

Bulletin #19 November 11, 2021



BEHIND THE BADGE THE LIFE OF BRIAN

Members were treated a terrific “behind the badge” by new member Brian Comley on Thursday night. Brian is passionate about all aspects of his life, which he broke down to three key sections, 0-25,35-50 and current. Brian is a current serving member of the RAAF, holding the second highest Non-Commissioned Officer rank, of Flight Sergeant. Brian is a proud “sandgroper” being born and grew up in a small country town 250 kms east of Perth in Western Australia. kms Brian is a proud “sandgroper” being born and grew up in a small country town 250 east of Perth in Western Australia.

The area wheat and sheep country provided Brian with a strong work ethic assisting on the family farm, until he turned 35, when the family farm was sold. The sheep produced high quality merino wool, used in high quality fashion, including suit etc. He was always destined for a future in Community volunteering, being a member of the Western Australia Young Farmers, where he rose their ranks including State and national Executive positions. Young Farmers had and still has very strong membership and a great community ethos. Brian was also a Scout leader. He also explained that is mother, was an avid golfer, playing most days. She was her Club’s champion 28 times, was a national representative on 3 occasions and other golfing honours. It sparked Brian’s interest in golf and has been involved in golf administration during his life. When the family farm was sold when he was aged 35, he was at a crossroads in his life. He had always had an interest in electronics and spent time fixing electrical equipment on the family farm, His wife heather spotted an ad in the Perth WA paper placed by the RAAF looking for Electronics technicians. He applied and was successful, being flown to Adelaide to commence his training. 20 years later he still in the air force, based at Williamtown, with 200 plus staff to look after.

Brian has witnessed many changes, especially in the areas of discrimination, where the airforce is striving for more equality amongst its ranks. He is a specialist in electronics, navigational aids, and air traffic control. He has two tour of duties overseas, and shared some of his experiences, including being rained on by mud during a storm in the Middle East and having trouble finding equipment buried under 45 tonnes of sand!! He did provide a great travellers tip, where Tim Tams were used as currency for obtaining additional supplies.

Brian spoke with great pride of his daughter Maddy’s career as a dancer. Maddy is an elite ballerina, who turned down jobs with the Joffrey ballet in New York, the Royal Scottish Ballet and the Royal Melbourne Ballet to start her own Dance Studio, Ready Set Dance. Despite the many pitfalls due to Covid the school now has a hundred dancers, with 40% of them special needs kids. The studio has won several local and National Awards and hopefully will go from strength to strength., Brian is rightfully a proud dad. Footnote, Brian’s dad is a Rotarian in Perth WA..The presentation was interesting and passionate.

KARUAH TRIP BLOWN AWAY SEE PAGE 2



PARTNERS NIGHT

This week’s meeting is a partner’s night where will be able to hear all about the great work the Country Women’s Association is carrying out in our local area. Some members are hoping they bring some of their great cakes. Please book extras with Phill Smith

LEST WE FORGET

President Doug commenced Thursday night’s meeting with a special reflection on all those who had lost their lives in war and military operations. He thanked those members, past and present who served in the military, Members observed a minute’s silence as a mark of respect.



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Birthdays this coming week: None recorded

Anniversaries

Nov 18 Ella & John
“Stinker” Clarke
Nov 19 Hon. Member
Murray Nichol and Lorraine
Nov 21 Peter & Marianne
McBean.

Heads and Tails: Peter Page

Raffle Brian, after record spins number of spins

Member Duties

Door: Chris
Meet/Greet: Richard
Grace: Warwick
Intro Guest speaker:
Lesley
Thank Guest Speaker:
Milton
Bulletin: Don
Photos: Phill
Binos Dieter
Meeting Partners night,
Guest Speaker CWA Nelson
Bay New member
induction.

**Next meeting – CWA guest speaker November 18, 2021, Attend from 6.00pm,
Meeting start 6.30pm Double vax required**

Apologies/Extras to Phil Smith on Wednesday by noon

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WILD WEATHER FORCES KARUAH VIST TO BE POSTPONED



Our much-anticipated water taxi trip to Karuah for a lunch visit to the Karuah RSL for lunch was unfortunately postponed on Saturday afternoon due to high winds and rough seas. While most weather reports indicated a fine day they forgot to mention the 50 kilometre winds causing dangerous boating conditions.

It was disappointing that this social visit had to be postponed, however it is hoped we can reschedule for a fine day in the future. This hopefully will enable more members to participate next time. Thank you to President Doug, Treasurer Milton, Directors Bob and Phill for their efforts in organising the trip



MORE BOARD BRIEFS

- Following the strengthening of the Rotary Child Protection policy, Club Secretary Chris and Youth Director Lesley will be contacting schools to understand their requirements and advising them of our requirements. Once this is completed a draft By Law will be drawn up by the Board and presented to Club members for approval.
- New shirts are available for Totally Workwear, please pay Treasurer Milton in the first instance.
- Membership Director Kathy reported that two interested possible members will be attending future meetings.

PRESIDENT DOUG'S REPORT

NEW PROJECTS:

Have approached Newcastle Horse Racing club CEO, Duane Dowell for arranging a day at the races, Duane has responded and will contact me in the coming weeks.

The square is up and running and was quite successful on Saturday. Have been working with Dieter and Kathy to sort out any minor problems.

We need to make a decision on the Golf Day, as per the email sent to all members by Secretary Chris. We have been approached by the Peter Wilson Touch Tournament for 2022 to cater for the tournament as we have done before.

We need to train people for fundraising positions ie: BBQ's also assisting board members with their duties to allow a smooth transition for the next year.

ON-GOING PROJECTS – STATUS:

Yacaaba Centre project - received an email stating the spending from Rotary funding.

\$200 on Woolworths vouchers for fresh food for clients, and the remaining \$300 was used for purchasing food for the food bank for non-perishables.

Milton delivered meals from Soldiers Point Bowls Club to the Yacaaba Centre, twice in October.

Yacaaba maintenance program, continues through VP Don SES Emergency Support Plan, in progress

Refurb of community billboard - awaiting arrival of timbers. Ready to go otherwise.

Bench seat for Tom O'Dwyer oval. - Money has been received from the council, Helen Ryan is managing this project.



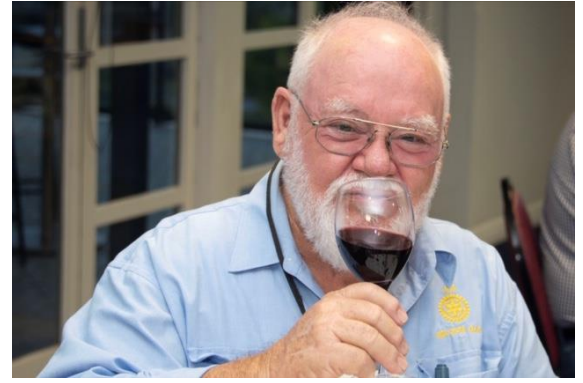
Meeting with Tomaree hospital auxiliary scheduled on Wednesday November 10, 2021, to discuss possible ways to assist them. Assessment still in early stages.

The Christmas party is on the 4th of December, we need numbers by November 25, 2021. Cost to members is \$45 per head fully catered. Craig Pariossien has agreed to be Nelson Bay Rotary environmental officer. We need to start on an Asset register and equipment inventory stocktake and make sure all our equipment is in Safe working order. We still need an Equipment Officer and volunteers are welcome to step forward.

BEHIND THE SCENCES

There is always much activity behind the scenes happening in any Club or organisation and some of members and partners who have been assisting us over recent months are recognised in this week's Bulletin.

- Director Lesley has been washing the tablecloths, plus the aprons after the Bunnings BBQ's.
 - Sue Williams, wife of Treasurer Milton, assisting at Bunnings BBQ's washing aprons, helping with the planning of the Xmas party and other tasks.
 - Jenny Craike, wife of President Doug who has been busy with the planning of the Xmas party and other tasks, to be revealed at a later date.
 - Member Geoff Diemar who this week installed a new safety chain on the Club's supply trailer, plus changing the wheel bearings and other maintenance.
 - Member Dieter who is collection of money from Gan Gan lookout binoculars and assisting members with computer issues.
- Thank you for your valuable contribution on behalf of the members. More behind the scenes in future issues.



We welcomed back our popular member Jim Booth after his recent surgery and recuperation. This very rare photo taken by Phill on Thursday night captured Jim, following recent guidelines published for those over 70 suggesting, a glass of wine or perhaps two, five times a week is good for the health, for those over 70. Jim thanked all those members who made contact with him during his illness. Good to have you back, Jim.

Some call it multi-tasking, I call it doing something else while I try to remember what I was doing in the first place

People who ask me what I'm doing tomorrow probably assume that I even know what day of the week it is.

I just ordered a life alert bracelet so if I get a life, I'll be notified immediately

"THE big day for ShelterBox is coming fast so don't miss out. **Friday 10th December 2021. World Human Rights Day**

Why is it so important? The flyer attached tells you everything you need to know.

- One great advantage is for a club is to become a "Matched Funder".
- How do you do this? Donate \$1000 before 10th December and we will find a matching donor, plus you will be advertised Australia wide on our website! Just think for \$1000 donated you will receive credit for \$2000, wow! [This is the same for individual donors too.](#)

Of course you will be providing a family shelter with the aid and support needed to begin to rebuild their lives after a disaster or conflict." The Board agreed to support Giving day to the tune of \$1,000.00 and considered submitting a small video clip as well for use on

Shelterbox media site. Shelterbox do a fantastic job

CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING APPROACHES

Nelson Bay Rotary Club will hold their Annual General meeting on Thursday December 16th, 2021, at the Nelson Bay Bowling Club. Secretary Chris will be sending out last year's AGM minutes and the agenda for the meeting on Tuesday. The accountant's audit on the club's accounts is not quite completed and will be sent to members as soon as they are approved. Club members are asked to consider standing President and President Elect, plus all other positions including Directors. Secretary Chris has the nomination forms available. All members are asked to give the above some serious thought to ensure the smooth operation of the Club

AREA GOVERNOR CHRISTINE WALMSLEY REPORT

A combined Zone 3 Clubs meeting was held on Wednesday evening, unfortunately President Doug and Secretary Chris were unable to attend due to the Club Board meeting. Director Phil has invited new District 9660 Governor Neville Parsons to speak at the Club on January 13 2022.

It was a very informative meeting with Neville Parsons who shared some interesting information about his Rotary journey as well as giving us some idea of where our new District will be moving in the coming Rotary year.

I have noted some points below that may be of interest to you and your members from our zoom session, as we begin to think ahead with our planning for the 2022-23 Rotary year:

- There will be 100 clubs in the new District 9660 with approximately 2230 members. We will be the largest District in Zone 8
- Even though we will be a very diverse District, there are similarities in the ways that we are presently administered and in the new District delivery of programs.
- DGE Neville plans to visit all Rotary towns in the first 3 months of his DG year. This may mean that when he visits Maitland [for example] that the evening clubs will meet with him together and the breakfast clubs will meet together in a morning meeting. More information will follow when his calendar is confirmed.
- Neville is very open and prepared to visit clubs throughout his DG year for special functions / events but will need early invitations to enable him to adjust his calendar.
- A priority for his DG year is Communication, so that he and his team can deliver support where needed. Zoom will be used for across District meetings to assist in the tyranny of distance.
- DACdb is the new program taking over from ClubRunner. Clubs in 9650 are presently trialling this new platform and clubs in our present District will be given training in a gradual change over from January 2022. I am attending an information session on DACdb next week and hope that I will be able to share further information regarding this transfer / platform details/ training opportunities with you in the near future.
- PETS Training and District Assembly for 2022 are being organised and are in the planning stage for early next year. At this stage PETS training will be held 2nd/3rd April and this will be conducted across 4 venues – Maitland being our closest venue. District Assembly is planned for 15th May, again across 4 venues. Training and support of club members is a key focus of DGE Neville's planning for his DG year.
- The 2023 District Conference will be held in Tamworth
- District 9660 AGM will be held in November 2022
- Neville is very keen to see the GSE program resume in 2022-23 and is investigating a team from District 9660 visiting Canada.

Assistant Area Governor Pam Wellham and I are hoping that we will be able to meet with all Zone C clubs before the Christmas Break. If your club has not organised a visit with us in the coming weeks, please contact us with a suitable date as soon as possible.

Regards,
Chris Walmsley

GREEN LIGHT FOR SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE IN 2022

It is time to confirm our exciting new beginning for our 2022 Newcastle SEC Event.

*Thank you for your Rotary Club's continued sponsorship which is carried forward for our rescheduled 2022 Newcastle SEC event. **First the good news. Our new beginning for the 2022 Newcastle SEC treasured event is now formally confirmed. How good is this!***

*The management of the Forum Sports and Aquatic Centre, UoN has now confirmed our booking for both Basketball Courts and the upstairs Studio for 5 Challenge days starting, **Monday 28 March to Friday 1st April 2022 (Week 4).***

Presently the updated Covid-19 protocols as required by the NSW Government and DET must remain in place. Hopefully these restrictions by late March 2022 may be further eased or ended.

I look forward to contacting you again in the new year seeking your Club's support with helping from 8:00am to 3:00pm as activity coordinators and activity assistants for our 2022 Newcastle SEC event. Parking is available at the UoN with morning tea and a great lunch provided.

*Should you require further assistance or information please contact me at your convenience. **Join us and enjoy the magic of the Challenge and experience Rotary in Action.***

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 18 Club meeting guest speaker CWA Nelson Bay
- Nov 25 Club meeting Guest Speaker TBC
- Nov 26 District AGM President Doug delegate
- Nov 27 Community BBQ for Koala Rescue volunteers
- Dec 02 No Meeting,
- Dec 04 Club Xmas Party
- Dec 08 Board meeting
- Dec 09 Club meeting night, Bunnings family BBQ
- Dec 16 Club Annual General Meeting
- Dec 17- Jan 13 Xmas/New Year Break

**POSITION VACANT
GOLF DAY ORGANISER**

The position involves overall supervision of the Golf Day and coordinating the volunteer members who are willing to assist in the various aspects of the Day. Position fully supported by the Board and a number of members who have offered assistance. Excellent personal satisfaction rewards, Rotary's volunteer top pay rate, \$0,0000. Applications needed ASAP Contact President Doug or Secretary Chris. This great day's future is in your hands!!!



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BUNNINGS BBQ'S

Recent BBQ's

Following the restart of Bunnings BBQ's last month, we have conducted 2 BBQ's, the first to aid SYSF student Isaac Charles where over \$500 was raised which the club topped up to \$1,000 to assist in Isaac to attend the Science Forum in January 2022. The second was last Saturday, a community BBQ, with the Karuah progress Association where some \$550 was raised with their assistance. Another community BBQ will be conducted on Saturday November 27 for the well organised Koala Hospital Volunteers. Supervisors are arranged.

We are also supplying a tram for the Bunnings Family Xmas BBQ on Thursday night December 9. Bunnings supply the stock and we cook sausages and distribute drinks.

The volunteer team is **Chris, Phill, Warwick, Geoff Diemar and Peter Page. Reserves are Fiona Whatham, Lesley.** We need to be at Bunnings at 5:15pm. And will be rewarded for our time with Bunnings vouchers. The dates for our BBQ's for the first 6 months in 2022 will be finalised on Monday.



**XMAS PARTY
SATURDAY AFTERNOON
DECEMBER 4th, 2021, at 3.00pm
AT THE CWA HALL
NELSON BAY
GREAT MEAL PLANNED
OTHER ENTERTAINMENT
DANCING, MUSIC
FUN, FELOWSHIP, RAFFLES**

SOME LIMITED BOOKINGS STILL AVAILABLE, NEED TO BOOK WITH PHILL SMITH ASAP

