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A NIGHT OF CLUB HIGHLIGHTS



International Director John Cropley set the theme for a great evening which included several Rotary and club events highlighting our busy lives and wonderful achievements. John has just returned from a holiday to Europe with his family. Cruising and touring to many centres around the Mediterranean John, Maree, Hannah and Emma were frequently photographed in cafes sipping local coffees and overlooking many majestic scenes. In one Greek café John was welcomed by the owner whose most important guests prior to him were former

Prime Ministers Tony Abbott (Australia) and Roger Harper (Canada). A highlight of the trip for John who has been a wonderful supporter of the Rotary Youth Exchange program for our club was the meeting in Barcelona with Johanna Stolch (exchange student 2013). Johanna travelled down from her home in Munich, Germany to spend a few days with her Rotary family the Cropleys. Hanna and Emma were very excited being able to spend time with their "big sister". Rotary is a wonderful organization allowing such opportunities to interact with members of our Rotary family. Youth exchange has initiated many ongoing, lasting relationships.

Club historian, Richard Turner gave an overview of another Rotary highlight, Australian Rotary Health. ARH has been an Australian Rotary program for 35 years. During this time it has funded over \$36M of medical research. ARH is the largest funding body for medical research in Australia outside the Federal Government. Since 2000 the main focus has been on mental health research as this was seen as an area largely overlooked by other providers. The focus now is more specifically on the mental health of young Australians. In addition ARH provides funding for a broad range of general health areas, provides and scholarships for rural medical and nursing students as well as indigenous health students. PDG Don Whatham has been involved with ARH as a co-ordinator, board director and vice chairman. He was made a life member in 2014 and continues his work for ARH as an ambassador.

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Weekly Winners:

Raffle winner
Geoffrey Basser and
heads & Tails John
Crump

Congratulations:

Birthdays:

23 Aug: Yvonne
Stuhmcke

Anniversaries:

14 Aug: Helen & Mike
Ryan

Next Week:

Door:
BartRichardson, Arja
Levonpera

Meet & Greet:
Greg Flux, Richard
Harris

Toast:
Helen Ryan

Grace:
John Shaw

**Introduce
Presentation:**
Bob Mitchell

Thank Speaker:
Richard Turner

Bulletin:
Phill Smith
Photos:
Henk Tobbe.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS.



Tonight former Rotarian, friend of our club and outstanding Rotary Foundation supporter Narelle Meluish was presented with a Paul Harris Sapphire pin. Narelle is a multiple Paul Harris awardee in acknowledgment of her generous donations to the Foundation over several years. The Rotary Foundation is the charitable arm of Rotary and is responsible for the work we do locally, nationally and internationally to promote health, alleviate hunger and support humanity. A Paul Harris Fellowship recognises an individual who contributes or in whose honour is contributed \$US1000 to the Foundation. Thank you Narelle. Your generosity is sincerely appreciated.



Geoff Diemar introduced Kelvin Kong who was also awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship by our club. Kelvin a former Shoal Bay Public School and Nelson Bay High School student was recognized for his achievements in medicine and voluntary service to the community. He completed his Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery at the University of NSW in 1999. He embarked on his internship at St. Vincent's Hospital in Darlinghurst and pursued a surgical career, completing resident medical officer and registrar positions at Westmead Hospital, John

Hunter Hospital, Gosford District Hospital, Prince of Wales Hospital and the final year of his training completed at St. Vincent's Hospital. He has served the rural community as part of secondments to peripheral hospitals. He is now a qualified Surgeon specialising in Adult & Paediatric Otolaryngology, Head & Neck Surgery (Ear, Nose & Throat Surgery), being Australia's first (and currently only) Aboriginal Surgeon.

Associate Professor Kelvin Kong is currently a consultant ear nose and throat surgeon practising in Newcastle. He is Visiting Medical officer (VMO) at John Hunter Hospital and John Hunter Children's Hospital and VMO surgeon at Newcastle Private Hospital, and Hunter Valley Private Hospital. He is Conjoint Associate Professor at the University of NSW and Conjoint Lecturer at the University of Newcastle.

He attends Awabakal clinics at Hamilton, Tabwabba clinics at Forster, Biripi Clinics at Taree and Armajun Clinics at Tamworth. In addition to these regular clinics he takes annual 10 day visits to the Kimberley region and Broome in Western Australia to take his expertise and treatments to isolated Aboriginal communities..

In 2014-15 he assisted the treatment of hearing difficulties in four young children nominated by our club. He has also assisted other Rotary medical initiatives in a voluntary capacity.

Charity Golf Day co-ordinator Ian Faulkner provided an update on our 7 October golf day. The fliers have been printed and were distributed. Over \$10,000 in sponsorship has been secured and players and Rotary helpers for the day are urgently needed. Please see Ian or Tim Ireland if you can assist. Every member is asked to promote the day to prospective golfers.

CHARITY FUNDRAISER – LONG LUNCH

President Judy is organizing a fund raiser to assist building of three units for the Port Stephens Womens Crisis and Support group. Details below. Judy seeks support from all members to ensure success of the project.

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Cordially invite you & your friends
to join with us at

THE ROTARY Long lunch

**SATURDAY 29TH
OCTOBER 2016**

11:30am at Broughtons on the Bay
d'Albora Marina, Nelson Bay

Only 200 tickets available
\$100 EACH

Smart suits & fabulous frocks

RSVP at trybooking.com/MOQM
asap as seating is limited

Serving our community since 1956

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THE ROTARY Long lunch

We do hope you & your friends
come to this long lunch.
*Enjoy a day of delicious food
& excellent wines!*

Menu

Canapés & champagne on arrival,
fresh oysters followed by feasting platters
and matching Hunter Valley wines along
with dessert and cheese platters.

It is a day to have fun with your friends while
relaxing in style, overlooking the glistening
waters of the beautiful bay.

**ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TO
PORT STEPHENS WOMENS CRISIS
AND SUPPORT GROUP**

To assist them to provide housing for victims
of domestic violence and the necessary &
much needed services for these women.

The community has a major gap in this significant
area of need, so early intervention will play a
strong role in reducing the ongoing and often
lifelong trauma and of course, the cost.
All donations are tax deductible & receipts will be issued.

Thank You

Your support is very much appreciated
Port Stephens Womens Crisis & Support Group

SCIENCE DISCOVERY DAY

Our club will once again join D9670 Science and Engineering team to conduct a Science Discovery Day for students from local primary schools. The event will be held in Tomaree High School MPC on Thursday 22 September 2016. We will need volunteers to assist setting up on the afternoon of 21 September and to act as supervisors and facilitators from 8am to 3pm on the day. We will also need some caterers to man Clive's Cooker supplying lunch for the 228 participants. Volunteers should see Secretary Don who will co-ordinate the day on behalf of the club.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Annual fees are now due. Treasurer Kathy Rimmer has issued invoices to all members. The fees can be paid in one \$260 sum or by two instalments of \$130, now, and in January 2017.



**TOMAREE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY
ANNUAL MORNING TEA – Speaker Dr Laetitia Pienaar**

How to Manage Dementia

Thursday 15 September 2016 at 10am

Community Hall 6 Norburn Street Nelson Bay

Cost \$10 – Proceeds to Hospital - Phone Cheryl 0417 294 060 or Yvonne 4982 7642

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

18 August – Dean McCarthy – Secretary Manager Nelson Bay Bowling Club

Thursday 25 August - District Governor Steve Jackson's Visit.

Sunday 28 August - Bunnings BBQ

22 September – Science Discovery Day – Tomaree High School

23-25 September – RYPEN

7 October – Charity Golf Day – Nelson Bay Golf Club

29 October – Rotary Long Lunch.

NEXT WEEK

DEAN McCARTHY – The operation of Nelson Bay Bowling Club.

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

Failure to apologise by noon Wednesday may incur dinner fee costs.