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ROTARY GLOBAL GRANTS SCHOLAR GIVES US FOOD FOR THOUGHT



Our Guest Speaker on Thursday night was Rotary Global Grant Scholarship recipient Annelise Bissett.

Annelise, born and bred in Newcastle was awarded her scholarship to study for her Masters degree at Oxford University through the Newcastle Sunrise Club in 2012.

She spent a year at Oxford in 2013/14 and was hosted by the Abingdon Vesper Rotary Club, where she made life long friends.

Annelise is an Environmental Scientist gaining her Masters in Environmental Change & Management. She is now employed by Natural Resources Commission, a State Government body based in Sydney. Her study centred on the Sustainability benefits of the Oxford Food Bank. This is a volunteer run charity group working to save edible food from ending up in landfill. She highlighted the environmental, social and economic benefits and the barriers to food waste distribution. Annelise also gave us some highlights of her time at Oxford including attending a presentation by Al Gore. A keen rower she was presented with her "blades by the Oxford University Rowing Club. Annelise is an excellent ambassador for Rotary's Global Scholarship program, especially the volunteer work she performed while at Oxford.

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Birthdays this coming week:

September 4 Noaline Fitzsimmons

Anniversaries:

September 4 Ian & Pam Rolfe

Heads and Tails: Norm Costello

Raffle: Arja Levonpera

Member Duties 8th September 2016

Door:

Bart Richardson/Bob Mitchell

Meet/Greet:

DonWhatham/Warwick Mathieson

Loyal Toast:

John Stuhmcke

Grace: John Sully

Intro Guest speaker:

John Cropley

Thank Guest Speaker:

Bart Richardson

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Apologies/Extras to Ros Cribb by 12noon on Wednesday!

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NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER- Richard Turner

Our Club Historian, Richard Turner will be next week guest speaker. Richard's topic is the Life of Rotarian Percy Chu. This is a fascinating story, relating to visit by Richard to the Shanghai Rotary Club some years ago. We have a rich vein of interesting stories that our members are able to share with us from time to time, and this will be entertaining.



NEW ROTARY IMMORTALS

Our Club Foundation Director, Phil Smith's Immortals Campaign is off to a good start with 2 Club members, Chris Bartlett and Judi Priestley receiving their Immortals Badge after handing over \$100 each to Phi, who is hoping all members will participate in this worthwhile program.



AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH HAT DAY

Hat Day this year is Friday October 7. As this clashes with our 25th Annual Golf Day we have transfer Hat Day celebrations to Thursday November 17th. More information will follow after the conclusion of the Golf Day.

MORE GAN GAN LOOKOUT REPAIRS



Our Vice President John Stuhmcke has again shown his handyman skills by repairing our "ever giving" binoculars at Gan Gan Lookout.

The main stand required some new rivets, supplied by Warwick Mathieson, thank you Warwick.

John was able to make the necessary repairs in his usual quiet and efficient manner.

We also had an attack of graffiti on the lower benches and walls a few weeks ago, which was quickly cleaned up by the Port Stephens Graffiti Removal Group who do an outstanding job.

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE AT NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY

The Regional and State finals on this year's High Schools Science and Engineering Challenge have been conducted over the past month. Competition was very keen with 24 schools from around the State competing for one place in the national finals to be held in Hobart in October.

John Stuhmcke attended the regional challenges in early August for 3 days, while Don Whatham, Judi Priestley and Chris Bartlett attended the first of the State Finals held on Tuesday. It is a very interesting day.

COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

As this is a very busy portfolio, due to the large number of activities Nelson Rotary Club engages in, there are 3 Committee Chairs plus several subcommittee chairs.

Ian Faulkner heads our Charity Golf Day committee, with **Tim Ireland** currently filling that role as Ian is on 3 months leave of absence.

Doug Craike is Chair of the Club Australia Day Committee and his team will swing into action following the completion of the Golf Day activities, where planning for the 2017 Australia Day celebrations will commence.

The Catering Division is headed by **John Stuhmcke** and this is a continuing role supporting major events, Bunnings BBQ's and seeking new opportunities. While having overall responsibility for Community Service, the above team leaders make my role much easier.

I would also like to recognise all club members who contribute to the many community events we perform each year and look forward to the continued support as we enter into a busy phase for the Club over the next few months. I will be able to provide a further update at the next Club meeting following next month's Board meeting.
Chris Bartlett-Community Service
Director

OTHER ACTIVITIES

ADOPT A ROAD

Mike Mobbs has done an outstanding job trying to resolve the issues with Port Stephens Council relating to the restrictive conditions being applied to this program. Following next month's Board meeting we hope to be able to announce a "new" Adopt a Road program centred at Gan Gan Lookout which will enable all members, including partners to participate.

PROJECT NEIGHBOUR

While it is still proposed we enhance Project Neighbour, we will be holding our first event for this new Rotary Year on Wednesday September 21st. Peter McBean has kindly offered to organise this day and asks for good member participation especially when it comes to picking up our guests.

CHARITY GOLF DAY

This event is well underway, with hole and green sponsorship secured, many prizes for both the golfers and the raffle secured and an excellent selection of Auction item packages also secured. A total of \$15,000 plus has been secured so far. The current emphasis is securing a full field of golfers to make this day, our 25th Annual Golf Day an outstanding success.

BUNNINGS BBQ's

Due to some internal issues at Bunnings, our Club were not awarded any weekend BBQ's with 2 Friday's allocated up to December 31. We met with Bunnings early in August and I am pleased to announce that we have six Saturday BBQ's booked until December 31st 2017. This new schedule commences on New Year's Day 2017. We were also able to assist the PCYC achieve a similar result after they experienced the same issues as we encountered. In all a good result.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

Next Week – September 8 Richard Turner- The life of Rotarian Percy Chu
Wednesday September 14 – Club Board Meeting- Bowling Club at 5.30pm
Thursday September 15 - Club Forum, Directors reports
Saturday September 17- South America Fiesta- Maitland
Thursday September 22 – R Yeomans & I Woodhill
Thursday September 29- Trudi Blachford
Friday September 30- Bunnings BBQ
Friday October 7 – 25th Annual Charity Golf Day and Dinner
Saturday October 29- Long Lunch at Nelson Bay

EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR PORT STEPHENS PCYC

New gym operator in Raymond Terrace

Following a recent Expression of Interest, Port Stephens Council, has voted to enter into a lease agreement with a new gym operator in Raymond Terrace.

The Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC) has secured a 10 year lease for the facility at 42 William Street, with an additional 5 year option also available.

The PCYC will commence its lease on Saturday 3 September 2016. The current tenant, the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) will cease its operations on Friday 2 September.

The evaluation panel tasked with assessing applications for the site took a number of factors into consideration including; community programs and engagement, social impact and a sound transition strategy to ensure the continuity of service.

Editor's Note

Work on the building commenced today (rebranding etc) and a further update will be given to members on Club Forum night, September 15.

A Reminder Cops vs Kids Basketball match on this Friday night, September 2, with a \$5.00 entry fee.



WELCOME BACK JOHN

It was great to see "Pommy" John Sully back at the Club last Thursday. John is one of our honorary members who along wife Sheila spends 6 months in the UK and 6 months with us in beautiful Port Stephens. Since his last visit John has become an OBE, (Over Bloody Eighty). He is off up north to catch some additional sun for a few weeks before throwing myself into club activities. Welcome back John and Sheila.



President Judy Mitchell receives a certificate of appreciation from Port Stephens Marine and Club member Dieter Greiter following our \$3000 donation presented at Changeover.