



Bulletin # 5, 28th July 2022

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It was a quiet night on Thursday with just 11 members present and our meeting relegated to the 1st floor "Bay Room".

A planned showing of interviews with PDG Don Whatham and PDG Helen Ryan recorded at this year's District Conference was thwarted with gremlins taking over the audio/visual equipment. Perhaps next week.

This week's Bulletin will consequently be brief.

Geoff Diemar gave a 3-minute address as required by the new standing orders – which require raffle winners to do so at the following weeks meeting.

Geoff an amateur beekeeper told us of a visit by a team from the Environmental Protection Agency including members from the Fire Brigade, Department of Primary Industry and SES and was declared free of the varroa mite.

Geoff won the raffle again this week so will be doubling up next week.



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Bunnings BBQs

Ladies Dinner

Future speakers

Heads and tails:

Raffle

Geoff Diemar

Birthdays 29/7 – 4/8

1 Aug Ian McIver

3 Aug Doug Bairstow

4 Aug Brian Comley

Anniversaries

None this week

Rotary Anniversaries in August

14 Aug Brian Comley 1 yr

30 Aug Doug Craike 10 yrs

31 Aug Lesley Freeman 4 yrs

Duties next week

Door

Liz Friend

Welcome

Warwick Mathieson

Grace

Peter Page

Bulletin

John Cropley

Photos

Phill Smith

Phill Smith acknowledged that so far this year guest speakers have been light on. One of the reasons is the low numbers we are experiencing at meetings of late. (It's hard to confidently invite someone to give their time knowing that it's possible there will be few members at the meeting). This is about to change. See the list of confirmed speakers on page 2. Perhaps you have a friend (or potential Rotarian) who might be interested in the topics

Next meeting – another Social Meeting

Apologies/extras to Rotary phone 0401450239 by noon Wednesday

BUNNINGS
BBQ



Don Whatham reported that last Sunday's BBQ netted around \$824 and that the increased prices didn't seem to make a difference to the number of purchases.

At short notice we were asked to run the BBQ again this Saturday. Despite the short notice a team was put together.

Saturdays crew consisted of:

AM Don Whatham (Co-ordinator), Warwick Mathieson, Judi Priestley, Bob Mitchell
PM Peter Page, Ian Brigden, Phill Smith, Geoff Diemar (Co-ordinator)



The afternoon shift of Peter Page Geoff Diemar and Ian Brigden plus behind the camera was Phill Smith

Peter Page fulfilled the dual rolls of cook and Quality Controller.....And performed both admirably.

It must have been our week for gremlins with the "Tap &Pay" going down for a short while and then the BBQ playing up. Despite this, sales totalled around \$1250.

Coming up:

This Thursday August - 5
Ladies' dinner in Marlins
Bistro.



Future speakers

Confirmed and locked in:

August 11 Tim Ireland Touring as a Professional Golfer

August 18 Peter Clough The Future Of Tomaree Lodge and Headland

September 1 Keith Hobbs Port Stephens Friendship Group

Confirmed but dates to be agreed:

Scott Elsegood Pharmacist

Ian Cowling France Family Funerals

Geoff Glover A Local's look at Port Stephens

Still to be confirmed

Vocational Visit to Tomaree SES