

## Bulletin 18 - 25 October 2018

### SPECIAL NIGHT AT SANNOK THAI RESTAURANT.

In lieu of our regular meeting we had a social get together at the Sanook restaurant at Corlette. Thanks to John Cropley for organising the event and providing the report below.

26 people attended our meeting tonight at Sanook restaurant. We had a mixture of members and partners, with some other guests who might be people we don't see at our normal meeting nights.

It was wonderful to have Hugh and Ann Randall, Narelle and Doug Melhuish and Lyn Moffitt be able to attend tonight. We also had other guests Lauren and Michael who first attended our meeting 2 weeks ago. We had Rotary Partners Sheila Sully, Laurie (Arja's partner), Val Morris, Denise Diemar, Jenny Turner & Maree Cropley and daughter Emma attend.

Sumalee the proprietor of the Sanook restaurant was a great host and the food was delicious and served so efficiently despite a large number of diners. Sumalee invited us to bring wine free of corkage which some people took advantage of to great effect.

Sanook has just celebrated 20 years of business and was written up in the Newcastle Herald and other local papers. Some of the members remember a fund raising night held in the year of President Alan Barr in 2008 to raise funds for East Timor. Those that were there remember the success of the night. Sumalee was a sponsor of our recent Golf day which she has done so for some years.

I discussed some ideas for another Thai Night in 2019 with Sumalee who said anything is possible outside of holiday periods and around this time of year is ideal. There are already some great thoughts about a cooking class involving all the dinners at our next night.

I thank everyone for coming and the great spirit of friendship on the night. I think we had a fair bit of chat. (See Photos) It all was so easy to organise and the final bill was exactly right at the end.



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#### Heads & Tails

No heads and tails this week.

#### Birthdays:

22 Oct: Marianne McBean & Fiona Whatham.

25 Oct: Deb Downey

26 Oct: Terry Fitzsimons

28 Oct: Mary Michel & Peter Buckley

#### Anniversaries :

23 Oct: Ian & Debbie Brigden.

#### Member Duties

**1 Nov 2018**

**Door:** Judi Priestley, Helen Ryan

**Meet/Greet:** Tony Todd

**Loyal Toast:**

John Stuhmcke

**Grace:**

John Sully

**Intro Guest speaker:**

Gordon Treble

**Thank Guest Speaker:**

Richard Turner

**Bulletin:**

Dieter Greiter

**Photos:**

Phill Smith

**Next week – MUNA – DINNER LADIES**

**Next meeting -**

**Apologies/Extras to John Crump by noon on Wednesday!**

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## COMING EVENTS.

**Friday to Sunday 26 – 28 October:** Myall Lakes Environmental Weekend.

**Friday 2 November:** Bunnings BBQ –AM: J Priestley, R Turner, D Clark. PM: P Page, C Bartlett, M. Williams, D Bairstow (Supplies)

**Friday 2 November:** Bohemian Rhapsody – Glendale Cinemas – PolioPlus fundraiser – See H Ryan.

**Thursday 1 November:** Club meeting – MUNA - Dinner Ladies in club bistro.

**Thursday 8 November:** Club meeting (Bowling Club) - Golf debrief at Nelson Bay Golf Club - 5pm to 6pm

**Wednesday 14 November:** Board meeting.

**Thursday 15 November:** Steve Merrett (RC of Raymond Terrace) – Rotarians Against Malaria. (RAM).

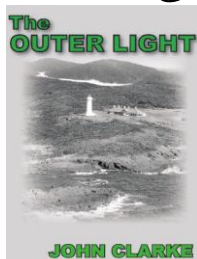
**Thursday 22 November:** Bowls night combined with visiting Rotary Caravan Fellowship..

**Thursday 29 November:** Lynette McCormick – Reducing Domestic Violence.

**Wednesday 5 December:** Project Neighbour Christmas Afternoon tea.

**Thursday 13 December:** Rotary Christmas Party – Soldiers Point Bowling Club.

*John Clarke*

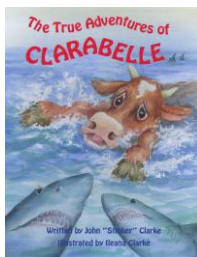


INVITES YOU TO THE LAUNCH  
OF HIS TWO NEW BOOKS  
'THE OUTER LIGHT' AND  
'CLARABELLE'

THURSDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2018

*Details*

SOLDIERS POINT BOWLING CLUB  
FROM 2PM



*Special Guests*

MC - CRAIG HAMILTON - POPULAR ABC RADIO PERSONALITY  
RYAN PALMER - MAYOR OF PORT STEPHENS INVITED TO LAUNCH 'THE OUTER LIGHT'  
DI MORRISSEY - BEST SELLING AUTHOR INVITED TO LAUNCH 'CLARABELLE'

*RSVP*

SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2018  
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## JOHN "STINKER" CLARKE.

All club members are invited to the launch of John's latest books "The Outer Light" and "Clarabelle".

Since his retirement from school teaching, John has become a prolific author writing interesting tales about the local fishing industry, local identities and locations.

His latest books tell the stories of the Outer Light House and Clarabelle a cow washed from her home on a Singleton farm by the 1955 Hunter flood. Clarabelle ended up being rescued around Broughton Island.

John is the husband of our Past president Ella and has given interesting presentations at our club meetings.

Come along to help John launch his latest publications.

## WARWICK'S POSTIES BIKE DASH.

PP Warwick leaves next Saturday on his Postie's bike dash raising money for Canteen and Kids with cancer. The week long ride commences in Tamworth and travels along mainly country dirt roads. This is the second occasion Warwick has participated.

Club members are invited to assist the appeal by making a donation. Your personal donation should be made known to Warwick prior to his ride.

**COPY OF LETTER FROM SHELTERBOX IN RESPONSE TO OUR DONATION.**

Dear Rotary President,

Thank you very much for your generous donation to ShelterBox Australia for the people of Sulawesi affected by recent earthquakes, and others affected by natural disaster. Because of you, we are able to provide vital shelter and the essentials to return to normality in the aftermath of natural disasters and humanitarian crisis. Your support doesn't stop there. It goes much further than just tents, blankets, solar lights and tools. Your support has the power to transform lives and change despair into hope. See the impact you are making on families all over the world at [www.shelterboxaustralia.org.au](http://www.shelterboxaustralia.org.au).

ShelterBox Australia relies totally on donations and we truly value your support. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us, either by return email or to me, as below.

Please find your tax-deductible receipt attached.

Kind regards

Mike Greenslade

CEO

**MYALL LAKES ENVIRONMENTAL WEEKEND.**

This annual event has a long history in our club. Its origin dates back to the 1980's when members of the club most of whom worked in those days and of course were all men as females were not yet part of Rotary would set off by boat for a two day overnight adventure. The venue in those days was Tamboi near where the Myall prawners have set up residences and prawn processing facilities. In the later 80's till approximately the early 2000's the entrance to Boolambayte Creek was our camp site. For the first years Rotarians set out on Saturday in several runabouts and sped across the port some taking the short cut to the Myall River. Tea Gardens Hotel was a popular stop for refreshments and a pie along the way.

Later the expedition became a two night affair with the boats setting out after finishing work on Friday. A large campfire, bag of fresh oysters and plenty of liquid refreshment have been standard fare over the years. Many elaborate tents, bedding arrangements and sophisticated toilet facilities provided all the comforts of home.

In the early 2000's the venue was changed to Rivermouth located just past the Broadwater which was a shorter distance to travel and we were able to make use of the National Parks designated campsite with compost toilet facilities. Numbers attending over the years have varied from 10 to 40 and many guests of Rotarians and visitors have attended. Rotarians from other clubs and former Nelson Bay Rotarians are often welcome guests. Our traditional home journey stop is at a picnic area half way back where we feast on the beautiful prawns we have specially and carefully stored during the weekend stay.

On the 2018 Myall trip, 9 Rotarians attended 6 travelling up on Geoff Diemar's oyster punt and 3 in Milton William's yacht. Geoff's oyster punt has been part of the trip for the past 15 years and is a very relaxing mode of transport. The camp chairs are arranged neatly around the deck whilst the equipment including barbeque, eskies, personal gear and other necessary equipment is stowed under a tarp in the centre of the punt. Sailing along the upper stretches of the Myall river in silent tranquil peace watching the native birds and animals as we pass can be best described as therapeutic.

On arrival all present attend the various chores of erecting tents, pumping up mattresses and setting up the camp kitchen. These days we use our club's large shelter covering the area of three large tables and the BBQ is set up close by. Doug Craike provides lighting (LED lights powered by a battery and transformer) and previously purchased provisions are stored in sealed crates to keep the resident goannas at bay. A large campfire is lit using wood transported in the punt. The fire burns for the duration of the trip providing coals for some special bush cooking toasting and of course is a comfortable place to sit sometimes till a late hour to solve the problems of the world. Personal hygiene by way of a dip in the river with soap on a rope keeps us all well groomed. A 2 hour hike on Saturday morning along the fire track allows us to observe the magnificent flora and fauna of the Myall National Park. Pack up and the return trip commences after breakfast on Sunday.





THE 2018 MYALL LAKES ENVIRONMENTAL TEAM



Happy diners at Sanook Thai Restaurant on Thursday night.



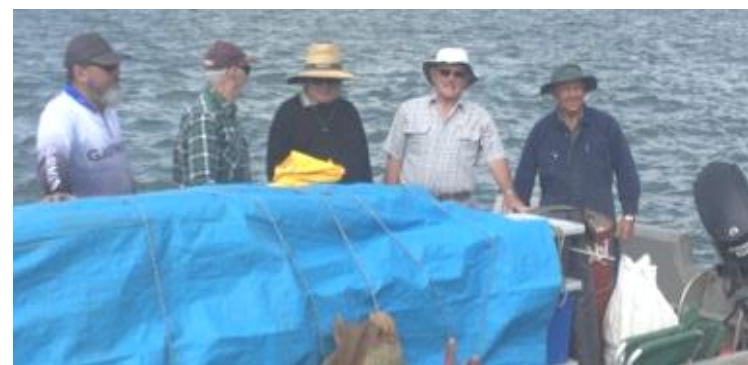
**CLUB & DISTRICT FIRST - ZOOM REPORT TO RAWCS CONFERENCE IN DUBBO.**

(Report courtesy of Chris Bartlett.)



**ANOTHER FIRST FOR OUR CLUB**

Our Club helped to create a first on Saturday afternoon with the first live (and outside) Zoom broadcast to the RAWCS Regional meeting, being held in Dubbo over the weekend. We “zoomed in” from the Little Beach Boathouse, with a live interview with the Taylor family and baby Josh, conducted by Club Directors Chris Bartlett and Chelsea Ellul and member Alicia Cameron taking part in sharing bay Josh’s story and how Rotary have assisted the Taylor family. Club members are familiar with Josh’s story and he now has his expensive vest to assist him to breathe and aid his treatment for cystic fibrous. The vest is only one of two in Australia, the other being with a family in Brisbane. The Conference attendees were very impressed with this story where some our newer members have inspired us with their efforts on this particular project. Baby Josh needs some additional equipment to help with his feeding programme, however there are still funds in our RABS trust fund to assist with this treatment. A special thank you to both Chelsea and Alicia for their assistance in making the interview happen, particularly Chelsea with her technical knowledge on Saturday afternoon. and also to President Kathy who provided support prior to Saturday. Kathy was in Sydney on business all weekend. Chelsea and Alicia are administering the remaining RAB funds and will provide the Club with an update in the near future.



Aboard the punt – leaving Geoff’s oyster shed.



John and Bill relax after a strenuous afternoon walk