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### Birthdays 7/8 – 24/8

Aug 8 Geoff Diemar

### Anniversaries

Ian & Phyllis McIver

**Heads and Tails:** Lesley Freeman

**Raffle:** Richard Turner

### Next meeting 24 September

**Door:** Lesley Freeman/Peter Page

**Bulletin:** Don Whatham

**Intro speaker:** Phill Smith

**Thanks:** John Stuhmcke

This week's meeting was a "Club meeting" where members were informed of the previous night's Board meeting decisions.

But first President Liz spoke to and showed a video that asked the question:

"what should we do to celebrate 100 years of Rotary in Australia".

Members are asked to put their thinking caps on with a view to suggesting projects that will showcase Rotary as well as benefitting some community project in 2021.

See video at <https://www.rotary100downunder.com/home>

### Membership Survey

Results of the survey conducted over the last month were distributed and members were given the opportunity to further discuss comments submitted.

Pres Liz reported that:

- 86% of members were either satisfied or somewhat satisfied with the Club with the overwhelming majority proud of the Club
- the vast majority thought speakers & programs were either excellent or good and the style, time length and time for socialising was good.
- venue, start time and meals were rated fair to good with some less favourable comments about meals.
- Number of service projects were considered adequate with local projects were preferred

There was of course some constructive criticism that we all need to work on.

**Next meeting – 24<sup>th</sup> September (no meeting next week)  
Speaker: Ian Nowacki – Life in Peter Brock's Pit Crew**

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### Board meeting summary:

#### **President.** Liz Friend

- Good attendance at meetings both face to face and via Zoom. Including Zoom has proved popular for those unable to attend face to face for one reason or another
- Looking to strengthen association with Yacaaba Centre
- Guest speakers and socials planned
- Donations by members to make up for lack of meeting income have been received
- Attended Zoom meeting with DG David Roach. David is happy to provide support in any way he can and encourages Clubs to contribute to the District newsletter
- Our changeover featured in the DG's September Newsletter.
- PDG Helen, PP Arja and Pres Liz submitted an article to RDU on our financial support for the work of Prof. Kelvin Kong through HMRI and it is published in the September issue
- Interact: A booklet is being prepared with a brief outline before approaching St Philips to gauge its interest in establishing a Club.
- Dieter Greiter is acknowledged for his behind the scenes involvement which ensures our meetings run smoothly, providing IT support to Guest Speakers and meeting technical challenges as they arise with good humour. It is very much appreciated

#### **Administration (incorporating Vocational)** Phill Smith.

- Club meetings are once again face to face and except for 3 evenings we have a full program for the year.
- Broughton Island trip confirmed for Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September with 30 confirmed attendees.

#### **Membership** Kathy Rimmer

- Membership Satisfaction Survey Completed and Closed
- Current logo updated on all forms and documents
- Centenary Scholarship Trust Fund - Awaiting quote for Trust Deed replacement
- Need to consider extra funds in order to provide one scholarship per year
- New membership mapping and mentoring still in progress
- 3 prospective members (including one corporate)

#### **International** Arja Levonpera

- Explore possible International Service Tool project put forward by our club member Richard Turner. (Collect donated power tools and send to Solomon Islands)
- KIVA loans program ongoing.

#### **Community** Milton Williams

- Electrical work at the Yaccaba Centre done using \$200 of the \$500 voucher received from Bunnings.
- Most of the pallet of antiseptic wipes donated to the club by Bunnings has been distributed to Men's Shed, SES, Yaccaba Centre, RFS and other charitable organisations.
- Further assistance offered to Yaccaba Centre - President Liz will make formal contact to discuss. This may include preparation of food parcels.
- Milton has joined the SES and suggested we may be able to help them financially.

#### **Youth** Lesley Freeman

- Roadwhyz grant to council was rejected on the grounds that The Road Safety Commission already provides funds to schools??
- End of year donation of \$100 made to Tomaree High for Citizenship Award. Donations approved for other schools along lines of previous years.

#### **In General**

- Centenary of Rotary Celebrations - Suggestions:
  1. banners hoisted at Marina (perhaps Council will contribute),
  2. a foreshore walk promoted by Examiner and News of Area to raise funds for ending Trachoma amongst Indigenous.
- \$500 earmarked for Crisis Accommodation Centre at Maitland Hospital.
- Constitution and Bylaws need to be presented to AGM. Board to peruse and suggest any alterations.

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### BROUGHTON ISLAND EXCURSION

Members should have received an email on Friday for this.

#### In Brief:

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

It will be an all-day event – Board MV Spirit of Port 9:45AM for 10:00AM departure.

Depart Broughton 3:00PM docking at Nelson Bay Approx 4:45PM

Cost is \$80 per head and includes lunch and guided walk.

Please deposit payments at **BSB637000 A/C 781017418** quoting your name and “Broughton”

30 confirmed attending at this stage

Acceptances extended to Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

Full details in email previously mentioned.

Contact Phill Smith if you need further details. 0407291542

### Meetings

17 <sup>th</sup> September	No Meeting
20 <sup>th</sup> September	Broughton Island trip
24 <sup>th</sup> September	Speaker Ian Nowacki – My time in the Pit with Peter Brock
1 <sup>st</sup> October	Speaker Local GP Ana Pickering – Working with the people of Nepal
8 <sup>th</sup> October	TBC
14 <sup>th</sup> October	Board Meeting
15 <sup>th</sup> September	Club meeting with Area Governor Christine Walmsley
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Rtn Ray Clarke – Climate Change
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Andrew Lane BAE Systems
Date TBC	Tamara Sloper-Harding OAM - International Peacekeeping in Timor



### Binoculars

Week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> September Geoff Diemar Don Whatham

Week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> September Phill Smith Judi Priestley

Week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> September Lesley Freeman Arja Levonpera

Remember to test and clean binoculars and report any problems.

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There's also a link to the District website which works pretty much the same.

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The Board would like to hear of any errors, omissions suggestions for improvement.