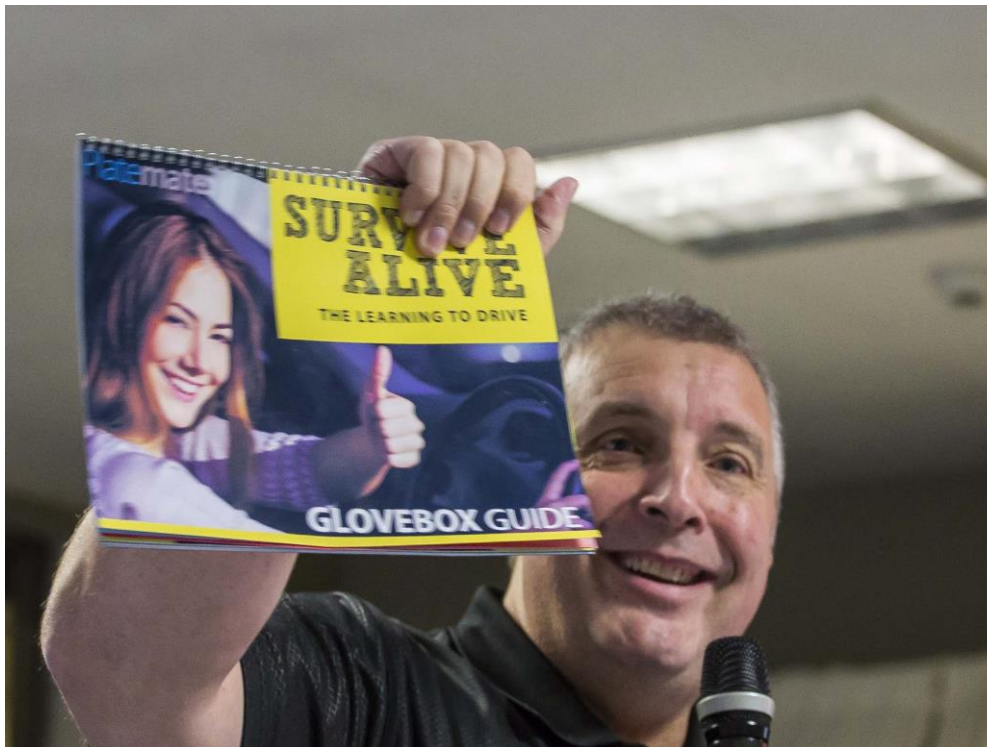


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INSPIRATIONAL ENTREPRENEUR



Our Guest Speaker on Thursday night was Nelson Bay entrepreneur Jonathon Ostler who was accompanied by his wife Cathy. Five months ago Jonathon and Cathy set up their own company Plate Mate with the view of providing adhesive L and P plates that stay attached to any surface.

The product uses a gel, plus suction caps to create the adhesive covering to the plates. This means it is a one off purchase, instead of constant replacement of existing similar products. L & P plates must be displayed on the outside of vehicles in NSW but can be displayed inside vehicles in all other States. Jonathon after many years working in a Church in both New Zealand and Australia gave us an overview of his past life and had our interest as he described his journey to launch his products.

In 5 months he has secured a nationwide contact with Repco with access to 5400 sites throughout Australia. Plate Mate is also a finalist in the Hunter Regional Manufacturers Award and a Finalist in the Australian Consumer Product of the Year Awards, both remarkable achievements in such period of time. As an example in normally takes 12 months or more to secure a supply contract with Repco.... **Continued Page 2**

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Lady Luck

Heads & Tails won by Ella Clarke and the raffle was won by Peter Page

Congratulations

Anniversaries

Geoff & Nanette Basser
56 years Sept 23

Ian & Phyllis McIver
52 years Sept 21

Joined NBRC- President Ann Evans- 3 years

Door Bart Richardson & Bob Mitchell

Meet & Greet Larry McGrath & John Crump

Toast John Shaw

Grace Don Whatham

Introduce Speaker John Cropley

Thank Speaker Chris Bartlett

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Photos Henk Tobbe

NEXT WEEK's Speaker Phil Murray – Gelignite Jack

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Jonathon's message is all about Road Safety. Plate Mate will be releasing a Parents and Children interactive Glove Box guide. It will give parents guidelines on how to interact with their children before, during and after driving plus give parents some techniques on how to deliver the messages.

He gave the following tips for any budding entrepreneurs ... 1. Got an idea then commit to it, 2. Put action into the idea, 3. Minimise the Risk and 4. Outsource areas (warehousing, production, etc). Jonathon suggested you put emotion into the idea and don't create by logic and go outside your comfort zone. His company have a number of new products on the drawing board including a Sticky Notice Board which could be an even bigger success than his "sticky" plates. The Club wished Jonathon and Cathy success as they compete in the finals of the two awards they have been nominated for.

SCIENCE DISCOVERY DAY AT TOMAREE HIGH SCHOOL



Nelson Bay Rotary Club assisted the University of Newcastle in running a highly successful Primary Schools Discovery Day at Tomaree High School on Thursday. Club Secretary Don Whatham was instrumental in organising the event with seven teams from local Primary schools competing against each other. The overall winners on the day were St Philips Primary School.

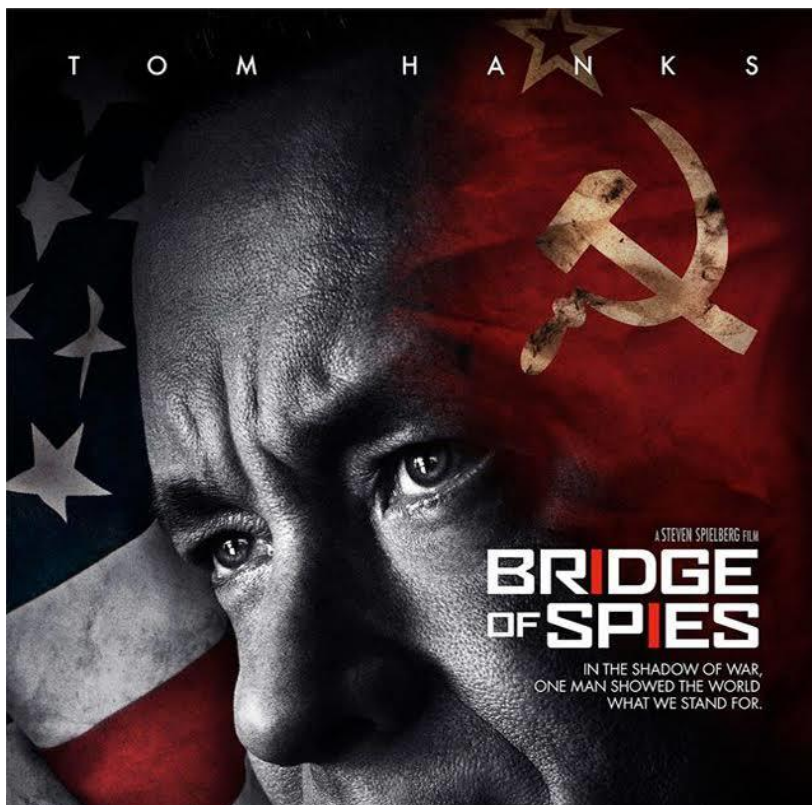
The following members and partners were thanked by Don on Thursday night. Geoff and Denise Diemar, Geoff and Nanette Basser, John and Yvonne Stuhmcke, Fiona Whatham, Judi Priestley, Chris Bartlett, Helen Ryan, Richard Turner and Ed Parker. Our volunteers assisted with the supervision of activities during the day, providing a bbq lunch , drinks and fruit, plus unloading and loading of equipment.

There were many favourable comments on the success of the day and our thanks go to Tomaree High for providing the venue and year 10 students to assist on the day. A resounding success for all concerned.

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PHONE 0401 450 230 OR EMAIL**

Future meetings program

24 September 2015: Phil Murray: Gelignite Jack
1 October 2015: David Birss: Exercise Trail
8 October 2015: Rotary Hat day
15 October 2015: Club Meeting
21 October 2015 End Polio Film Night Nelson Bay- Bridge of Spies
29 October 2015: Vocational visit to PCYC
3 December 2015: Our club AGM.
10 December 2015: Our club Annual Rotary Christmas Party.



END POLIO NOW FILM NIGHT.

Foundation Director Judy Mitchell has organised with Nelson Bay Cinema another Film Night to be held on Wednesday October 22 at 6.15 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 which will include the world premiere release of Tom Hank's Movie Bridge of Spies, plus a glass of wine and finger food. All net proceeds will go to End Polio Campaign and attract the 2 for 1 dollars from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Tickets now available and payment can be directly made to the **CLUB SERVICE ACCOUNT**

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ACCOUNT NUMBER 781019496



SIR CLEM RENOUF LIVES ON

Our Club Historian Richard Turner made a rare faux pas at Thursday September 10 meeting declaring that Rotary's End Polio Now instigator had passed away in February this year. In fact Sir Clem is alive and well living on the Sunshine Coast in Qld. It was former Rotary World President Royce Abbey who passed away in February. Our Club Rotary experts may have inadvertently advised wrongly the usually spot on Richard in this instance. I am sure Clem appreciates still being with us.

THIS WEEK'S ROTARY FOUNDATION FACT

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION ASSISTS WITH IMPROVING THE ECONOMIC STATE OF THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES BY TEACHING THE PEOPLE ABOUT WATER AND HYGIENE

MEMORY LANE..... Past President Chris received a copy of an article published in Bowral's Southern Highlands recently, hopefully it will bring a smile to you all

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Tiger Bartlett and Granny's goldfish

FUNNY how stumbling upon an old photograph can bring back a flood of memories.

Happened to me the other day when rummaging through some 1972 papers and spotted the face of my old mate Chris 'Tiger' Bartlett, who was once a bit of a legend around these parts.

My mind immediately raced back to his poor old Granny's goldfish.

I should explain.

Tiger's grandmother lived in a granny flat with the Bartlett family in Mittagong, along with her three goldfish.

One week she took a holiday and asked her loving grandson to look after her fish while she was away.

Big mistake.

Just before she came home, Tiger popped down to the pet shop and bought three much bigger goldfish.

Same colour, but significantly larger.

When Granny returned home she was shocked to see how much they had grown and chastened him for over-feeding them.

After a few days he returned her original fish and popped the big ones in a spare tank.

Granny couldn't believe how they had reverted to their normal size.

A few days later he swapped the fish again and suggested to his Granny she must be over-feeding them.

So she cut back on the fish flakes. Then Tiger again swapped the big ones for the little ones.

This went on for weeks.

Poor old Granny must have thought she was losing her marbles.

There are a million Tiger Bartlett stories.

The popular *Southern Highland News* journalist was a character.

Apart from flitting around the district covering local news and sport, he was a first grade rugby league player, enthusiastic hockey hacker and abysmal cricketer, who regularly enjoyed a cool libation with his mates at the Mittagong RSL after work.

This was in the days before digital photography, so cameras needed rolls of film and you had to make every shot count.

One night, Tiger was assigned to cover a sporting presentation, but didn't get there until after the trophies had been handed out.

He was in a panic about what to do, when his mate had a brainwave.

Doris Hancock from the rival Berrima District Post was still there and so was her camera. She had taken a full roll of 36 photographs of the presentation, so Tiger distracted Doris while his mate slipped the film out of her camera.

Next day the *Southern Highland News* provided full coverage of the event and the Post didn't even run a story.

Another time, Tiger tossed me his camera and said, "Geoffrey can you shoot off some photographs of the football for me," as he ran on to the Mittagong Showground for his first grade game against Camden.

So we found a football and I dutifully took 12 photographs from various angles.

After the game he grabbed the camera and raced back to the newspaper office to write his match report.

I would have loved to have seen his face when he developed that roll of film.

We almost cost Tiger his job one weekend.

While he was in Mittagong playing rugby league and covering the local sport, our hockey side was competing in a tournament at Canberra.

We copped a flogging, but back at the Mittagong RSL that night, it didn't stop us telling Tiger we won the carnival, beating the strong ACT side 3-2 in the final, with Grub Millbank scoring the winning goal on the bell.

Being a keen journalist, Tiger sensed a scoop so he whipped out his notebook and dutifully recorded all the gory details we fed him.

He wrote such a glowing report too, but I am not so sure editor, Mac Cott, was too impressed when he found out the real story the next day.

Wonder whatever became of Tiger Bartlett? Haven't seen the lad since he left the Highlands 40 odd years ago to marry an absolute stunner and start a new life away from his ratbag mates in Mittagong.

Maybe he is now in business, selling goldfish. Who knows?

ABOVE: Tiger Bartlett with the Mittagong rugby league side at Rotorua in 1972. **Back:** Ned Ivans (manager), Kel Hewitt (assistant), Paul Munro, Gary Roberts, Ray Crothers, Ross Isedale, Victor Isedale, Jim Manning, Chris Bartlett, Guy Roberts, Ken Hansen, Tom Orford, Frank van Haeff. **Front:** Grahame Andrews, Ian Jones, John Collins, Terry O'Toole, Bill Campbell and Chris Millbank.

Photo by Geoff Goodfellow

ANZACS ON PARADE

BURNING LOG Comedy Theatre Restaurant proudly presents A Kathy Watson production

Chris on receiving the article, contacted his old mate Geoff Goodfellow and has promised to write an update on the article including his experience on training Judi's goldfish, when she was on holiday in New Zealand. Just in case you are wondering Granny never found out.... The stories are all true

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MURRURUNDI TRAIN TRIP DERAILED

Club Secretary Richard Harris announced on Thursday night that the train trip had been cancelled to track work by NSW Railways

PROJECT NEIGHBOUR - OCTOBER

Bob Mitchell is looking for Volunteers to pick up our guests and join in this fun activity on October 21. We already have 9 guests indicating they will be attending. Please see Bob if you can help



Annual Gala Spectacular

Supporting programmes initiated by the Rotary Foundation

6.30 for 7pm, 10th October, 2015
at Wests, Industrial Drive, Mayfield

Tickets: \$75 includes a welcome drink, dinner and live entertainment

Theme, The Rotary Foundation ... Giving for Tomorrow

Tickets on line: www.trybooking.com/147708 - Bookings close Sunday 5th October.
Contact for enquiries: Eleanor Cunningham rfgaladinner2015@gmail.com



RI President K.R. 'Ravi' Ravindran

He chose 'Be a Gift to the World' as his theme for 2015/16. Ravindran urges Rotary members to give gifts of time, talent and knowledge to improve lives in communities across the globe. "Through Rotary, we can take these gifts and make a genuine difference in the lives of others in our world."

Philanthropy, gifts of money, is still a necessary factor in supporting people throughout the world who need our help.



Robert 'Bob' Cameron AO

BE (Hons), MBA, GradDip Geoscience, FAusIMM, FAIM, FAICD
Bob Cameron is a highly respected and successful businessman who will share his journey with us. He is non-executive Chairman of Centennial Coal, Hunter Valley Training Company, County Coal Limited, Pacific Smiles Group, a Trustee of the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences (Powerhouse Museum). He is a member of the University of NSW Foundation and a generous philanthropist.

Denise Diemar, Yvonne Stuhmcke and VP John Stuhmcke taking a breather after preparing lunch at the Science Discovery Day on Thursday.



THANK YOU ED PARKER

Club membership Director for the past 18 months Ed Parker has stepped down from his Director role at the September Board Meeting. Ed has made a great contribution to the Board and provide fellow Directors with some sage advice. He played a key role in developing our Club's New Rotarian strategy which we as a Club are now implementing. Ed will continue to be on the membership team, along with his duties on the Rotary Foundation team.

Chris Bartlett, our Publicity Director will take over Ed's role as Membership Director for the remainder of the year. President

Ann thanked Ed for his positive contribution to both the Board and the Club since joining our Club from East Maitland Rotary some 3 years ago.

DON ORR

The Board reluctantly accepted the resignation of Don Orr at their last meeting. Don was active in several areas of the Club, however work and family commitments has meant that Don was unable to meet his personal commitments to the Club.

He and Hilda will not be lost to the Club and will be seen assisting us at Club activities in the future.

We hope that Don will rejoin the Club in future years as his & Hilda's contribution to our Club was appreciated by all.

AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH HAT DAY

A gentle reminder our meeting on Thursday October 8 will be Hat Day, definitely a partner's night with local Anglican minister and sometime comedian Kesh Govan will be our MC for the night. If you haven't dusted off your hat yet, please do. It will be a definite FUND night. The follow Day (Hat Day) we have a Bunnings BBQ where Bunnings staff with all wear hats and will make a contribution to Australian Rotary Health.... It is a great opportunity for all parties.

OTHER MATTERS

- **Myall Lakes Environmental weekend last weekend in October**
- **Bunnings BBQ next Sunday September 27 – AM & PM teams organised**
- **Working with Children Check still required. It will be mandatory to have a WWC number in 2016**
- **If apologising please do so before noon on the Wednesday before the meeting as very late apologies are causing some angst with the Bowling Club**