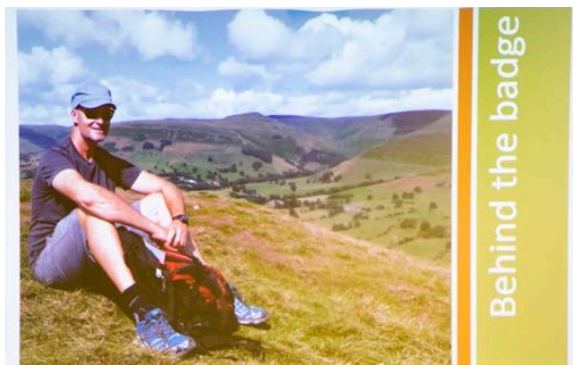


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Behind The Badge - Craig Paroissien

Craig has been a club member for a few months now and says he has been enjoying the experience. Craig is married to Tanya, nee Martin who was an Exchange student with the club and spent a year in Denmark. Tanya and Craig are pictured together at the meeting, and Tanya was able to meet one of her host mothers Elna on a recent trip back to Europe (in the other picture).



Craig has had a few chapters to his life to date, with a mix of different careers. His love for cars has been lifelong. He rebuilt the engine of his first car and later got into car rallying. Craig mentioned not really enjoying school and despite having 2 siblings who were quite academic he had other plans. It might have been expected Craig would follow the family tradition and go into accounting instead he became a ballet dancer, after winning a scholarship and completed 3 years study at the College of Arts in Melbourne. Dancing is all encompassing and a 7 day a week commitment. The work as a performer is in blocks, but it is always a case of looking for the next opportunity. Craig worked in musicals including "My Fair Lady", was a dancer in opera productions, did tap dancing and worked with Dean Perry of "Tap Dogs" fame in a show called "Putting on the Ritz". Another sideline to his career at that time was dressing up in animal suits and being a Brown Bear, or Kit-E - Kat, or even a mascot for Essendon Football Club.

After 10 years of this activity he decided to change paths and bought an Auto Barn franchise in Forest Hill in Melbourne. After a few years here the market brought about another change as Auto retailing went into bigger Supa Stores. Craig went from his smaller store in to the corporate area of the business. A promotion to state manager for Queensland led to a move to Brisbane. Craig eventually was managing roles in a few states (QLD, N.T. W.a, and S.A.) While in Brisbane Craig and Tanya took 3 years to renovate a property from worst house in the street to a nice home. Craig was also very into cycling starting most days with a 5 am ride. He had some great successes competing in rides in Brisbane and did the 3 peaks challenge in Victoria in under 10 hours. Craig decided to change companies and took a role with Puma fuels. The company wanted him to find new sites for the business as it looked to expand in Australia and it entailed moving back to Melbourne. Finally it was time to have a change from the corporate life and he took redundancy and with Tanya went on an extended European vacation in a motorhome. They might yet be there except for COVID and decided to return to Australia.

They now have had another turn in career paths as the opportunity to set up a Farm Stay experience in Pt. Stephens came to them. They are enjoying an easier pace of life. It is great to have Craig and Tanya as part of our Rotary Club. The Bulletin editors are particularly enjoying Craig's membership of the club given he is interested in being another editor.



Next week's Speaker:

Steven Keating
Photography in the digital Age.

I am sure we are in for some spectacular images.
Dinner ladies to meet downstairs

Next meeting Duties
Welcome Chris Bartlett
Introduce Speaker
Richard Turner
Thank speaker Ian Brigden
Bulletin: Phil Smith
Photos: Phill Smith

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Birthdays in November

9th Warwick Mathieson Partners
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Anniversaries

None this week
Winners this week:
Heads & Tails

David Clark
Lotto: Bob Mitchell See later controversy....



Bunnings BBQ last Sunday in aid of sponsorship to National Youth Science Forum(NYSF).

Director Lesley spoke of the successful day last Sunday in which we met Isaac James and his family who the club is sponsoring to attend the NYSF in Canberra. Lesley mentioned that although the turnover was not as high as on some days, the day had been a great chance to meet our Science Forum candidate, and a great chance to raise a positive profile for Rotary in our community. Isaac is very grateful for this chance, and is a student with great interest in the scientific area. His parents Graeme and Maree enjoyed working on the day and finding out about Rotary activities. They hope to attend a meeting in the near future.



I Think we have the same number?

This week it was decided to use the ends of a couple of old books of tickets. I think there might have been a few duplicates so just as well the winner Bob had a ticket to himself.

Upcoming Events

Chris B has already sent emails on club activities which require RSVP. Here is a summary.

Karuah Boat Trip Sunday 14th of December A trip is organised for a group of up to 28 people to travel by water taxi to Karuah. Departure time 11am We will meet some Karuah folk who we have now formed a friendship with after working with them on BBQ projects. Lunch will be at local RSL club. Departure time to return home at 3pm. Cost is \$30 but you can use NSW travel vouchers (\$25) to subsidise the trip.

RSVP: Bob Mitchell

Christmas Afternoon Saturday 4th of December 3 until 7 pm.

TIX \$45

Cheese platters, Dinner.Dessert Drinks provided wine and soft drink.

CWA Hall Cnr Achillies and Gowrie Avenue.

Emphasis on fun with some entertainment items. Limited to 50.

RSVP Phil Smith

Volunteers are needed to attend Bunnings Family night. Please speak to Chris Bartlett if you would like to assist. Night is Thursday 9th of December, so would be instead of attending the normal club meeting.

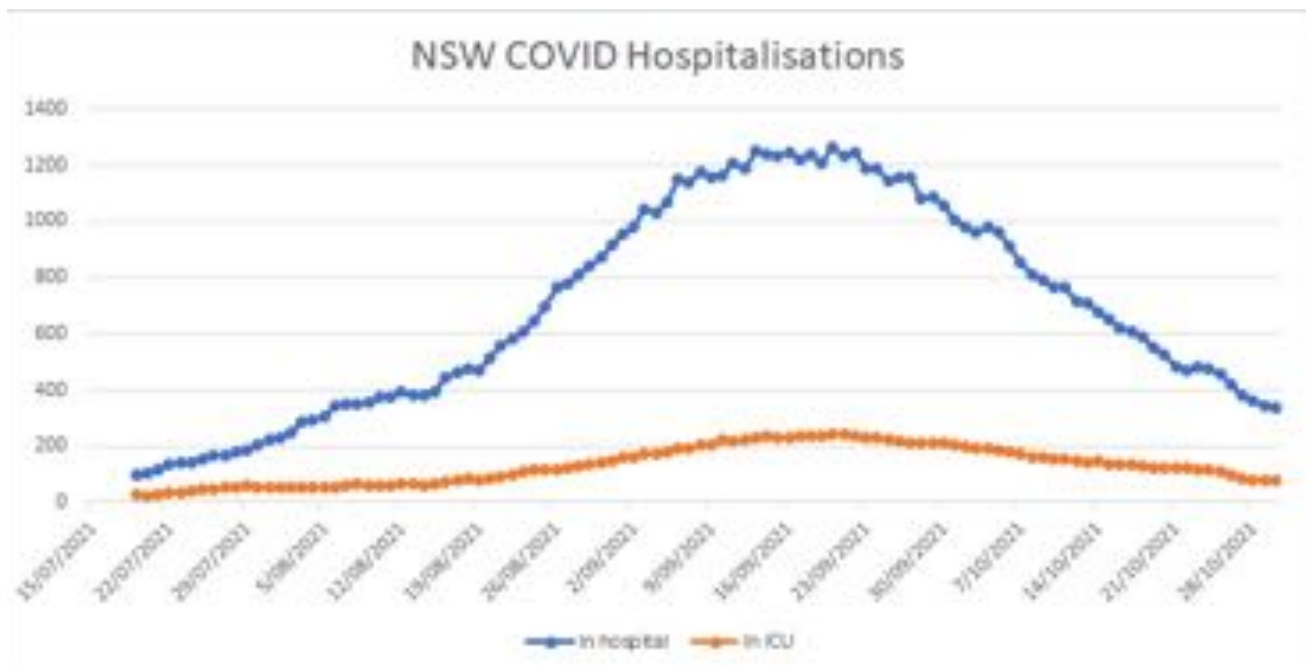
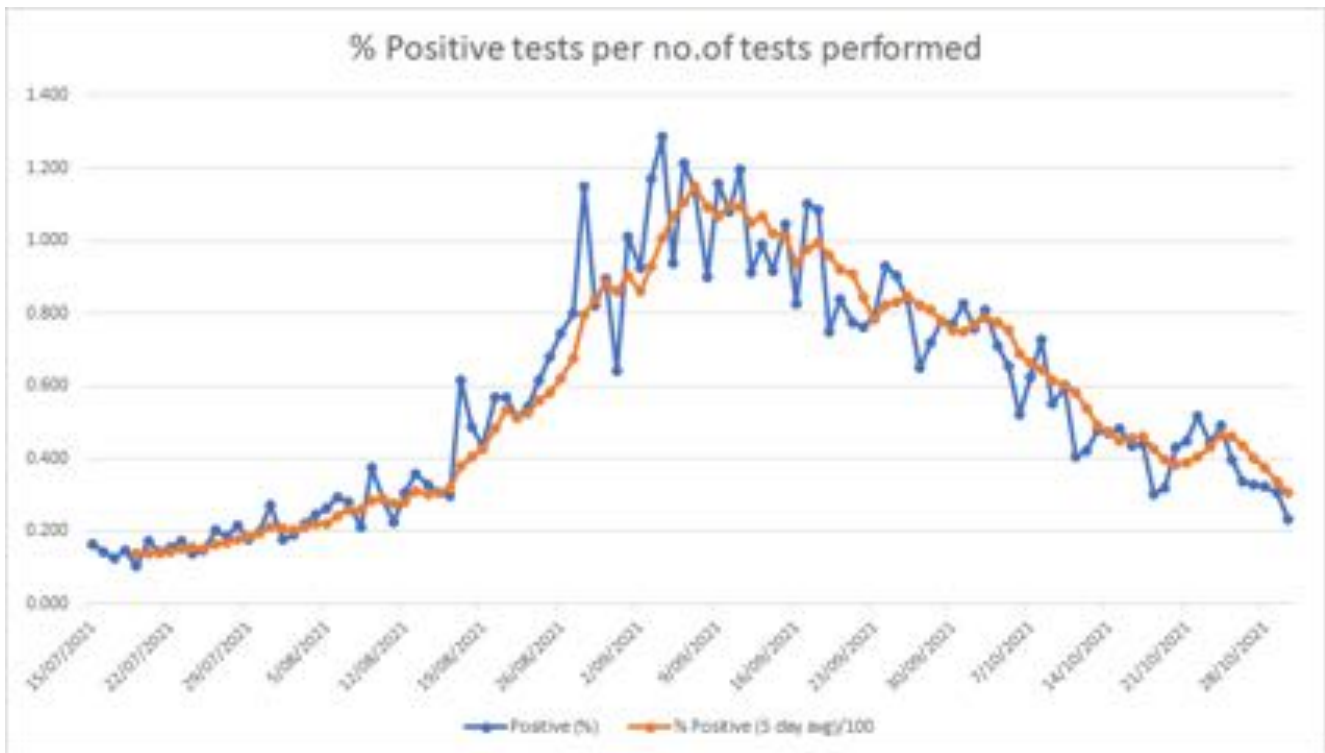
Positive COVID News

I am including these graphs for general interest on latest COVID trends. I did try to show this information a little while back when the trend was upwards. The first graph shows the percentage of positive COVID tests and with second line smoothing the curve with a five day average. Royal North shore Hospital has closed one of they COVID wards due to lack of patients.

The second graph shows the downward trend in hospitalisations. The effect of vaccinations has lead to dramatic reduction in people needing to go to hospital. Those that are in hospital are less seriously ill reflected by the reduction in ICU stays.

(compiled by Prof Dale Bailey RNS Hospital)

We just hope Pt Stephens cases remain steady once the door opens to Greater Sydney residents.



Some thoughts on COVID prior to end of Lockdown

THE FIRST WORD YOU
SEE IS WHERE YOU ARE
GOING IN APRIL

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Need a laugh? We've got you Covid

MATHS CLASS 2020.

If Jimmy was a hairdresser and wanted to marry a personal trainer in an open air food court, how many people can attend the ceremony ?

Rotary sign

There is some good news in regard to the sign on Nelson Bay road which displays clubs in the area. The sign has been renovated and will be available to be reinstalled soon. The Rotary sign is to be all new.

