

Bulletin 18 – 7th Nov. 2019

The Guest Speaker tonight was Cathy Booth



Cathy Booth, member of Bundaberg Sunrise Rotary is a full-time primary school teacher & mother of 4 adult children, while still finding time to fundraise for the children's home in Kenya.

Cathy is a 'Country Girl' from Childers and grew up in poverty herself. Her family was the poorest in town.

Living a few years in PNG she saw hardship there, but nothing like she witnessed in her life changing trip to Kenya.

Cathy single handed started the Umoja orphanage project with nothing but a dream, no experience nor how to start one, but has since created a sustainable children's home and which, also provides employment for the local people. Umoja stands for unity/togetherness in Swahili and the orphanage is located south of Mombasa and west of Diani Beach. She travels to Kenya 2-3 times a year has taken >100 volunteers on working tours and has treated >2000 local people with free health clinics.

It all began with a dream and passion, Umoja now is a registered non-profit organization based in Australia to give orphans and neglected children a 2nd chance in life through a holistic care approach and empower them and communities to break the poverty cycle.

Umoja is a sponsored project of Rotary Australia World Community Service. There are approx. 2mio orphaned children in sub Saharan Africa that are subjected to sexual abuse, child trafficking, prostitution etc. and are left without any government assistance.

Recently they began with constructing their 2nd children's accommodation.

Currently there are 11 children located in a 'family' home.

The 1st home opened on the 30th July 2016, exactly 5 years since the project began. She had to fight corruption, high costs, unreliable staff, draught, torrential rain/floods, snakes, sickness, diseases.

They now have 15 acres of fenced land, 14 staff for farm and children's home and are working towards full sustainability through a Safari Business, agriculture, reusable-energy, sale of homemade items etc.

Anyone interested in volunteering can contact her by email Cathy, visit their [website](#) or [facebook](#), they take 2 tours a year to work at the project.

They currently seek donations for:

construction of 2nd home, school bus, hydroponic equipment, water tanks, water tower/accommodation, transport of a container leaving Mel. in Dec. or alternatively you can sponsor one of their children or staff.

Cathy, we applaud your commitment and dedication and Thank You for an excellent presentation.

In this Bulletin:

Pg 2: General

Pg 3: Christmas party invitation

Birthdays this week:

9th Nov. Warwick Mathieson

Anniversaries: none

none

Heads & Tails:

Leslie Freeman

Raffle:

John Crump

Member Duties 14th Nov.

Door:

R.Turner/M.Williams

Meet/Greet:

D.Bairstow

Loyal Toast:

J.Booth

Grace:

E.Clarke

Intro Guest speaker:

C. Bartlett

Thank Guest Speaker:

L.Friend

Bulletin:

John Cropley

Photos:

Phill Smith

Binos:

D & J Craike

Dinner Menu next meeting: Fish & Chips w. Salad

Apologies/Extras to Club Phone by noon on Wednesday Ph.: 0401 450 239

General Items



Phill's make up at Rotary Club Magnetic Island



Spinner Doug with stand-in Sergeant at Arms John

Events Calendar November/December

- Wed. 13th Nov. - Project Neighbour (2:00pm)
- Thu. 14th Nov. - Sue Russell, Community Program Coord, Cancer Council, "Heaven can Wait"
- Sat. 16th Nov. - Judy Mitchell Memorial Long Lunch
- Wed. 20th Nov. - Honorary Members Morning Tea
- Thu. 21st Nov. - Leah Anderson on Tertiary Education
- Thu. 28th Nov. - Barefoot Bowling @ Fingal Sports Club
- Thu. 5th Dec. - AGM
- Wed. 11th Dec. - Project Neighbour (2:00pm)
- Thu. 12th Dec. - Rotary Christmas Party
- Wed. 18th Dec. - Honorary Members Morning Tea

Speaker next week is:

Susan Russell

Community Program Coordinator at Cancer Council NSW

She will be speaking about the 14th year of the
Heaven Can Wait Charity Sailing Regatta



JUDY MITCHELL MEMORIAL

'Long Lunch for MND Research'

Saturday, 16th November 2019

11:30 am - 3:30 pm

Saltwater Regatta Centre,
Fingal Bay NSW 2315

Tickets: www.rotary.org.au/booking.com/544940

Sold Out



Note: change of venue



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INVITES MEMBERS, THEIR PARTNERS,
HONORARY MEMBERS AND THEIR PARTNERS
OF THE CLUB TO**

**JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS DINNER**

12TH DECEMBER 2019

6PM FOR 6:30PM

CROWS NEST ROOM

NELSON BAY BOWLING CLUB

STOCKTON ST, NELSON BAY

COST \$30 PER PERSON

INCLUDES A TWO COURSE MEAL

PAY AT A MEETING VIA CASH, CHEQUE OR
CREDIT CARD (SQUARE) OR VIA EFT

BSB: 637000

ACCOUNT: 781017418

REFERENCE: YOUR NAME

DRESS: SMART CASUAL OR XMAS WEAR

RSVP: 29TH NOVEMBER TO ARJA

PLEASE ALSO ADVISE OF ANY
DIETARY REQUIREMENTS