

Bulletin 10 - 30 August 2018

IAN BRIGDEN – THE HISTORY OF SPECTACLES - AFRICA.

Ian presented an interesting summary of the development of reading glasses. The first reading aids were credited to the Ancient Greeks who shaped rock crystals into convex shapes. They found these magnified objects when placed over them for viewing.

In 1254 Roger Bacon designed a pair of wire frames holding basic glass lenses for the Pope. In the next few years many contributed to spectacle advancement. At this time the spectacles consisted of varying materials used for frames.

In the 1600's wire frames especially copper were increasingly used and a search proceeded as to how the spectacles could be securely held in front of the eyes. In 1728 Edward Scarlett perfected glasses with rigid side arms looping the ears. In the 1900's metal frames were becoming more common and inventors experimented with many materials including celluloid (plastic).

World War II was the time when metal frames became very common especially with soldiers serving in the field. Following WWII mass production of reading glasses commenced.

Modern day spectacles have very sophisticated and functional lenses with frames made of any variety of materials. Generally designed for lightness modern frames may be nickel alloy, precious metals, titanium, nickel and aluminium. Frames and lenses vary in quality.

Ian brought along a selection of spectacles ranging from vintage to ultra modern. During Ian's presentation we were treated to some excellent photographs of animals he and Debbie had viewed on their recent trip to South Africa. Ian touched on some of the atrocities committed by poachers in their quest to harvest rhinoceros horns. This barbaric practice has had a devastating effect on the Rhino population placing these magnificent animals on the endangered list. Thank you Ian for a very informative and enjoyable presentation.



King of the Jungle

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CONGRATULATIONS

31 Aug - 6 Sep

4 Sep: Noeline Fitzsimons

Anniversaries :

5 Sep: Ryan & Jessica Palmer

5 Sep: Ian & Pam Rolfe

Heads and Tails:

Liz Friend possibly the club's first female tosser.

Duties: 6 Sep 2018

Door:

Peter McBean, Ian McIver

Meet/Greet:

Judy & Bob Mitchell

Loyal Toast:

Peter Page

Grace:

Tricia Parnell

Intro Guest speaker:

Judi Priestley

Thank Guest Speaker:

Helen Ryan

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Dieter Greiter

Photos:

Phill Smith

Next meeting -

Apologies/Extras to John Crump by noon on Wednesday!

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Left: Visitors, Peter and Lena Arena from Anna Bay. Peter conducted an auction for three Aussie Bob's Fish & Chip vouchers raising \$160 for the drought relief appeal. Thank you Helen, Lesley and Jim for your generosity.

Right: Presidents Kathy (Nelson Bay) and Ina (Salamander Bay) discuss Rotary matters over lunch. They continue the excellent working relationship between our two clubs.



SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

The Science and Engineering State finals conducted over 3 days at the University of Newcastle concluded on Thursday afternoon. The 24 leading schools from NSW regional competitions competed in the event. Daily winners were Keira HS, Danthonia School and ASC St Peters Campus with Keira HS achieving the highest total and the right to compete in the National Final. The National final will be held in October at Humpty Doo, in the Northern Territory. Thank you to our members John Stuhmcke, Chris Bartlett, Judi Priestley and Lesley Freeman for assisting at the event.

Photo shows John Stuhmcke checking scores in the Electra City event which he conducted during the three days.

SCIENCE DISCOVERY DAY

The Primary School Science Discovery Day will be held at Tomaree Education Centre on Thursday 27 September. Secretary Don is the coordinator of this day and is seeking volunteers to be part of this most enjoyable experience. Volunteers will be needed from 8am to 2pm on the day and at 4pm Wednesday 26 September to unload and set up.

BUNNINGS EVENTS.

TRADIES BREAKFAST: The first of these events being trialled for three months was held last Monday morning at Bunnings. The inclement weather kept numbers down but those attending showed a keen interest in Rotary activities. Our goal is to inform local tradesmen about Rotary and perhaps gain an interest in membership. Members present mingled with the tradesmen and were able to inform them about our most recent project the drought appeal. Thank you John, Chris, Phill and Milton.

FAMILY NIGHT: In an outstanding night of fun for Fathers Day some of our members gave up their meeting night to prepare food for the large crowd of shoppers. In the two hour period we received \$577 in donations and Bunnings rewarded us with \$150 worth of gift vouchers and 60 left over soft drinks. Thank you Phill, Peter P, Peter McB, Milton and Tony.

Tony "Mr Bunnings" Todd consoled those who missed the event with news that they may overcome their disappointment by volunteering to work at one of the upcoming 14 day events between now and New Year.

VALE BETTY WOOD.

Long time Project Neighbour participant Betty Wood of Bernie Thompson Park, Shoal Bay passed away last Tuesday. The funeral is scheduled for Monday 10 September at the Uniting Church Salamander Bay. Marianne & Peter McBean will be attending should any other Rotarian/partner be free to pay their respect.

DROUGHT APPEAL

A very big thank you to you all for volunteering yesterday to accept donations from the general public for the farmers battling drought. The response was magnificent considering the number of organisations and businesses also seeking donations. Over a 7 hour period we raised \$2173.80 bringing the amount raised over our two day effort to \$5745.45. Well done everyone. Thank you Peter McBean for coordinating our club's effort.

Distribution of drought relief funds has begun. The board approved a \$3000 donation remaining from the 2017 golf day to the Tottenham Public School. This was boosted by a \$1000 personal donation by a member. This decision was based on information from Narromine Rotarian Geoff Smith indicating that 53 of the 91 students at the school lived on properties devastated by drought.

A further \$2000 has been donated to Narromine Hospital to assist the purchase of a jaundice detector for newly born babies. This donation is in conjunction with the Humpty Dumpty Foundation who will fund the balance.

Of the \$5745 raised by the appeals organised by Peter, \$500 has already been donated via the CBA "Buy a Bale". The remainder will be donated to the drought appeal via RAWCS.

It is pleasing to report that our fellow club at Salamander bay has raised approximately \$6000 in bucket appeals at the Salamander Village Shopping Centre.

Local Fish & Chip specialist Aussie Bob donated three vouchers for our golf day proceeds from which will assist the drought appeal. In spirited bidding between members \$160 was contested by members to claim these prized items.

Our two local Rotary Clubs should be very pleased with our effort towards the drought relief appeal.

Well done all!

COMING UP.

Tuesday 4 Sep – Honorary Members Morning Tea 10am - EVVIVA – All welcome

Thursday 6 September – Dinner –Guest Speaker Neil Moore - Dinner Ladies in the Bistro.

Fridays 7 & 21 September: Bunnings Barbeques.

Wednesday 12 September – Board meeting

Thursday 27 September – Science Discovery Day – Tomaree High School

FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER – ROTARY GOLF DAY.

TOWN CLOCK TICKS ALONG.

Co-ordinator of the town clock committee Richard Turner was pleased to report real progress at last. With the assistance of honorary member Mayor Ryan Palmer, some council red tape appears to have been eliminated. We have been assured that our clock committee will be consulted on future steps taken by council and we will be given input into final approval. We still seek an early completion of the project at the committee's chosen site at the junction of the new Yacabba Street extension and Magnus Street. Council is seeking clock design quotes and Richard has been provided the names of two council officers with whom his committee will work.

Well done Richard!



FILM NIGHT FUNDRAISER

ROTARY CLUB OF SALAMANDER BAY

**Invites you to attend the special screening of
“BREATHE” (An inspirational TRUE STORY)**



Wednesday 24th October 2018

Arrive at 5:45pm for Finger Food & Drinks

The festivities will be held at NELSON BAY CINEMAS

Film Starts at 6:45pm



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This is a wonderful opportunity to bring your friends and family for a great night out in Nelson Bay & to support THE ROTARY FOUNDATION. BILL AND MELINDA GATES will add \$2 to every \$1 dollar raised at our fundraiser.



Includes Canapes & a drink on arrival plus an assortment of entrée finger food - cocktail style, a sit down main course and for dessert – a sweets & cheese grazing table. There will be a charity auction, entertainment, fundraising games, music & dancing. (Bring plenty of gold coins for the games)

Our goal is to raise \$10,000 to share between Cystic Fibrosis & The Humpty Dumpty Foundation.

Dress: Cocktail

Bookings at TRY Bookings – Select Table 12.

Location

Saltwater Restaurant. Fingal Bay Surf Life Saving Club, 3 Marine Drive, Fingal Bay, NSW 2315

On Saturday 8 September 2018 at 6:00pm