

Bulletin # 15, October 14 2021

BACK TO BOWLING CLUB- NEXT WEEK

OUT OF LOCKDOWN

Bunnings BBO's – BACK ON



President Doug (pre lock down photo) announced we would be back at the Bowling Club this week.

At last Thursdays' Zoom meeting, the 3 main announcements were

1. We are back to face to face meeting this coming Thursday at Nelson Bay Bowling Club, Zoom will be available.
2. We are back at Bunnings
3. Director Phill announced the meat pie had been taken off the menu and replaced with a schnitzel

Treasurer Milton announced the Club's Service Accounts are still healthy, however we have some expenditure on the Club (admin A/C) with very limited income.

The Club received a letter from member Geoff Diemar requesting we run a BBQ at Australia Day in 2022. President Doug read some correspondence and recommendations endorsed by the 2018/19 Board regarding our decision not to participate in Australia day activities in future years. Some robust discussion took place, with the matter referred back to the Board for a final decision Members were advised that the Club's Annual general meeting will be held on Thursday December 9 2021.

Most of the Board and Directors reports and updates are scattered throughout this Bulletin. Despite Covid lockdowns we have progressed some projects and are working on others. To all those who work behind the scenes, thank you very much for your efforts, during these tough challenging and changing times.

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Birthdays this coming week:

Oct 16 Bill Michel (hon member)

Oct 22 Fiona Whatham

Anniversaries

Oct 23 Ian & Debbie
Brigden 39 years.

Congratulations to all

Heads and Tails: N/A

Raffle N/A

Member Duties

Door: Chris

Meet/Greet: Phill

Grace: Geoff

Intro Guest speaker:

Warwick

Thank Guest Speaker:

Doug Bairstow

Bulletin: Don

Photos: Phill

Binos Lesley/Chris

Meeting Guest speaker Roger Rigby – local WW2 History including tunnel system. Available on Zoom as well, Phill to confirm the time to zoom in.



Nelson Bowling Club – Now open



Tourists- Now allowed. Income streams should be back on soon



Don't forget your mask and your mobile phone, & double vax certificate if you go out anywhere,



ZOOMING IN- still available

Next meeting – Club & Zoom meeting October 23 2021 Attend from 6.00pm, or log in for Guest speaker from 7.00pm. Meeting start 6.30pm Double vax required

Apologies/Extras to Phil Smith on Wednesday by noon

Ph 0401 450 239

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 21** Back to the Bowling Club night, guest speaker Roger Rigby. Zoom also available
- Oct 24** Return to Bunnings BBQ's Club BBQ for Isaac Charles, NYSF student
- October 28** Club meeting. Guest speaker to be confirmed.
- Nov 04** Meeting at Bowling Club with Zoom available Speaker to be confirmed. Ladies Dinner night ?
- Nov 06** Community BBQ for Karuah Progress Assoc
- Nov 10** Board Meeting
- Nov 11** Club meeting Board reports
- Nov 18** Club meeting guest speaker TBA
- Nov 25** Club meeting
- Nov 26** District AGM
- Nov 27** Community BBQ for Koala Rescue volunteers
- Dec 04** Club Xmas Party
- Dec 08** Board meeting
- Dec 09** Club AGM

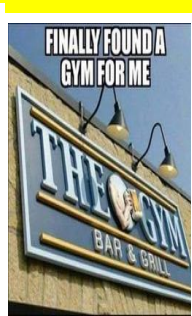


BUNNINGS BBQ'S BACK ON

We received some great news this week, with Bunnings recommencing Sausage Sizzles this weekend. While we have no official BBQ's until the new year, we have been awarded one for **Sunday October 24th** due to another group unable to meet their commitment. The Board have designated this BBQ to assist National Youth Science Forum student Isaac Charles of Nelson Bay. Isaac, plus family and friends will provide the bulk of labour (all doubled vaxxed) with Milton and Lesley supervising on the AM shift and Don and Chris supervising the afternoon shift. Members are welcome to come along and meet and Isaac and his family at this BBQ.

We are also recommencing our BBQ assistance program in November, helping the Karuah Progress Association on **Saturday November 6** and the Koala Volunteers on **Saturday November 27**. We only require a limited number of volunteers to supervise these 2 BBQ's. We will not be performing vaccinations !!!!

HOW YOU CAN HELP! A TOPFORM Power Chair has been donated for sale by our club. All proceeds from the sale will be donated to the RABS Project to assist Natalie. The chair was used for 2 months prior to the owner entering full care and her subsequent death. The chair has remained in storage, warranty has expired. The chair is in excellent condition and working order. Delivery will be arranged. The original purchase price was \$4,000. The highest offer received by Friday 23 October 2021 will be accepted. Forward offers to PDG Don Whatham (0435 255 345 or donwhatham@bigpond.com) Or PDG Helen Ryan (0409 842 455 heryan938@gmail.com).



We will be having a nice steak with chips and salad to mark our return to the Bowling on Thursday. The much talked about pie is now off the menu, replaced by a schnitzel. Members are reminded the Bowling Club require all members and guests need to be doubled vaccinated. Thanks to director Phill for organising the menu change and return to face to face meeting.



Our hard-working site supervisor, Howie Williams, taking a break from duties at the Yacaaba Centre. He has a mask free exemption!!!!



To celebrate the release from covid lockdown, Howie has sent this piece of humour in for this week's Bulletin. Thanks Howie and well spotted.

MEET OUR NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM STUDENT

Club Youth Director Lesley Freeman has done a great job in assisting a young Nelson Bay student secure a spot at the NYSF 10-day event to be held in January 2022. At the Club's Board meeting on Wednesday night agreed to allocate \$1,000 to Isaac for his participation. The majority of the funds hopefully raised at the Club's Bunnings BBQ on Sunday October 24. Lesley sought and gained permission to publish Isaac's letter of introduction to the Club. He already appears to be an impressive young man.

Dear Lesley,

Thank you for initiating contact today with my mother Maree Charles.

My name is Isaac Charles, I am a 17-year-old student at Saint Francis Xavier College Hamilton, commencing year 12 next term.

Prior to the current lockdown the head of science at my school informed me of one of Rotary's founded initiatives, the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF Year 12 Program) and encouraged me to submit an application. I was instantly intrigued upon learning of the program as a keen STEM student and jumped at the unique educational opportunity the 15-day program has to offer.

The NYSF program provides students in their final year of schooling with exposure across all stem fields through an immersive program. This exposure provides an invaluable level of insight into the vast world of stem and the different career paths available. This program will have a significant impact this year for those who have not been able to attend University open days due to Covid 19 restrictions.

I have recently completed an online interview with 9670 district chairmen Neil White and subsequently advised of my acceptance to attend the NYSF in January 2022. Mr White also discussed with me the strong and founding history Rotary has with the NYSF and the support they have been (when able) contributing to the program and attending students in the past. As a volunteer myself with the local RFS, I understand the importance of donating time and resources to the local community.

As Rotary has such a vested interest and history with the NYSF community, Mr White has suggested I approach my local Rotary club for a financial contribution towards to the NYSF 2022 program fee. I am aware of the fundraising activities carried out by Rotary and am fully prepared to participate in fundraising efforts with the assistance of rotary. The attendance fee for NYSF Year 12 Program 2022 is \$1900.00

In addition to my academic interests in Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics I enjoy exploring my local area and going on adventures with my friends, going to the beach and bushwalking with my dog, camping, skiing and generally spending time outdoors.

Thank you for taking the time to review my request for assistance. I look forward to hearing from you and providing any additional information if required.

Isaac and his family have been invited to attend our meeting when Kelvin Kong is the guest speaker. Isaac hopes to have a career in Bio Medical research. He will also speak to the Club on his experiences on the NYSF which commences on January 19th 2022.

The National Youth Science Forum is a competitive summer school program dedicated to exposing year eleven students who are heading into year twelve and are thinking about a career in science, engineering, etc



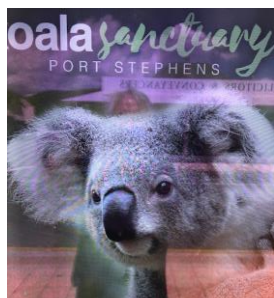
An aerial view of the Rockhampton Downs School in the Northern territory where the recent End Trachoma kits were sent. The school is located on the huge Rockhampton Downs Station some 131 kilometres from Tennant Creek... The End Trachoma project is still active, and updates will be advised in future editions of the bulletin.



President Doug advised Port Stephens Council had a approved \$1,600 to the Rotary Centenary project still in progress at Tom O'Dwyer oval Nelson Bay. Stage two is to install a park bench (not necessarily the one pictured above) and a plaque to celebrate 100 years of Rotary in Australia. The grant will be added to the \$500 committed by both our Club and Salamander Bay Rotary Club. Council (or their contractors) will complete the work. There is an article submitted by member Helen Ryan (chair of the Club's Centenary committee) in this month's RDU magazine.

Bulletin Editor Roster

- 30-Sep** Phill Smith
- 7-Oct** Dieter Greiter
- 14-Oct** Chris Bartlett
- 21-Oct** Don Whatham
- 28-Oct** John Cropley
- 4-Nov** Phill Smith
- 11-Nov** Dieter Greiter
- 18-Nov** Chris Bartlett
- 25-Nov** Don Whatham
- 2-Dec** John Cropley
- 9-Dec** Phill Smith
- 16-Dec** Dieter Greiter
- 23-Dec** Chris Bartlett
- 30-Dec** Don Whatham



The town clock, having offline for far too long is now working again. Some information is being shown, however there it still difficult to read in daylight hours. Continued discussions addressing this issue are in progress..



President Doug announced we have received a \$250 grant from Port Stephens Council to upgrade the Community sign on Nelson Bay Road. Doug and Warwick will do the majority of the work with new support poles, a clean and coat of paint, plus a new Rotary sign to be attached. As this is a community sign, Nelson Bay Rotary have no control over what happens to the sign in future.



KOALA WATER TAXI PRICES/FARES

DAY RATES (return trips):

Lemon Tree Passage - Soldiers Point	\$30.00 per person
Lemon Tree Passage - Bannisters	\$35.00 per person
Lemon Tree Passage - Nelson Bay	\$45.00 per person (min 4 ppl)
Lemon Tree Passage - Tea Gardens/Hawkes Nest	\$50.00 per person (min 4 ppl)
Lemon Tree Passage - Karuah	\$45.00 per person (min 4 ppl)
Nelson Bay - Tea Gardens/Hawkes Nest	\$35.00 per person (min 4 ppl)
Nelson Bay - Soldiers Point	\$35.00 per person (min 4 ppl)
Nelson Bay - Bannisters	\$35.00 per person (min 4 ppl)
Nelson Bay - Karuah	\$50.00 per person (min 4 ppl)
Tea Gardens/Hawkes Nest - Bannisters	\$40.00 per person (min 4 ppl)
Tea Gardens/Hawkes Nest - Karuah	\$55.00 per person (min 4 ppl)

NIGHT RATES

\$10 extra per person for dinner/night water taxi.

For children's fares, one way fares and groups bookings of more than 10 people please call us on 0401 424 738 for discounts.

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NOTE The club is considering a social outing to Karuah RSL Club and a possible gathering with the Karuah Progress Association, who we have been assisting with Bunnings BBQ's. The other opportunity is to use the service when family or friends are visiting for a pleasant day out. They also accept vouchers to assist in the reduction of costs.

THIS WEEK'S SPEAKER



Our guest speaker this week will be Roger Rigby, a well-known local historian who will give us a great presentation on the WW2 training at Zenith Beach and various underground tunnels. Members are advised the presentation will last 45 minutes plus. Roger will be making his presentation immediately after dinner. Those who can't attend the Bowling Club are welcome to zoom in. Phill will advise the time to zoom in. Photo courtesy of the Examiner



**XXMAS PARTY
 WILL NOW BE HELD ON
 SATURDAY AFTERNOON
 DECEMBER 4th 2021
 AT THE CWA HALL
 NELSON BAY
 GREAT MEAL PLANNED
 OTHER ENTERTAINMENT
 DANCING
 MUSIC
 FUN
 FELLOWSHIP**

