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Guest Speaker Tony Todd

Tony provided us with some information about his working life and in particular some of the projects he was involved with in Asia.

Tony started as an engineering surveyor but after several years in this area, and after having a serious car accident he decided new direction was required.

A friend introduced him to the field of warehousing and logistics. Tony then moved into this area. He went to Germany to train in high rise crane storage, and later Detroit to see the mechanised process which provided bumper bars to Ford cars in the U.S.

Tony worked for John David Holdings in Transport Distribution. After working initially on some projects in Australia he moved to Singapore to develop a grocery distribution centre. He then went to K.L. to work on a similar project. He enjoyed the time there and was given a team of workers including some immigrants from Bangladesh who were loyal, hard working individuals. A number of the workers were poor and lived on the banks of the Klang River which periodically flooded. When their houses were destroyed Tony ensured he had a supply of corrugated iron in storage which he could deliver to them to rebuild immediately.

There were a number of challenges working in Asia. He sadly regularly lost employees in the line of work transporting goods between Singapore, Thailand and K.L. He was kidnapped himself at one point. The warehouse needed a special ceremony involving a goat and a priest to clear evil spirits from the area. The main difficulty later was convincing a large multinational company to reimburse him for the costs involved.

Tony worked for Australia Post after that, but moved to Beijing to set up a distribution system for the Chinese government's postal service. Company's such as Myers or David Jones ordered outfits which were made in China and they were packed into the container for shipment to the individual shops, already on the coat hangers with labels ready to hang straight out on the rack when they arrived.

Tony mentioned his involvement in Australia of setting up a Freezer- Chiller distribution centre for Coles in Erskine Park, Sydney. It size is colossal at about 3 to 4 acres and it has separate chicken and meat sections. The workers on each part never meet. Sadly for us, tours are not available to make a vocational visit to the site some time.

A really interesting talk which all present did enjoy.

In this Bulletin:
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Birthdays this coming week:

Sept 26th Peter Page
Sept 29th Dieter Grieter
Anniversaries:
Sept 21st Ian & Phyllis McIver

Heads and Tails:

Judi Priestley

Member Duties
September 21st 2017
Door Judi Priestley,
Chris Bartlett.
Meet/Greet: Phil Smith
Loyal Toast: Tony Todd
Grace: PDG Don Whatham
Intro Guest speaker:
John Stuhmcke
Thank Guest Speaker:
Richard Turner
Bulletin: Don Whatham
Photographer Henk Tobbe
Guest Speaker- Peter Page- The experience of attending the Starlight Foundation Car Rally.

Presidents information

The Board approved that the invitation be extended to Norm Costello and John Shaw to become Honorary members of the club.

Audit of 2016-2017 is progressing and will be prepared by Addison partners.

The club will improve its profile with Facebook events, thanks to Chelsea for her expertise in this area.



26th Charity Golf Day
Friday 13th October 2017

**Great prizes for the
winning & placed teams**

Nelson Bay Golf Club
Dowling Street, Nelson Bay



Port Stephens

Science and Engineering Discovery Day

Thursday, 21 September 2017

Presented by

The University of Newcastle

In cooperation with

Fewzion Pty Ltd • Daracon • Tomaree High School • The Rotary Club of Nelson Bay.

Community Service Director Chris mentioned the golf day was proceeding well with sponsorship and auction items organised. Hopefully most things will be finalised by next week.

Pres. Kathy will be on Pt Stephens FM at 11am this Tuesday to promote the day.

Catering at Salt Ash horse events to support Williamtown Rotary Club commenced last week. This proved to be a busy and profitable day. Some finances will come to our club, however the main benefit will be to allow Rotary to continue to cater at the event. Further dates are on our calendar and about 4 people are needed each time.

PDG Don outlined the Science & Engineering Discovery day to be held at Tomaree High School next Thursday 21st. A great day for year 6 students from schools around the entire area is organised by the University of Newcastle. We are the only area outside of Newcastle itself to have the program. Don has now organised volunteers for the day.

The day on the bay for children from St Dominic's School will occur on the 31st of October. They will be taken out aboard the Moonshadow boat and then return to the Foreshore for lunch. There should be about 18 students plus the teaching staff involved.

Foundation director John mentioned the upcoming Foundation night the 9th of November. The plan is to present an immortal pin to non Rotarians who have done something to benefit our community, or have helped our club, or Rotary in the past. A great suggestion from Mike Ryan our District Governor's partner. Please email any nominations to John Cropley or let me know at a meeting.



President Kathy visited Bunnings Taylors Beach on Monday to present Community Activities Coordinator Lauren Dennison with a Certificate of Thanks for her assistance to our Club over recent years. Revenue from Bunnings BBQ's returns over \$7000 back to the local community each year. Please check our future BBQ dates on the Club Calendar of Events on Club Runner..



Next Week's speaker will be our own Peter Page. Each year Peter participates in the Starlight Children's Foundation Rally for a week, with over \$250,000 raised from the event. Peter will have some great stories tell about this year's event



Club Service & Vocational Director Geoff Diemar celebrated his birthday this week. He received congratulations from our members on Thursday night, including Trish Parnell.

Upcoming Events

Date	Speaker	&	Topic
Sept 21	Science Discovery Day at Tomaree Education Centre		
Sept 21	Our very own Peter Page-		the Starlight Foundation Rally
Sept 23/24	Assist Williamtown Rotary at Horse events		Salt Ash
October 7	BBQ at Salamander Bay Shopping Centre-		Breast Cancer Support Group
October 13	26th Charity Golf Day		



Myall Lakes Weekend: Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd of October

Have you been dreaming of an exotic waterside vacation? The scenery is divine and the living is easy.... Food provided by dedicated, seasoned professionals with years of experience in all aspects of BBQ catering. Enjoy the freshest oysters lovingly hand picked from the waters of Pt Stephens served natural or as you like it. Smoked eel also provided, just caught, and treated to a secret Dutch recipe to give just the right amount of smoke with a hint of char.

At night the sky is a thousand diamonds. Canvas is the new chic in accomodation.

I urge you not to miss this once in a year opportunity.

See Warwick/ Geoff to advise your attendance. Day trips can be arranged from Nerong.

BYO Drinks utensils, chair, camping gear. Leave the rest to us.



MEMBERS ARE AGAIN REMINDED TO GET THEIR APOLOGIES INTO JOHN CRUMP BY 12 NOON ON WEDNESDAY'S BY PHONE OR SMS ON 0401 450 289. WE ARE CHARGED FOR ALL MEALS BASED ON THE NUMBERS SUBMITTED & THESE COSTS WILL BE PASSED ON

Information on the website

Tony Todd as well as working on the Bunnings BBQs has now worked on making our club calendar of events much more update and inclusive on our Club Runner website.

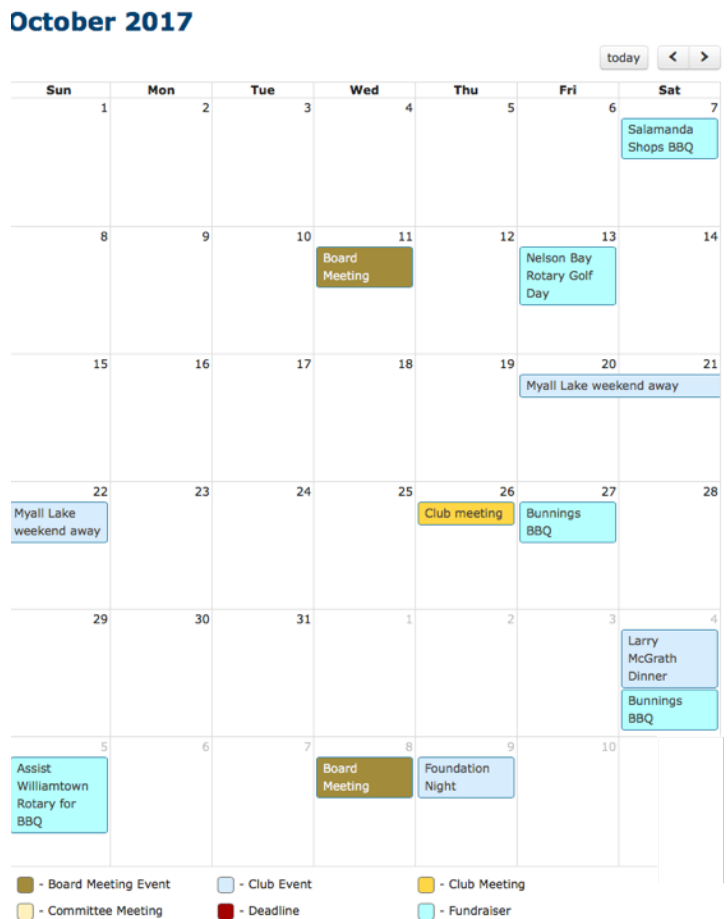
It is not complex to log in, but even without login, access is available to the calendar of club events. Things included here are club meeting nights, board meetings, club events, Bunnings BBQs etc.

Tony is endeavouring to give details of venues, times and who to contact on the listings.



Taken from web page.

Click on the highlighted date to see details of the event.



At the top of the page is a Calendar Tab. Click on this to see the details for that month. Arrows lead you to the next month.

Accessible from smart Phones for easy access.