

## Bulletin 14 - 27 September 2018



Tonight's guest speaker was Shane Williams pictured above with club members wearing club dress and work shirts which are sponsored by Shane's Salamander Bay company, Totally WorkWear. Shane was born in Sydney and moved to Mudgee where he met his wife Melody before settling in Dubbo for the next 18 years. Shane worked at Roger Fletcher's Abbatoirs, a significant local company specialising in the preparation of fat lambs mainly for the export market. Melody worked for the Commonwealth Bank.

In 2010 they took the opportunity to relocate to Port Stephens and took over the TWW franchise a part of the Westfarmers group. Their key focus is 'old fashioned' country style customer service. For the last two years they have been proud sponsors of the Nelson Bay Gropers Rugby Union Club. They also sponsor Ten Pin bowling League and other sporting teams.

Initially operating as a two person family company, Shane and Melody have expanded their business to currently employ 11 people with a branch now open at Kotara and plans for future expansion to Maitland.

The company has been nominated in the Port Stephens Business Awards for the past 8 years with wins in their category during 3 of those years. The company is environmentally friendly and work boot recycling is one of their major initiatives. Each year thousands of work boots are saved from landfill by collection and sending to a Melbourne plant to be shredded and reborn as children's playground base.

Shane and Melody provide support to a wide range of community organisations including sporting groups, koala hospital and clubs such as ours. TWW in addition to sponsoring our club shirts also support our golf day and other Rotary projects.

Shane and Melody have an interest in fishing and spending time with their children and grand children. Shane is an avid Canterbury Bulldogs supporter.

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### Birthdays:

29 Sep: Dieter Greiter

### Anniversaries :

Nil

### Heads and Tails:

Melody Williams

### Member Duties

**5 Apr 2018**

#### Door:

Peter Page, Tricia Parnell

#### Meet/Greet:

Judi Priestley, Helen Ryan

#### Loyal Toast:

Greg Flux

#### Grace:

Phill Smith

#### Intro Guest speaker:

Tony Todd

#### Thank Guest Speaker:

John Stuhmcke

#### Bulletin:

Dieter Greiter

#### Photos:

Phill Smith

**Next meeting -**

**Apologies/Extras to John Crump by noon on Wednesday!**

**Ph 0401 450 239**

**COMING EVENTS.**

**Friday 27 September:** Bunnings BBQ –AM: J Priestley, L Freeman, M Williams. PM: I McIver, A Levonpera, C Bartlett, T Todd (Transport) D Bairstow (Supplies)  
**Saturday 28 September:** Bunnings BBQ – AM: D Clark, L Friend, P Page, J Stuhmcke, T Todd. PM: R Turner, T Todd, G Diemar, I Brigden. D Bairstow (Supplies).  
**Thursday 4 October:** Club Meeting (Lauren Chircop) and Dinner Ladies in the Club Bistro.  
**Wednesday 10 October:** Board meeting.  
**Friday 12 October:** Golf day. Please check the roster in last week’s bulletin. Finger food \$12 non players.  
**Thursday 18 October:** MUNA Presentation.  
**Wednesday 24 October:** Rotary Club of Salamander Bay Film showing of Breeze. Fund raising for Polio Plus.  
**Thursday 25 October:** Meeting transferred to Wed 24 Sept in support of Rotary Club of Salamander Bay.  
**Friday to Sunday 26 – 28 October:** Myall Lakes Environmental Weekend.

**A WEEK IN THE LIFE OF OUR CLUB.**

**FRIDAY:**

***BUNNINGS BARBEQUE.***

Duty began at 8am at the Rotary shed collecting equipment that had been prepared the day before by Bunnings co-ordinator, Tony Todd. Transferring the trailer to Bunnings, unloading and set up took place ready to serve the first sausage and onion sandwich by 9am. Doug and Margaret Bairstow had already delivered the onions they had cut at home as well as bread and sausages from the shopping centre. Eight club members worked throughout the day to make a very healthy profit of \$379 to be spent on community projects. Pack up and return to the shed was completed by 4.00pm.

***BOBS FARM PUBLIC SCHOOL CENTENARY.***



*Geoff and School principal Megan Elliott in period costume*

Bob’s Farm the smallest of our local primary schools celebrated 100 years of public education last Friday. Geoff and Denise Diemar represented our club on this historic occasion. Lesley Freeman whose grandchildren currently attend Bob’s Farm was also in attendance. Following is an extract from Geoff’s report: “*It was a pleasure and honour to represent Nelson Bay Rotary Club at the celebration of Bobs Farm Public School. It was more like a big family reunion than a school function.*”

*A number of the surnames of the original pupils can still be found in the names of the children attending the school today and while some surnames change through marriage, the names are still represented 100 years on – including Cromarty, Upton, Anderson, and a few years later Holliday, Blanch, Thompson and Maslen .*

*Two of the school’s earliest students who started at the school together (some 90 odd years ago), Ida Collard (nee Upton) and Eric Holliday both were awarded OAM medals in their later years. Ida (now 98 years) helped the principal, Megan Elliott, cut the cake during the evening’s proceedings.*

*The students, dressed in period costumes, performed a couple of musical items and these were enjoyed by all.”*

## ***MONDAY:***

### ***TRADIES BREAKFAST.***

Our club sponsors this event on a monthly basis by providing a quick breakfast for local tradesmen who gather at Bunnings. The aim is to meet local tradesmen and familiarise them with the work of Rotary. Many show a keen interest in what we do. We hope to gain new members and support for our projects. This week John, Chris and Milton all former tradesmen did the honours.

### ***GOLF DAY PLANNING.***

Golf committee chair Arja and President Kathy met with the Management and Pro Shop staff at Nelson Bay Golf Club to discuss planning for the 12 October Golf event. Matters finalised were catering issues and the organisation of team entries. In addition to the Monday meeting, planning for the day has been ongoing with committee members following up sponsors, seeking additional players and preparing work rosters.

## ***TUESDAY:***

### ***SCHOOL READING PROGRAM***

Several club members and partners visited local schools including Anna Bay, Tomaree and Shoal Bay to assist students with their reading. Rotary became involved in this program 15 years ago after Shoal Bay Public School Principal Kay Nicholas (formerly Hunter Region Reading Consultant) spoke to our club about the parent reading program that operated in our local Anna Bay and Shoal Bay schools. Kaye sought to expand the program and Club President of the day, Helen Ryan called for Rotary volunteers to be involved. Our first volunteers were Mary Michel, Pam Rolfe, Noaline Fitzsimons and Yvonne Stuhmcke. Over the years the program has assisted many young people to improve their reading skills.

### ***GAN GAN LOOKOUT.***

Co-ordinator Liz and Don met at the lookout to plant some additional trees, provide some tender care to previous plantings and place some stakes to protect shrubs. Whilst there we noted the popularity of this wonderful tourist attraction as several visitors admired the Port Stephens view.

Dieter and Helga called in to collect the money from the binoculars which they delivered to treasurer Ian for banking. Our binoculars raise several thousand dollars each year.

## ***WEDNESDAY:***

### ***TOMAREE HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 12 GRADUATION DAY.***



Secretary Don represented our club at this year's ceremony in which 151 students completed their formal studies in preparation for the Higher School Certificate examinations commencing in October. Don presented the club's Citizenship award to Olivia Williams and Metals & Engineering Award to Brock Hortle. The formal ceremony was attended by many proud parents and community leaders. The event was chaired by newly elected school captains and the Outstanding Achievement Awards presented to Thomas Boehm, Carl Stewart and Dan Vu.

### ***PCYC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.***

Our club maintains a close relationship with the Police and Citizens Youth Club as it continues its service to the youth of our area. Each year the board nominates a representative to their management committee who as well as participating in the governance of PCYC is able link our two clubs. In this way we are able to provide relevant support to PCYC. Our current representative Chris Bartlett will attend tonight's board meeting.

**THURSDAY:  
SCIENCE DISCOVERY DAY.**



Our club was proud to provide volunteers to facilitate this outstanding event held today at the Tomaree High School MPC. The event attracted 9 teams of enthusiastic young students from all local primary schools. Science



Discovery day is planned to promote STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) subjects. Students rotate through 8 different interesting, innovative and challenging activities during the day guided by the advanced year 10 Tomaree High science class. The day culminates with the bridge building competition. During the day one group of students from each school construct a bridge from supplied materials. The bridge carrying the greatest weight across before collapsing from the progressively increasing weight is declared winner of this event. Results of all 8 activities are collated and the school with the highest total declared the winner. This year Tomaree Public School won a very evenly contested event. Thank you to Liz, Lesley, Judi, Arja, John S, Chris, Don, Ian McIver, Michael and Richard for assisting with Discovery Day.

**CLUB MEETING.**

To complete the week's activities our weekly club meeting took place at Nelson Bay Bowling Club. Our members enjoyed wonderful fellowship with fellow members who have become close friends. The opportunity to serve through Rotary is a privilege we all enjoy. The meeting included an outstanding guest speaker and provided an opportunity to review our week's activities and plan future events.

This has just been a typical week in the life of our very active club. However summarising the events of the week makes one realise why our club qualified for a Presidential citation during the past Rotary year. The comprehensive events of this typical week address most criteria for the citation. Not mentioned were ongoing projects including the town clock with Richard and his team continuing behind the scenes work, project neighbour, drought appeal and of course the work of the club board in planning and managing all our club events.

**NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER.**



**Lauren Chircop**

Lauren is a local business woman passionate about gut health and using food as medicine. Lauren studied nutritional medicine after returning from a mission trip to Africa in 2013. Lauren's health and energy levels were deteriorating until a burning desire to help the African community drove her onto a healing journey. Through her business OPAAT HEALTH, she now helps people here with their health which in turn allows her to continue to help one person at a time in Africa.

**JOHN "STINKER" CLARKE.**

All club members are invited to the launch of John's latest books "The Outer Light" and "Clarabelle".

Since his retirement from school teaching, John has become a prolific author writing interesting tales about the local fishing industry, local identities and locations. His latest books tell the stories of the Outer Light House and Clarabelle a cow washed from her home on a Singleton farm by the 1955 Hunter flood. Clarabelle ended up being rescued around Broughton Island.

John is the husband of our Past president Ella and he has given interesting presentations at our club meetings.

Come along to help John launch his latest publications.

*John Clarke*

**The OUTER LIGHT**  
INVITES YOU TO THE LAUNCH  
OF HIS TWO NEW BOOKS  
'THE OUTER LIGHT' AND  
'CLARABELLE'

**THURSDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2018**

**JOHN CLARKE**  
*Details*  
SOLDIERS POINT BOWLING CLUB  
FROM 2PM

*Special Guests*

MC - CRAIG HAMILTON - POPULAR ABC RADIO PERSONALITY  
RYAN PALMER - MAYOR OF PORT STEPHENS INVITED TO LAUNCH 'THE OUTER LIGHT'  
DI MORRISSEY - BEST SELLING AUTHOR INVITED TO LAUNCH 'CLARABELLE'

*RSVP*  
SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2018  
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