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Pam Wellham – Group Study Exchange



Tonight's guest speaker was Wallsend-Maryland Rotarian Pam Wellham who led the D9670 GSE team to D3640 Taiwan in March 2016. Pam's team consisted of Ben Lee a physiotherapist, Kellie Jordan a tourism specialist and Alex Carruthers specialist in vocational education at Singleton Community College. All team members live in Singleton and were nominated by Singleton Rotary clubs with financial assistance from other District clubs including our own.

Taiwanese people speak a mixture of Mandarin, Taiwanese and a local indigenous language. Pam was able to deliver the introduction to her presentation in Mandarin.

Rotary is growing in Taiwan and the

team spent a significant part of the visit in the rural areas of the country. The people were friendly and very generous whilst clubs were quite formal and traditional. Membership was based generally on classification and members were mostly from senior executive and managerial positions. There was a major push for everyone to complete a university degree. Trades people and unskilled labour was mostly imported from neighbouring countries and employed on a short term basis, generally one year.

Pam and the team members enjoyed the ten course lunches and dinners with the many meetings featuring ongoing toasts with whiskey. The team experienced vocational visits to work places representing all the team's vocations as well as visits to traditional Chinese medical centres where acupuncture was a common form of treatment.

As well as presenting to all host clubs the team made a presentation at the D3640 district Conference which was attended by 5500 district Rotarians. The conference featured traditional Taiwanese musical and cultural entertainment and an overview of the district's programs. DG Dental made a \$5000 donation to the D9670 Rotary RAWCS project in PNG

Pam reported that the Taiwanese team had really enjoyed their trip to our district and spoke fondly of their time in Wellington and Bourke. Pam also concluded that her team had gained confidence and presentation skills during the visit to Taiwan and that all had gained much benefit from their participation in the program.

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Weekly Winners:

- Raffle winner John deRidder and heads & Tails Graham Pretty

Congratulations:

Birthdays:

- 30 Nov: Doug Craike
- 1 Dec: Glennys Parker

Next Week:

Door:

Bart Richardson

Meet & Greet:

All Rotarians make your fellow Rotarians and Guests welcome

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John deRidder

Photos:

Henk Tobbe.

PCYC TIME FOR KIDS CRUISE

Our Club's involvement with Port Stephens PCYC was highlighted on Thursday night where 6 Club members represented the Club on a Harbour Cruise aboard the Moonshadow.

Nelson Bay Rotary have been strong supporters of Time for Kids, with young Bart traditionally "locked up" for a couple of hours at the Nelson Bay Marina, before being released after a \$500 payment was made.

This year, our \$500 contribution enabled the Club to send Bart, Dieter, Ann, Kathy, Arja and Chris B on a Time for Kids Cruise. Some 100 guests, including 32 Rotarians and partners from Raymond Terrace Rotary Club, celebrating their Xmas Party, enjoyed dinner and a 3 hour cruise.

This fund raising evening saw over \$3,000 raised for the Time for Kids program. Bart was saved from "walking the plank" and was recognised by the PCYC for his community contribution of over 60 years.

Our \$500 contribution, takes our total giving in the last 8 weeks to \$106,450, with the majority going to local community projects. The above Rotarians wish to thank the Club for the opportunity to present the Club at this event.



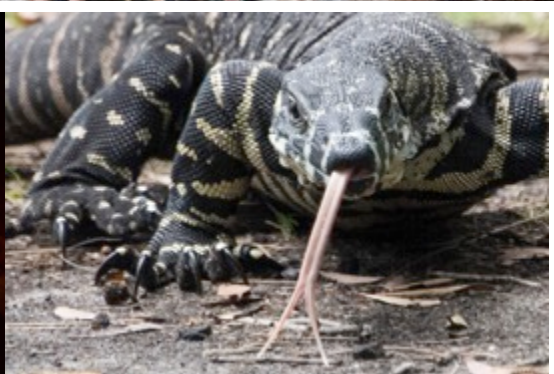
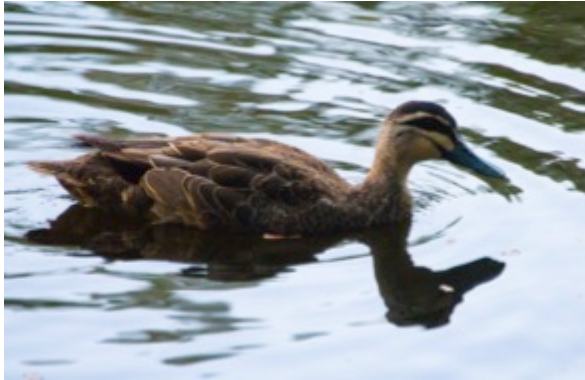
Our seafaring Rotarians with PCYC Committee Chair Diane Scobie ready to board the Moonshadow on Thursday night

CHRISTMAS DRINKS WITH PRESIDENT JUDY.

All members, partners and family are invited to a casual social evening on Tuesday 13 December, from 6pm to 8pm in the Recreation Room at the Breakwall Apartments, 2 Messines Street.

Enjoy a Christmas get together, wine and beer and some nibbles. Bring your swimmers if you would like a dip in the pool.

If unable to come please let John Crump know. I look forward to seeing you. Judy.



ANNUAL MYALL LAKES ENVIRONMENTAL WEEKEND.

Last weekend 14 Rotarians, friends and family enjoyed 3 days at the wonderful Myall Lakes. Our thanks to Bill Michel for his organization and Geoff Diemar for the use of his punt. These photos were taken by Phill Smith. A great weekend of Rotary fellowship.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

1 December – Rotary Club Christmas Party. Rock Lobster Restaurant. 6pm for 6.30pm. Please make your payment by direct deposit ASAP or inform President Judy that you will be attending.

8 December – Rotary Club of Nelson Bay AGM – at this meeting we will accept the revised constitution, by-laws, 2015/6 financial report and elect club officers for 2017/18. 75% attendance required.

8 December – Bunnings Christmas party. 5.30pm to 8 pm. Some members and partners rostered.

13 December – Social drinks for Christmas with President Judy and Director Bob.

Wednesday 14 December – official opening of multi-gym circuit at 3pm at Little Beach.

RSVP 10 December to Ann Evans.

14 December – Board meeting.

15 December – last meeting for 2016.

Friday 23 December – Bunnings barbeque.

Sunday 1 January – Bunnings barbeque.



DOLLS HOUSE FOR TAMWORTH INDIGENOUS HEALTH CLINIC

Past Presidents Warwick & Geoff delivered and installed the “Barbie Doll’s Castle” which was donated by Petrina Cook, formerly of Nelson Bay to Associate Professor Dr. Kelvin Kong. Kelvin had requested the Doll’s House be installed at Tamworth Indigenous Health Clinic which is one of the outreach centers he services. Kelvin born and educated in Nelson Bay is an ear, nose and throat specialist. Kelvin’s work was recognized by our club with the presentation of a PHF at our last changeover. Geoff and Warwick also delivered a special medical free standing microscope ex Newcastle to the Tamworth facility to assist medical diagnosis’s on Dr. Kongs behalf.

CLUB HISTORIAN RICHARD TURNER.

Extracts from Club Historian Richard’s presentation at last week’s Foundation night:

Club achievements 1956 to 1981:

Waterfront improvements. Indeed the first community service project of the club was the erection of dressing sheds on Victoria Parade. Following on under the Waterfront heading we see such things as the supply of barbecues, picnic tables and the actual development of waterfront reserves. The allocation of land and the development of Fly Point Park was a Rotary initiative along with a large tree planting program. The club has been involved over the years with assistance in various forms to local hospitals, schools, surf clubs, fire brigades, scouts and girl guides, the formation of other clubs, social welfare, youth clubs and in the beginning the hosting of crippled children on an annual holiday, which ran for thirty three years.

The period 1981 to 2000 included the continuation of many of these things but also included assistance to such things as the “Day on the Bay” for the hearing impaired children which continues today. Local surf clubs were supplied equipment such as rubber duckies, radios and vehicles. Further assistance and funds were given to the Polyclinic, Coastal Patrol, palliative care along with an Intensive Care Ambulances being outfitted. Harbourside Haven was supplied funds to outfit two wards along with receiving funds towards the purchase of a bus. The list goes on and includes

everything from painting a widow's house, the supply of equipment to local fire brigades and the provision of skate board facilities for local youth. These type of activities continued from 2000 to today and I wind up by specifically mentioning just some of the clubs achievements over the last three years and these include the ever increasing successful Golf Day which averages around \$30000.00 raised each year which goes back into this local community. The Australia Day function also enables Rotary to raise funds from the community for the community.

The Police Citizens Youth Club has and continues to be assisted and the refurbished and spectacular Gan Gan Lookout is a direct result of Rotary working in the community. The Rotary Fitness Exercise Trail has eventuated as a result of funds raised by our club including grants from the Rotary Foundation. Our Project Neighbour program where club members take elderly citizens out on a short outing each month continues to be most rewarding. The club's Youth Drivers Awareness program which this year hosted 201 young adults has proved enormously successful and with recent improvements is shaping up to be even more successful.

The reading program Rotary provides to three schools on the peninsular has proven to be one of the most worthwhile ongoing projects the club has developed over the years. Recently we have provided substantial funds to local schools for their Mental Health program so to we have recently helped fund the play area for the disadvantaged students at Tomaree High. The very successful hosting of the Science Discovery Day involving five local primary school schools is very worthwhile, well received by students and teachers and very rewarding to Rotarians. Over the years the club has hosted and sponsored many incoming and outgoing exchange students and GSE team members. Youth has been sponsored to attend RYLA, RYPEN and National Youth Science programs on many occasions.

Most recently the club raised approximately \$35,000 at the Long Lunch to assist building of housing at the Womens' Crisis Centre and assisted the Anna Bay Primary School by donation and voluntary work at the market day to raise money to complete the school play area.

GEOFF BECOMES AN IMMORTAL.



PP Geoff Diemar joined the long list of club members who have been awarded an Immortals pin. The pin is earned by making a \$100 donation to the Rotary Foundation.

This amount is invested permanently and the interest earned is used to fund Rotary Foundation Projects.

The Rotary Foundation celebrates its 100 Anniversary next year and our goal is for every member to become an Immortal to celebrate.



Left: Hunter Bill at the Myall.
Right: Sunday lunch Myall trip.

**APOLOGIES AND EXTRAS TO JOHN CRUMP
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