

Bulletin 13 - 29th Sept. 2022

Guest speaker Warwick Mathews



Warwick was our impromptu Guest speaker tonight. As very often our very own members have amazing stories to tell and make excellent guest speakers. Warwick with his “This is My Life” did not disappoint. Warwick was born on the 9th Nov. 1949 in Paddington Women’s Hospital and spent his early years in Chester Hill (Syd). After his schooling his dad and uncle with contacts in the navy managed to get an apprenticeship for him at the Garden Is. Dockyard Navy base.

His first job was a model ship builder in the model shop followed by doing timber works on various prominent navy vessels in the boatshed. Union problems and demarcation disputes by the 40 unions were the order of the day in those times. His job on top the big hammerhead crane was to replace the hardwood the crane cables ran on, no harness or safety gear was needed in those days. His next job was as shipwright on board a BHP coastal freighter out of Port Kembla over-seeing balance of loading to keep ship trim.

As keen motor bike rider and occasional race participant he still has a win cheque of \$2.00 he won in a race in 1972.

One evening after a few beers a dare bet resulted in his one and only parachuting experience.

His taste of long-distance bike riding started back then when he rode to Adel. to see a friend that wasn’t home, and he returned riding another 18h back home non-stop. This is still one of his favourite pastimes with his “postie bike” variety charity run.

His love for bikes makes him restore old bikes of which he has a few in the shed.

After he purchased a HQ panel-van and met his future wife Christine, after a few courting years they got married in 1974 and purchased land in Toongabbie and built (moved) their first house this followed a few years by Nelson Bay, their favourite holiday destination, together with his son Ian and daughter Kylie His father never knew who his legitimate father was, after a DNA test and some “Ancestry” research he amazingly discovered that his grandfather (H.Rigby) was a plumber in Nelson Bay and is buried right here in the Nelson Bay cemetery.

His ancestry research traces the Rigbys back to 1474.



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Birthdays:

07th Oct. J.Cropley

09th Oct. P. Smith

Anniversaries:

None

Heads & Tails:

Lesley Freeman

Raffle/Joker poker:

Geoff Diemar

Member Duties 6th Oct.

Door:

Dieter Greiter

Meet/Greet:

Jim Booth

Grace:

Richard Turner

Intro Guest speaker:

Helen Ryan

Thank Guest Speaker:

Peter McBean

Bulletin:

John Cropley

Photos:

Phill Smith

Binos:

Dieter Greiter

What an amazing story, Thank You Warwick for sharing

Marlins Bisto menu [HERE](#)

Apologies/Extras to Club Phone by noon on Wednesday Ph.: 0401 450 239

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The Bunnings BBQ 1st Oct. kept the morning crew of Richard T., Ella C., Peter M. & Dieter G. and the pm crew of Phill S. Doug C. Peter P. & Helen R. extremely busy.

The net result was a staggering record of \$1,526. This was partly due to the price increase to \$3.50. Geoff and Don had responsibility of getting the waterlogged tailer from and to the shed.



Our next Bunnings BBQ is scheduled for **5th Nov.** am team: Doug C., Jim B., John C. & Brian C. (David C. stdby) pm team: Ian B., Helen R., & Rob M. & Henk T. with John S logistics. For BBQ 26th Dec. volunteers?

Geoff Robo represented the club at a naming function at Harbourside Haven. The whole complex has been renamed Harbour Side Haven Gardens.

In honour of our late Bart Richardson a building was named after him.

Hostel-I is now known as Richardson House.

Bart was a well-respected member of the community and a long resident at the facility.

Phill Smith represented the club at the Tomaree High School awards night and was very impressed by one of the guest speakers a former yahoo of the school that quit school early and is now a respected police officer in Belmont



mheriv
Men's Health Education Rural Van
Saving Lives in Regional Australia

The **mheriv** van is to arrive in our area on 5th & 6th Dec. unfortunately, Salamander carpark is out of bounds for December and an alternative is being investigated or to be rescheduled

Volunteers are required for the 2 days (2 for am, 2 for pm 9:30 -3:30 to assist with crowd control

Binos restored and returned



Earlier in the year both binoculars had been severely damaged by vandals. Thanks to John S. and his painstaking restoration they have been returned this week just in time for the holiday influx of tourism.

Geoff D. & Warwick completed the installation at the lookout. The first week already shows good returns and hopefully the vandals stay away.

Phil's 3 min talk was about a tort (*not the sweet variety*)

A **tort** is a civil wrong that causes a claimant to suffer loss or harm, resulting in legal liability for the person who commits the tortious act. The word 'tort' was first used in a legal context in the 1580s and in 1868 the rule in Rylands v Fletcher the House of Lords established a new area of English tort law. In this case Fletcher built a dam over a disused mine shaft which subsequently flooded and damaged his property and was awarded damages. The Donoghue v Stevenson was another landmark court decision in English tort law it laid the foundation of the modern law of negligence, establishing general principles of the duty of care.



Guest Speaker next week is Ian Cowling from France Family Funerals. The funeral industry is all about service families at the worst time of their lives

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ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE THIS IS HOW THE INTERNET STARTED

(Please don't GOOGLE this or check with Snopes. They will lie to you.)

In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a healthy young wife by the name of Dorothy (Dot for short).

Dot Com was a homely woman, large of breast, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she was often called **Amazon Dot Com**.

And she said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why dost thou travel so far from town to town with thy goods when thou canst trade without ever leaving thy tent?"

And Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said, "How, dear?"

And Dot replied, "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale, and they will reply telling you who hath the best price. The sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (**UPS**)."

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. And the drums rang out and were an immediate success.

Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever having to move from his tent.

To prevent neighbouring countries from overhearing what the drums were saying, Dot devised a system that only she and the drummers knew.

It was known as Must Send Drum Over Sound (**MSDOS**), and she also developed a language to transmit ideas and pictures - Hebrew to The People (**HTTP**).

And the young men did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Sybarites, or **NERDS**.

And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to that enterprising drum dealer, Brother William of Gates, who bought off every drum maker in the land.

Indeed he did insist on drums to be made that would work only with Brother Gates' drum heads and drumsticks.

And Dot did say, "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others."

And Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or **eBay** as it came to be known.

He said, "We need a name that reflects what we are." And Dot replied, "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators. **YAHOO**," said Abraham. And because it was Dot's idea, they named it **YAHOO Dot Com**.

Abraham's cousin, Joshua, being the young Gregarious Energetic Educated Kid (**GEEK**) that he was, soon started using Dot's drums to locate things around the countryside.

It soon became known as God's Own Official Guide to Locating Everything (**GOOGLE**)

That is how it all began.

And that's the truth according to the Rotary 4 way test.