



**Bulletin # 19, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020**



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**Birthdays 6/11 - 12/11**

Nov 9 Warwick Mathieson

**Anniversaries**

None this week

**Heads and Tails:** Dieter Greiter

**Raffle:** Chris Bartlett

**Next meeting**

**13 November**

**Door:** Peter page

**Grace:** Helen Ryan

**Bulletin:** John Cropley

**Photos:** Phill Smith

**Binoculars:**

Phill & Chris Smith

**Yacaaba Centre**

Tonight we heard from Management Committee Manager Emanuelle (Manu) Sloan and Centre Manager Petra Offen from the Yacaaba Centre.

The centre started 31 years ago and today has a staff of volunteers and employees of around 30 people.

About 60% of its funding comes from government and the balance needs to be found by way of donations.

The work of the centre is one of counselling but extends to other areas such as providing food parcels.

Their clientele includes the homeless, the abused and others in crisis, and the demographic ranges from the young to the old. Manu pointed out that the homeless are not just the scruffy looking, “vagabonds” that we often envisage, but encompasses a wide range of individuals from “couch-surfers”, to trauma victims to the long term homeless.

Covid has seen an increase in their cases. Their yearly average was 130, but in the year to July 2020 it rose to 230 and since then cases are up 70%.

Amongst other things clients are assisted in applying for Centrelink benefits, long term public housing and generally getting their lives back together.

The Centre works with the Women in Crisis Support Centre who provide temporary accommodation. Both girls are enthusiastic and passionate about their work.

In Manu’s case this possibly stems from her early involvement with Rotaract in Tahiti where she was a founding member and then the following year, president of her Club.

During her year as president they raised \$400,000!!!

**Next meeting – Club Meeting**

**Please call or text the Rotary phone with apologies/extras 0401 450239**

Vale Terry Fitz.



News came through this week that honorary member Terry Fitzsimons had passed away. Terry was a long-term member of the Club and more recently an Honorary Member. He was known for his honest, questioning, nature, and fairness, as well as his happy demeanor. A Past President of the Bathurst East Club he joined Nelson Bay Rotary in 1994. Terry served on the Board for several years and he received a Paul Harris Fellowship in 1998. As an ex-banker he was roped in to serve several terms as Treasurer – a duty did willingly and diligently. Witty, friendly, fun-loving, level-headed and fair-minded, he will be missed by all his Rotary mates. Terry's funeral will be held next Wednesday at Salamander Uniting Church. Due to Covid restrictions attendance is limited. PDG Helen Ryan and PPs John Stuhmcke, Geoff Diemar and Phill Smith have been invited to attend.



**Thankyou Rotary**

In recognition of the work done by our members up at the Yacaaba Centre recently Petra and Manu presented Pres Liz with a Certificate of Appreciation.



The Club had another late notice Bunnings BBQ last Sunday. Conditions were rather windy; however it proved a successful day for us. The morning shift was Lesley, Judi P, Milton & Sue Williams, Doug Melhuish and Doug Craike. The afternoon shift, was Milton and Sue, Doug Craike, Chris B, Ian Brigden and Geoff Diemar. Special mention to Doug Bairstow who arrived early with plenty of onions, which he organised at short notice. You are a champion Doug.

Trade was very brisk from noon to 3pm, and the crew kept busy throughout. The gross result was \$1,100 in cash and \$150 in Bunnings vouchers, (compensation for helping at the last minute). The net result after costs was \$800, plus vouchers, providing the Club with some needed revenue. Both crews received many compliments during the day, and thanks to Milton, Sue and Doug C for doing double shifts.

We do not have more events booked with Bunnings until Boxing Day, Saturday December 26, dependant on getting two teams of volunteers. This should be a busy day, with a large number of visitors in the Bay. We have also asked for the following Saturday January 2.

Again, thank you for the Volunteers who assisted at both Sunday BBQ's.

Chris Bartlett



Visiting this week were Sue and Dennis Hogan from Tamworth. Sue and Dennis are Peter Pages Daughter and Son-in-law. And the meal this week was excellent in my opinion.

### Binoculars

9/11 Phill and Chris Smith

16/11 John Stuhmcke/ Dieter Greiter

23/11 Richard Turner/ Mike Jenkins

29/11 John Crump/ Val Morris

Remember to test and clean binoculars and report any problems



### Rotary provides US\$20M in response to COVID19 needs.

The Rotary Foundation, Rotary's charitable arm, has to date awarded US\$20 million to support Rotary Clubs worldwide in their immediate response to COVID19 in their communities and to long term recovery.

To learn more about Rotary's response to COVID-19 and to find out how you can get involved, visit:

<https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-clubs-help-fight-covid-19-pandemic>

### District 9670, 2021 "Do-Goodery" Conference - rescheduled to May 2021.

DG David Roach has advised that the 2021 conference has been postponed to May and will take the format of a Virtual Conference.

This has been done to ensure certainty of the event.

Registrations will open in February 2021.

More whacky definitions from my favourite reference for all things trivial:

#### "Uncle John's Bathroom Reader"

*Forbidden:* Invested with a new and irresistible charm.

*Impiety:* Your irreverence towards my deity.

*Impunity:* Wealth.

*Lawyer:* One skilled at circumventing the law.

*Confused:* Someone who would give their right arm to be ambidextrous.

*Politician:* Someone who shakes your hand before an election and your confidence afterwards