

## Bulletin 15 October 17 2019

### AMERICAN SAFARI ARRIVES IN “PARADISE”- USA FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE

This week's meeting we welcomed a Friendship Exchange group from USA District 5610. Over 50 members, partners and guests had a most enjoyable evening, which including President Arja inducting two new members to our Club and our new American friends, giving Nelson Bay Rotary an overview and their Rotary Club's and various Club projects. Most projects involve youth and young people, disadvantaged people and several native American programs, including the possible formation of a Rotary Club. Our guests came from Iowa, South Dakota and Minnesota. Some excellent fellowship was enjoyed by all.



Several Club members hosted our visitors as follows- District Governor Elect Don Little and Pat, Brookings South Dakota, hosted by Phill and Chris Smith, Mark & Jillian Hilcox, Cherokee, Iowa, hosted by PDG Don and Fiona Whatham, Ken and Connie Johnson, Watertown, Iowa hosted by Peter and Marianne McBean, Jennifer Rollins, Rapid City South Dakota, hosted by PDG Helen Ryan and Mike. We also welcomed Salamander Bay Rotarian, PP Darcy Geale and Robyn who hosted Tom and Mary Tveit from Pierre South Dakota, and Cynthia and Evan Rogers, from Marshall Minnesota. A good number of partners were present including Fiona Whatham, Marianne McBean, Deb Downey, Chris Smith, Jenny Craike, Shiela Sully, Mike Ryan and Robyn Geale.

President Arja welcomed all our guests and visitors, overseeing a great meeting, with our guests participating in Head & Tails, our fine session and the new member induction. DGE District 5610 Don Little in his opening remarks, stated that he thought he lived in paradise, until they arrived in Nelson Bay- brilliant.

#### THANK YOU

A special thank you to our photographer, Phill Smith, who supplied the majority of photos for this edition, despite hosting 2 of our overseas visitors

Club History buff Richard Turner gave the meeting a brief overview of our previous Exchange students and Group study exchange teams. Students were Ken Cody (Iowa) 1980, Stephane Bates 1983, Nan Boswell (Mississippi) 1987, Jeny Wagner (Pennsylvania) 1990 & Bailee Jerger (Minnesota) 2012. GSE teams were from East Coast (1981), Texas (1985), New York (1995) and Iowa (1997)

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#### Birthdays this coming week:

25/10 Deb Downey  
26/10 Terry Fitzsimons  
28/10 Peter Buckley

#### Anniversaries

Oct 23 Ian & Debbie  
Brigden

#### Heads and Tails: Mary

Tveit – USA Visitor

**Raffle** – Richard Turner

#### Member Duties Oct 24

**Door:** Kathy & Katrina

**Meet/Greet:** Helen Ryan

**Loyal Toast:** Phil Smith

**Grace:** Helen Imienionek

**Intro Guest speaker:**

Richard Turner

**Thank Guest Speaker:**

Milton Williams

**Bulletin:** Don Whatham

**Photos:** Phil Smith

**Binos:** Dieter & Helga

**Guest Speaker**

Lia Pereira- Irakanji Shark  
& Ray Encounters- Sea  
Shelter (not for Profit)  
rescue

**Next meeting -**

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

**Ph 0401 450 239**



### New member induction

President Arja inducted two new members to Nelson Bay Rotary taking our active lady members to 13, a third of our total female membership. With a very large number of members and guests present, Arja welcomed Katrina Ridley and Helen Imienionek as new members. Katrina was sponsored by Kathy Rimmer and Helen's sponsor was John Cropley. We look forward to getting to know Katrina and Helen a lot better as they enjoy the fellowship & projects of our club.

### PRESIDENT ELECT 2020-21



With our annual general meeting only 6 weeks away, President Arja announced our President Elect for the next Rotary year. Our Club Administration Director Liz Friend will lead the Club in 2020-21.

Liz joined our Club in December 2016, following 6 and half years with the Canberra North Rotary Club. She has been a very active member, spending the last two years on the Club Board as our Administration Director. Liz has been instrumental in leading our Gan Gan Lookout project over the past 2 years, assisting the Club through local Government Red tape and making sure Gan Gan Lookout is kept in great order. Liz is also our Vocational Director and has done a terrific job organising a broad range of guest speakers over the past few years

Liz is also very active in our local Community as a Rotary reader at Shoal Bay School, Treasurer of the local Croquet Club, plus playing in various tournaments and is a member of Probus. She also enjoys a quiet game of Mahjong. Liz is always a willing volunteer at Bunnings and other catering jobs and will bring a wealth of business experience to the role of President. Liz is currently assembling her Board prior to the Annual General meeting scheduled for Thursday December 5

### UP COMING EVENTS

**Sun Oct 20** Equestrian Event at Salt Ash  
**Thurs Oct 24** Meeting Guest Speaker Lia Pereria, Shelter for rescued Sea Creatures  
**Sat Oct 26** Navy Photographers Reunion  
**Thurs Oct 31** Guest Speaker Snr Constable Tim Smith Police/PCYC update  
**Fri Nov 1** Bunnings BBQ  
**Thurs Nov 7** Cathy Booth Umoja Orphanage Kenya  
 Ladies Dinner night  
**Wed Nov 13** Board meeting  
**Thurs Nov 14** Club Meeting

### UPDATE

We have conducted 2 Bunnings BBQ in the last couple of weeks, last Sunday, which saw a gross of \$850 plus raised and one last Friday where \$450 gross was received. This equates to **\$950.00 raised**. Our next BBQ is Friday November 1 Roster **AM**- Richard T, Judy P and Milton **PM**- Phill, Arja, Dieter. Thank you to all those who assisted.



**Pictures Top** Liz was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow at our this year's Club Changeover and is pictured here with now Past District Governor Brian Coffey and Past President Kathy Rimmer

**Bottom** Liz on the job at Gan Gan Lookout. Congratulations Liz, you will do a fine job.



AMERICAN SAFARI NIGHT PICTORIAL







Club President Arja & Charity Golf Day Chair announced on Thursday night, our Gold Sponsor Port Stephens Toyota has agreed to continue their sponsorship of our Charity Golf Day to be held in April. The sponsorship includes a Toyota Yaris Hole in one prize, plus financial assistance. Well done

## JUDY MITCHELL MEMORIAL LUNCH

The Judy Mitchell Memorial Lunch organised for Motor Neurone Disease Research is now fully booked. David Clark informed members on Thursday night that 140 people have booked in for the November 16 event to be held at the Fingal Bay Surf Club, a great result. The winner of the early booking competition was Nan Bassar, who wins a couple of bottles of wine. Congratulations



## NAVY PHOTOGRAPHERS REUNION

On Saturday night October 26 at 5.30pm start we will be cooking dinner for some 55 Ex Navy photographers at MiddleRock Holiday Resort at One Mile Beach. This event has been organised by George Anderson, past president of Port Stephens Community radio. It should be a fun evening and quite profitable for the Club. The Roster is Chelsea, Liz, Lesley, Milton, Chris B and our Club photographer Phill. A special thank you to Sue Williams who has assisted us on the catering aspects of this event. Club members will recall our breakfast for the 350 exNavy ladies at Shoal Bay last year. For information contact Milton or Chris B.



The honorary and members morning tea was held last Wednesday at Evviva and our Mascot Nelson stopped by for a cup of coffee with his new friends.

## WEBSITE AND PUBLIC RELATIONS UPDATE

President Arja announced at this week's meeting that an update on the Club's Website has commenced, coupled with unified approach to the Club's Public relations. The upgrade is long overdue and PR officer Chris Bartlett has offered to handle this process. Our Club Runner website is under used with the Club's Board agreeing a new look is required, both for the use of Club members and equally importantly letting the general public learn more about both Nelson Bay Rotary and Rotary in general, with the potential to gain new members. Chris has enlisted the expertise of District Club Runner expert and friend of our Club Chris McGrath to assist in the technical aspects of the upgrade, which has already commenced. Chris B will work closely with the Directors in both gaining their input and the promotion of our Club. Members will see some of the changes taking place and there will be many more in coming months. If any member has any article or input please contact Chris.

As far as Nelson Bay Rotary Public Relations goes, the Board would like a unified approach, with Chris available to attend to meetings to discuss PR requirements. The end result will see a more modern site with regular updates of a vibrant Rotary Club.



Nelson Bay Rotary Hat Day Bare Foot Bowls Night planned for early January. Watch this space

## **DISTRICT AGM NOTICE**

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 9670 INC.  
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held on Friday 29 November 2019, at 7.00 pm by Zoom at the home of DG Graeme Hooper as Chairman of the Meeting and other venues as per Clause 17.2 of the Rotary International District 9670 Inc. Constitution. The Agenda of the meeting will be forwarded to all clubs on or before 7 November 2019, but will consist of: • Confirmation of the minutes of the last preceding AGM and of any special general meeting held since that meeting • Receipt of the annual report of the District Governor to member Clubs of the activities and status of the Association. • Presenting and consideration of financial statements and the Auditors report and any other report required under the Act. • Consideration of any other resolution of which notice has been given to the members. Member clubs are asked to notify the Secretary by email of any resolution they wish to be considered prior to the 5 November. The Agenda distribution will include a request for member clubs to notify the name of their club representative for the meeting and will provide contact details for the use of the Zoom teleconference facility. DATED at Toronto this 14th day of October 2019.  
Graeme Hooper District Governor Geoffrey Alderdice District Secretary

## **MORE DISTRICT NEWS**

Second Round of Drought Funding release - 10 October Mike Whitehouse – RAWCS National Treasurer reports on the latest release of Drought funding. See attached. Bushfire Appeal – Northern NSW and Southern Queensland Daryyl Iseppi, District Governor 2019-20 District 9600 advises donations for the Bushfire appeal for Northern NSW and Southern Queensland can be made to the Bushfire Relief Project of RAWCS Project number 19-2019-20 <https://rawcs.org.au/project-search/>. This project is managed by Districts 9600, 9630 and 9640 with representatives from all three Districts handling the Distribution of Relief. Results of the Zone 8 Director Nominating Committee DG Graeme welcomes the announcement of the selection of PDG Jesse H. Harman, a member of the Rotary Club of Wendouree Breakfast in Victoria, as Director-nominee to RI in 2021–23. Rotary Zone 8 Public Image Newsletter September 2019 President of Rotary International Mark Maloney gathers with our District Governors on the front page. See attached. If you wish to receive the full newsletter, please send an email to [gina.growden@bigpond.com](mailto:gina.growden@bigpond.com) or phone 0412 128 106.

**A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales.**

**The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small.**

**The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale.**

**Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible.**

**The little girl said, 'When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah'.**

**The teacher asked, 'What if Jonah went to hell?'**

**The little girl replied, 'Then you ask him'.**

**One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head.**

**She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, 'Why are some of your hairs white, Mum?'**

**Her mother replied, 'Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white.'**

**The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, 'Mummy, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?'**