



Bulletin 10 – 1 September 2022

KEITH HOBBS PORT STEPHENS FRIENDSHIP GROUP.



Keith Hobbs arrived in Australia from England in 1959. Keith began his presentation by commenting on the massive contrast in Australia between then and now. One of his first recollections of Australia in 1959 was a trip to Surfers Paradise which had its wonderful beach but the residential consisted mainly of tin shacks. Think of the massive highrise of today. Keith has worked in the building construction industry throughout his life and still dabbles in the trade at 85 years of age. He first came to the Bay to visit children and grand children and was so impressed with the location that he settled here and travelled back to Sydney to work till his permanent retirement.

After retirement, three years ago, Keith saw an advertisement for the Port Stephens Friendship Group and decided to pay a visit. Thus began what Keith describes the beginning of a wonderful association with like minded older community

members who have since become close friends and travelling companions. The sole purpose of the group is friendship. It does not aim to raise funds, its sole purpose is to provide friendship by participating in friendly activities. The non-profit group currently has 80 members aged from 55 years to 95 years. Only four committee meetings are held per year primarily to plan the annual activities.

Activities which are very popular with members include visits to restaurants, coffee days, social bowling, theatre excursions, walking trips, happy hours and barbeques, day trips to local points of interest and industries, trots nights and longer excursions. The longer bus trips have included visits to Coonabarabran to the space facility and the Warrumbungles, South Coast and Central West including a bus experience around Mt Panorama at Bathurst.

Keith kindly provided a copy of the Friendship Group Newsletter which I have reproduced on page three of the bulletin. This outlines in details some of the Groups major activities.



Dinner Ladies at their first Thursday of each month dinner in the Rotary Club Bistro.

CLUB NEWS.

- Youth Director Lesley announced that the club would be presenting “Service Above Self Awards” to each of the local schools. The club makes a \$100 donation for the award and Lesley has asked members to volunteer to visit each school to participate in the presentation on behalf of the club. Director Ella volunteered to attend the ceremony at Tomaree High on 21 September. Please make your willingness to make a school presentation known to Lesley ASAP.
- Acting president Don spoke about the vote to be conducted by D9660 during September to ascertain the district’s willingness to participate in the proposed Regionalisation trial. Don had emailed each member prior to the meeting with details of the trial. Members indicated their support of participating in the trial. Acting president Don will cast his vote in accordance with the club member’s wishes.
- Acting President Don urged all members to consider making themselves available to fill the vacant board positions of President and Secretary. The only qualification is that the club president must have served a year as a member of the club board. It is essential that these positions be confirmed at the September Board meeting. You will receive every possible assistance and co-operation from every current board member and from fellow Rotarians. Fellowship and harmony will ensure that our club is able to continue its wonderful work and achievements of the past 66 years.
- The club will provide a community service to the Port Stephens Suicide Prevention Group. Details are as follows:

PORT STEPHENS SUICIDE PREVENTION NETWORK BARBEQUE.

Our club will assist with catering for the event on Saturday 10 September 10.30am to 1.30pm.

Location: Iluka Reserve Boat Harbour.

Provisions: All will be provided by the network. These include sausages, bread, sauces, napkins, drinks and ice.

Rotary will provide: Clive’s cooker, 2 serving tables, 2 shade covers in case needed, esky for sausages and esky for drinks, cooking utensils, cooking oil, aprons, trays, tea-towels, SQUARE for electronic transactions.

Rotary Labour: Trailer transport (Geoff Diemar, John Stuhmcke,) cook (David Clark), server (Lesley Freeman), Cashier (Geoff Diemar).

Sale Prices: Sausage sandwich - \$3.00, Drinks - \$2.00. All proceeds to Suicide Prevention Group.

Procedure:

Deliver Clive’s Cooker from shed to reserve ready to cook by 10.45am and serve at 11.30am.

Clean and pack up after serving at 12.30pm

Return trailer to shed.

PSSPG Contact is David Creenaune . Phone: 0439 980 999

COMING EVENTS.

NEXT MEETING – CLUB ASSEMBLY - Apologies/ Extras to 0401 450 239 by 12 Noon Wednesday.

In the absence of VP Don this meeting will be chaired by PP Geoff Diemar. **Door:** Jim Booth. **Meet & Greet:** David Clark. **Grace:** Ian Brigden. **Photos:** Phill Smith. **Bulletin:** John Copley. **Binoculars:** John Stuhmcke.

BIRTHDAYS: None **ANNIVERSARIES:** 5 Sep: Ryan & Jessica Palmer, Ian & Pam Rolfe. **WEDNESDAY 14 September** – Board Meeting – Bay room at 6.00pm. **THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER** – Scott Elsegood – Terry White Chemmart – Pharmacy Services beyond the sticker.

BUNNINGS BARBEQUE – SATURDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2022.

ROSTER: CO-ORDINATOR & TRANSPORT – Geoff Diemar

AM SHIFT 8am to 12 Noon: D Greiter, G Robinson, P Smith, C Bartlett.

PM SHIFT 12 Noon to 4pm: I Brigden, E Clarke, R Turner, L Freeman.

LUCKY WINNERS.

The lucky winners this week: Heads and Tails, Peter McBean and the raffle Geoff Robinson. Geoff will provide next week’s three-minute talk.

Below an extract from the Friendship Group Newsletter which provides a concise overview of the Groups variety of activities.

Happy Hour/ Lunch

SALAMANDER TAVERN / HOTEL
Salamander Bay

Thursday 15th Sept. at 12 noon

During winter, our venue has changed due to the unpredictable weather. This will become our monthly get together until summer and we change again.



Coffee Day

Monday 5th September 2pm

Blueys Restaurant + Bar
Shop 13E/6 Nelson Bay Marina
Enq: Sue-Anne 0457 218 845

BOWLING DAY



Wednesday 31st August 10.30am

Cost to bowl \$10 Bowls supplied by NBBC
No skills required. If interested, we have lunch at NBBC after the game. Come along for a fun game and a few laughs.

Enq Rhonda 0416 158 121

MOVIES

**No Movies this month
as nothing suitable**

HUNTER VALLEY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

INCLUDING DINNER PRIOR



Thursday 1st December 6pm
Save this date, more information in Sept newsletter

COMMITTEE

All positions will become vacant as at the AGM on Tuesday 30th August 2022 You need to be a Fully paid member to vote at AGM.

Coal Loader Tour [Kooragang]

28th October 2022

Please come along and join this tour and learn all about our local Industry. A comprehensive information talk will be given after arrival and then back on the coach with a guide to tour the area of interest.

After departing the Coal Loader we will go onto Hexham Bowling Club for lunch. This meal will be order and pay for your own meal.

TRANSPORT COST \$25 p/p

Coach Departs: 8.30am from depot

Direct Debit to Greater Bank
Port Stephens Friendship Group inc
BSB 637000 A/C 722549805
Show Function and Surname
Enq. Rita 0402 363 122

LUCKY DOOR RAFFLE PRIZE.

Only \$2 each

Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets from Lorraine when you arrive or at 10min break \$50 towards a meal at local venue

September Birthdays

Keith Hobbs 4th, Shirley Parrot 8th,
Sue-Anne Rowan 22nd, Molly
Workman 25th, Ray Goodwin, Lynette
Walker, Lorraine Goldsworthy,
Lynette Grigg 27th

Birthday voucher. \$30

You must be present at meeting to receive this voucher.

Make sure you attend the meeting to win.

WALKS

Sun 4th Sept. 10am Barry Park, Fingal Bay.
2hrs

Boardwalk/return

Tue 13th Sept. 9am Car Pool Sal/bay. All day bring/buy lunch. Walka Waterworks

Tue 27th Sept 8am Car Pool Sal/bay. To Stockton Ferry. All day Newcastle area incl. Cathedral. Bring/buy lunch. **Bring Opal card**
** If we car pool we meet at Salamander Bay shops car park, near alto imaging.

Enq Bill 0411 407 873 Wendy 0430 448 976
Jan 0415 703 540

OUR NEXT FRIENDSHIP MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY 27th September 5PM.

At Nelson Bay Bowling Club