

## Bulletin 5 - 27 July 2017

## Tell the world.... on Social Media!

This club night was the last night - for a while - where we only discussed club matters and especially ideas, formats and goals for the future. Next week will be back to the usual format with a guest speaker, albeit a "home grown" one: Don Whatham giving a rehash of his behind the badge - most likely with a little bit about the RI convention in Atlanta thrown in.

One of the important issues is "communication", both with the members and with the outside world. Just like newspapers are having a hard time, a "club bulletin" is slowly starting to miss its target. Nowadays people communicate via social media: parents on Facebook and their offspring via Snapchat and Instagram, while Twitter and SMS take the "fast lane".

Our club shall have to adapt and we are fortunate that one of our - still to be inducted - new members, Chelsea Ellul is working towards 'expert status" in this field. She recently attended a seminar and with what she learned managed to improve the "comments and likes rate" on Kathy's business site instantly. So, for those members that have not yet joined the <u>Rotary Nelson Bay Facebook page</u>: join now, like, comment and share our news and activities.

Just like Don is going to rehash his "Behind the Badge", President Kathy invites other - long time - members of the club to make themselves available for a presentation about something they are passionate or knowledgeable about: Rotary related or otherwise. Contact Kathy or Geoff Diemar!

President Kathy asked the members to put their thinking caps on for the format and venue for the Christmas Party this year.

A brief discussion took place about the goals set by the club - as listed on a document distributed before the meeting. From the presentations the various directors made last week it appears that we are meeting all goals - especially those where we interact with the local community, local government and local businesses.



A document with the formal rules about the introduction process for new members as set out by RI will be emailed to all members. Please note that this document - and especially the format of "vocational classifications" - is somewhat outdated and current practices allow for a more relaxed approach. For more information talk to President Kathy or Membership Director Dieter Greiter.

Another point concerning new members is that we need to pay more attention to mentoring. New members should not be pressed into a job until they are ready and comfortable with it. The existing "mentoring manual" should be dusted off and updated.

President Kathy reminded us all of the importance of the "Working With Children" check. This is required of all members and preferably all partners as during the Rotary year it is very likely that one way or the other they'll get in touch with minors attending club events. if you have not got your WWC number, please apply for it NOW by clicking here. Or Google: "Working With Children NSW"

Last but not least President Kathy thanked past Membership Director Robert Mitchell for the groundwork he did resulting in the membership growth we can expect in the coming months. Prospective member Chelsea Ellul supported this vote of thanks as both Bob and Judith were instrumental in getting the "young guns" together and interested in Rotary, facilitating the meetings and providing the necessary information.

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## Congratulations

Members birthdays 1 Aug. - Ian McIver 3 Aug - Doug Bairstow 9 Aug. - Gordon Treble

Partners birthdays None

> Anniversaries None

## Lady Luck

Head & Tails was won by Peter Page. Congratulations.

#### Next Week Don Whatham

"Behind the Badge" Door Chris Bartlett Jim Booth Meet and Greet Ian Brigden Norm Costello Loyal Toast Doug Craike Grace John Cropley Introduce speaker John Crump Thank speaker Geoff Diemar **Bulletin editor** Chris Bartlett

Apologies and Extras, please phone or SMS John Crump (0401 450 239) before Wednesday noon!

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## **Celebrate August: Membership Month**

August is Membership Month, which means it's time to celebrate your Rotary club, your members, and the good you do in your community and around the world.

There are many ways to join in the celebration, but here are a few activities to get you started:

Say it loud, say it proud! Let everyone in your social network know that you are a proud member by changing your Twitter and Facebook profile to the I'm a Proud Member, I'm a Proud Rotaractor, or I'm a Proud Interactor graphic. Copy and save the graphic as your profile picture for August.

Exchange ideas. Do you have successful membership strategies that have worked well in your community? Share them on the Membership Best Practices Discussion Group.

We Are Rotary. Using the hashtag #WeAreRotary, post photos to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or Vine of your club members at work in your community or abroad to show how Rotary makes a positive impact in the world.

Watch this year's membership message from RI President Ian H.S. Riseley: <u>https://youtu.be/IQ7L3UQ0iBE</u> Making a difference. Rotary clubs are known for the high-impact service projects they undertake locally and globally. Share stories about your service projects and how they improve lives on Rotary Showcase. Be sure to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to see what Rotary members around the world are doing to celebrate Membership Month.

What does Rotary mean to you? Rotary members have pushed polio to the brink of eradication, delivered clean water to those in need, improved their local communities, provided scholarships to the next generation of peacemakers, and continued to do good in the world.

To learn more: please accept DG Helen Ryan's invitation for this unique membership seminar. This year it is essential that District 9670 grows if it wants to survive as an independent district. Several clubs already made significant gains and world wide Rotary grows. But we need to keep those new members. This seminar will alert you to the strategies needed to build and retain membership.



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## **UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS**

31 July – 4 August: Science & Engineering Challenge – University of Newcastle. Thursday 3 August: President Kathy attends Education Week Celebration at Tomaree HS. Thursday 3 August: Guest speaker Don Whatham "Behind the Badge Rehash" 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 August: Science & Engineering Super Challenge. Wednesday 30 August: End Polio Now Combined Dinner Soldiers Point Bowling Club Thursday 31 August: No meeting! Thursday 21 Sept: Science Discovery Day - Tomaree High School Friday 13 October: Charity Golf Day. 20 - 22 October: Myall Lakes Environmental Weekend. 4 November: "A Night for Larry" Saturday 18 Nov: Million Dollar Dinner - Rydges Hotel, Port Macquarie.



## 30 August 2017 - 6:30 for 7 pm

The Rotary Clubs of Salamander Bay, Williamtown, Raymond Terrace and Nelson Bay are holding a joint dinner at the Soldiers Point Bowling Club. The proceeds of this dinner will go to "End Polio Now" and be matched by the Bill and Belinda Gates Foundation. Tickets are \$40 per person for a three course meal (drinks not

included). Please mark your name and number(guests are more than welcome) on the circulating list. Payment can be made by EFT into the club account (for details see the banner in this bulletin below).

Special guest speaker on the night is Susanna Rea, Past President of the Rotary Club of Cairns Sunrise and founder of the "World's Greatest Meal" which so far has raised US\$ 8 million world wide. More information about this initiative on : www.wgmeal.com Donations for raffle prizes will be appreciated and do not hesitate to invite your friends for this special occasion. (Dress: smart casual)

Not a joke....

## A joke..... **CHECK OUT**

When I was for my groce de Making a mer to Nick Xei amok Homel as s After the shrif finally subsic referring to Nonetheles else Damn it, instructions When I was ready to check out and pay for my groceries, the cashier said, "Strip down, facing me." Making a mental note so I could complain to Nick Xenathon about this running amok Homeland Security crap, I did just as she had instructed. After the shrieking and hysterical remarks finally subsided, I found out that she was referring to how I should position my credit card. Nonetheless, I've been asked to shop elsewhere in the future. Damn it, they need to make their instructions a little clearer for seniors.



When addressing a speaker (president, director or quest speaker) during the meeting with a guestion or comment it is good form to stand up.

Pay your dues and special dinner fees by EFT: Account name: Rotary Club of Nelson Bay Inc. - BSB: 637000 Account #: 781017418 (please, mention your name and what you are paying for).

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## Every year, 1 in 5 Australians will experience



One of the most significant barriers to improving Mental Illness prevention and treatment is the low priority given to Mental Health research.



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