



# Bulletin # 5 — 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2015



Our Guest Speaker: Dennis Corr from the Port Stephens Historical Society

> Topic: History of Pt. Stephens.

Dennis Corr is the President of The Port Stephens Historical society. He has just had his term extended with being recently elected to the position for another year.

Dennis stated that the goal of the Historical society was to promote the history of the area, to both residents and tourists, and that it was critical to present information in a format which will appeal to children as well.

This introduced the plan of the historical society to construct a Mariner's Walk Heritage Trail at Soldiers Point. Dennis explained that the history of Port Stephens was greatly influenced by the presence of the navy.

Dennis provided some maps from 1916 which showed the planned Naval base at Port Stephens, 3000 acres in total, and which included Soldiers Point, Cromarty Bay, Wanda Bay and a section of Corlette. Work started on the base but stopped after 1 year when the war effort drew attention elsewhere.

Dennis provide some information about the planned walk. The trail will have signs placed at various points which will provide information and photographically display images of significant people and events in the history of the area. There will be rests and seating at various points along an accessible trail. Some of the features covered might include, images of the proposed naval base, information about aboriginal camps in the area, information on ships that have been in the area, and information about significant persons such as Parry form the A.A Company. The type of sign is modeled on a successful design from an exhibition in Brisbane, on an aluminum base and photographically etched. The trail would hope to be in operation for ANZAC day 2016.

Dennis was introduced by Richard Turner who gave insight into how Dennis previously worked in the engineering field. He was born in Newcastle but worked for 30 years for Alcan aluminum. After this he worked as a consultant in the magnesium and steel industries. Dennis lived overseas for a few years at various stages of his career. He had a few years as a Rotary member in Cardiff Club. He was accompanied to the meeting tonight by his wife Jan.

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## Congratulations

#### <u>Member's or Partner's</u> <u>birthdays:</u> Mike Mobbs July 26<sup>th</sup> Ian Mc Iver August 1<sup>st</sup> Doug Bairstow August 3<sup>rd</sup>

Wedding anniversaries: None this week

## Lady Luck

Heads & Tails:

**Trish Parnell** 

Raffle winner:

Kathy Rimmer

### **Duties next Meeting**

**Door:** Bart Richardson , Greg Flux.

#### Loyal Toast:

Judy Mitchell

Grace:

Judi Priestley Meet and Greet:

Tim Ireand and Larry Mc Grath

Introduce Guest Speaker:

Helen Ryan

Thank Speaker:

Ed Parker

<u>Bulletin</u>

Phil Smith

Apologies/Extras: to Ros Cribb by noon on Wednesday Phone or Text to: 0401 450 239



The above information is for a movie night organised by Kathy Rimmer to raise funds into MS research. The Rotary Club of Nelson Bay was able to support this cause by making a donation of \$500 to Kathy last week.

A donation can be made to this cause in the event of not being able to attend, and a tax deductable receipt can be issued.

The club treasurer Richard Harris advises that the annual fees for the club are now payable. The club is committed to pay contributions to Rotary organisations early in the year and hence it is appreciated that fees are paid promptly.

Full year fee \$250 or if preferred \$125 for half year.

The fees can either be paid at a Rotary meeting via cheque,

Or preferably via electronic transfer to the club account: BSB 637000 Acct 781017418

On the transfer please indicate your name and the word Subs to indicate for what the payment is to be used.

President Ann will be busy attending a couple of meeting in the upcoming week.

Promotion of the new exercise tail will be made at a meeting of Destination Port Stephens.

Ann and Tim Ireland will attend the AGM of the Police Citizens Youth Club.

#### **Types of Rotary Exchange Programs**

Richard Turner provided some information about the different types of exchange programs operated by Rotary, as a background to the visit by Charlie (Charlotte) Wheatley to the club.

**Long term Exchange** is the most well known perhaps and provides the opportunity for student between 16 to 19 years to study in a school environment for one academic year as Nadine recently did with our club.

**Short term exchanges** allow students to visit another country for short periods, for as little as a few weeks. The most commonly known being the exchange for one term between students of Australia to New Zealand and return.

**New Generation Service Exchange** formally referred to as New Generations Exchange allows young adults to study in another country for up to 3 months.

This program is open to:

Young adults between 18-30.

Students who have completed their secondary education and who want to try a vocation which interests them before university.

To university graduates. To those who want to gain experience within a vocation.

Charlie is here after already completing a degree and has interest in the field of marine biology. She excitedly informed us that her project was about to commence after a week of preparation counting algae and labelling test tubes.

The project relates to the effects of algae on oyster larvae. Charlie explained to me she has a great interest in the effects of climate change

Charlie was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Didcot in Oxfordshire. She is being hosted by Doug and Jenny Craike







**A couple of extra pictures.** Guests to the meeting included in first picture John Curry, Bob Walcott from Beecroft Rotary Club and Winston Hayne from Narrabri Rotary Club. In the second picture Peter Commlens was a visitor from Junee Rotary Club. The guest speaker Dennis was accompanied by his wife Jan to the meeting tonight