

## Bulletin # 13 from 24th of September

Ian Nowacki  
My time in the pits with  
with Peter Brock.”

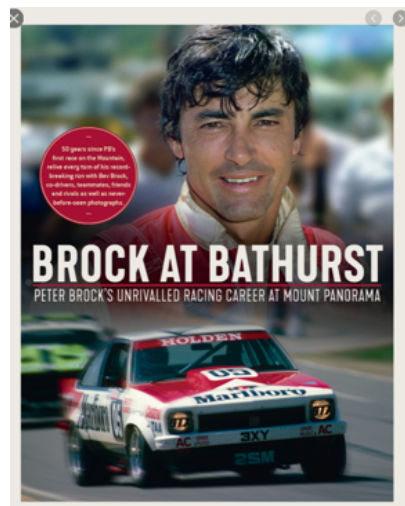
Ian Nowacki was introduced by Phil Smith tonight. Ian was President of the Community Transport group in the year the club raised funds to buy a new vehicle for this group. Ian has also been an area manager for Parks and Wildlife.

Ian's talk tonight was about a time prior to this, in his association with Peter Brock at Bathurst and in other car events. Ian explained his start to the events which lead up to working Bathurst started with the family interest in cars, and being brought up on a farm where repairs were made to cars with limited spare parts. His brother became a mechanic and passed the test to become part of the team with Harry Firth of the Holden Dealer team at that time. His brother got into the car racing circuit and Ian became involved with it from there. In the late 60's -70s cars were less specialised. The tyre change took 35 seconds instead of the 5 seconds it takes today. Mind you they only have 1 bolt to unfasten now as opposed to 5 the past.

The Holden dealer drivers at that time were Colin Bond who won in 1968 and Peter Brock who won in 1972 and subsequently a number of times after that. In 1979 Peter Brock drove a Torana Hatch back which was built by Ian's brother. Brock was so confident in the car's ability, he chose to drive only the minimum 6 laps in practice prior to the race itself. The co driver was Jim Richards who also became a famous driver at Bathurst. Apparently our club member Judi P. raced against Jim in N.Z and beat him a few times at Go Kart level.

Ian suggested the media portrayal of Peter Brock is not accurate and he fondly remembers his friendship with him. He and his brother would take a social outing or a fishing trip with Peter Brock.

Ian has particularly fond memories of the Repco rally in 1979. This was a punishing drive around Australia 22,000km in 14 days. There were 3 cars entered by the team and they finished in the top 3 positions. It amounted to 24 hours a day driving and might now be considered too dangerous. The race burnt through tyres at great rate, so 350 tyres were made available around Australia on the course. Good camaraderie existing between drivers in the old days and they would get together at the end of Bathurst for a beer and a recount of the races events.



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### Birthdays

Doug Melhuish 27th  
September  
Dieter Grieter  
September 29th  
John Cropley on 7th of  
October

### Winners this week

H& T: John Cropley  
Raffle: After many numbers  
were drawn out. John  
Cropley again.

### Next weeks Guest Speaker

**Dr Ana Pickering**  
**Topic: Volunteering &  
Medical work in Nepal.**

### Club Duties

**Door Duty:**  
Judi Priestley  
Henk Tobbe  
Grace:Kathy Rimmer

**Introduce Speaker**Richard  
Turner

**Thank Speaker** Don  
Whatham

**Bulletin :**Dieter Greiter  
**Binoculars Roster:** Not  
sure.

Meeting at the Bowling Club Next week. Option also to attend in a virtual sense via Zoom if you prefer. Phil Smith has attendees recorded unless a change is necessary then please advise him. Rotary Phone 0401 450239

## Latest News

### Less Than 3 Weeks Until Hat Day!



You can help Australian Rotary Health's to Lift the Lid on Mental Illness by hosting a Hat Day event during Mental Health Month in October. [See here](#) for some COVID-19 Safe ways to get involved.

100% of the money raised during this year's Hat Day campaign goes directly to research helping the one in five Australians affected by depression, anxiety, schizophrenia and many other illnesses.

You can help by simply registering your Hat Day event here on our website. It could be for your company, club, sport team, friends, family – whatever!

District ARH Representative, Chris Bartlett will ask the Board to support an ARH activity, possibly a Walk for Mental Health, when Covid 19 restrictions are lifted in the future.

Waratah Rotary Club lead the way with a very generous donation of \$1,000 to this year's Lift the Lid Hat Day campaign. We know clubs and businesses are doing it tough in these pandemic times, however mental health research carried out by ARH is needed more than ever.

We trust all Clubs in District 9670 will participate in a Hat Day event in 2020. Every dollar does counts and 100 % of donations made go directly to the Lift the Lid Mental health campaign. A community announcement for all TV channels will commence shortly. Chris the Club for the great support of Australian Rotary Health over many years.



Surveying the meeting. We had 16 attendees and several members checked in via Zoom tonight.

An Invitation has been made to the club to attend the opening of the Koala Hospital.

The Bunnings BBQs are recommencing. Milton has already emailed members regarding working Saturday 10th of October. Bunnings would like volunteers to attend either on a Wednesday or Thursday morning prior to their session for briefing on correct procedure. Contact Milton for more information.

Upcoming speaker: October 15th 2020 area Governor Christine Walmsley on “The New Rotary district and other district information.”

### A Couple of Items of Rotary Information

#### **3 - ROTARY'S WHEEL EMBLEM**

A wheel has been the symbol of Rotary since our earliest days. The first design was made by Chicago Rotarian Montague Bear, an engraver who drew a simple wagon wheel, with a few lines to show dust and motion. The wheel was said to illustrate "Civilization and Movement." Most of the early clubs had some form of wagon wheel on their publications and letterheads. Finally, in 1922, it was decided that all Rotary clubs should adopt a single design as the exclusive emblem of Rotarians. Thus, in 1923, the present gear wheel, with 24 cogs and six spokes was adopted by the "Rotary International Association." A group of engineers advised that the geared wheel was mechanically unsound and would not work without a "keyway" in the center of the gear to attach it to a power shaft. So, in 1923 the keyway was added and the design which we now know was formally adopted as the official Rotary International emblem.

#### **31 - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS**

Each May or June, Rotary International holds a worldwide convention "to stimulate, inspire and inform all Rotarians at an international level." The convention, which may not be held in the same country for more than two consecutive years, is the annual meeting to conduct the business of the association. The planning process usually begins about four or five years in advance. The RI board determines a general location and invites cities to make proposals. The conventions are truly international events which 20,000 to 40,000 Rotarians and guests attend. All members should plan to participate in a Rotary International convention to discover the real internationality of Rotary. It is an experience you'll never forget.