



## Bulletin # 10 – 27<sup>th</sup> August 2015

### Chris Barnes - Vigneron, Restaurateur, ANGLER



With over 40 years in the wine industry having established the Saxonvale winery and the renowned Blaxland's Barn Restaurant in the Hunter Valley, Chris Barnes was strongly connected to the wine industry. He served as president of the Hunter Valley and NSW wine industry associations, on the executive committee of the Wine Federation of Australia, director of Hunter Tourism and on the council of the wine and grape industry at Charles Sturt University. He was awarded the Order of Australia AM in 2003, made the Hunter Living Legend in 2010, and awarded the NSW Government Graham Gregory Wine Award for 2014.

His presentation tonight however was about his other passion - fly fishing. Far from a relaxing hobby, fly fishing for trout, Chris compares to hunting. 'You have to stalk your prey, entice it to attack and then wrestle it into submission'. As well Australia he has travelled overseas to places like New Zealand and the Colorado River in the Rocky Mountains in pursuit of his sport.

It demands a skill that is learned over many years – stalking, selecting the right fly, knowing where to look for the fish, knowing how to tie the knots, and precision casting. *(I would have thought the real skill was in balancing a glass of red at the same time – editor)*

Given his first rod at age eight it has been a life long interest. Although partial to a trout meal, most of his catches are released.



Several members attended the PCYC fundraising dinner at Soldiers Point last Saturday evening. Around \$7000 was raised. Nelson Bay Rotary has had a long association with the PCYC and recently donated \$20,000 towards the refurbishment of floors which has now been completed.

PCYC are looking at combining their STC Program with our RYDA program and their Bluestar Leadership Program with our RYLA Program.

We continue to support the PCYC with members Tim Ireland and Chris Bartlett serving on their Board.



Warwick Mathieson advises that construction of Exercise Trail is to commence soon. Once constructed members will be needed to help spread bark. Stay tuned.

The Town Clock project proposed last Rotary year is proceeding slowly. It will hopefully be completed around March next year.

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#### Visitors:

Geoff Shrapel, Zac & Taylor Rimmer

#### Lady Luck:

#### Heads and Tails:

Bart Richardson

#### Raffle:

Judi Priestley

#### Congratulations

##### Birthdays:

4 Sep Noaline Fitzsimons  
 12 Sep Geoff Diemar

##### Anniversaries:

5 Sep Ian & Pam Rolfe  
 11 Sep Richard & Athlene Harris

#### Member Duties next week

##### Door:

Bart Richardson/ Warwick Mathieson

##### Meet/Greet

Doug Bairstow/Mike Mobbs

##### Loyal Toast

Norm Costello

##### Grace

John Stumchke

##### Intro Guest speaker

Chris Coy

##### Thank Guest Speaker-

Don Whatham

##### Bulletin

John Cropley

**Next week – Andrew Bond - National Parks and Wildlife**

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

**Ph 0401 450 239**

## Vintage Rail Trip to Murrurundi



On Sunday 25th October 2015 the Rotary Club of Murrurundi has organised a Railway History Day. This includes a trip in a vintage motor rail train from Newcastle (Broadmeadow) to Murrurundi and back - picking up passengers on the way. You can also board the train in Maitland.

The trip includes:

- Free entry to the Garden Model Train Display,
- Specially prepared lunch, morning and afternoon tea.
- Free entry to the Werris Creek Railway Display.
- Bus tour of Emirates Park - Australia's largest horse stud.
- Visit to a picturesque Pioneer Cottage and Museum.

Tickets are \$98 p.p. return only and the surplus of the day will benefit the Rotary Club of Murrurundi - one of the smallest but very active clubs in District 9670.

Don't miss out on this exciting day. Contact Richard Harris to book.

**Pay your dues and special dinner fees by EFT:**

**Account name: Rotary Club of Nelson Bay Inc. - BSB: 637000 Acc.#: 781017418**

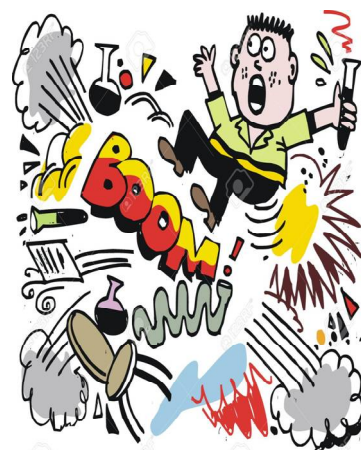
**(please, mention your name and what you are paying for.**

## Port Stephens Science Discovery Day

Assistance is needed to assist with the supervision of this day to be held on Thursday **17 September** from 9:30 till 2:30. 10 members/partners are needed to supervise and 4 others needed to prepare and serve a BBQ lunch.

Don Whatham has been involved with the Science and Engineering Challenge for many years and has on many occasions enthusiastically told our members, of the personal satisfaction and enjoyment of being involved with the event. Although different it has a similar aim of encouraging school students to engage with science.

If you can help on this day, please contact Don Whatham.



## Working with Children

Members are reminded to complete a "Working with Children Check". Even though you may not be directly involved with children through Rotary this is still a requirement for all volunteers.

There is no charge for volunteers and the process is fairly simple. It involves preparing an online application at: [www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au) and then taking the application number provided to a Motor Registry office for identification purposes. Once this is done a certificate is issued a copy of which should be provided to the Club.

## Future Meetings Speakers:

Andrew Bond	Nat. Parks	3/9/15	Rotary Hat Day	8/10/15
Club meeting		10/9/15	Club meeting	15/10/15
Jonathon Oastler	"L" Plates	17/9/15	Tara Scott - Educating Girls	
Phil Murray	Gelignite Jack	24/9/15	in Sierra Leone and Uganda	22/10/15
David Birss	Exercise Trails	1/10/15	Vocational visit PCYC	29/10/15
			Richard Wiltshire Lemons to Rail	5/11/15



### Member Benefits Program unveiled:

RI President-elect K.R. Ravindran introduced a member benefits program at the 9 June closing session of the 2015 Rotary International Convention, saying that many more hands are needed to continue Rotary's work around the world. The program, [Rotary Global Rewards](#), aims to boost membership and enhance member satisfaction. It commenced on 1 July.

“This innovative new program will allow Rotary members to connect with hundreds of businesses and service providers from around the world who will offer discounts to members and contributions to RI.

For the full story and how to become involved go to:

<https://www.rotary.org/en/news-media/news-features/member-benefits-program-unveiled-convention-draws-close>

and

<https://www.rotary.org/en/member-center/rotary-global-rewards>

### Rotary Foundation Gala Spectacular

*The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. As the charitable arm of Rotary, we tap into a global network of Rotarians who invest their time, money, and expertise into our priorities, such as eradicating polio and promoting peace. Foundation grants empower Rotarians to approach challenges such as poverty, illiteracy, and malnutrition with sustainable solutions that leave a lasting impact.*

*Strong financial oversight, a stellar charity rating, and a unique funding model mean that we make the very most of your contribution.*

In keeping with the current Rotary International theme “Be a Gift to the World” District 9670 will be holding its Annual Rotary Foundation Fundraising Event in the form of a Gala Spectacular featuring live entertainment and an address by Philanthropist Robert “Bob” Cameron AO titled “Philanthropy - a gift to the world”



Bob Cameron is a highly respected and successful businessman who will share his journey with us. He is non-executive Chairman of Centennial Coal, Hunter Valley Training Company, County Coal Ltd, Pacific Smiles Group, a Trustee of the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences (Powerhouse Museum) He is a member of University of NSW Foundation and a generous philanthropist



**Venue:** Wests - Industrial Drive Mayfield  
**When:** 6:30 for 7:00 10<sup>th</sup> October 2015  
**Cost:** \$75 per head (includes drink on arrival dinner and entertainment)  
**Dress:** Men Jacket & tie. Ladies Cocktail attire - all with a splash of colour  
**Bookings close** 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015  
**Book at** [www.trybookings.com/147708](http://www.trybookings.com/147708)  
**Enquiries:** Eleanor Cunningham  
[rfgaladinner2015@gmail.com](mailto:rfgaladinner2015@gmail.com)

**District 9670 Conference: 4-5-6 March 2016**

**7 reasons to attend the conference:**

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2. Engage with and meet other amazing Rotarians, Rotaractors and friends.
3. Expand your understanding of the great work of Rotary locally and internationally.
4. Exchange and share ideas.
5. Be re-inspired to give 'service above self'.
6. Enjoy the hospitality of Mudgee and surrounds.
7. Have a fun weekend with friends, old and new.