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Model United Nations Assembly.



Clubs nominate senior students to participate in the MUNA program which is designed to build bridges of goodwill and understanding. MUNA simulates the workings of the United Nations Assembly by having teams of 2 or 3 students from a number of schools representing different UN countries in debates on matters of world political and social concern. The purpose of MUNA is to encourage young people to learn about other nations and to understand and appreciate the workings of the United Nations while they develop research and debating skills, time management strategies, essential team work processes and gain self confidence in public speaking.

MUNA is held annually in Muswellbrook at the Council Chambers with a senior Rotarian with a legal background as Secretary General.

Resolutions are made available to all participating schools and students. Before the debate begins a delegate may deliver a brief address setting out the most important facts about the country he or she represents. The resolutions to be debated are selected from those actually debated by the UN as well as a number of motions proposed by the teams. The debates reproduce genuine UN debates, often with a fine flow of rhetoric, points of order, motions of dissent and even block walkouts.

This year Joshua Freeman and Russell Hamlyn-Harris from St Phillip's Christian College attended. Last night the boys accompanied by Joshua's father reported on their experience. They represented Syria and after a nervous start gained much confidence as the weekend progressed. They enjoyed the camaraderie and intense debate. The sessions with other MUNA delegates often extended well after the formal sessions had concluded.

Joshua's father spoke of the development he had noted in the boys. Both had been selected to participate at Remembrance Day services at their school and in Nelson Bay.

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Bike Ride.

Weekly Winner:

Heads & Tails was
won tonight by Doug
Craike

Congratulations:

Birthdays:
30 Nov: Doug Craike

Anniversaries:
19 Nov: Murray &
Lorraine Nichol
Nov 21: Peter &
Marianne McBean

Next Week:

Speaker:
Karen McTaggart
Youth in Search
report.

Door:
Ian McIver, Bill Michel

Meet & Greet:
Peter Page, Ed Parker

Toast;
Tricia Parnell

Grace:
Judi Priestley
Introduce Speaker:

Phill Smith

Thank Speaker:

Henk Tobbe

Bulletin:

Henk Tobbe

Photos:

Henk Tobbe.

AUSTRALIA ROTARY HEALTH DINNER A SUCCESS

(Report provided thanks to Chris Bartlett)

Australian Rotary Health Representative Chris Bartlett, organised a special ARH dinner at Maitland City Bowling Club on Wednesday night. Special Guest speaker was Greg Ross, Chairman of the Board of ARH, with ARH Director Brian Beesley (Rotary Club of Gloucester) the MC for the evening. Nearly 70 Rotarians were present, and 8 club's represented, including our Club, through Chris Bartlett and Judi Priestley, DG Helen and Mike, ARH Life member Don Whatham and Fiona and PP Judy and Bob Mitchell.

Greg Ross, former star of the series Cop Shop, entertained those present, with poetry, song and a powerful message about Lifting the Lid on Mental Illness. His passion for this research project was evident, and he has committed to work tirelessly over the next 3 years as Chairman, to raise the profile of mental illness, across all age barriers.

Our very own, Don Whatham, in thanking Greg reinforced the work Australian Rotary Health has carried out over many years, and congratulated Greg on his passion to such a great cause. Don also highlighted the young researchers studying at Newcastle University who are making a difference.

MC Brian then conducted an Auction, the main prize being a 2 night accommodation package at the Landmark Resort, kindly donated by Dieter and Helga Greiter. With some additional items thrown in, a total of \$800 was raised on the night for ARH.

The East Maitland Club then presented a cheque for nearly \$1600, raised during pub raffles, in October at their "local".

DG Helen thanked all those who attended and congratulated ARH on their foresight in raising the Lifting the Lid campaign.

BUNNINGS BARBEQUE.

Coordinator Tony Todd announced the roster for Friday 17 November.

AM: Tony Todd, Judi Priestley, John Sully, Phill Smith.

PM: Chris Bartlett, John Stuhmcke, Ed Parker, Milton Williams.

Tony has called for volunteers for Friday 1 December and Saturday 2 December.

ROTARY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday 30 November 2017 at 6.00 for 6.30pm at LITTLE BEACH BOATHOUSE RESTAURANT.

Cost \$55 including drink and special bread. Booking deadline 23 November.

CLUB WORK SHIRTS.

A committee led by President Kathy met at Totally Workwear on Wednesday afternoon to discuss available options of shirts for our club work projects. Shane from Totally Workwear will attend this weeks meeting with samples and shirts for members to test for size.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

23 November: Karen McTaggart - Youth in Search

30 November - Club Christmas Party - Little Beach Boat House

Friday 1 December: Bunnings Barbeque

Saturday 2 December:: Bunnings Barbeque.

Thursday 7 December: AGM



WARWICK AND THE GREAT POSTIE BIKE RIDE

The picture above features Warwick and his fellow “bikie” friends on the recent “Great Postie Bike Ride”. The group set out to travel around the coast and outback NSW to raise funds for the Variety Club. Variety – the Children’s Charity supports children and families who are facing many challenges through sickness, disadvantage or living with a disability.

Forty bikes participated, riding through rain, storms and hail over roads ranging from dirt tracks to motorways. A total of \$175,000 was raised for the Children’s charity. Warwick raised over \$4,800 and thanks those who supported his effort.

WELL DONE WARWICK!

FOUNDATION – IMMORTAL NEWS..



Foundation Director John Cropley presented our latest Immortal Peter Page with his Immortal Badge. Peter brings the club member total to 17 and added to the 16 presented at our Foundation Dinner last week means that a total of \$3,300 has been donated by our club to the Foundation’s Permanent Fund. John also commented on the reports of appreciation he had received from last week’s community recipients.

Additional donations of \$300 made by community members at our club last week raised the club total to \$3,600. John has invited all club members to make the \$100 donation to the fund.

ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE

Rotary Friendship Exchange is Rotary’s exchange program for Rotarians and their spouses. Friendship Exchanges allow Rotarians the opportunity to experience another culture first hand in the homes of fellow Rotarians in another country. Rotarians share homes and experiences during the visit.

The exchanges are reciprocal and usually last about 2 weeks. The goal of the program is to advance international understanding, goodwill and peace through person to person contact across national boundaries. Rotarians spend 2 to 3 nights with each host usually in different areas of that Rotary District. The number of participants of an exchange can be from 4 to 10 couples but this number can be changed by agreement between the Districts.

D9670 District Chair Patricia Moore, is in the process of planning a Friendship Exchange with D5610 in the United States. President Kathy has asked John Sully to be our Club’s Friendship Co-Ordinator. John has experience with the Friendship Program.