

Bulletin 4 - 19 July 2018

BEHIND THE BADGE – RYAN PALMER



Honorary Member Ryan Palmer has led an interesting and exciting life. A lifetime resident, Ryan was elected Mayor of Port Stephens in 2017. Passionate about the Port Stephens area, Ryan brings to the office a record of community activism, including 2 years as President of the Tomaree Business Chamber. In his previous life, Ryan was a touring tennis professional, before a move into the finance sector including a period as Manager of Nelson and Salamander Bays' Greater Bank. Whilst presiding over his first term of Council, Ryan and his wife Jessica are raising another generation of Port Stephens locals in the form of their two young children, Bella and Knox.

Ryan grew up with his mother, brother and sister at the Santa Catalina Motel in Shoal Bay. He remembers fondly spending time at Shoal Bay Beach and school at St Michaels, San Clemente and St Francis Xavier in Newcastle. Jess was in the same kindergarten class as Ryan and attended the same schools.

After school, Ryan followed his dream of becoming a professional tennis player. He spent six months at the John Newcombe Academy in the USA before time on the satellite and futures circuit. Back home he entered the real estate and finance industry first with LJ Hooker and Westpac before managing the Greater in Nelson and Salamander Bay. His introduction to community service was by way of the local business chamber.

Ryan ran for council at the last local government elections and was elected mayor. He finds the balance of family and civic life easy because of the staggered hours of his mayoral duties. Ryan stated the need to be alert and aware of issues throughout the community. Matters as diverse as meeting with the Deputy Prime Minister followed by discussion of a pot hole in the road with a resident are common.

Jess operates the Bellarose Boutique in Nelson Bay. Ryan and Jess were thanked for their presentation and attendance by President Elect Arja.

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Birthdays

20 July Robert Mitchell

Anniversaries :

20 July Robert & Judy Mitchell

Heads and Tails:

Richard Turner

Member Duties 26 July

Door:

Chelsea Ellul & Liz Friend

Meet/Greet:

Goff Diemar & Michael Jenkins

Toast:

Greg Flux

Grace:

Peter McBean

Intro Guest Speaker:

Arja Levonpera

Thank Guest Speaker:

Ian McIver

Bulletin:

Phill Smith

Photos:

Phill Smith

Binoculars

Phill Smith & Chelsea Ellul

Dinner : Roast

Next meeting -

Apologies/Extras to John Crump by noon on Wednesday!

Ph 0401 450 239

COMING EVENTS.

Saturday 26 July: Bunnings barbeque – **AM SHIFT** – Doug Craike, Liz Friend, Judi Priestley, Chris Bartlett
Transport: Tony Todd, Supplies: Doug Bairstow.

PM SHIFT: Sue Williams, Milton Williams, Tony Todd, Andrew Downey, Transport: Tony Todd.

Thursday 26 July: Andrew Downey – Dragon Boats.

Friday 27 July: Friday 3 August – Science & Engineering Challenge – University of Newcastle.

Thursday 2 August: DG Brian Coffey & Carol – official visit – Partners & guests night.

Wednesday 8 August: Board meeting.

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT KATHY

• **Thursday 2nd August, 2018: DG Brian Coffey and partner Carol visit.**

- The board will meet with DG Brian and AG Phil Gorton at 5:30 pm it would be lovely for the ladies to spend time with Carol and Ruth before the regular meeting starts.
- Brian will give us an overview of the District Plan
- Carol will share her vision for her partners project

LONG TIME & ESTEEMED MEMBER HUGH RANDALL RESIGNS.

It is with much regret that I find it necessary to tender my resignation from our club. I know my attendance over the last few months leaves a lot to be desired, also too my inability to take an active role in many of the fund-raising activities such as BBQs, road clearing etc. Unfortunately my health and hearing have not improved with age and I feel unable to participate in these activities in a meaningful way.

I have been a Rotarian for over 50 years and feel honoured to have contributed to this foundation in some small ways. I was first with the Nelson Bay club from its infancy, for 30 years or so. Then to Newcastle West Rotary Club for aprox 15 years, then back to Nelson Bay for the remainder.

My father Len Randall, initiated the Nelson Bay Club with its meetings being held at the Country Club Hotel for many years. We hosted the 'Crippled Children' annual holiday event for 2 weeks each year and had the wonderful co-operation of the Rotary Club to entertain, transport and comfort these 25-30 people – made up of physically handicapped children between the ages of 11-15, some parents and some carers. We received the Paul Harris Fellowship for this project but could not have done it without the support of such a strong club behind us.

I am sorry that I have to retire at this time. I have made many good and life-long friends and have many wonderful memories – of funny evenings, great entertainment and unrivalled social events. I wish our club (I shall always call Nelson Bay Rotary 'my club') every future success in its fund-raising activities, interesting guest speakers and mostly the shared camaraderie of its members in its aim to contribute in so many positive ways to the wonderful area in which we live.

Our Club has invited Hugh to accept honorary membership as an acknowledgment of 50 years dedicated service to Rotary.

**ROTARY CLUB OF NELSON BAY
27TH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF DAY**



is proud
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**Friday, 12th October, 2018
Nelson Bay Golf Club**

**HOLE IN ONE
\$10,000
HOLIDAY PRIZE**

**CHARITY GOLF DAY.
CAN YOU ASSIST?**

Our Annual Charity Golf Day will be held at Nelson Bay Bowling Club on 12 October 2018.

The golf committee led by Arja Levonpera has met on several occasions and plans are advancing well. Sponsorship support by local businesses is moving along nicely with sponsorship by Port Stephens Toyota, Holiday World Travel and many others already pledged.

Members have been requested to assist:

- In gaining sponsorship by approaching personal suppliers and contacts. See Arja for a list.
- Promoting the day to friends and visitors.
- Playing golf on the day either as an individual or organising a team.
- Volunteering to do one of the many jobs needed in the planning of the event.
- Volunteering for one of the many tasks which will need to be completed on the day.

The letter below was mailed to our club by Penny Amberg, Port Stephens Council Special Rate variation Project Officer. It is published for the information of members.

I am writing to ask if your group would publicise the following information of interest to members who are Port Stephens ratepayers.

Port Stephens Council is considering an application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for a Special Rate Variation (SRV) in 2019 and is seeking community views on the proposed rate options.

A community meeting is planned for your area on Saturday 18 August 10am-1pm at Tomaree Community Centre (Waratah Room). This is an opportunity to find out more, ask questions of Councillors and Council officers and have your say at the community engagement activities being held throughout July and August.

For details of all planned community meeting, I have attached a flyer that can be used as a poster or handout.

For more information, please go to Council's website or call (02) 4988 0255.

CLUB NEWS.



Our Golf day Chair Arja scored a memorable hole in one during the Ladies Competition at Nelson Bay Golf Club today.

Sergeant Warwick (right) with doorkeepers David and Jim. Warwick reported that his dry July is going well and that he is not missing a glass of red. Donors to his ARH appeal are still welcome.



Our club has been invited to assist with the open day at Latitude One by Ingenia on Saturday. PP Geoff Diemar has asked for volunteers to assist with traffic management on the day. In return our club will be given a generous donation by the management. Thanks to Geoff, John Sully, Jim Booth, John Stuhmcke and Phill Smith for their assistance.



Members enjoy the club dinner with a few variations. It was held tonight in the Bay Room and chaired in the absence of President Kathy and VP John by Secretary Don. We enjoyed a beautiful fish meal and were entertained by an excellent presentation by honorary member Ryan Palmer. It was good to see Henk back enjoying Rotary. Our best wishes are with him during the next weeks.

