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PRESIDENT ELLA HITS JACKPOT



It was President Ella's lucky night at Thursday's Club meeting when firstly she drew her own raffle ticket out of the hat and then selected the joker from the small deck of cards to win the raffle jackpot prize of \$420 which will no doubt come in handy for Xmas. Well done Ella.

Ella gave a report on discussions from the previous nights Board meeting including our revised program for the up to Xmas this year. Jim Booth indicated to the Club he is investigating a new community project in Salamander Bay, Youth Director, Lesley presented her report. (All these reports are highlighted on page 2 of this Bulletin). Treasurer Geoff Diemar also presented a comprehensive financial report which shows the Club's operating Account and our Service Account are in good shape for a small club. Geoff also reported on the revenue of the newly refurbished binoculars, which Geoff empties daily after a spat of vandalism. The Annual General meeting will be held on December 07 with volunteers for key positions being asked to step forward to fill these important roles in 2024/25.



NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER RUTH WILSON Bring family and friends to hear this entertaining speaker

Adopted at the age of 3, a beauty queen at 17, Ruth moved to live in the United States of America, then spent four years in Japan with her next move to New Zealand in 1975 where she unexpectedly came face to face with her destiny – hot air ballooning.

Ruth Wilson is a mother of two sons who embraced her passion to be one of the early pioneers of ballooning into her life, a rare experience as no gas ballooning hot air and gas ballooning in Australia. Ruth has accumulated numerous 'firsts' – first female balloon pilot in Australia to set up her own commercial ballooning company solo in 1976, first national ballooning champion in 1979. A trip to Switzerland in 1985 brought gas happens in Australia. In 1999 Ruth represented her country as pilot competing in the prestigious Gordon Bennett Gas Balloon Race launching from Albuquerque, USA.

Her love of extreme ballooning drew her back to pilot 'Bernadette' in the 2018 Gordon Bennett Gas Balloon race from Bern, Switzerland. After 33 hours without sleep, little food and water Ruth and her co-pilot Tanys McCarron, landed their gas balloon in an Italian vineyard.

Her corporate work included six years as Chief Operations Officer with the ARC Centre of Excellence for Quantum Atom Optics at The Australian National University in Canberra, also Executive Director for five years for ACRN. For eighteen years Ruth managed her own PR/Media company in Sydney. A great local speaker who is an aviator, adventurer and author.



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Birthdays this coming week:

Nov 09 Warwick Mathieson

Anniversaries

Nov 18 Ella & John Crlake

Heads and Tails: John Sully

Raffle Jackpot President Ella

Member Duties 0/2024

Door: Chris Bartlett
Meet/Greet Lesley Freeman

Grace: Peter Page
Intro Guest speaker: David Clark

Thank Guest Speaker: John Croyley
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Photos: Dieter G
Binos Geoff Diemar
3 Meeting Speaker Lucky President Ella
Guest Speaker Ruth Wilson, Aviator, Adventurer, Author

Next meeting – Thursday September 07 2024 Nelson Bay Bowling Club- Guest Speaker Ruth Wilson Aviator, Adventurer, Author- Guests welcomed

BUSY TIME AHEAD- UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday-Nov 16 Ruth Wilson – Guest Speaker (see Page 1)
Thursday- Nov 23 President Ella on her recent trip to India, should be entertaining
Saturday Nov 25 CWA BBQ, - BBQ coordinators organising.
Thursday November 30 – Dr Emery Kertez, Asbestos disease expert.
Saturday Dec 02 Bunnings BBQ – Roster on Page 3
Thursday Dec 07- Annual General Meeting at Nelson Bay Bowling Club. Key Board members still required.
Thurs Dec 14 Club Xmas Party – The Bouys Restaurant Nelson Bay.
Thursday Dec 21 -Informal BYO beach side BBQ
Mon Jan 01- 2024 Bunnings BBQ-
Saturday Jan 06- Bunnings BBQ- Roster Page 3
The Club will be in recess from December 22 2023 till Thursday January 18, apart from our commitments to Bunnings. It's a busy time ahead.

POSSIBLE NEW PROJECT FOR CLUB



Community Service Director Jim Booth spoke about a possible new community project at the Ben Clarke Reserve off Keel Street and the rear of Tomaree High School Salamander Bay on Thursday night. Jim has carried out several inspections of the Reserve, indicating the path needs widening to allow the school children to cease walking on sand (and mud on wet days), plus tidying up the area and possibly planting native plants as there is no access to water on the Reserve. The project concept is still in the embryo stage and members are asked to have a look at the Reserve over the holiday period and pass any comments back to Jim. Jim plans to gather data and make a presentation to the Board in early 2024 in regards to the feasibility of the project, including whether grants are available, project costings etc to allow Club members to be involved in this project. Our picture below shows president Ella and Jim discussing the project at Thursday night's meeting



**XMAS PARTY
THE BOUYS**

**Donald Street Nelson Bay
THURSDAY DECEMBER 14TH 2023 AT
6PM**

**COST \$65.00 for 3 COURSES
DRINKS EXTRA**

**PLEASE ADVISE LESLEY FREEMAN IF
YOU ARE ATTENDING.**

PARTNERS AND GUESTS WELCOME



EARLY WARNING

President Ella indicated that members will be asked to vote on a possible change to the number of meetings the club holds each month. The crux of the vote is whether to change from weekly meetings to fortnightly meetings. A formal notice will be sent to members shortly. Food for thought over the next few weeks.



BUNNINGS UPDATE



Our Bunnings BBQ las Saturday kept the volunteers very busy, with the morning crew battling four seasons of weather and the afternoon shift carrying on the goos work We cooked and sold 21 trays (24) sausages on the day which returned the club an excellent net profit for the day Thank you to all the volunteers pictured and to Lesley for posting on Facebook for the Club..

The Roster for Saturday December 2nd is as follows.....

Coordinator Lesley Freeman

AM Shift 8.45 till 12.15 Peter Page , Don Whatham, John Stuhmcke, Chris Bartlett

PM shift 12.15 to 4pm Ian Brigden, John Cropley, peter McBean, Judi Priestley. Please advise Lesley, Chris or Doug if you are unavailable.

New years Day Volunteers Chris, Lesley Geoff Robinson, Geoff Diemar

Saturday January 6 Co Ordinator Chris B

AM Shift 8.45 to 12.15

Warwick Mathieson, Lesley Freeman, Richard Turner, Chris Bartlett

PM shift 12.15 to pm

Pete Page, John Stumcke Jim Booth, Geoff Diemar.,



HOW DOES THE GARDEN GROW ????

Past President Doug members an update on the recently completed Tomaree Hospital Reflection Garden Project. The sprinkler system has not yet been installed and some lighting needs to be installed for night time viewing. In the mean time Doug and Chris B have been doing some basic watering of the garden beds, cleaning the water feature, weeding and pruning. The Hospital Auxiliary will be approached and asked if they would like to put together a small team of volunteers to assist some Rotarians keep the garden looking at its best. The feedback from staff and patients has been fantastic with the garden being used every day by both patients and staff and the biggest gathering was some 25 patients and staff gathering for afternoon tea recently. Senior Hunter health officials have also visited the garden in the last week and were very impressed.

Members agreed the garden needed to maintained and appreciated a Doug's suggestion of a joint venture with the Hospital Auxiliary.

Below are a couple of photos to show how well the garden is doing,



INVITE TO JOHN "STINKER" CLARKE'S Latest Children's Book launch. "Is this Another fishy tale from the Bay"

FRIENDS, YOU ARE INVITED TO THE BOOK LAUNCH OF "BANJO - THE ADVENTUROUS BREAM" ON 23RD NOVEMBER 2023 AT 12 NOON AT FINGAL BAY SPORTS CLUB SEE YOU THERE

BANJO

The Adventurous Bream



Written by John "Stinker" Clark
Illustrated by Megan Barrass

