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## WE WELCOME 4 NEW ROTARIANS



It was a big night at our Club on Thursday night, when 4 new members, considerably lowering the average age of our membership, were inducted by President Kathy and our Assistant Governor Phil Gorton. A large number of members were on hand as we welcomed Andrew Downey, Alicia Cameron, Phillipa Marshall and Chelsea Ellul into Rotary.

Phillipa was previously a member of Muswellbrook Rotary Club for some 3 years before moving to the Bay to pursue a career in Real Estate. Andrew is the Manager of the Greater Bank in Nelson Bay having moved from Rockhampton, Alicia is owner/operator of the Boat House restaurant at Little Beach and Chelsea runs her own business, and has already made her mark in the Club with her positive attitude and ability to assist in Club activities.

President Kathy, recognised the efforts of 2016/17 membership Director Bob Mitchell and IPP Judy Mitchell for their input into securing our new members. A fifth new member Tammy Kelly will be inducted when she returns from overseas in a few weeks. All the new members will be appointed mentors, to guide our new Rotarian. We welcome you all and look forward to your contribution to Nelson Bay Rotary continuing to serve our local community as we have done for 61 years.

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Birthdays this coming week:

**August 18** Phyllis McIver

**Anniversaries August 14** DG Helen and Mike Ryan

Heads and Tails: One of our new members Alicia Cameron. Great start

# Member Duties August 17 2017

**Door** Bob Mitchell/Peter

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Meet/Greet: Ed Parker/Tricia Parnell

**Loyal Toast** Judi Priestley

Grace: Phil Smith

Intro Guest speaker:

Henk Tobbe

Thank Guest Speaker: Tony Todd

**Bulletin:** Don Whatham

**Photographer** Henk

Tobbe

Guest Speaker- DG

Helen Ryan's and Mike's official visit. Partners night, advise John Crump

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#### **GUEST SPEAKERS HIGHLIGHT YOUTH ISSUES**

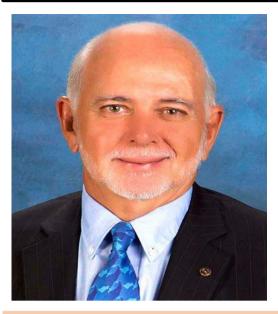
#### NEW RI PRESIDENT 2018-19



Our initial Guest speakers, for 2017/18, attended our meeting on Thursday night, giving Club members a very descriptive overview on a youth issue which receives very little publicity. The main speaker was Karen McTaggart, JobLink Plus placement and capability Manager for the Hunter region and assisted by Adam Gollans, JobLink Plus regional Manager, responsible for Port Stephens.

Karen spoke of a programme **YOUTH INSEARCH**, designed for young people aged between the ages of 14 to 20 who are impacted by problems stemming from poverty, broken and dysfunctional homes, domestic violence, sexual, physical and emotional abuse, death and grief and other traumatic events. As a consequence they often struggle with education, employment, homelessness and mental illness, often turning to self- harm, suicide, drug and alcohol abuse, crime and violence. This has the potential to impact them long term, often into the next generation. There is a well- established need for programmes that intervene early and assist at risk young people to improve their lives.

Youth InSearch conduct weekend workshops on a regular basis in Tamworth and the Central Coast. The programme for the weekend is comprehensive with a wide variety of topics covered, designed to encourage participation over the weekend. As Government funding for this type of programme has been cut, Karen asked our Club if we could provide financial support from time to time for participants who don't have access to Government funding. This cost is \$140 per person. In thanking Karen, Club secretary Don said the programme is covering a niche in the assistance required for these young people and this opportunity will be discussed by the Board at their next meeting.



Barry Rassin, of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas, has been selected to be 2018-19 Rotary president. Rassin's nomination follows Sam F. Owori's death in July, just two weeks into his term as Rotary International president-elect. http://on.rotary.org/2uneguS

As president, Rassin aims to strengthen our public image and our use of digital tools to maximize Rotary's reach. "Those who know what good Rotary clubs do will want to be a part of it, and we must find new models for membership that allow all interested in our mission to participate," he says. "With Rotary more in the public eye, we will attract more individuals who want to be part of and support a membership organization that accomplishes so much good around the world.. He recently retired after 37 years as president of Doctors Hospital Health System, where he continues to serve as an adviser.

He is a lifetime member of the American Hospital Association and has served on several boards, including the Quality Council of the Bahamas, Health Education Council, and Employer's Confederation. A Rotarian since 1980, Rassin has served Rotary as director and is vice chair of The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees. He was an RI training leader and the aide to 2015-16 RI President K.R. Ravindran..

Rassin received Rotary's highest honor, the Service Above Self Award, as well as other humanitarian awards for his work leading Rotary's relief efforts in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake there. He and his wife, Esther, are Major Donors and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation.

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Our Club was represented at the opening of the playground equipment at Anna Bay Primary School on Friday, with picture on top showing Club President Kathy, Youth Director Arja and Youth Committee member Judi with scissors at the ready for the official opening. Picture top right shows the completed playground and the bottom picture shows kids at the ready to put the new playground to the ultimate test. Other service and community organisations were also represented. The Kids gave the equipment a huge "thumbs up".



#### SHELTERBOX PRESENTATION

International Director, John Cropley presented President Kathy with a Shelterbox Certificate following our donation last Rotary year. Our numbered box was delivered to war torn Syria, where it was put to very good use. Shelterbox have changed the process this year, where essential items specific to the disaster area are now delivered. District Shelterbox ambassador and friend of our Club Chris McGrath, will be a future Guest speaker.

### The next Couple of Weeks....

Date Speaker

**Topic** 

**Aug 17** DG Helen Ryan & Mike's Visit. Board meeting at 5pm.

Aug 18 President's meeting at Maitland Bowling Club

Aug 24 New member, Alicia Cameron An International Project

Aug 31 No meeting See Below

Sept 3 Bunnings BBQ

**NOTE** Wednesday August 30 Transferred meeting to End Polio Night at Soldiers Point Bowling Club with Salamander Bay, & Williamtown Rotary Clubs.

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### **NEW MEMBER INDUCTIONS**









Our Assistant Governor, Phil Gorton assisted President Kathy with new member inductions on Thursday night. Pictured with AG Phil are clockwise from top left are Andrew Downey, Alicia Cameron, Phillipa Marshall and Chelsea Ellul. On behalf of all our members WELCOME and we look forward to enjoying your friendship and working with you.



#### **DG HELEN'S VISIT NEXT WEEK**

We have a special night next Thursday when our 3<sup>rd</sup> District Governor Helen Ryan and husband Mike will have their official visit to our Club. Helen will meet with President Kathy & the Board at 5pm, while Mike shares some refreshment with any members and partners who would like to be present. Our meeting starts at 6pm. The evening is a partner's night, so please advise John Crump by text before noon on Wednesday.....



District IT Chair, Alan Miranda was a visitor to our Club on Thursday night. Alan a member of Wallsend Maryland Club was able to pass on some advice to several of our members during the evening.

# **ENDPOLIONOW**

The combined End Polio Now Dinner, to be held at Soldiers Point Bowling Club on August 30 2017 is a transferred meeting for our Club. Salamander Bay Rotary Club is organising the event, with Nelson Bay and Williamtown Rotary Clubs attending. Our members can pay by cash or cheque to Treasurer Ian or pay directly to Salamander Bay Rotary A/c number Salamander Bay Rotary Service

BSB: 637 000 A/C: 7817 51677. Cost is \$40 per head and Guest speaker is Susan Rea

#### CONFERENCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Organisation of the 2018 District Conference being held in Nelson Bay in March next year is well underway. The committee have been regularly with much preliminary organisation taking place, and will soon start to meet more regularly to ensure the success of DG Helen's Conference.

### CHARITY GOLF DAY UPDATE



Our annual Charity Golf Day to be held on Friday October 13<sup>th</sup> at Nelson Bay Golf Club will have a special Black Friday theme and a new look.

Golf day chair Arja, is off a two month holiday and Community Service Director Chris is taking over from Arja with some much appreciated help from other Club members, We have secured a major sponsor, Port Stephens Toyota, in a reduced capacity, but will still have a Toyota Yaris as a hole in one prize attraction. The event also has an earlier start at 10.30am and their will be no dinner this year, We will be asking for your assistance. More to follow

#### **EARLY WARNING**

We have our next Bunnings **BBO** on Saturday September 3. We already have some volunteers, however we ask if you spare a few hours to assist in this very good fundraiser for the Club, please let John Stuhmcke or Chris B know. We usually net over \$1000 for our efforts. **Member Tony Todd has** joined the catering team and will be playing more of an organising and hand hands on role. Thank you Tony, you are a champion. We hope to announce another catering

opportunity next week......

