

Bulletin # 12, 13th September 2018



What is Friendship Exchange?

Friendship Exchange is an international exchange program for Rotary members and friends that allows participants to take turns hosting one another in their homes and clubs.

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Our speaker at this week's meeting was John Sully a confirmed fan of Friendship Exchange.

Benefits are said to include Broadening international understanding; Exploring a profession or job in a different context; Building enduring friendships; Establishing a foundation for peace and service; Gaining opportunities for active project involvement and support; Learning about a region's people, food, languages, customs, and history; Finding partners for grants.

Exchanges are organized around at least one of three themes: culture, service, and vocation and costs are borne by the participants.

John and Sheila have participated in several exchanges through their Club of Chard, England and spoke enthusiastically of their trips to Houston Texas, Albuquerque, New Mexico and Brazil as well as hosting Rotarians from those areas.

Similar in some respects to GSE, Friendship Exchange is more social than vocational and there is no eligibility criteria.

Not only is it an inexpensive way of travelling, said John, it is a great way to see the country in the company of like-minded people. Over the years he has made several long-lasting friendships.

Trish Moore our District co-ordinator is currently seeking interested Rotarians to join a trip to USA district 5610 including South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska departing May 29 2019. She is also looking for hosts for when District 5610 visit us in October 2019. For more info go to: the District web page (home page) or:

<https://rotary9670.org.au/50229/Page/Show?ClassCode=PhotoAlbumDetails&Slug=district-5610-friendship-exchange>

Birthdays this coming week: 14th Sept to 20th Sept: Nil
Anniversaries: Nil

Member Duties 20th September 2018

Door:

David Clark/Ella Clarke

Meet/Greet:

Doug Craike/
John Crump

Loyal Toast:

John Cropley

Grace:

Andrew Downey

Intro Guest speaker:

Chelsea Ellul

Thank Guest Speaker:

Geoff Diemar

Bulletin:

Chris Bartlett

Photos:

Phill Smith

Next meeting – Lesley Freeman – Behind the Badge

Apologies/Extras to John Crump by noon on Wednesday!

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Maryanne McBean, Sheila Sully, Lyn Moffit and Lorraine Nicol joined the meeting after their monthly partner's dinner to listen to John Sully's presentation.



Who'd have thought it!

And, at a regular Rotary meeting no less.

Boy, girl, boy, girl, boy, girl, boy, girl.

One for the history books, I reckon.

Clarification on RAWCS Fees

There has been some confusion relating to administration fees charged by RAWCS in relation to the Rotary/Today Show Drought Relief Fund Raising.

NO ADMINISTRATION FEE APPLIES - 100% of money raised will go to the farmers.

Whilst there is a 2.75% administration fee for general RAWCS projects this has been waived for the Drought Relief Fund. Trust this allays any concerns.

Reports from the meeting:

- Chris Bartlett announced that through the efforts of Milton Williams a Federal Government "Local Volunteers" Grant application has been submitted for purchase of equipment and an application has also been submitted for binoculars. **(see stories page 4).**
- World Surfing League have approached us to assist them with their next competition.
- Richard Turner continues to work on the Town Clock project.
- Chelsea Ellul continues to work on the "Larry McGrath" sign for Gan Gan
- Next Bunnings BBQ 21st September, then 28th & 29th September
- President Kathy reminder and encouraged members to consider enrolling in the Rotary Leadership Institute course to be held on 23rd September and 7th October. **Separate registration form attached.**
- Don Whatham advised members that we have been given some disability aids for distribution to anyone in need. They consist of a light weight wheel chair, zimmer frame, shower chair and commode chair. **See photo on page 4.**
- Don Whatham reminded members of the up-coming Science Discovery Day on 27th Sept.
- 2 teams from St Phillips will be attending MUNA at Muswellbrook and will report back to the Club on 18 October.
- Rotary reading continues to grow with 30 volunteers helping out.
- Golf Day Committee meeting next Thursday before regular meeting

27th Charity Golf Day

Friday, 12th October 2018

Great Prizes for winning and placed teams!

Location:

Nelson Bay Golf Club

Dowling Street - Nelson Bay NSW 2315

Online registration and payment now up and running

Credit Card Payment: <https://form.jotform.co/82451166031852>

Bank Transfer, Cheque or Cash: <https://form.jotform.co/82472930584867>

Nearest the pin holes and:

- * Hole in one Toyota Yaris
- * Hole in one Holiday World Travel voucher (\$ 10,000)

About the Fundraising

The 27th Charity Golf Day is our main fundraisers of the year. All proceeds will benefit the local community. Over the past 26 years these needs have included:

- * Health Support Services
- * Community Infrastructure Projects
- * The Nelson Bay Rotary Exercise Trail
- * PCYC Stadium floor
- * Water Sport and Support Services

Some Auction items:

- * Accommodation Package 2 nights for 4 people at The Mantra Aqua, Nelson Bay
- * Mens Seiko Watch
- * Ladies Mariano Venision Glass Necklace
- * Callaway Forester 2.0 Golf Bag
- * Many more items in Silent Auction

Meat Draw raffle tickets available for purchase on the day. The raffle will be drawn at the result presentation.

Cost & Format of the Game

Entry Fees are \$ 75 p.p. which includes:

- Green fees for the event
- Prizes for winning and placed teams in this 4 person Ambrose event
- Sausage, Bacon & Egg Sandwich during the round
- Finger food at presentation and Silent Auction
- Contributing to our community projects

Non-Players Attendance at Presentation (Includes Finger Food and Silent Auction)
\$20.00 Donation



Several members of the Club spent Friday afternoon working on the Spring Clean-up at “the Shed”. Pictured above Mr Bunnings Tony T installs a whiteboard to make sure all goes well, while Arja and Judi P make sure everything will be easy to find, while Milton and John Stuhmcke talk “technical stuff”. Milton and Phil make sure Clive’s Cooker was looking its best, and the Richard Turner Archives Room now has room to swing a cat. The other participant was Chris B. The group’s efforts have made a big difference.

GRANT APPLICATIONS The Club will be applying for two grants in the next couple of weeks. The first is through our local Federal member Meryl Swanson for a second set of binoculars at Gan Gan Lookout , lower platform. The Grant will be for \$3750, half the estimated cost, which will enhance the lookout even more, with whale watching and views down to Newcastle brought even closer. We would be hopeful our profits would increase by 25 per cent in the first year, to return to the local community

The second is for a Community Volunteer Grant for \$5,000 for equipment, signage and training to make things easier for all members. A big thank you to Milton for spotting the Federal opportunity. Members will be kept informed of progress in coming weeks.



For the taking

The Disability Aids at left are available for anyone who has a need.

The aids were donated to Rotary by a woman that Don Whatham met while collecting for the drought relief BBQ at Salamander.



MYALL COAST VISIT

AG Zone 7 Chris Bartlett attended Myall Coast Rotary on Monday night to assist Club President Peter Sivyer present a Paul Harris Fellow Award to well-known Myall Coast volunteer Barbara Lyle.

Chris also assisting in the induction of a new member, and then won both the Heads & Tails and raffle prize. Chris mentioned it was well worth the drive.

Put it in your phone/diary:

2nd Tuesday of each month;
Coffee with honorary members;
Evviva Café Stockton Street



Know someone?

PORT
STEPHENS
ANNUAL
AWARDS
2018

Nominations are now open for our
Port Stephens Annual Awards

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Freeman of Port Stephens
- Port Stephens Medal
- Sportsperson of the Year
- Cultural Endeavour.

<https://www.portstephens.nsw.gov.au/live/community/community-awards>



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



Tickets Only \$28 includes Movie,
Finger Food & Drinks

DRESS CODE: WEAR SOMETHING RED

Lots of excellent RAFFLE PRIZES, so bring some extra
cash to purchase your raffle tickets!

Buy your tickets online now

Go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/XVWJ>

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.

Myall Lakes week-end 26,27,28 October. Contact Geoff Diemar

