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Our speaker this evening was Lia Pereria of "Sea Shelter" a company dedicated to marine conservation in the Port Stephens area. Lia a zoologist along with her husband Ryan, a Marine Biologist, own the Irukandji Shark and Ray centre at Bobs Farm.

Sea Shelter itself is run by volunteers dedicated to the preservation of the marine environment including the rescue and rehabilitation of injured marine animals such as turtles, and the protection of marine habitats such as mangroves, salt marshes, sea grass beds, giant sponge beds, soft corals or a tiny Sea Horse garden.

Jellyfish, Lia reminded us have been around for about 700 million years - long before the dinosaur and is a staple food of many marine animals. The Irukandji jellyfish is an interesting character. A species of Box jellyfish it is about the size of a five cent piece and is the smallest and deadliest of all jellyfish.

In tropical waters of Australia it is necessary to wear full length lycra or neoprene suits as a safeguard. Stings can be fatal.

Generally found in the tropics, a type of Irukandji was found in Lake Macquarie in May last year!!!

As well as regular clean-ups, Sea Shelter promotes the use of environmentally friendly products – sunscreens, make-up, biodegradable containers and the like and encourages us all to be more pro-active in protecting our environment.

The next clean-up will be at the Nelson bay Marina on 16th November and you are invited to join them. Contact Lia at the Shark & Ray Centre. For more information visit

Sea Shelter at: <u>https://seashelter.org/</u> Irukandji Shark and Ray centre at: <u>https://sharkencounters.com.au/</u>

Apologies/Extras to John Crump by noon on Wednesday! Ph 0401 450 239 In this Bulletin: Pg 2: Postie Bike Dash, Visitor, Xmas Party ARH presentation, Pg 3: Coming meetings and events, friendship re-cap. MND event Sold Out. Pg 4: Friendship Exchange Pictorial

Birthdays 25th Oct – 31st Oct 25/10 Deb Downey 26/10 Terry Fitzsimons 28/10 Peter Buckley 28/10 Mary Michel Anniversaries: Nil **Heads and Tails:** ??? Raffle Ian McIver Member Duties 31/10 **Door:** Doug Bairstow **Chris Bartlett Meet/Greet:** Jim Booth Loyal Toast: Ian Brigden Grace: **David Clark Bulletin:** Don Whatham Photos: Henk Tobbe or Doug Craike **Binoculars:** Peter & Marianne

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Sergeant Warwick Mathieson is again entering the Variety Club Postie Bike Dash. The 1000Km event commences on 2nd November starting and finishing at Tamworth. Funds raised will provide practical equipment and experiences to sick, disadvantaged and special needs kids.

If you would like to support Warwick go to the Variety website to donate:

https://varietypostiedash2019.everydayhero.com/au/mathieso



Australian Rotary Health District Chair Chris Bartlett presents PDG Janette Jackson with her ARH Companion Certificate and pin recognising her personal contributions which now exceed \$5,000. The presentation was made at Cessnock's meeting this week. Also pictured is Vicki Steep Cessnock's President Elect.

Chris has been asked to stay on as District Chair for another two years.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF NELSON BAY INVITES MEMBERS, THEIR PARTNERS, HONORARY MEMBERS AND THEIR PARTNERS OF THE CLUB TO JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL HRISTMAS DINNER AND HOBBY AUCTION MEMBERS, MAKE OR BRING AN ITEM THAT IS YOUR HOBBY. THIS WILL BE AUCTIONED OFF ON THE NIGHT WITH ALL PROCEEDS TO BE DONATED TO CHARITY* *CHARITY TO BE ADVISED

12TH DECEMBER 2019

6PM FOR 6:30PM

ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH

COST \$25 PER PERSON BYO ALCOHOL AND UTENSILS

PAY AT A MEETING VIA CASH, CHEQUE OR

CREDIT CARD (SQUARE) OR VIA EFT BSB: 637000

ACCOUNT: 781017418 REFERENCE: YOUR NAME

DRESS: SMART CASUAL OR XMAS WEAR

RSVP: 29TH NOVEMBER TO ARJA PLEASE ALSO ADVISE OF ANY

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS



Visiting from Yorkshire England Rotarian Sheila Wainwright wanted to rub it in to her friends in England with this photo overlooking the Bay with Doug Craike John Stumchke and Helen Imienionek.

Sheila gave us an impromptu presentation on one of her own Club's projects involving - robotic cats!

Don Whatham will give a full report in the Bulletin next week.

Next Week's Meeting: Speaker Snr Constable Tim Smith

Meal: Beef Pie with Mash & Veg



Disclaimer: Meal shown is not necessarily indicative.

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Regular get-togethers:

1st Thursday of each month Ladies get together dinner 2nd Wednesday each month: Project Neighbour 3rd Wednesday each month: Honorary members get together 10:00AM Evviva Café.

Upcoming speakers:



Next week's Speaker will be Snr Constable Tim Smith who will give us an update on the PCYC.

The following week 7th November we will hear from Cathy Booth on the Umoja Orphanage in Kenya.



| BBQ's | Sat Oct 26 |
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| No Contraction | Fri Nov 1 |
| Sausag | Bunnings BBO |

Wed Nov 13 Board meeting

Thurs Nov 14 Club Meeting The Judy Mitchell Memorial Long Lunch has been sold out. However, if you would like to contribute to the fundraising Helen Ryan would be happy to provide you with a receipt for your taxdeductible donation.



Friendship Exchange with District 5610

Over the 17th – 20th October Rotarians from American District 5610 visited with us. Headed by District Governor Elect Dan Little and wife Pat the group were hosted by our members and shown the sights of the area. It was full on! Commencing on Thursday with a tour of Fighterworld at Williamtown the group also enjoyed visits to Birubi Beach and Gan Gan Lookout. Friday was Tea Gardens (by Ferry) where members of Myall Coast joined us. Saturday morning we enjoyed tea and scones at The Inner Light and a little retail therapy later. The PM include more sight-seeing and for some a Kangaroo tour at the Golf Club before dining in the Bluewater Restaurant where we were joined by John Sully and Lynne Moffit.

Sunday sad farewells were expressed before travelling to Denman for a hand-over to the Mudgee Club.

To say the event was a roaring success would be an understatement. Any hesitations I had were gone within hours.

The Americans were smitten with the area and despite the short visit strong friendships were made. To quote one visitor: "This is the most beautiful place I have ever seen!"

Take a bow Nelson Bay.

A pictorial of the weekend is on the following page.

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