



Bulletin 2 – 13 July 2023

CLUB ASSEMBLY

Our first official meeting of the Rotary year followed our unofficial meeting at the Bowling Club last week. Sergeant Warwick rang the gong at 6.30pm and welcomed President Ella to the chair for her first meeting.

Ella's first pleasant duty was to induct a new member to our club. Chris Bartlett has returned to full membership following a year as an honorary member. Chris has remained active volunteering for many duties with the club during his year away.

Richard Turner provided the three-minute talk. Richard reflected on the earlier days of Rotary when the organisation was much stricter with its governance regarding membership and attendance. Classifications were strictly applied and limited to one member and one senior active per vocation. He provided the example of religion. The 1956 Convention was asked to consider extending this classification to include individual religions as a means of extending membership. The board ruled that no exception would be made, and a single classification of religion would remain. Richard explained that fellowship was then as now an important part of Rotary. By way of example, he described how in 1956 the Rotary Club of Cessnock met some distance out of town. To assist with transport some members met at the Wentworth Hotel before moving on to the golf club. Penalties had to be imposed on those having too much fellowship at the Wentworth and arriving late for Rotary. Members of the Cessnock club received very badly the restriction of the membership classification "Coal Mining" to only one member. During that era Rotary clubs were active in promoting new service clubs. At the time Cessnock was involved with the charter of the Rotary Clubs of Kurri Kurri and Broken Hill. For the Broken Hill Charter night Cessnock chartered a plane so that several members could attend the event.

As is customary following a Board Meeting Ella provided a summary of business addressed by the Board. The club has committed to a further year of support to the Yacaaba Centre. A monthly donation of \$600 (reviewed after 6 months) will be made and we will continue to provide garden and lawn maintenance and other minor repairs to the premises. Ella indicated that the support to the centre matched very much RI President Gordon McNally's Rotary theme of "Create Hope in the World".

The Board was pleased to welcome Ian Brigden to fill the vacant Club Administration Director's role. The Board also resolved to invite Bill Michel, Ian Rolfe, Hugh Randall, Judi Priestley, Ryan Palmer, John Sully and Michael Jenkins to honorary membership for the year. LOA was granted to Secretary Don for his knee operation.

International Director John reported that the club intends to extend the KIVA project by creating an additional account of \$US 100. Jim Booth generously pledged to match this with another \$100 so the new account will be for \$US200. This program supports people in underdeveloped countries set up an enterprise by making a small loan to assist its establishment. Our experience has been that there is very little default with most loans repaid in a timely manner. That money is then reloaned to assist another enterprise. John also indicated that he would be organising several international nights during the year. The first will be held on Thursday 26 July at the Only Place Indian Restaurant at a cost of \$38 for the buffet. Numbers will be taken next week. Secretary Don provided members a short workshop session on the use of DACdb. This program provides management, communication and record storage.

COMING EVENTS.

20 July: Speaker TBA

18 Aug - RoadWhyz

31 Aug - Science
Discovery Day

23 Sept – Hospital
Garden opening.

BIRTHDAYS:

18 July: Ian Rolfe

23 July: Hugh Randall

23 July: Jessica Palmer

ANNIVERSARIES:

None this month

WINNERS:

H/T: Doug Craike

RAFFLE: Richard
Turner (Again)

Three Minute Talk:
Richard Turner

MEMBER DUTIES – (20 July).

Door: Doug Craike

Grace – Chris Bartlett

Toast – Peter McBean

Introduce Speaker:

David Clark

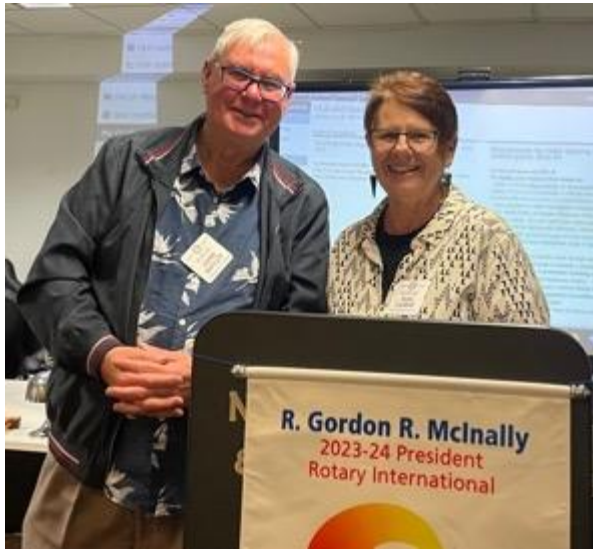
Thank Speaker: Geoff
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Bulletin: John Cropley

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**COMING EVENT
INTERNATIONAL
NIGHT (26 JULY).
The Only Place Indian
Restaurant
Stockton Street Nelson Bay.
6.00 pm for 6.30pm
Buffet \$38 other meals
available at cost.
BYO wine (corkage)
Partners welcome.
(Names on Thursday).**



Ella indicated that other social events proposed for the year included a vineyard visit to be planned by Richard Turner, a port bottling night and possibly a Myall Lakes trip.

Youth Director Lesley asked members to set aside 31 August for the Science Discovery Day at Tomaree High School MPC. Much help will be needed to unload, set up, dismantle and reload equipment between 7.00am and 3.00pm. She will also need some members to assist with Roadwhyz on 18 August and will be calling on volunteers to work at the Science and Engineering Challenge at the University of Newcastle on 21,22 and 23 August.

Our club will write a letter of support for Henk and Anjes Tobbe to assist their application for Australian residency. We were pleased to hear the news that Peter Page has been made a life member of the Probus Club of Port Stephens. Congratulations Peter!

GARDEN REPORT (CHRIS BARTLETT)

Progress is still being made as this week's photos show. After levelling soil, the main water feature was put in place and water added. The raised garden beds were enhanced with Colourbond attached to the sides and then covered. They look excellent. It is hoped the table and chairs will be installed soon. A reminder to members wood chip and planting dates are July 27 & 28.

We were informed by Hospital Management on Friday, that hospital patients have been watching our progress with much interest.

Secretary Don has also completed paperwork necessary to comply with the two grants we have been awarded. Accounting of all expenses associated with the project as well as an accurate listing of income, money raised by the club for the project and donations is complete. Don has also prepared the copy for the manufacture of the opening plaque and donor recognition. This has been carefully checked by Geoff, Warwick and Doug and will be forwarded to the manufacturer in readiness for the opening ceremony. Don also checked with the local MP's office to ensure the plaque satisfied the protocol requirements related to the opening procedure and government grant regulations.



MESSAGE FROM YOUTH DIRECTOR LESLEY.

EVENT	DATE	DETAILS
Discovery Day	31 August	THS - 8 members to set up, oversee each activity during the day and pack up at the end of the day. (7am – 2.30pm).
Roadwhyz	18 August	St Phillips Christian College (8.30am – 3.00pm).
Science and Engineering Challenge NSW Final	21-23 August	Assistants needed at University of Newcastle (8am – 2.30pm)

Please let Lesley know if you can help ASAP.

Discovery Day on 31 August is an event for which we are responsible and will need to be supported by member involvement.