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This weeks meeting was a club night. President Ann presented a review of last night's Board meeting.

We have completed a very busy month with major events supporting Australian Rotary Health, PolioPlus and the Rotary Foundation as well as a vocational visit to Nelson Bay PCYC one of our major benefactors. Josh Freeman and Rebecca Petterson attended RYPEN. Josh and his parents said it was a life changing experience, he made more friends that weekend than he had in his whole life. Rebecca reported that she learnt a lot on the course. Both Josh and Rebecca will attend next week's meeting. Club members have provided support to their fellow members. Thanks to Doug Bairstow, John Sully and Jenny Shaw for assistance to Norm.

Kathy Rimmer was one of seven Rotarians who graduated last Sunday at the D9670 Rotary Leadership Institute. Congratulations and well done Kathy, you are an inspiring Rotarian. (photo Kathy receiving certificate from DG Adrian).



We can certainly be very proud of our club and its achievements.

Club Management Matters:

- The board approved a \$3,500 donation to PolioPlus being the proceeds from the film night and a small supplementation from club funds. An additional \$57 was donated by Don and Hilda Orr.
- We have received confirmation that our application for Federal funding for stage 2 of the Exercise track has won local approval and has now proceeded to the next stage with the Dept. of Infrastructure.
- Approval was granted for the next payment of \$800 to Fatima, our nurse in training in Timor Leste.
- The Board is processing an application for funding in the 2015 Volunteer Grant Program.
- PP Chris, his exercise track committee and Port Stephen's Council have completed planning and construction will begin shortly on stage 1 of the exercise trail with the official opening planned for 10.30am on Friday 18 December at Dutchies Beach West (station 1).
- We will cater for the reopening of the re-vamped council skate park on 27 November. Port Stephen's Council will pay us \$300 for our catering costs.
- Other matters currently receiving attention by the Board are planning for Australia Day, golf day, tank installation Gan Gan, Project Neighbor Christmas Lunch, our Rotary Christmas Party, 60th Anniversary History book and celebrations and a series of Bunning's barbeques.

Lady Luck:

Raffle winners were PCYC Chris Bartlett and this week Peter McBean. Heads and Tails won by Bart.

Congratulations:

Birthdays:

No Birthdays this week

Wedding

Anniversary:

18 Oct – Ella & John Clarke

19 Oct – Murray & Lorraine Nichol.

Next Week:

Door: Bart Richardson, John Shaw.

Meet & Greet: Judith Mitchell

Toast: Richard Harris

Grace: Bill Michel.

Introduce Speaker:

Mike Mobbs

Thank Speaker:

Arja Levonpera

Bulletin: Dieter Greiter

Photos: Henk Tobbe.

Future Meetings - Program

- 19 November 2015: Richard Wiltshire – An engineer with a difference (remember the P76).
- 26 November 2015: Tara Scott – Education of women in Sierra Leone.
- 3 December 2015: Our club AGM (Election of officers/Confirm constitution & by-laws).
- 10 December 2015: Our club Annual Rotary Christmas Party.
- 17 December 2015: Club & Friends fun BBQ at Rotary Park Fly Point.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

Members are advised that these days we need to have a working with children check completed. It may not be that you specifically relate to children through Rotary but this is still a requirement for all volunteers. There is no charge for volunteers.

The process involves preparing an online application at: www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au. Or by telephone (02) 9286 7219

You then need to take the application number provided to a Motor Registry office for identification purposes. Once this is done they provide a certificate which should be supplied to President Ann to be held on the clubs records.

SUICIDE PREVENTION WORKSHOP

Port Stephens Suicide Prevention Network is conducting a subsidised workshop at Salamander Shores on November 19, 20, 2015. Any members who would be interested in attending need to do so promptly either by initially contacting Salamander Bay Rotarian Bernie Fitzsimons on 0419 171 291 or phone Lifeline on 4940 2000 to register. This organisation does a fantastic job in our local community. More information also available online at the Lifeline website.

BARBEQUE DATES. (Please see Chris Bartlett to volunteer)

FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER (One Shift Only required)

FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER (One Shift Only required)

SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER (Two Shifts required)

SATURDAY 26 DECEMBER Boxing Day- (Two shifts required)

FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER Community BBQ's Friday Skate Park Opening

SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER PSFM 100.9 CHRISTMAS PARTY.



Apologies/Extras: to Ros Cribb by noon on Wednesday Phone or Text to: 0401 450 239



2016 Conference Bookings - NOW OPEN!

The District Conference committee are pleased to announce that you can now register for the Conference being held at Mudgee 4-6 March 2016.

To secure your booking go to: <http://www.trybooking.com/157059>

Conference Tickets

** Note Early Bird = tickets purchased prior to 30 Dec 2015*

General Tickets - \$139. EARLY BIRD General Tickets - \$109

Under 30 Years old - \$109. EARLY BIRD Under 30Yrs old - \$79

Conference tickets include: Saturday conference, morning tea and lunch; Saturday night Conference dinner; Sunday conference, morning tea.

Optional Extras - of course, all are recommended!

Thursday night BBQ - \$15.00 for the early arrivers!

Friday night Welcome - \$20.00 A casual night to meet friends, includes country style spit roast.

Saturday Night Dinner & Entertainment ONLY - \$50. For those NOT attending the conference, but the dinner only

Saturday Breakfast & Speaker - \$15.00

Sunday Breakfast & Speaker - \$15.00

Sunday - Takeaway Lunch (pre-order only) - \$16.00

CLUB WELFARE.

Rotary membership provides ordinary people an opportunity to do extraordinary things to make the World a better place. The five avenues of service Youth, Community, Vocational, International and the Rotary Foundation provide a framework for us to make a positive difference to the lives of many people.

From time to time our own members need support. Most commonly this is because of personal or family health issues. Often our remoteness from specialized medical assistance is a source of concern. We are very thankful of the kind thoughts and deeds of our fellow Rotarians. Our club welfare officer, Helen Ryan is always ready to co-ordinate help for our members. From time to time she will seek out others who can assist particularly with transport issues.

I also bring to your attention the availability of the local Community Transport Group. Transport to Newcastle, Maitland and other local facilities can be accessed for medical treatment by eligible citizens. Appointments need to be made to fit in with the Community Transport timetable and for a small cost you will be given home to service provider to home service. This includes a carer taking you to your appointment on arrival. Helen has information about the service. Our club has provided financial assistance and support to the Community Transport group and two Rotarians serve on their management committee.

Coming events at Nelson Bay Bowling Club. The Bowling Club provides us wonderful support during the year. Our members may be interested in attending either or both of these events. (See next page)

Wine Maker's DINNER

Saturday 21st November 2015
 6.00pm Arrival On The Crows Nest Deck for Canapés
 6.30pm sit down
\$60.00 per person
 Includes Fabulous Wines from Casella, guest speaker
 and 4 Course meal

Menu

CANAPÉS
 Cheesy puff pastry twists
 Fresh prawn and enocado salsa cruda
 BBQ sticky lamb riblet
 Bloody Mary oyster spoon

ENTRÉE
 Prawn and lobster stuffed tarpon's zucchini flower
 with citrus Chermoula sauce
 Pork fillet negroni wrapped in bacon on
 bread kumato and apple ratatouille

MAIN
 Slow (12 hour) roasted Angus roast fillet
 on potato and brinjal vegetables,
 topped with smoky mushroom duxelles
 Caramel duck supreme in orange
 5 spice accompanied with cabbage
 salad drizzling vegetables and
 spicy orange sauce

DESSERT
 Creme brulee infused with ginger
 and lemon grass and chocolate wafers
 Tarpon's mango clouds served in
 cinnamon bunlet with Cointreau
 duckies bannet



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Tickets available
 from Reception
 Book Now - Limited Seats

Twilight BOWLS

Supper at 6.30
BOWLS at 7.00 - 9.00pm
 Supper Provided
 Bowls Under Lights
 Aided by an Experienced Helper

\$25.00
 Per Person

What better way to spend a balmy summers evening?

Pre-booking is essential so we have an idea of numbers each week, for catering and to organise teams/rinks.



To book or make an enquiry please call
Richard or Nicole on 4981 1272

MICKSON BAY BOWLING & RECREATION CLUB