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Peter Page – Trek for Kids.



Long term member Peter Page described graphically his adventures during car rallies throughout the Eastern states of Australia which raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for the Starlight Children's Foundation. Peter's adventures began in 2015 when he was invited to fill a vacant spot in his son Michael's car. Michael had previously been involved in the bash for 15 years. Up to 40

cars participate annually in the Trek4Kids Rally. This is not a speed trial or race. There are strict guidelines and checkpoints where cars must report and scoring is based on meeting strict criteria. Peter showed some exciting footage of the cars as they traversed the winding and slippery dirt roads common on significant parts of the trek.

Each entrant must raise a designated amount to qualify for entry and further fund raising takes place throughout the event. Peter commented on the generosity of the general public and tolerance of the road patrol police as the rally passed through many country towns along the route. The drivers and crew did not go hungry or thirsty with food and beverages supplied by Lion's clubs en`route. Participants each pay \$1000 to cover their food and shelter during the weeklong journey. The distance covered in each bash averages 2650km. A total of \$220,000 was raised in the 2015 event from Griffith to Coffs Harbour via far west NSW and \$260,000 in the 2016 bash from Nowra to Canberra via country Victoria and NSW.

Peter circulated the comprehensive navigational guidelines and strict checkpoint locations.

Trek4Kids is a group of people who have come together to raise much needed funds for the Starlight Children's Foundation and run by volunteers who do not take an administration fee, so 100% of the money raised goes directly to the Starlight Children's Foundation.

The Starlight Children's Foundation brightens the life of seriously ill children, teenagers and their families across Australia.

Thank you Peter for your presentation and congratulations and well done for the work you do assisting to make the lives of seriously ill young people and their families a little happier.

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Weekly Winner:

Heads & Tails was
won tonight by
Dieter Greiter (twice)
Welcome home
Dieter.

Congratulations:

Birthdays:

26 Sep: Peter Page
29 Sep: Dieter Greiter

Anniversary

21 Sep: Ian & Phyllis
McIver

Next Week:

Door:

Doug Bairstow, Chris
Bartlett

Meet & Greet:

Jim Booth, Ella Clarke

Toast;

Alicia Cameron

Grace:

Ian Brigden

Introduce Speaker:

David Clark

Thank Speaker:

Doug Craike

Bulletin:

Henk Tobbe

Photos:

Henk Tobbe.

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SCIENCE DISCOVERY DAY.

The annual Science Discovery Day conducted by the University of Newcastle with the assistance of the Rotary Club of Nelson Bay was once again a very successful and enjoyable event for all involved. Science Discovery Day is conducted at several locations and the Tomaree event caters for year 6 students from all local schools. The program aims to promote the study of STEM subjects in high school and into higher levels of education. Science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) are seen as priorities in providing science and technical leaders for our Nation's future development. During the day the year 6 participants undertake innovative and challenging science and engineering activities. They are guided by Tomaree High School year 10 students who have participated previously in the more advanced Science and Engineering Challenge Day held at the

University. Our Rotary members provide support and encouragement to the students as well as setting up and dismantling the work locations and providing an excellent lunch.

Evaluation provided by the teachers was very positive and our members spoke not only about the benefit to the year 6 students but of the excellent contribution of the year 10 Tomaree students.



Members were sad to hear of the death of our past member Dick Hearn. Dick passed away recently and had lived for several years in Tasmania.

Vice President John also informed members of the death of Louise McWilliam wife of our past member Don McWilliam.

All members of our club express their sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Dick and Louise.

DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP FORUM.

Club members Phill Smith, Tony Todd and Chris Bartlett attended the District Membership Forum held in Kurri Kurri. Feedback indicated this was a successful day and that our club was to the fore in meeting District membership guidelines.

WILLIAMTOWN EQUESTRIAN CARNIVAL.

Another days's activities will take place this Sunday at the Salt Ash Centre. We will have several members present to assist Williamtown Rotary catering for the many participants at the event

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 Port 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 accommodation.

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

Thursday 28 September: Warwick Mathieson – Update 2018 D9670 Conference

4 November: Night for Larry – TRY Bookings open.

Saturday 18 Nov: Million Dollar Dinner – Rydges Hotel Port Macquarie.

CHANGE OF LUCK FOR BLACK FRIDAY

Are you a Ghoulish Golfer, or do you Pitch like a Witch or do you just enjoy a fun round of Golf. All can be achieved at Nelson Bay Rotary Club's 26th Annual Charity Golf Day being held this year on Black Friday October 13 at Nelson Bay Golf Club.

In excess of \$250,000 has been returned to the local community through this event, with this year's event shaping up to be another successful day.

Nelson Bay Rotary Club President, Kathy Rimmer said this year's reformatted event is all about having fun, while returning the profits to the Community through various ways to Health Support Services, Community Infrastructure projects, Fitness and Exercise Trail, Gan Gan Lookout improvements, Water Sport and Support Services.

The event's Gold Sponsor of many years Port Stephens Toyota, have provided a new Toyota Yaris as a Hole in One prize on the Day. Golfers luck could well change this Friday the 13th with the right shot. Port Stephens Toyota Managers, Michelle Smith and Josh Walker, recognise the great work Rotary and other Service organisations achieve in the local Community.

Nelson Bay Golf Club general manager Trevor Harrison, welcomed the continued support of this event, through the Club's recent tough times. The presentation, plus a silent auction and raffles will be held in the recently reopened Club House after a fun day on the course. Some excellent auction items and prizes have already be secured.

More sponsors and particularly players are currently being asked to participate in this great day. Entry forms and sponsorship details are available on the Nelson Bay Rotary Club's Website and Face Book page.



Pictured at Port Stephens Toyota, checking out the Nelson Bay Black Friday Charity Golf Day Hole in One prize, a Toyota Yaris are Ghoulish Golfer, Andrew Downey, Nelson Bay Golf Club General Manager Trevor Harrison, Port Stephens Toyota Manager Michelle Smith and Nelson Bay Rotary Club President, Kathy Rimmer. Photo courtesy Henk Tobbe



Trevor Harrison, President Kathy and Michelle Smith at Friday's photo shoot for our Black Friday Golf Event.

DIARY THIS DATE
FRIDAY OCTOBER 13 2017
NELSON BAY CHARITY GOLF
NEW FORMAT, EARLIER START &
FINISH
MEMBER PARTICIPATION VITAL