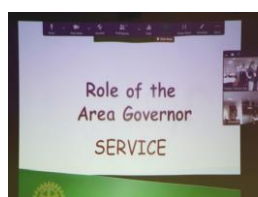




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### AREA GOVERNOR VISITS



The Area Governor's theme

Our Area Governor, Christine Walsmley, from Maitland Sunrise Club was our guest speaker at our dinner meeting on Thursday evening. She was accompanied by Kay Pritchard and our former member Bob Mitchell who has joined the Sunrise Club. Chris explained the change between an Assistant Governor to Area Governor has been created due to the pending merge with District 9650 in 2022, when we will become District 9660 under the leadership of PDG Neville Parsons. The new new District will have over 100 clubs, spread over a wide area, right up to the Queensland border. Each area Governor will look after about 15 Clubs each, currently 5 or 6 for the previous Assistant Governors. Our Club will be part of Area 3 which includes Clubs from both current Districts.

Chris explained her role was all about Service, both from herself and what our Club can achieve in these unusual times. The presentation was as follow- AG's role- **S**= Support Clubs through offering assistance in PLANNING, Goal setting, sharing ideas and building connections. **E**= Encouraging ideas, educating through Rotary Learning Centres. **R**= Reporting the District Governor, **V**= Value both club members achievements and value the club efforts. **I**= Inform clubs and look for opportunities for Growth and Change. **C**= Connections, look for community partnerships, encouraging communication among Club members. **E**= engaging all members.

Chris highlighted our Club's role is based along similar lines with support of members, engagement with local committee groups, seek out proactive partnerships, value our rotary service with family and friends, work with other Rotary Clubs and engage in the new avenue of service, the Environment. Together, People Create Change.

Chris thanked Liz and the Board for putting together the annual club plan and encouraged the Club to continue to seek new partnership opportunities. Our area Governor has a big role, with much travel and we are sure she will enthusiastically take on the challenge. Chris was thanked by President Liz for an excellent presentation. Our evening concluded with group sessions discussing some areas of the recent Club membership survey. This was conducted by Membership Director, Kathy. An enjoyable night all round, including a nice meal.

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**Birthdays**  
**Oct 16** Bill Michel  
**Oct 2** Fiona Whatham, & Marianne McBean  
**Anniversaries**  
**Oct 23** Ian & Debbie Brigden

**Heads & Tails**  
The winner, our spinner Doug Bairstow  
**Raffle** Bob Mitchell, drew his own number

**Duties**  
**Door** Chris B  
**Meet & Greet** Doug Craike  
**Grace** Geoff Diemar  
**Welcome Speaker** Phil Smith  
**Thank Guest Speaker** Richard Turner  
**Bulletin Editor** John Copley  
**Photos** Phill Smith  
**Binos** Dieter and Helga  
**Guest Speaker** Ray Clarke, Climate Change, also Hat night

**Next meeting – October 22 at 6pm. Guest Speaker Ray Clarke**  
**Apologies/Extras to by noon on Wednesday!** **Ph 0401 450 239**

## FROM THE BOARDROOM



A Summary of this month's Board meeting held on Wednesday evening.

**President Liz** Gave an overview of her meeting with Petra Offen, Manager of the Yacaaba Centre with the view to the Club strengthen our relationship with this Community group, Liz advised VP Helen Ryan will be organising a Centenary of Rotary Australia event in 2021 with a small committee. Hopes to engage other Rotary Clubs in our area to participate, asked members to endorse our Lift the Lid hat night this coming Thursday.

**International (Liz filling in for Arja)** Our Keva Loans project is going well with no defects on payments. Reviewing a couple of other projects at the moment.

**Treasurer (Liz filling in for Treasurer Narelle)** Our books are being well managed by our treasurer, with some money flowing in from the Binoculars and our Bunnings BBQ last week, plus member donations.

**Secretary Don** no report, however we are lucky to have Don doing the great job he does, always efficient and effective.

**Club Service Director Phill** reported we have some excellent speakers since the dinner meetings recommenced, and another this week in Ray Clark, He will continue to pursue speakers.

Phill asked members to think about a Christmas party event, perhaps a Moonshadow Cruise or a dinner at the Wharf centre in Nelson Bay.

**Community Service Director Milton** reported an excellent result from last Saturday's Bunnings BBQ, the first in nearly 7 months. Mentioned Bunnings would make a decision in 3 weeks about the future of the BBQ's and hopefully back to normal. Commented the trailer worked well on its first outing. Gave an update on the Yacaaba centre project (see article page 3) this issue. He mentioned the additional project last Friday where additional paving, edging and mulch spreading needed to be complete. He thanked those who had volunteered on a regular basis at this project.

**Membership Director Kathy** reported one potential member would not be proceeding due to the current business environment, while another potential member is still in the wings at this stage. Kathy also conducted a session later in the evening following the recent Club members survey, which was well received by all Club members. All members should be seeking new members (particularly younger if possible) to help with our community work.

**Scholarship Fund Report (Director Kathy)** The scholarship committee met recently to discuss some changes to the deed to meet requirements of our bankers, the Greater Building Society. A professional in this area has been asked to assist the Club with this task and hopefully completed to both the bank's and the Club Board's satisfaction.

**Editor's Note** The Board are working well together in these changing times. The minutes of the Board meeting are available for perusal on our Clubrunner website, thanks to Secretary Don's efficiency.

## Ray Clark- Next Week's Speaker Climate Change, Yes? or No?

Ray advises he is a past Rotarian living in Newcastle, specialising in sustainability and disaster resiliency. His recently completed post-graduate studies aligned both sustainability and resiliency with climate change. Ray's talk relates to an open and unbiased assessment of the why's and wherefores of climate change. He finds that climate change is still misunderstood in the community, emphasising its political positives or societal negatives. His idea is to provide Rotarians with a background to climate change, encouraging them to enter the climate change debate based on facts not hearsay or assumptions.

MDR&SusDev(Dis) (Master of Disaster Resilience and Sustainable Development)

## IT'S HAT NIGHT FOR LIFT THE LID ON MENTAL HEALTH THIS WEEK, PLEASE WEAR A HAT AND PERHAPS BRING A GUEST



This week's meeting serves as our recognition to Australian Rotary Health's Lift the Lid on Mental Health Hat Day celebrations. All members and guests are asked to wear a hat to this week's meeting, which also features a good speaker Ray Clark, talking on Climate Change (see article above).

Some funds have been given to the Club by members, who have supported the Club in these Covid pandemic times.

President Liz asked members to support the night and it was agreed. Members can still contribute on the night, while the fine session will be added.

District ARH representative, Chris B, assures there will be some prizes handed out on the night for with regards to the hats.

Chris thanks Nelson Bay Rotary for their continued support of Australian Rotary Health, particularly the Lift the Lid campaign.

Mental Health illness continues to rise in this country, across all age groups, and while Lift the Lid centres on younger people, the research being conducted by ARH is more vital than ever. It should be a good evening and an enjoyable one.



## YACCAABA CENTRE COMMUNITY PROJECT



### Photos

**Top Left** The team with Centre Manager Petra Offen after last Friday's effort of more paving, spreading 2 truckloads of mulch and some edging. **Top right** Completed meeting area, with chief paver Doug C doing an outstanding job. **Centre left** Community Service Director Milton and Secretary Don on painting duties. **Next** The multitasking Doug handling spray painting. **Next** The site foreman Howie Williams attracts plenty of attention from the staff, while doubling as a security guard dog. **Right centre** Lattice work prior to painting and **Bottom Left** The site as work commenced some months ago.

At our meeting on Thursday night, we had an interactive session on Club projects. The majority of members who participated in the recent Club survey strongly suggested we mix of our Club projects was about right. This session was led by Membership Director Kathy, who did an excellent job with the survey. Each of the 5 tables gave their views on the questions on the selected topic.

Everyone present agreed the Yaccaaba Centre community project was a great fit for our Club. Secretary Don was originally approached and quickly engaged Community Service Director Milton. The centre provides counselling for Domestic Violence victims and short term accommodation for their clients. Funding is always an issue and with incidents of Domestic Violence on the increase, stretching the Centre's limited resources even further. The Recycling centre provide the pavers & lattice, while Port Stephens Council dropped off two truck loads of mulch. We were also able to use vouchers supplied by Bunnings to purchase other material required for the work. President Liz recently met with the Centre Manager Petra Offen to discuss ongoing opportunities between the Nelson Bay Rotary and the Centre. They have asked us to do a couple of small jobs, while we have a small amount of finishing to do on the current project, which will be completed soon. In recent weeks the same 4 volunteers have been carried out the majority of the work. Secretary Don has asked Centre Manager Petra to be a guest speaker at a Club meeting in the future.



## PCYC 40<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY BASH



Nelson Bay PCYC celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> birthday with a special function at the PCYC on Wednesday afternoon. Our Club have been associated with the local PCYC since day one. Around 50 people, including a good number of the Club's younger members were on hand to mark this special event. PCYC CEO Damion Teacle recognised the contribution of Rotary over 83 years, when the first PCYC opened in Woolloomooloo in 1937 under the guidance of Sydney Rotary Club. There was a strong Police presence at the event, including the local area commander and other high ranking officers. Photos from top to bottom, Federal member Meryl Swanson and PCYC Dom Teacle, next locals Laurie and Rosemary Toscano. Laurie was instrumental setting up Nelson Bay PCYC while our club presented Rosemary with a PHF, a few years ago, for her community work. Next Dan Howard who has risen through the ranks at the PCYC assisted partly by our Club, and lastly the Birthday cake, believed to be a very moist chocolate cake garnished with fresh strawberries and supposedly quite tasty!!



### DISTRICT'S OLDEST ACTIVE ROTARIAN PASSES.

District 9670 oldest active Rotarian Neville Chant's funeral was held at Wallsend on Wednesday. Neville a member of Waratah Rotary Club for 46 years, passed away peacefully at 101 years and 9 months. He was known to members of our club, through his participation at the Science and Engineering Challenge and other district activities. He was still attending the Science Challenge at 101, 86 years older the average age of the students attending. He attending Rotary every week, including recent zoom meetings and held a full driving licence at the time of his passing. The **top picture** shows Neville celebrating his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2018. The second photo supplied by Phill Smith shows Neville in the centre with our own longest serving member John Stuhmcke (right) having a bit of fun, with the 3 wise monkeys pose at the Science and Engineering Challenge some years ago. Neville, a true gentleman, lived his life by Rotary's 4way test.

In memory of Pamela McHarg

Fellow Rotarians, It is with a sad heart that PDG Alex McHarg announces the passing of his beloved wife, Pamela, of 54 years. Pam suffered a severe cerebral haemorrhage on Tuesday evening. She was transported by ambulance to the John Hunter Hospital and placed on life support. As an organ donor, she was pronounced brain dead on Thursday afternoon, at which time permission was given for her organs to be harvested. Although sad, the family is consoled, that in death Pam can help others as she did in life.

Yours in Rotary Service.

PDG Alex McHarg, Rotary Club of Singleton on Hunter

Note both Pam and Alex are well known to many members of our club and are thoughts are Alex and the family.



A good number of Nelson Bay Rotarians have purchased an immortal pin to support the Rotary Foundation. Past District Governor, Alex McHarg introduced this program some years ago in our District. Many members will recall the great evening we had at the Bowling Club where were presented to both club members and members of the public. Alex and Pam were our guests on the night