

Bulletin # 17 - 27th October 2016

WOW! What a week.

A very busy week with the Club involved in Richo's fundraising Rugby Day and the RAAF Pilots 50th celebration breakfast.

At our Thursday meeting we heard from guest speakers Safari Kimanzi (ROMAC recipient) and RAWCS Volunteer Alan Morrison RC Maitland Sunrise.

Also on Thursday we learned that Our Club's nominee has been accepted as the District's first Peace Scholar.

Another Bunnings BBQ on Friday and on Saturday Rotary's Long Lunch in aid of Port Stephens Womens Crisis and Support Group rounded out a full week.

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"SAFARI Kimanzi's bravery touched the nation when he arrived in Australia from Kenya with horrific burns that had disfigured his face and body.

Now, 13 years and 18 operations on, his future is looking bright.

Safari, who turns 21 next week (*August 2016 - ed*), has recently been granted permanent residency in Australia.

It is a huge weight off his shoulders as he nears the completion of year 12 at St Philip's Christian College in Cessnock.

If residency had not been granted Safari would have been forced to return to Kenya.

"I feel like I've been born again and have a new life," he said.

"It's just the best thing ever.

"I feel really grateful that I have the opportunity to be a resident of Australia."

Safari is now focusing on his dream of becoming a fully-qualified diesel mechanic.

He has been taking on extra courses during year 12 and has gained automotive experience". *storr Ashlev Gleeson. Newcastle Herald.*

Birthdays this coming week:

26/10 Terry Fitzsimons

28/10 Peter Buckley

28/10 Mary Michel

Heads and Tails:

Bart Richardson

Raffle:

Helen Ryan

Member Duties 20th October 2016

Door:

Bart Richardson/Helen Ryan

Meet/Greet:

Phill Smith/ Tony Todd

Loyal Toast:

Henk Tobbe

Grace:

John Stumchke

Intro Guest speaker:

John Sully

Thank Guest Speaker:

Richard Turner

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In his speech Safari expressed his gratitude to Rotary and how he aspires to give back just as Rotarians do. He has set up SEAK (Safaris Education Aid for Kasaala) to provide educational opportunities for students to attend secondary school. Fees are around \$250 AUD per annum and presently SEAK is funding seven students. Safari now lives with Rotarian Alan Morrison and Sue Spence at Bolwarra Heights. It was great to meet this young man with whom we had become acquainted through his struggles portrayed on the TV series RPA. It is truly an inspiring reminder of what great work is done by and the fantastic outcomes that can be achieved through the Rotary Programs. A goodly sum of small change was collected. Further donations can be made at: BSB 082570 A/C 781531268 "SEAK Fund"

Next meeting: Jacky Gendre - Rotary Foundation Grants

Apologies/Extras to John Crump by noon on Wednesday!

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Alan Morrison (RC Maitland Sunrise) gave us a rundown of his Club's involvement with the villages of Lathie and Natawa on the island of Espiritu Santo, Vanuatu. Three trips by his Club over the last six years has seen major transformations of the schools at Lathie and Natawa. The first excursion saw the provision of school desks, and other school requisites and the installation of water tanks. Subsequent trips have seen primitive school rooms, teacher's quarters and toilet blocks transformed dramatically by the installation of insulation, covered walkways, solar electricity and gravity fed water supply. Included in the team was Dr Ata Eshragi – also a member of the Club - who provided care to around 260 patients while there. Alan challenged us to look to RAWCS as a most fulfilling way of serving through Rotary.



Safaris entourage with Pres Judy. L to R Peter Bootland, Safari, Pres Judy, Sue Spence, Jean Stevenson, Lee Bootland, John Stevenson and Alan Morrison

First District Peace Scholar announced.

Shannon Longhurst who was nominated by our Club, will be the District's first Peace Scholar after being accepted by Rotary International. Shannon applied and has been accepted into the University of North Carolina in the USA. Shannon studied social legal studies and history at Sydney University and while there she was President of the local chapter of amnesty International. She continues her involvement with the NSW Board of that organisation and has also worked for ACOSS, the top social issues organisation in Australia. Much of her work has been with indigenous people in the north. Congratulations Shannon and congratulations Rotary Club of Nelson Bay



Richo's Rugby Day



A charity Rugby day and Ball was held last Friday 21st October to benefit the family of Sergeant Geoff Richardson who was killed whilst on duty in March his year. Geoff was an ex-member of our club who resigned due to the pressure of his work commitments. Members provided a BBQ at the Rugby game with proceeds donated to Geoff's family.



Clive's Cooker was again flat out at Dutchies Beach on Thursday morning providing breakfast for a group of pilots who did their initial training at Williamstown 50 years ago.



The Bunnings BBQ on Friday raised another \$500 towards the Tomaree Public School Special Education Playground. This brings the total donated by us to \$4500 and will put the school within spitting distance of their goal.



What is a Paul Harris Fellow?

All Rotarians would be familiar with Paul Harris and with the term Paul Harris Fellow. But how does one become a Paul Harris Fellow?

In simple terms any person who donates \$US1000 to the Rotary Foundation is entitled to be named a Paul Harris Fellow.

In some countries it is almost expected that every Rotarian would do this.

In Australia, especially, Rotary Clubs have used Paul Harris Fellows to acknowledge exceptional Rotary or Community Service by (mostly) Club Members.

In such cases the \$US1000 would be paid by the Club to the Foundation in the name of the person they wish to recognise. That person would then be recognised at a special Rotary function – often the Club's Changeover dinner.

The Rotary Club of Nelson Bay has recognised many of its members in this way and to a lesser degree non-Rotarians.

At our meeting on 17th November, we will celebrate the Centenary of the Foundation, by recognising five Community Leaders in this PHF's. with a view to showcasing the Foundation to the wider community.

We are hoping that partners will join us for this night and numbers will be taken in the next few weeks.

Please join us on his night to make the night a memorable event.



Tony Todd – Behind the Badge

Tony grew up in Sydney where he attended Barker College in Hornsby. After Uni he worked with Water Resources throughout NSW as an engineer/surveyor. He became a co-owner of a "Dexion" distributorship, becoming a leader in warehouse fitouts. A logistics role with Davids Holdings lead to studies in Germany and Detroit before work in Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand. In 1994 he married and worked in Malaysia and Indonesia until 2000 when he returned to Australia.

From then to 2014 Tony worked as a contractor in New Zealand, Australia and Beijing in warehouse design and building for the distribution industries and food processing facility layouts. During this time he worked with companies such as China Post, Parkson Supermarkets, Kelloggs, Australia Post, Easybuy Distribution, McDonalds, Unilever, Davids-IGA, Crown Forklifts, Reece Plumbing, Myer, Coles and Australian Pharmaceutical Industries. He and his wife also developed a retail jewellery and import business importing directly from Italy.

Tony retired to the Bay in 2015 and is looking to work within the community including assisting young people in developing and building their careers.

COMING UP:

3rd November



Ladies Dinner get together. Partners of present and past Rotarians are invited to meet in Tails Restaurant. 6:00 for 6:30.

Plus



Speaker for regular meeting:

Rotarian Jacky Gendre

How to take advantage of Foundation Grants

9th November

Board Meeting

5:30 PM

Bay Room Nelson Bay Bowling Club



10th November



Club Meeting

Your opportunity to find out what's been happening behind the scenes and express your opinion.

17th November

Paul Harris Awards

Presentation of PHF's to Community Leaders.

Guest Speaker: District Foundation Chair

PDG Peter Rayner



1st December

Christmas dinner at Rock Lobster. \$50 per head (same for guests) with red and white wine included. Advise President Judy of any non-Rotarian guests and pay at BSB: 637000 A/c: 781017418



8th December

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Time to consider your role in the future of the Club

