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Our meeting this week took the form of a Club Assembly with 15 members present.

President Don reported on the previous night's Board meeting:

- The Club has applied for the \$500 "Membership Grant" offered by District and will use (as well as in other ways) to cover cost of prospective members meeting and dinner fees. Members are, as always, encourage to invite suitable prospects to meetings.
- A \$250 donation will be made to the "GoFundMe" account set up to assist with medical living costs of Jasmin Kashen recently diagnosed with stage 4 Cancer. (See separate reports below).
- The Club's involvement with the KIVA Project will be increased by US\$100.
- This year's Christmas Party is in the early stage of planning.
 The CWA Hall has again been suggested, but last year's caterer is not available and that will need to be addressed.
 It was also suggested that a later start time be considered.
- The Club's financial management and recoding is to revert to Excel spreadsheet saving the cost of more expensive and complicated software. Treasurer Geoff Diemar is to meet with our auditor to discuss the suitability to their requirements.
- Last year's audited reports have now been received.
- Lawn mowing etc. continues at the Yacaaba centre

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Doug Craike reported on the progress of the "Reflective Garden" project at Tomaree Community Hospital:

A meeting was recently held with Hunter New England Health Facilities Manager, the hospital Nursing Unit Manager and Meagan Cooper (Dream Design Scapes).

A "Catch 22" situation exists with the costings. Plans have been submitted and approval is awaited, but as time goes by any quotes that we have are likely to lapse requiring re-quoting. Consequently, until we have formal approval we cannot firm up costs and cannot approach sponsors for the project.

Despite the initial estimate of \$40,000 being likely to be exceeded, the Board feels confident of attracting both corporate and government as well as individual sponsorships.

Next meeting – Bay Rooms, Nelson Bay Bowling Club 6:00 for 6:30 start

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3 minute talk

This week we heard from Lesley Freeman who was prompted by last week's speaker from France Family Funerals, related her search for family which took her to Oakhampton Cemetery, near Maitland, where she found the grave of her great, great grandfather. He had been transported to Australia for the theft of some stationary. The three minutes stretched somewhat longer, was enjoyed by all and the talk elicited quite some discussion and many anecdotes from the members.

Next week: Ella Clarke

Yacaaba Centre

The Yacaaba Centre, an organization that we support, will be the recipient of funds raised through a screening of independent social impact film, *Some Happy Day*, at Nelson Bay Cinema on Wednesday 26th October.

Homelessness, domestic violence, relationship breakdown and financial difficulties are all issues counselled at the centre.

Tickets are \$30 and include a glass of wine and nibbles.

It was decided that the Club would support this event and to that end there will not be a meeting on 27th October. Instead, members are asked to attend the film's showing.

A group booking will be made, and members are asked to pay for their tickets through the Club bank account. Ella Clarke has agreed to co-ordinate, but early payment is required.

Please make payment to our bank account BSB 637000 A/c 781017418.

(wouldn't be a bad idea to email Ella as well).

Members may wish to have a meal afterwards, but nothing is being organised – just make your own arrangements.



Jasmin Kashan

As mentioned earlier Jasmin Kashan is a mother of two recently diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer.

A local girl she is the daughter of Sonia Hesteloe who many would remember as the smiling face at the Nelson Bay Bowling Club's Marlins Bistro for many years.

A fundraising night has been organised for 4th December at Soldiers Point Bowling Club and a GoFundMe page has been set up to help with her medical and living expenses. If you would like to personally donate, go to https://gofund.me/bf79bcd3

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Next week

Next week we have Karin McIntyre founder and Senior Speech Pathologist at Port Stephens Speech Pathology speaking to us about her profession and career as a speech pathologist.

We will be meeting in the Bay Rooms at the usual time.