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Our speaker this evening, seen here with husband Scott, was Karin McIntyre a speech pathologist at Salamander.

Karin has been in the industry for 17 years including 7 years at Tomaree Hospital.

In 2020 she opened her own business at Salamander and more recently a practice at Medowie. In both instances her books were filled within two weeks – testament to the demand.

I suspect that many members, like me, had a limited knowledge of role of the Speech Pathologist thinking that their role was to help people who couldn't speak properly – mainly children.

As Karin informed us there are many arms of Speech Pathology including:

- Therapy for Stroke, Parkinsons and Huntingtons sufferers, helping them to regain and strengthen their voices
- Language therapy to improve grammar, sentencing reading and writing
- Working with non-verbal children. (in one instance a 3yo learnt to converse initially with the use of an ipad and is now talking and ready to commence school)
- Dysphagia – difficulty in swallowing, which can result from trauma, illness, old age and even aversions to things such as colour and texture

As if not busy enough with her physical duties, Karin also participates through pre-schools, and community associations by educating teachers and others in the early recognition of symptoms.

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**Next week - No meeting
Instead support the Yacaaba centre Movie night**

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With president Don away, Vice President John Cropley took the reigns and showed he had lost no skills from his time as president. John confirmed there will be no meeting next week and urged members to support the Yacaaba Centre movie fundraiser on Wednesday night. He also gave a brief report on the KIVA project and asked if anyone would like to assist in its running.

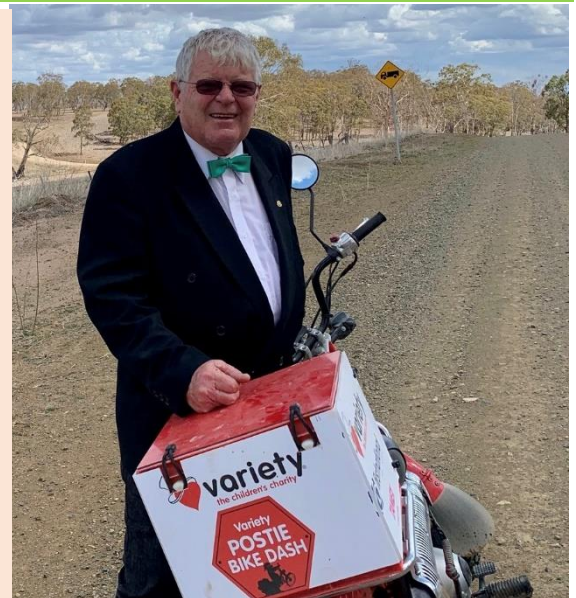
We currently have no Child Protection Officer and will not appoint one as we are not currently involved in any youth programs. However, it is still necessary for members to have a Working With Children Check, so if you are aware your certificate is out of date please update and advise. With the flood situation as it is John asked for members to put forward any projects/beneficiaries that they consider worthy.

Postie Bike Dash

In two weeks time Warwick Mathieson will once again be participating in the Variety Club Postie Bike Dash, raising funds for disadvantaged children in rural areas.

Starting in Armidale he and his cohorts will be riding through southern Queensland for seventeen hundred kilometres on dirt roads and tracks stopping at several schools, where they will present for much needed equipment.

Please check out Warwick's short video [HERE](#) and if you wish to support his ride please go to his donation page. Donations are tax deductible.



<https://fundraise.varietynswact.org.au/fundraisers/warwickmathieson/2022postiedash-nov>
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Warwick thanks you in advance.



3 minute talk

This week Ella Clarke reminisced on her arrival in Fingal Bay back in 1974. At that time the population was counted in the hundreds and was not considered a suburb of choice by many. How it has changed!

Geographically Fingal Bay referred to a small area of land extending from Marine Drive up over the hill to Bent Street and little more.

But Ella and John fell in love with the village life and have lived there ever since. Back then life was very simple. The Shoreline estate was bush there were no houses on western side of the bay and shopping meant a trip to Nelson Bay. The Post Office was known as "Bardaroka Post Office"

Next meeting: Jim Booth



Thanks Kitty

Saying farewell to Kitty; as a member of the hospitality staff at Nelson Bay Bowling Club, Kitty has been looking after us, setting up for our meetings, serving our dinners, cleaning up after us, and generally being very nice, for several years. She is now taking a break from the Bowling Club. We wish her all the best in the next chapter of her life.

(article by Lesley Freeman)

Attention!

Warwick Mathieson has been re-enlisted into the Sergeant's position and with good humour, is extracting much needed funds from members. Geoff Robinson just one of his latest victims.



Professor Kelvin Kong who is well known to members and who has received sponsorship from the Club through HMRI has been nominated for NSW Australian of the Year. He is one of four nominated.

Seeing this reminded me of a podcast I heard recently hosted by ABC's Richard Fidler.

Already aware of his work with the Indigenous population and his research into learning difficulties due to poor hearing, I was astounded to hear of his work with unborn children who for some reason (deformation, obstruction) had obstructed airways and could not have survived without intervention.

On occasions Prof Kong operates on children – not in-utero or just after birth – but whilst the child is being delivered by caesarian section! Yep astounding. It was fascinating to listen to and I thoroughly recommend members check it out. Download the “ABC Listen” or other app (I use “Tune in Radio”) to your phone to access it.