



## Bulletin 15 of 12th of October 2023

### Club Meeting

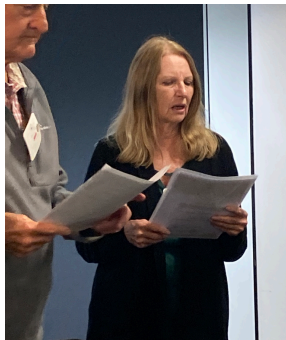
### Report from Meeting

The meeting was chaired by VP John this week. Here is a summary of some of the points discussed.

1. The club is still looking to fill the position of President for 2024 -2025. It is clearly very important if the club wishes to continue, that we address this problem prior to the AGM. Plenty of support will be available to the president from the other board members.
2. The provision of a new style of gift to guest speakers was discussed. In the past we have provided a Rotary pen. Some other ideas include providing a mug with Rotary details and acknowledgement thanking them for being a guest speaker. Another option is to provide a certificate which states we thank you for being a guest speaker and our club will now donate a certain amount to Polio Plus in its quest to rid the world of this disease.
3. The Club will agree to cater at the Camp Quality Christmas function at Tomaree Aquatic Centre on Sunday 26th of November. We will have the numbers to cover this event and use our Clive's Cooker BBQ .
4. The Yacaaba Centre made a request to add donations to a Christmas Hamper appeal they are running. At this time we resolved to support them through our \$600 a month regular donation, but not further. Individual contributions would be welcome from any member who would wish to do so privately.
5. The Port Stephens Council run a scholarship program every year and have a process to find suitable candidates. Our scholarship coordinators will look into whether this could also suit our purposes. We can stipulate the criterion which would want in any prospective recipient.

### Closure of Garden Account

The garden project is now completed with only some minor items remaining. A request has been made By Doug C. to finish the irrigation system and install some garden lights. It was decided that it was important to complete the irrigation system for the long term health of the plants and as it was part of the original plans. The club has received a number of gift cards from catering at Bunnings events. We hope we might be able to use some of these to pay any costs for these final items. It was resolved we now close the garden account and return any surplus funds to our general service account.



### Youth Service

The Science Discovery Day was a great success this year and a date for next year on September 5th has been locked in with local primary schools. Geoff R., Lesley and others attended school presentation days recently. This can be quite an interesting day to attend and we look to other members to volunteer to attend future days. Lesley was presented with certificates which had come to the club in appreciation of support at Science and Engineering Challenge and the Science Discovery day.

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### Details for week following our next weeks meeting

#### Birthdays in October

##### Partners

Fiona Whatham & Marianne McBean both on 22nd

##### Anniversary

Ian & Debbie Brigden on the 23rd.

Heads & Tails: Warwick M.

Raffle: John Sully

Jackpot for the next draw , after John drew a picture card but only the king of clubs. The total of the jackpot is over \$400.

### Next meeting

19th of October  
Guest Speaker Rhys Westbury  
"The case for No Wind Farms"

Door: Doug Craike  
Grace: David Clarke  
Toast: Geoff Diemar  
Intro Speaker: Don Whatham  
Thank Speaker: Ian Brigden  
Bulletin : Don Whatham  
Binoculars Geoff D.

### Important Dates

26th of October  
Dining away from the Club at the Hawker Inn, Nelson Bay. Address 3/47 Donald Street , Nelson Bay. Up a ramp to restaurant.  
Banquet \$35 with seafood has been decided.  
BYO wine or beer  
Normal time 6 for 6.30 pm

AGM 7th OF December

Christmas Party  
This will be held on Thursday 14th of December. Venue will be announced soon.

## Report from The Meeting

### 3 Minute Talk

Don W. gave a talk to night on the overwhelming number of positive comments received from the Hospital Garden Opening, which as the secretary he had received. He wanted to celebrate some of the good work of our Rotary Club. The hospital gardens a project is up there in stature with any the club had done over its history. Several people from the day wanted to continue an association with our group.

The next 3 minute talk will be from John Sully who should manage to find something to say which could fill a few minutes.

### Revamp Rotary sign Neil Carrol Park

Warwick M. is looking to clean and repaint the Rotary sign in Neil Carroll park. He has a pressure cleaner which will do the job well, and can then paint to supporting columns. He might call on a couple of members to help him out shortly.

### Bunnings BBQ success

An excellent profit of around \$1300 was made from the recent BBQ, where sales were steady, and costs were down a bit, due to having stock already available. The Binoculars as mentioned in recent Bulletins are up and running again, and over 10 days made over \$400. This is another great result for the club.



As [World Polio Day](#) approaches, we need your help to amplify our message about eradicating polio to protect the world's children from a devastating disease

We have made tremendous progress since the Global Polio Eradication Initiative was launched:

- A 99.9% reduction in cases of illness caused by wild poliovirus.
  - 3 billion children immunised.
- 125 countries where polio was endemic reduced to two — Afghanistan and Pakistan — with the virus contained in just a few districts and provinces.

But even just one case still represents one child's life forever changed by polio. That's why **Rotary members must remain tenacious and keep our promise: We won't stop until we know that no child will ever again experience the paralyzing effects of polio.**

Let's use World Polio Day to advocate for the support we need to make history by eradicating polio. Together, we end polio!

### Get involved

Act this World Polio Day by hosting virtual and community events, creating fundraisers, and talking about the importance of polio eradication on social media.