devoted to guiding some of our less tech savvy members in the use of available technology including club runner, RI, Club and District websites.

What a busy and exciting year we can all look forward to. The fellowship and sense of achievement provided by Rotary membership provides immediate benefit to us as well as ongoing benefit to the many thousands whose lives we help to improve.



ENDPOLIONOW

Keynote speaker: Susanne Rea. OAM

Date : 30 August

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 : Smart casual

WELFARE MATTERS:

David Clark has accepted the role of Club Welfare Officer. Please keep him informed of welfare issues involving our members or former members.

It was pleasing to see former member John Shaw and Jenny this week. John passed on his best wishes to members. He continues to make steady progress and hopefully he will be able to join us for a future meeting.

Former member Don McWilliam is now a resident of Regis Nursing Home.

Members are encouraged to meet with our former members for a chat over coffee. Our best wishes and thoughts are always with them.

A GOOD NEWS STORY

Director John Cropley reported that the renovation of the playground to cater for the needs of special needs students at the Tomaree Education Centre has been completed. The total cost of the project which included shade covers, play equipment, special astro turf and sponge surface was \$70,000. Convenor, Trudi Blatchford thanked our club for its contribution towards the cost. We donated \$4000 plus the proceeds of a Bunning's barbeque.

This playground will bring much enjoyment to a special group of young people.

Trudi will be invited to visit our club for a future meeting.



A FINAL WORD ON THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION.

I hope you have enjoyed my observations from the International Convention which Fiona and I attended in Atlanta recently. One speaker who really made an impression on me was Brittany Arthur whose presentation was a highlight of the convention. She kept the audience approaching 40,000 spellbound and gained a standing ovation.

Her presence, personal qualities and contribution demonstrated clearly the skills, knowledge and experience that young people can gain through Rotary. Such people become future leaders and ambassadors for peace in our World.

“The highlight of the final day was the address by Brittany Arthur a young Australian now living in Germany and currently president of the Berlin Rotaract Club. She first became aware of Rotary as the friend of a fellow student at her school, a Japanese Rotary youth exchange student. At the completion of her schooling and whilst at University she successfully applied for a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship. Her study took her to Japan and later Germany. During her time as an Ambassadorial Scholar she visited many Rotary meetings. She was perceptive enough to see the need for change in the way Rotary conducts its business and meetings. To attract younger Rotarians who are part of the technology age and who are time poor, meetings need to change. There is a need for more efficiency, less time and greater embracing of technology. I found the presentation excellent and reflective of the direction we are hopefully heading at the Nelson Bay Club”.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

Thursday 27 July: Club night - Fellowship.

31 July - 4 Aug: Science & Engineering Challenge - University of Newcastle.

Thursday 3 Aug: President Kathy attends Education Week Celebration at Tomaree HS.

Wednesday 9 Aug: Club Board Meeting

Thursday 10 Aug: Club night - Director's reports

Saturday 12 Aug: Hero's Dinner - Nelson Bay Bowling Club

15 - 17 Aug: Science & Engineering Super Challenge.

Wednesday 30 Aug: e End Polio Now Combined Dinner Soldiers Point Bowling Club

21 Sept: Science Discovery Day - Tomaree High School

Friday 13 October: Charity Golf Day.

Saturday 18 Nov: Million Dollar Dinner - Rydges Hotel Port Macquarie.

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