

Bulletin 19 - 10 November 2016

Club Information Night.



With the exception of Ann Evans (on Leave of Absence) all female members (and member in spe) were present this night. (L to R) Liz Friend, Kathy Rimmer, Judith Mitchell, Tricia Parnell, Ella Clarke, Arja Levonpera, Judy Priestly and Helen Ryan.

The night after the monthly meeting of the Board is usually dedicated to "Club Information" so that all members of the Club know what is going on, where and how we spend the funds we raised and what future activities we can expect.

President Judith Mitchell reported that the proceeds of the Long Lunch (25th October) amounted to \$ 35,139 - an excellent result. With this financial boost the Port Stephens Womens Crises and Support Group expect to be able to start building before Christmas. Judith also referred to the ongoing fundraising for End Polio Now. Every dollar raised means \$3 for the project because of the generosity of the Bill and Belinda Gates Foundation. A local and pleasant way to contribute will be the "High Tea" at "Baroque" (77-79 Magnus St. Nelson Bay) on the 20th November from 1 - 4 pm. More information on the [Facebook page of Salamander Rotary](#).

Our AGM will be on the 8th December and members are encouraged to attend. For one we have to pass a "special resolution" and also the new Board (2017 - 2019) will be elected. DG Elect Helen Ryan suggested that members who want to attend the next District Conference in Dubbo (17 - 19 March 2017) should book accommodation as soon as possible. It seems there is more than one major event happening in Dubbo during that weekend so accommodation will be at a premium. The early bird catches the worm, although "early bird" registration for the conference is not available yet.

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In the weeks to come....

- 16th November - 12 noon, Project Neighbour Christmas Party @ All Saints
- 17th November - Paul Harris Awards presentation to Community Leaders,
- 1st December - Rotary Christmas Party (for details see page 2)
- 8th December - AGM High Attendance required as we'll have to pass a special resolution
- 14th December - 3 pm: Opening of the Exercise Trail at Little Beach.

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Congratulations

Members birthdays

9 Nov. Warwick Mathieson

11 Nov. Judith Mitchell

Partners birthdays

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Anniversaries

18 Nov. Ella&John Clarke

19 Nov. Lorraine&Murray Nicol

Lady Luck

Head & Tails was won by John Cropley and Henk Tobbe had the winning ticket in the raffle.

Next Week

Paul Harris Awards to community leaders.

Door

Bart Richardson
Arja Levonpera

Meet and Greet

Peter McBean
Ian McIver

Loyal Toast

Bill Michel

Grace

Robert Mitchell

Bulletin editor

Chris Bartlett

**Apologies and Extras, please phone or SMS
Ros Cribb (0401 450 239) before Wednesday noon!**

ANNA BAY SPRING FAIR - SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2016



Anna Bay Spring Fair was held this Saturday November 12 at Anna Bay Primary School, Gan Gan Road, Anna Bay. As a Club we organised the main BBQ for the day, plus a Rotary Information Marquee with a Shelterbox as a lead in item. The Spring Fair ran from 10 am to 3pm.

Two shifts during the day were active, while some volunteers were Rostered on all day. The nett profit of the BBQ will be spent on the Anna Bay Public School 3 - 6 year old play ground equipment. After a wet start it fortunately dried up around opening time and the rest of the day was even sunny at times.

Rotary Christmas Party
Thursday - 1 December

6 for 6:30 PM



This year's Christmas Party will be held in the Rock Lobster Restaurant at d'Albora Marina.

Cost for the night will be \$ 50.-- per person (both for members and guests).

This includes the meal and table wine.

To register for the night please remit the dinner fee to the club account:

EFT details: BSB 637000; A/c 781017418

Please pay early to assist our Treasurer Kathy.

Please advise president Judith Mitchell of guest(s) you may bring.

Dress Theme: RED

Directors Reports



Chris Bartlett mentioned Doug and Margaret Bairstow who together have prepared 30 kg of onions for the various recent BBQ events.

Community Service - Chris Bartlett.

AUSTRALIA DAY 2017 - Planning for this event is underway. We will be trying for more community involvement again this event, including utilising younger people to do the "heavy lifting" and hopefully more local community groups having stalls in the Food Court. We are fortunate to have an experienced team to plan this event.

RECENT AND UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Geoff Richardson Rugby Day held at the Salamander Bay Sports grounds on Friday October 21st. This proved to be highly successful with \$1320 cash and \$500 in kind (sausages, steak, etc) being given to Police Legacy (Geoff Richardson Appeal).

We held the Pilots Reunion Breakfast on Thursday October 27 at Dutchies Beach East. This was very pleasant event and raised \$300 hundred dollars net for the club. A good number of Club members assisted on this project.

The following day Friday October 28th we had a Bunnings BBQ, net proceeds going to the Tomaree Special Education Unit. We were able to add another \$500 to the \$4000 approved by the Board in October. The Special Ed school provided a good number of volunteers to assist our Rotary volunteers.

We have also secured an additional fund raiser at Bunnings on Thursday December 8 from 6pm to 8pm where some 300 clients, staff and families will have a Xmas function.

Bunnings provide all the sausages, bread, and onions, we provide sauce and drinks. The charge is \$2.00 for adults and free for kids. We keep the proceeds and Bunnings provide a \$100 Gift Voucher to the Club as well. While this is a Rotary night, we will only need a small team present to perform this Community task.

We have been asked to cook at the Port Stephens FM Christmas Party to be held on Sunday December 4th. A small team only required for this event.

Gan Gan BROCHURES - We are very low on brochures for Gan Gan Lookout at the moment. Michael Almer of Port Stephens Accommodation has been approached to see if he is prepared to fund the brochures again. He has verbally agreed to fund the reprints. Work in progress.

TOWN CLOCK- Nothing more to add since last month's Board meeting, with discussions underway with Council. Funds have been set aside for this project and it is planned for completion this Rotary year.

ADOPT A ROAD - As reported by Mike Mobbs at a recent Club meeting, we are negotiating with Port Stephens Council to make Gan Gan Lookout our Adopt a Road program. Mike has a draft plan which has been discussed initially with Council, and they have requested a further meeting to progress this opportunity.

PROJECT NEIGHBOUR - Director Bob Mitchell has been kindly looking after this project, with a very good attendance at the October event. A special Xmas Lunch event is planned for November 16 at no cost to the Club. Hopefully a club member will step forward to run Project Neighbour in the new year.

THE SHED - We have had plenty of activity at the Shed this month, with Doug Craike installing a fan, lights, and power points as part of the extension upgrade. Last Saturday Peter Page and some volunteers carried out the plumbing work required, including the installation of the kitchen sink, and several taps, inside and out. This will enable the streamlining of clean up procedures after events.

The Nelson Bay Action Club added an additional concrete slab to make it easier for getting trailers in and out of the Shed. We will continue to upgrade equipment utilising the Grant money we received for this purpose over the next month or so. The new warming trays purchased have proven a great addition to our equipment, and has certainly made it easier for the catering volunteers.

PCYC REPORT – November Board Meeting - The PCYC, under the acting manager Phil Ross is progressing well at both sites, Nelson Bay & Raymond Terrace. Phil is the former State Marketing manager of the PCYC and has brought new energy into the role. He is an advocate of working with the community and respects the relationship with Rotary.

In attendance at the last Committee meeting was John Chambers, President of Raymond Terrace Rotary Club. Raymond Terrace Rotary Club are actively seeking opportunities to work with younger people in their local community, particularly Indigenous youth. They have suggested a Driving program to help young offenders and youths at risk obtain a drivers licence which would enable them to see work outside the immediate Raymond Terrace area. This is not a Roadwyze or Ryda style program. The Port Stephens Local Area Police Command is very interesting in pursuing this opportunity.

The bulk of the Police young offenders "clients" come from the Raymond Terrace area, and the initiative taken by the Raymond Terrace Club is a positive one. John Chambers will be asked to join the PCYC Committee.

The Time for Kids Cruise to be held on November 24 is progressing well and should raise funds for these successful programs. Raymond Terrace Rotary is using the cruise as their Xmas party.

The PCYC are looking at several new revenue streams currently, including the possible lease of space to the Alesco School in 2017.

All programs are currently running profitably. The rescheduled maintenance on the main auditorium floor should occur in January 2017.

Pay your dues and special dinner fees by EFT:

Account name: Rotary Club of Nelson Bay Inc. - BSB: 637000 Account #: 781017418
(please, mention your name and what you are paying for.)

Directors Reports - continued



Treasurer (and President Elect) Kathy Rimmer is getting her board together and reported on the healthy status of the Club finances. This year alone we expect a Service Account “turnover” of over \$ 100,000.

She also urged members to give some thoughts to who of their fellow members should be recognised by the Club for “Service Above Self”.

Kathy was assisted this evening by son Zac, who helped collecting and counting money, like the contents of the “fine boxes”. Well done, Zac!



Club Administration Director Phill Smith gave a brief overview of the program for the next couple of weeks (see page 1 - bottom). Next week - when we award five locals with a Paul Harris Fellowship - will be a good opportunity to introduce guests to Rotary and/or bring your partner along.

Phill also mentioned the DG-Partner program in support of “End Polio Now”.



International Director John Cropley briefly referred to Safari Kimanzi’s presentation, two weeks ago. For next year (23^d February 2017) an international night is in the planning; details have to be worked out, but the committee prefers to go “outside” the NBBC to a local restaurant or other venue.

John is going to visit the Myall Lakes camp on Saturday 19th November and has room for some passengers. Let John know if you are interested. Departure is at 11 am from his dental surgery in Tomaree Street.



Youth Director Arja Levonpera and her committee researched the pro’s and con’s of changing from the RYDA program to Roadwise. Both have their good things but after watching the way high school students experienced Roadwise it is clear that this program has a greater impact on the young drivers than RYLA. This will - apart from the funding - result in less Rotary involvement as the program is run by a number of specialist presenters and organisers. The only involvement could be the preparation and delivery of “morning tea” for the attending students. This has to be worked out further. The event will take place on the 15th May 2017.

This year’s RYLA students have been invited for a presentation but a date needs to be set.



Just a few photos... top left: Pork with crackling for dinner wasn't bad - the crackling was actually quite good this time and we got no reports of broken teeth. Top right: lively conversation. Bottom left: “There is more to Rotary than a good sausage” was what we learned last District Conference - but it is a good money maker for sure! Bottom right: Our neighbours at the shed - Action Club Nelson Bay must be sponsored by the local dentists to try to make money with a sugar spinner at the Anna Bay PS annual fair.....

