

Bulletin 17 – 31 October 2019

Senior Constable Tim Smith



Tim a police officer attached to the youth and crime prevention command is youth officer at Nelson Bay PCYC. Tim spent 19 years on general duties in Sydney prior to gaining youth worker qualifications enabling him to work with kids to reduce crime through case management and engaging kids in programs.

The Police and Citizens Youth Club program was established in 1937 when then Police Commissioner Bill McKay had the vision of “creating a place where lads, brought up in industrial areas can meet and play and engage in sports and gave them a chance in life. Preventing them from becoming street loafers.”

That is basically still the goal of PCYC today although girls are now included and activities have become more structured.

Commissioner McKay partnered with Rotary and together they established the first PCYC in Woolomoloo. Rotary Nelson Bay was instrumental in establishing the PCYC in Nelson Bay.

We now have 64 clubs in NSW each with 1 or 2 Police as youth case managers and a civilian manager who runs the day to day activities of the club.

Tim as a case manager plans and manages programs for young offenders and youth at risk. The suite of programs aims to reduce crime and redirect young offenders. Programs need to consider the young persons background and factors include prior offending, living circumstances, education/employment, peer relations, substance abuse, leisure recreation, personality/behaviour and attitudes/beliefs. Goals are set and achievement managed and monitored. Schools and family play a vital role in the process.

Current Police Commissioner Mick Fuller has developed a suite of programs which are being implemented by PCYC’s throughout the state. The strategy known as Riseup targets disengaged young people directing them towards workplace opportunities. The Youth Crime Prevention Command of NSW Police aims to work in collaboration with PCYC’s to support young people in building independence and resilience.

Programs within Commissioner Fuller’s Riseup strategy are titled Fitforchange, Fitforhome, Fittogether, Fittostrive, Fittolearn and Fitforservice.

Our club has and will continue to support the wonderful work of PCYC in our community. Our members are thankful of the dedicated, efficient and effective support of young people by Tim Smith and his co-workers a PCYC.

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Birthdays this coming week:

1 Nov: Jenny Shaw
4 Nov: Lyn Booth
Anniversaries

Raffle- Heads & Tails:

H&T: Chris Bartlett
Raffle: Liz Friend

Member Duties

7 November 2019

Door:

E Clarke, D Craike

Meet/Greet:

John Crump

Loyal Toast:

John Cropley

Grace:

Geoff Diemar

Intro Guest speaker:

Chelsea Ellul

Thank Guest

Speaker:

Lesley Freeman

Bulletin:

Dieter Greiter

Photos:

Henk Tobbe

Binoculars:

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Next meeting – Cathy Booth – Umoja Orphanage - Kenya

Apologies/Extras to John Crump by noon on Wednesday!

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NAVY PHOTOGRAPHERS REUNION (Report courtesy Chris, Photos Chelsea)



Our Club catered a BBQ meal and a fine selection of salads and dessert for 55 former navy photographers and their partners at Middle Rock Resort on Saturday night. The reunion was organised by the former President of Port Stephens Community Radio and friend of our Club George Anderson.

There were a number of Rotarians in the group including members from Balgowlah and Mansfield (Victoria) Rotary clubs. Our catering team for the evening did an outstanding job serving a well appreciated meal in very hot and windy conditions.



The guests thanked our club for a great meal. We made a total of \$870 including a \$270 donation. The volunteers for this event were Directors Milton, Chelsea, Liz and Lesley, with Sue Williams and Chris Bartlett. A special thank you to the ladies for the salad preparation and Milton and Sue for all their efforts. Chelsea was recognised as “Miss Rotary” during the evening. It was a good community event to be involved with. A thank you to Doug Craike for his assistance in cleaning up both Clive’s Cooker and the Shed on Monday morning.

COMING EVENTS.

Saturday 2 November: Bunnings AM: J Stuhmcke, R Turner, L Friend. PM: D Whatham, A Downey, L Freeman, C Bartlett (overlap)

Wednesday 6 November: Board Meeting (Note: Rescheduled)

Thursday 7 November: Club meeting – Speaker Cathy Booth – Dinner Ladies in Club Bistro.

Wed 13 November: Project Neighbour. **Thursday 14 November:** Club meeting - Sue Russell – Heaven can Wait.

Wednesday 20 November: Members, Honorary and Past Members and Friends morning tea - Evviva.

Thursday 21 November: Club Meeting – Leah Anderson - Tertiary Education on Tomaree Peninsular

Thursday 28 November: Social Barefoot Bowls – fundraiser for Real Futures. (in lieu of dinner meeting)

Thursday 5 December: Club AGM – Annual financial report, election of officers.

Thursday 12 December: Club Christmas Party.

REGULAR EVENTS.

First Thursday of each Month: Dinner Ladies in the Bistro.

Second Wednesday of each Month: Project Neighbour at selected locations.

Third Wednesday of Each Month: Past & Present Members Morning tea at EVVIVA restaurant.

FROM LAST WEEK.



Last week we had the pleasure of welcoming visiting Rotarian Shelia Wainwright from the Rotary Club of Wakefield in England. Shelia provided a very interesting short address about a project she had introduced to her club. Seven years ago her husband John a staunch Rotarian died with early onset dementia. Shelia cared for John in the seven years prior to his death. During this time John's dementia caused him to become increasingly violent. Shelia was provided welcome assistance by an Admiral Nurse (Funded by charitable donations to Dementia UK).

After John's death Shelia with the assistance of her Wakefield Rotary Club raised \$220,000 to help fund the Admiral Nurse Program. During her attendance at a dementia conference she came across a table of robotic cats. These cats miaow, roll over, purr, lick their paws and bring a smile. They do everything a cat does except use a kitty litter tray. They are life size and very lifelike powered by replaceable batteries.

Shelia recalled a time when John was having a violent spell that their small pet cat jumped on his knee. John's violent

spell eased and he began to pat the cat. The cat appeared to bring him peace and calm.

An idea was hatched and Shelia embarked on a new project, the provision of robotic cats for people with dementia. As an Ambassador for Rotarians Easing Problems of Dementia (REPoD) she began a project encouraging every Rotary Club to raise enough money to provide a robotic cat to a person with dementia.

Shelia presented our club with a robotic cat which we immediately put to great use. Guest speaker Lia Pereria was given our cat to present to her mother (an early onset dementia sufferer) whom she was visiting at the weekend. Lia will provide a replacement cat to our club as soon as she is able to purchase one from the Brisbane distributor.

Rotarians are truly wonderful people!!!

CLUB NEWS AND EVENTS.

- Our Club Christmas Party will be held on Thursday 12 December. Place the date in your diary. Due to some organisational problems the format or venue may change but date will remain. Details will follow Wednesday's Board meeting.
- Richard Turner has been conscientiously pursuing the most up to date information regarding our town clock process. He has been assured by Port Stephens Council that the timing is now in the hands of the manufacturer. The order was placed by council several months ago and the latest news they have received is that components are being assembled and they are pushing for completion by the end of October and installation during November. There will be **"no 7th year of the clock"** we have been assured.
- We are exploring a small landscaping project at the Yaccaba Centre. Secretary Don visited the centre in response to a request for assistance received last week. The centre is seeking the development of an outdoor meeting place suitable for interviews and informal meetings. This would be an ideal, manageable, inexpensive "hands on" project which could involve all members. Don is drawing up plans and a proposal for consideration by the Board.

- Sergeant Warwick Mathieson leaves on Saturday to participate in the Variety Club Postie Bike Dash. The 1000Km event starts and finishes 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>
- As reported in last week's bulletin all tickets for the Judy Mitchell Memorial MND Fundraiser have been sold. Those unsuccessful in purchasing a ticket may place their name on a waiting list. The organising committee will be seeking members to assist on the day. If you are not attending the event but would like to assist please make contact with committee chair David Clark. Donations from members not attending will be gratefully received. Please see PDG Helen or make your donation directly to the club account BSB: 637000 A/C: 781017418 stating your name and MND.
- Guests at last night's meeting were Australian Rotary Health Director PDG Brian Beesley, PDG Brian Coffey and Carol. Brian presented Carol a certificate and pin in recognition of her Partner's Project during last year which raised over \$50,000 for the ARH "Lift the Lid" project to fund mental health research.



Pictures Clockwise: PDG Brian Beesley and ARH District Representative Chris present certificate and pin to Carol. President Arja with a gift Melbourne Cup trifecta presented to the club by Brian compliments of RC of Gloucester and left our newest members Katrina and Helen.