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NATIONAL BROADBAND NETWORK.



Guest speakers this evening were Pat Jolliffe, Training Manager, Salamander Bay Telstra Branch and his colleague Phil Vins, Training Manager at the same location. Pat originally from Wollongong was educated in Newcastle and Phil is a local, educated in Nelson Bay. Both received their

later specialized technical training through Telstra.

Pat provided a general overview of the NBN program before focusing on the local connection program. NBN is now available in many parts of the Tomaree area and is becoming increasingly available. Pat gave a balanced and honest appraisal of what we could expect from domestic NBN services. Our area will not receive the ideal fibre to the premises connection. Instead we will receive fibre to a node and then connection to the home via the existing copper network. This is not ideal and was implemented by the current Federal Government as a cost saving exercise.

The implementation has not in general been a problem free exercise. Comments were made by Rotarians with knowledge of the existing network that the copper wires in many cases are old, worn and often defective. Some who had already been connected to the NBN outlined difficulties experienced. Pat and Phil described steps taken by Telstra to improve customer experience and improvement has been noted. Many extra personnel have been recruited. Further comment suggested disappointment that no apparent increase in internet speed had been noted. Pat and Phil explained that improvement may not be clearly obvious with email and browsing speeds, but those downloading movies and lots of photos should note a difference.

Changes to home phones will also take place. The old home phone sockets will no longer work. Connection must be made via the modem. Multiple hands free digital phones will still work provided the base phone is connected to the modem. However the modem and all digital phones rely on a power supply. Therefore a home phone service will not be available in the case of a power outage. In such circumstances we will be reliant on the mobile service.

Pat and Phil answered many members questions and many stayed on well after the meeting seeking advice on personal experiences with their telecommunications. Both were sincerely thanked for their excellent presentation and their patience in addressing the many questions and concerns.

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Weekly Winners:

Raffle winner Mike Jenkins and heads & Tails Don Whatham

Congratulations:

Birthdays:

7 Oct: John Cropley
9 Oct: Phill Smith
16 Oct: Bill Michel
12 Oct: Laurie Wilson
13 Oct: Lorraine Nichol

Next Week:

Door:

Bart Richardson, Mike Mobbs

Meet & Greet:

Ed Parker, Tricia Parnell

Toast:

Geoff Basser

Grace:

Ella Clarke

No Speaker Tonight Board Meeting Report by Directors.

Bulletin:

Phill Smith

Photos:

Henk Tobbe.

Australian Rotary Health

Who We Are

Australian Rotary Health is one of the largest independent funders of mental health research within Australia.

We also provide funding into a broad range of general health areas, provide scholarships for rural medical and nursing students, as well as Indigenous health students. Australian Rotary Health provides funding into areas of health that do not readily attract funding, and promotes findings to the community.

Australian Rotary Health is a project of the Rotary Districts of Australia and is supported by Rotary Clubs. We have a broad vision to improve the health and wellbeing of all Australians.

What We Do

Australian Rotary Health provides funding into four focus areas, and promotes findings to the community



Mental Health Research

Since the year 2000, Australian Rotary Health has focused its funding on mental health research. In 2012 this focus narrowed to the Mental Health of Young Australians, and in 2013 research projects focussing on the Prevention of Mental Health Disorders were included.

There are three ways we fund mental health research:

- Mental Health Research Grants
- Ian Scott PhD Scholarships
- Postdoctoral Fellowships



General Health Research

Australian Rotary Health engages with a variety of funding partners to provide Research Grants and PhD Scholarships. These projects encompass a broad range of general health areas including cancer, heart disease, children's health, motor neuron disease, diabetes and more.

There are two ways we fund general health research:

- Funding Partner PhD Scholarships
- Research Companion PhD Scholarships



Indigenous Health Scholarships

These Scholarships support Indigenous students to undertake tertiary training in nursing, physiotherapy, psychology, dentistry and other health related degrees at university. These scholarships help Indigenous students to overcome barriers to tertiary study and qualification.

HAT DAY 2016

Due to our 25th Annual Charity Golf Day held on October 7th, we have moved this popular event to Thursday November 17th 2016. As this is a partner's night, members are asked whether they prefer to have this night at the Bowling Club or prefer another venue, i.e. Restaurant. Please advise Chris Bartlett of your preference over the next few weeks.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

- 13 October – Club Night
- 20 October – Vicki McEvoy – Rotary Centennial Scholar.
- 21 October – Richo's Charity Rugby Day
- 24 October – World Polio Day
- 25 October – Dutchies Beach - Pilot Reunion Breakfast.
- 26 October – Bunning's Barbeque
- 27 October – Alan Morrison – Aid projects in Vanuatu and Kenya.
- 29 October – Rotary Long Lunch.
- 1 December – Rotary Club Christmas Party



Australian Rotary Health District Chair, Chris Bartlett received a cheque for \$14,000 from District Bowel Scan Committee member Ian Mackay at Williamtown Rotary Club's Hat Day celebrations last week. Williamtown also gave Chris a cheque for \$500 some of the proceeds from Brickfest (LEGO)

CHARTER ROTARY CLUB OF SINGLETON SUNRISE.

An invitation to all Rotarians in District 9670 Rotary Club of Singleton Sunrise Celebrating the Club's Charter The Charter President and members of the Rotary Club of Singleton Sunrise invites all Rotarians To join with them as they celebrate the Club Charter on

Saturday October 22, 2016 at Singleton Diggers – York Street 12.00pm \$30 per head includes lunch, children under 12 only \$10

RSVP By October 19, 2016 to PDG Gerard McMillan

Mobile: 0419 995 175 Email: gjmcmillan51@gmail.com



Attendance officer Ros Cribb, pictured here with PP Scott Jarman, PP Bill Michel and Lyn Jarman joined the Rotary Club of Nelson Bay in 2006. Ros has resigned from our Club pending a life style change with a move to Newcastle. We hope she will be able to continue her Rotary membership in her new location. Ros's daughter Sarah was an exchange student to Denmark. Ros was awarded a PHF by the Club, 4 years ago for outstanding Club service. She has served as club treasurer and for several years handled the apologies, make ups, and attendance, she was a member of the Binoculars Collection team and assisted at many Club events We wish her well and thank her for her dedicated service.

CHARITY FUNDRAISER – LONG LUNCH

President Judy is organizing a fund raiser to assist building of three units for the Port Stephens Womens Crisis and Support group. Details below. Judy seeks support from all members to ensure success of the project.

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Cordially invite you & your friends
to join with us at

THE ROTARY Long lunch

**SATURDAY 29TH
OCTOBER 2016**

11:30am at Broughtons on the Bay
d'Albora Marina, Nelson Bay

Only 200 tickets available
\$100 EACH
Smart suits & fabulous frocks

RSVP at trybooking.com/MOQM
asap as seating is limited

Serving our community since 1956

THE ROTARY Long lunch

We do hope you & your friends
come to this long lunch.
*Enjoy a day of delicious food
& excellent wines!*

Menu

Canapés & champagne on arrival,
fresh oysters followed by feasting platters
and matching Hunter Valley wines along
with dessert and cheese platters.

It is a day to have fun with your friends while
relaxing in style, overlooking the glistening
waters of the beautiful bay.

**ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TO
PORT STEPHENS WOMENS CRISIS
AND SUPPORT GROUP**

To assist them to provide housing for victims
of domestic violence and the necessary &
much needed services for these women.

The community has a major gap in this significant
area of need, so early intervention will play a
strong role in reducing the ongoing and often
lifelong trauma and of course, the cost.
All donations are tax deductible & receipts will be issued.

Thank You

Your support is very much appreciated
Port Stephens Womens Crisis & Support Group

NEXT WEEK

CLUB NIGHT – highlights of the Board Meeting.

Apologies/Extras: to John Crump by noon on Wednesday Phone or Text to: 0401 450 239

Failure to apologise by noon Wednesday may incur dinner fee costs.



GOLF DAY



Proceeds in the main will assist the construction of stage 2 of the Rotary Exercise Trail. Pictured are PCYC members enjoying the stage 1 facilities funded primarily by our club and the Rotary Foundation.



A beautiful sunny and warm day for the 97 golfers who played in our 25th annual charity golf day. During the past 25 years our club has raised over \$250K which has been donated to local causes. This year the preliminary count of \$25K will assist building stage 2 of the exercise trail. Winner of the Gavin Hoey Memorial trophy was Rodney Howe.

Four happy golfers. David Birss (left) made an outstanding contribution to the success of the day, David Flatt determined the winners. Neil Moore did a great job as auctioneer. Thanks to all members for their support.

