

## Bulletin No 20- November 17 2016

### COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS RECOGNISED

District Governor Steve Jackson pictured with Vicky McCleer, Doug Cross, David Birss, Gerry Mohan and Max Pride with their PHF awards.



Nelson Bay Rotary Club recognised five Volunteers for their outstanding contribution to the local community by presenting them with Paul Harris Fellowship awards at a special club night on Thursday. Some 64 members, partners, visiting Rotarians, Community Business Leaders and guests were present to celebrate the occasion, organised by our Club's Rotary Foundation Committee Chair, Phil Smith and his team.. Our Club, strong supporters of the Rotary Foundation, presented the PHF awards in part celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the Rotary Foundation.

District Foundation Chair, Peter Rayner was the key note speaker and with assistance from District Governor Steve Jackson presented PHF's to Vicky McCleer (Tomaree High School), Nelson Bay Australia Committee Chair, Doug Cross, friend of our Club, David Birss, Harbourside Haven Chair, Gerry Mohan and Tomaree Men's Prostate Cancer Group champion, Max Pride. The citations for all 5 appear on Page 2,

All recipients have performed outstanding Community service and were all worthy of the PHF's, each thanking our Club for recognising them for their volunteer roles they play in our Community and acknowledging our Club's work. During his address, Peter Rayner highlighted our Club's contribution to the Rotary Foundation, where some \$128,000 has been given over the past 60 years, a truly outstanding effort..

It might be noted that a total of 11 nominees were presented to Phil and his team, highlighting the strong volunteer culture on the Tomaree Peninsula. The evening was an outstanding success showcasing both Rotary, Volunteers and the Rotary Foundation.

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#### Birthdays this coming week: None

#### Anniversaries:

**Nov 21** Peter & Marianne McBean- 52 years.

#### Heads and Tails: Val Morris

#### Raffle: Glenda

Ridgeway –Salamander Bay Rotary

#### Member Duties 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016

**Door:** Richard Harris/ John DeRidder

**Meet/Greet:** Geoff Basser

**Loyal Toast:** John Crump

**Grace:** Ian Brigden

**Intro Guest speaker:** Geoff Diemar

**Thank Guest Speaker:** Doug Craike

**Bulletin:** Don Whatham

**Photographer** Henk Tobbe

**Guest Speaker** Pam Welham-Taiwan GSE Visit

**Apologies/Extras to John Crump by 12noon on Wednesday! Ph 0401 450 239**

## COMMUNITY PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS



David Birss is a keen Golfer and a fitness fanatic. A casual comment to Rotarian Ian Faulkner one day on the Golf Course has led to the installation of fitness equipment along the Nelson Bay Foreshore.

In the early 80s David was diagnosed with high blood pressure and set on a course to improve his lifestyle including regular exercise. During a period when he lived in Switzerland he discovered “Vita Parcours” the term used for “exercise trail” – thus the inspiration for the Nelson Bay Exercise Trail.

David has been the driving force liaising between Council, Rotary, equipment suppliers, printers and local politicians. His contribution to the success of the Golf Day can only be described as outstanding. While not a Rotarian, his attention to detail in all aspects of the Golf Day, including the players, sponsors, and our Rotary Club was remarkable and ensured there was enough funds to complete the project.

Not quite completed, but with the end in sight the Nelson Bay Exercise Trail will provide health benefits to the local community for generations to come.

That in itself deserves recognition.

But there is another consideration. The Exercise Trail sets our town aside with a point of difference that will draw tourists to the town. So, there is a financial benefit as well.

David we would like to thank you for your enthusiasm and vision and recognise your efforts with this award.

Most people would know Max Pride due to his involvement with the Nelson Bay Golf Club. President from 2003, a dynamic leader he led the Club through many successful years before stepping down in 2011. In 2013 he returned as President a position he holds today.



We at Nelson Bay Rotary know Doug through his involvement with the Nelson Bay Australia Day Celebrations. Doug has lived in the Bay for more than twenty years and has been heavily involved in the local community during that time including a keen participator and promoter of the Port Stephens Yacht Club.

In 2005 he was named the RAAF Citizen of The Year - awarded to RAAF personnel in recognition of those who dedicated their time to helping partners of RAAF Personnel. He has served for some 10 years on the committee and as chairman for 6 years.

But as I said we best know Doug through his involvement with the Australia Day Celebrations. Doug instigated the Billy Cart Darby which was incorporated into the Australia Day Celebrations of which he has also been involved for some 20 years – 10 of them as Chairman.

Through his efforts council were convinced to incorporate the Australia Day Celebrations into their budget and the event has grown exponentially since then.

Today, Australian Citizenship ceremony is incorporated into the celebrations.

Australia Day means different things to different people. It is a day to relax, to enjoy our own Australian way of life, to celebrate our achievements, to catch up with friends.

But more than that it is a day that brings us together in a day of National Pride.

One of Rotary's aims is world Peace. Now it might seem a long bow to draw to suggest that our own Australia Day celebrations fall into that category. But when you think about it, it is the small things that added together contribute to the greater picture.



Through his and others efforts many charitable organisations have benefitted from events held at the course over the years including Rotary, Community Hospital Men of League to name a few.

The fire of 2015 which saw the Clubhouse demolished led to many stressful days for Max, but his determination and drive resulted in successful negotiations which has seen the Club commence rebuilding with an expected completion date of June 2017.

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## COMMUNITY PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS -CONTINUED



Gerry Mohan has been a director of Port Stephens Veterans and Citizens Aged Care Ltd. (Harbourside Haven) since around 2000 and took over as Chairman around 2008

Whilst always a successful enterprise, since taking on the Chairmanship, Harbourside Haven (A Not for Profit Company) has changed direction resulting in a much more co-operative and cohesive unit.

Staff and Board members are working harmoniously and the operation has expanded greatly under his leadership.

Working closer with Council and Governing Bodies the Company enjoys much improved relationships.

With Villages at Shoal Bay, Fingal Bay and Salamander Bay, Harbourside is the largest employer in the Shire (apart from the RAAF) and staff relations could not be better ensuring the very best of service and care for its around 300 residents. The three facilities at Shoal Bay, Fingal Bay and Salamander Bay, provide accommodation ranging from self-care villas and apartments to a dementia unit and nursing home.

Gerry puts in many hours in his position as Chairman – a voluntary position. He attends many meetings out of town and otherwise is in his office every working day at the Shoal Bay facility.

“Gerry under your stewardship Harbourside Haven flourishes. You are the instigator and driving force of many its programs and we would like to recognise your efforts with this award.

### Continued from Page 2 **MAX PRIDE PHF**

In the short period Max was not president he threw himself into forming the Tomaree Prostate Cancer Support Group which provides assistance to the growing number of sufferers in our area.

The group provides: a “Buddy Program” where survivors buddy up with sufferers, Education and awareness programs, Volunteer Drivers and Monthly meetings “Max, your enthusiasm and drive has and is contributing to the health and amenity of the area and we would like to recognise you for your efforts”.

President of the Nelson Bay Business Chamber Ryan Palmer was a guest at our special PHF night on Thursday.



### **Vicki McCleer.**

Vicki was appointed to the staff of Nelson Bay High School in 1990 as a teacher in the English and History department. She has continued to teach at the school and transferred to the new location at Tomaree High School in 1998. She is currently Head Teacher Student Welfare and relieves as Deputy Principal.

In addition to being an outstanding teacher in the history department Vicki has taken a keen interest in the welfare of students and has worked in a voluntary capacity over and above her normal duties to ensure the well-being of many young people experiencing difficulties of a personal, family, social or mental health nature.



**PORT STEPHENS COUNCIL AND  
ROTARY CLUB OF NELSON BAY  
INVITE YOU TO BE PRESENT AT:  
THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE  
ROTARY CLUB OF NELSON BAY  
MULTI-GYM CIRCUIT  
LITTLE BEACH  
VICTORIA PARADE**

**WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2016**

**TIME: 3.00 pm**

**Light refreshments will be available  
Please rsvp by 10<sup>th</sup> December to Ann  
Evans**

**[aevans@addisonpartners.com.au](mailto:aevans@addisonpartners.com.au)**

**\$100,000 Returned for  
Community Projects**

Community Services Director, Chris Bartlett gave members and our guests a brief overview of the Club's Community activities over the past two months.

Our Club have been extremely busy, resulting in over \$100,000 being given or allocated for Community Projects as follows

- \$35,000 to the Port Stephens Women In Crisis Group for their building project
  - Payment of \$36,000 (Federal and Rotary Foundation Grant funds) for mechanical Gym equipment for Stage 2 of the Nelson Bay Rotary Fitness Trail
  - \$25,000 (proceeds from the Charity Golf Day) allocated for the completion of the Fitness Trail
  - \$4,500 to the Tomaree Special Ed School for playground equipment
  - \$1800 to the Geoff Richardson Appeal through Richo's Rugby Day
  - \$1,400 to Anna Bay Public School for the Years 3 to 6 Kids playground equipment
  - \$1,000 to Nelson Bay Anglican Church Vanuatu School Supplies Project
  - Nelson Bay Junior Rugby team's Vanuatu school/hospital supplies project
  - \$250 to Safari (RPA fane) Kenyan School Education Project.
- TOTAL \$105,950**

**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 \$50.00 per person (both for members and guests).

This includes the meal and some 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.



District Governor Elect, Helen Ryan in a pensive mood at the District AGM held at Denman RSL Club on Saturday where the new District Constitution was approved unopposed by the 31 Clubs attending.



### **BUNNINGS BBQ**

We conducted a Bunnings BBQ at short notice last Friday in very hot conditions. The gross takings were \$475.00, with net proceeds \$350 to be returned to our Service Account. Thank you to the two John's (Stuhmcke and Crump), Mike Jenkins, Judi P and Ian McIver for their assistance, it is appreciated.

We have the following dates locked over the next 6 weeks...

Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> 5.30 to 8.00 pm  
(Bunnings Xmas Party) Crew organised.

Friday December 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016.

Sunday January 1<sup>st</sup> 2017.

We will be seeking Volunteers for both of these events.



New Member Graham Pretty and wife Jill enjoyed our very successful Community PHF night on Thursday.

### **CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY DECEMBER 8**

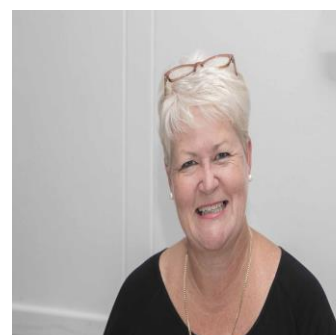
All members are asked to put into their dairies, (electronic or otherwise), or fridge calendar. An attendance of 75% of the members is required to approve the changes to the Club's Constitution and By Laws.

Secretary Don has issued the minor changes required by both Rotary International and Fair Trading NSW.

Nominations are also open for the 2017/18 Board, which will be announced at the AGM



President of the Port Stephens branch of Business Network group Craig Cattloe enjoyed his first Rotary experience at Thursday night's PHF Community Awards.



News of the Area reporter Jewell Drury has been a great friend of the club in recent months, giving our Club some excellent coverage. Thank you Jewell, look to seeing more of you

### **HISTORY SEGMENT**

**Richard Turner's history summary from Thursday night's meeting will be published in next week's edition due to a technical glitch**

### **BINOCULARS UPDATE**

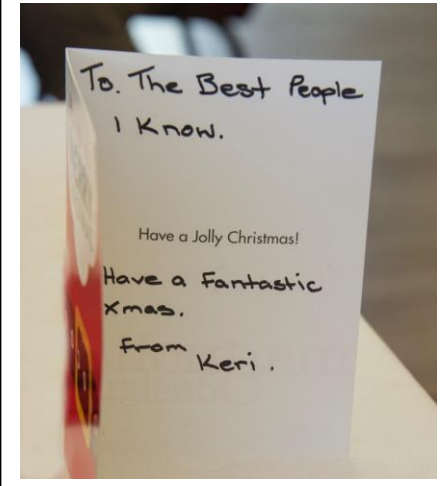
Following the recent issue we had with the binoculars, we can report that apart from a small issue with the security bar lock, everything is now working well. Given that Gan Gan Lookout is the No 1 most visited site (according to Trip Advisor) on the Tomaree Peninsula we can expect good returns in the upcoming months.



Among our many visitors on Thursday night, was Salamander Bay Rotarian Jennifer Gray and husband Paul. It was great to see our friends from Salamander..



## PROJECT NEIGHBOUR XMAS PARTY



Stand in photographer Phil Smith captured some of the activity at the Project Neighbour Christmas Lunch held on Wednesday at the All Saints Church Hall where some 30 guest and Rotarian and partners celebrated Xmas early.....



Our newly transferred member Liz Friend has quickly fitted with Club activities and enjoyed lunch with honorary member Murray Nicol on Wednesday at All Saints Church Hall.



### UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

- Wednesday Nov 23 PSC Community Volunteers lunch – Medowie
- Thursday Nov 24 Club Meeting- Pam Wellham, Taiwan GSE Visit
- Thursday Dec 1 Xmas Party at Rock Lobster
- Thursday Dec 8 Club Annual General Meeting. 75% attendance required to pass new Constitution and By Laws
- Wednesday Dec 14 Opening of Stage 2 the Nelson Bay Rotary Fitness/Exercise trail at 3pm Little Beach
- Wednesday Dec 14 Board Meeting
- Thursday Dec 15 Last meeting for 2016

APOLOGIES & EXTRAS TO JOHN CRUMP BY NOON  
WEDNESDAY'S PLEASE –PHONE OR SMS 0401 450 289- THANK YOU