



Bulletin # 06 – 31st July 2015

A relaxed social meeting



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Visitors:

None tonight – must have got wind of speakers

Lady Luck:

Heads and Tails:

Geoff Basser

Raffle:

Chris Bartlett

Congratulations

Birthdays:

8th August Anne Randall

9th August Gordon Treble

Joined Nelson Bay Rotary Club

5th Aug John Stuhmcke 39 years

8th Aug Trisha Parnell 2 years

Members' Duties 6th August

Door:

Bart Richardson/ Greg Flux

Meet/Greet

Warwick Mathieson/Peter McBean

Loyal Toast

Mike Mobbs

Grace

Hugh Randall

Intro Guest speaker

Gordon Treble

Thank Guest Speaker-

Arja Levonperra

With the last minute cancellation by our planned guest speaker, members Warwick Mathieson and Phill Smith gave us a rundown of their recent China tours.

Although different itineraries their trips covered the usual tourist spots.

Highlights for both included the Xian City Gates and Wall, Terracotta Warriors, The Great Wall, The Bullet Train and Tiananmen Square.

Phill also enjoyed the The Longmen Grottoes and Shaolin Temple and Martial Arts School. Warwick can't get out of his head the town of Guilin where they ate everything with eyes (and everything else). (Cockroaches, scorpions, centipedes all considered fine fare). Hong Kong too with its crazy motorists and (currently under construction 50 kilometre bridge linking it to Macau and Zhuhai.

Memories for both include: the smog, the pride in their ancestry, size of the cities, brainwashed official guides etc., chaotic traffic, the security, pushy salespeople at the "free tours", warm beer and wine and how good McDonalds tasted after five or six days of Chinese food.

People were friendly and willing to please. A word of warning to blondes – be prepared to be stared at and don't be surprised if locals keep asking to have their photos taken with you. You are a bit of a rarity in the country.

Did they enjoy it? **Definitely**. Would they recommend it? **Yes**. Would they return? **Probably not** - although there were things that each experienced that the other didn't - and for that reason - maybe.

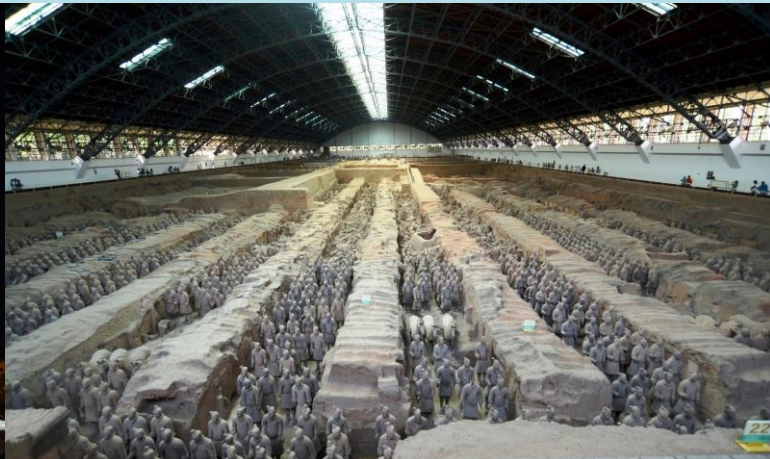
Next week – Helen Ryan & Judy Mitchell- Modern Physiotherapy

Apologies/Extras To Ros Cribb by noon on Wednesday! PLEASE

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Xian Bell Tower



Terracotta Warriors Excavation Site



Shaolin Temple Martial Arts School



Phil and Warwick updating members on China on Thursday night

From the Meeting:

President Anne reported on the PCYC AGM. Pres Anne along with Tim Ireland, Ken Arnett and Chris Bartlett attended the AGM of the PCYC last Tuesday. Chris and Tim along with Dieter Greiter were elected to the PCYC Committee. The meeting heard that as well as the traditional role of encouraging youth involvement in sports including archery, basketball, boxing, gymnastics it also provided a venue for vacation care, Traffic Offenders Program and Safe Driver Course as well as providing Dormitory accommodation for visiting sporting groups. Despite a checkered past the Club is experiencing a resurgence under the guidance of a committed committee and enthusiastic and professional management.

Clubs go for female touch



ROTARIENNES: Newly elected Rotary Club presidents Ann Evans (Nelson Bay) and Janelle Upton (Salamander Bay).

IT was a historic occasion recently when two of the Port's Rotary clubs elected female presidents in the same week.

Ann Evans from the Nelson Bay club and Janelle Upton, from the Salamander Bay club, say they were honoured to be the first women to hold the top positions at the same time.

"Both Rotary clubs have had female presidents before, but we believe this is the first time that women have occupied both positions simultaneously," said Ms Evans.

Both women say one of the many reasons they joined Rotary was because their fathers had been prominent Rotarians.

"The Rotary ethos is 'service above self' and anyone thinking of becoming a Rotarian, regardless of whether they are women or men, must be willing to give of

their time for others," said Mrs Upton, a small business owner and 10-year member of the Salamander Bay branch.

Ms Evans, in her fourth year as a Rotarian at Nelson Bay, said she enjoys the work and giving back to the community.

"I am looking forward to leading this large, progressive club into its 60th birthday celebrations in 2016," said Ms Evans, a longtime Bay accountant.

"We have a number of projects coming up, the most important being the unveiling of a town clock for the Nelson Bay CBD and the exercise trail at Corlette," she said.

Salamander Bay Rotary meets on the first Tuesday of each month at varying venues, while Nelson Bay meets every Thursday, 6:30pm, at Nelson Bay Bowling and Recreation Club.

CLUB IN SPOTLIGHT

We have had a number of articles published in the examiner in recent weeks, including this article featuring President Ann and Salamander Bay Rotary President Janelle Upton. Other articles include a PCYC story and the Nelson Bay Rotary Club Exercise Trail.

JOHN ALGIE TRUST GRANT AWARDED

Nelson Bay Rotary Club and Salamander Bay Rotary Club cosponsored Madeline Meagher from Anna Bay to the National Summer Science Forum held in Canberra held in January 2015. She finished the program in the top 5% of candidates and was selected to attend the next level a week long course in Singapore, at the end of June. The National Summer Science Forum had a payment plan available. The cost was high at \$10,000 however Madeline was keen to go and her parents paid the initial deposit of \$3000. Our Club then contributed \$2,000 and Salamander Bay \$1000. Leaving a balance of \$4000. The two Rotary Clubs then applied (through Madeline's parents) for a District John Algie Trust Grant of \$3,000. We were awarded the \$3000, however through Madeline's own fund raising efforts including selling chocolates door to door and a Hamburger Day at her School she managed to raise \$2,000. Our Club received a Cheque for \$2000 from the John Algie Trust on Thursday with the Meaghers declining the additional \$1000.00. We hope to present the Cheque to Madeline in the near future as she is sitting her final year exams currently. She will be a guest speaker at the Club in September where she will let the members know of her Singapore experience.

Special recognition needs to go to PP Chris, Secretary Don Whatham and VP John Stuhmcke who made the initial inquiries at a District level, and enabled both Clubs to assist Madeline achieve her goals. She is an outstanding young lady and a great ambassador for both Rotary Clubs.

ROTARY YOUTH DRIVING AWARENESS RESEARCH

Youth Director Geoff Diemar has organized a small team to visit a RYDA program being held at Tocal this Friday. Organised by the Rutherford Telerah Club this event is held over two days with many hundreds of students from the Maitland/Singleton area attending. It will give our Club a different prospective of RYDA, plus the opportunity to talk to others in our District about RYDA and other available programs. Richard Turner, Judi Priestley and Chris Bartlett will accompany Geoff on Friday and will act as Volunteers if required. It is great to see our Club continuing to look at ways to improve the way we do things.



Rotary Club of Nelson Bay Inc.
In the spotlight.....

Annual fees are due!!!!!!

\$ 250 for the year (or \$125 for six months)

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

THURSDAY AUGUST 13TH
CLUB NIGHT, DIRECTORS
REPORTS

THURSDAY AUGUST 20TH
OUR VERY OWN BOB
MITCHELL ON HIS RECENT
TRIP TO GALIPOLLI- SURE
TO BE ENTERTAINING

EARLY WARNING

HAT DAY WILL BE
CELEBRATED ON
OCTOBER 8TH

EDITORIAL

This week's Editor, Phill Smith was called to Sydney on Saturday with the passing of wife Chris's Dad. On behalf the Editorial team and all members we offer our support and prayers to Chris and Phill, during the sad time for them. It certainly was not the best start to their retirement. I also offer my thanks to Henk Tobbe for his assistance in producing this week's Bulletin on behalf of Phill.