



Bulletin 15 of 5 October 2017

Moving forward!



It is not always an interesting speaker that makes a Rotary night special. This time it was a night of catching up with modern times that made it a memorable occasion. It has been too long that club members had to pay cash for their dinner fee and other financial club commitment. Last year we gradually got used to paying our club dues and special occasion dinner fees by EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) instead of cash and cheque. But the hassle with cash, lack of change at the till and don't forget the counting and recounting of banknotes and coins - first by the door attendants and again by the treasurer - remained a weekly "pain in the neck".

But... with SQUARE that is a thing of the past. Last night President Kathy and Treasurer Ian announced the arrival of our little payment wonder box which will enable the club to accept credit (and debit) card payments.

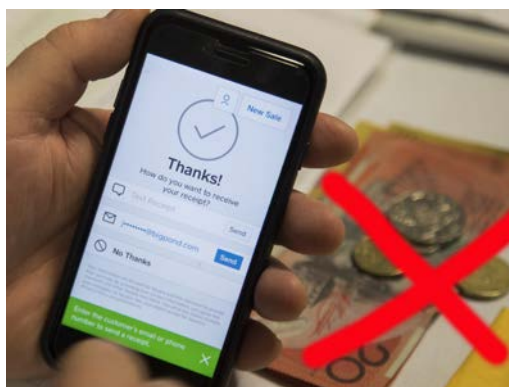
The tiny contactless and chip card reader accepts VISA, MasterCard and AMEX credit and debit cards - as long as the card shows one of these three logos:



You can either "tap" the box - when your card is a "Pay Wave" card or insert the card for the chip to be read.

Operating the "point of sale" with this new gadget will need some practicing, but the possibilities are numerous: in the future members and guests will be able to make all sorts of payment by card and receive an instant receipt by email. The smart phone app that supports the card reader also provides information about "sales" totals and additional statistics. We - the Club - pay a flat fee of 1.9% and have the money in the bank the next day.

"SQUARE" is an US company closely related to Twitter (they share the same CEO) with offices in Melbourne.



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Congratulations

Members birthdays

- 7 Oct. John Cropley
- 9 Oct. Phill Smith
- 16 Oct. Bill Michel

Partners birthdays

- 12 Oct. Laurie Wilson
- 13 Oct. Lorraine Nicol

Anniversaries

none

Lady Luck

Head & Tails was won by Robert Mitchell.

Next Week

Soldiers Point
RFS Boat.

Door

Bill Michel + Judy Mitchell

Meet and Greet

Robert Mitchell + Peter Page

Loyal Toast

Peter McBean

Grace

Ian McIver

Introduce speaker

Ed Parker

Thank speaker

Tricia Parnell

Bulletin editor

Chris Bartlett

The “art” of getting a Grant

PDG Lindsay Ford is talking to the **Salamander Bay Rotary Club** about the Rotary Foundation and its grant processes on Tuesday next week (10th October). Fellow Rotarians are welcome (as always). The club meets from 7.15am at The Anchorage with the meeting closing by 8.30am followed by an optional breakfast.

Lindsay Ford has been a member of Rotary International since 1996. He is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Bundaberg in District 9570 Queensland, and a Past President of the Rotary Club of Norfolk Island in District 9910. He has served on Rotary Clubs Boards in almost all positions for all but two years of his membership, with a passion for the programmes of The Rotary Foundation, especially Matching Grants/ Global Grants and Humanitarian Projects in overseas Countries.



At the completion of his term as Rotary District Governor 2012/13, Lindsay was appointed Chair of the Polio Plus Committee and Chair for District 9910 Projects, focussed on clean water and Sanitisation, Health, Education and Literacy Projects in Vanuatu, and Literacy projects in poor schools in New Zealand.

Lindsay is a keen sports person (golfer, a black belt in karate and a Life Member of the Elliott Heads Surf Lifesaving Club). Salamander Rotary are obliged to Warwick Mathieson for making Lindsay’s short notice visit possible by postponing his own visit to their Club on preparations for the District Conference to 17 October.



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The yearly Hat Day is scheduled nation wide for the 10th October this year. Because of our busy schedule we won't be able to organise a Hat Night before the beginning of next year. Like last year we'll combine that with "bare foot bowling" which was a great success in April last club year.

Financially we won't forget Australian Rotary Health (Chris Bartlett - the district chair for this worthy charity - will make sure of that). At the club night he announced that the proceeds of the next Bunnings BBQ (4th November 2017) will be donated to ARH.



Left Overs.....

This plate (and another vegetarian one) was “surplus to our requirements” last night as members that did not put in an apology did not turn up. The meals were served and we have to pay for them.

It is so easy to apologise..... just send a text message to 0401 450 239 or give that number a ring.

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Since a couple of weeks Chelsea Ellul is taking care of our web presence and social media activities and it is showing...

You may not like it - and some people even hate it - but you cannot get away with ignoring it: social media in general and Facebook in particular. If a Rotary Club wants to move forward and keep up with the times it got to have a web site and even more importantly a Facebook Page.

Some members may still not be aware of it, but the Rotary Club of Nelson Bay has been on Facebook since June 2011 and counts almost 200 followers. Followers get an announcement of each news item we post on our Facebook page and can "Like" it or "Comment" on our posts.

This Club night our Facebook specialist, Chelsea Ellul gave us a brief introduction of a new page on Facebook, dedicated to the upcoming District 9670 Conference in March next year. The picture above shows the header of this new page. In the next months until the start of the conference Chelsea (and other administrators of the page) will post information about the conference, the venue, program and speakers. Interested visitors can leave messages and questions. After

the conference a link to the conference photos will be posted together with a report about the attendance and happenings. It is important that we give this new page a lot of publicity. That is why Chelsea showed us how to like and/or share the page on our own Facebook time line.

It is easy to find: on your own Facebook page type "Rotary District 9670 Conference 2018" in the search window (top left). On the Conference page click on "Following" to make sure you keep up to date with new posts. A "Like" would be appreciated and a "Share" on your own time line even more. The more we spread the news the more people will be aware of the Conference and the developments around it.

??? You are not on Facebook??? No worries. An account is easy to create and you don't need to post anything or make a lot of friends. Just search for the pages that you want to keep up to date with and "Follow" those. It does not cost anything and if you just "lurk" it won't hurt you either.... and may be you'll gradually discover that it can be fun - at times.



Tosser Bill Michel threw them and made Robert Mitchell happy.

Annual Golf Day

Coordinator Chris Bartlett gave us an update on the Golf Day: "Black Friday" the 13th October. He distributed a printed roster with duties which will - an updated version - also be sent by email to all concerned.

Please check the roster to know what is expected of you when and where. If it is unclear please contact Chris.

This year's Charity Golf Day is a slightly downscaled version of the previous years. May be a little less money coming in, but we hope to have a lot of fun. Note the changed starting time: Registrations open 9 am with a shot gun start at 10:30 am. If you want to play? There are still slots open!

This and That

if you have a problem ordering tickets for Larry's Night on line (via TRY Booking) please contact Chelsea Ellul. She'll be happy to help you to register and help with payments.

This Saturday, 7 October from 9 am till 2 pm club members will assist at the 1st Community BBQ at Salamander Shopping Centre. The proceeds of this BBQ will go to the Port Stephens Breast Cancer Support Group. The event is sponsored by AMCAL Chemists - Salamander Bay.

John Cropley is asking for candidates worthy to be made "Immortals" on our International Night in November. If you think of someone, please let him know.

Pay your dues and special dinner fees by EFT:

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