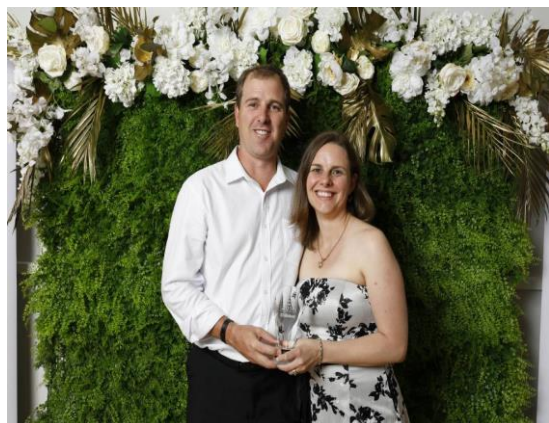


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### ANOTHER HONOUR FOR PRESIDENT KATHY- AUSTRALIA DAY AMBASSADOR



Kathy pictured above with husband Josh after winning the Port Stephens Examiner Business of the Year Award two weeks ago and pictured below discussing our Gan Gan Lookout project with our Club Gan Gan project Manager and Club Service Director Liz Friend.



#### *Be An Inspiration*

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD  
AND ALL MEMBERS OF  
NELSON BAY ROTARY CLUB  
CONGRATULATIONS KATHY  
“KEEP ON INSPIRING US “

Our Club President Kathy Rimmer is certainly on a roll at the moment. Just two weeks ago Kathy won the Port Stephens Business of the Year Award for her Training Consultancy business YinYang Consultants at a very well attended function in Shoal Bay. On Friday Port Stephens Council announced Kathy as their Australia Day Ambassador 2019, a tremendous honour indeed. Kathy will deliver the keynote Australia Day address at both Raymond Terrace and Nelson Bay Australia Day celebrations on January 26 2019.

Kathy's joined our Club in October 2012 and quickly adjusted to Rotary ways. She had period of leave after being diagnosed with MS, however she has overcome numerous challenges since, to establish her own very successful training consultancy, is a member of the BNI group, Chamber of Commerce, and is contracted to The Forsythe Training Group in Newcastle. On top of this Kathy is midway through her second straight year as President of one of the most active and successful Rotary Clubs in the District, is a member of the District Rotary Learning Institute Training team. The picture is completed by raising her two children Zac and Taylor in a fine way.

During her term as President Kathy has lead from the front. She has also worked behind the scenes to introduce a number of younger members to our Club. Over the past few years there have been numerous changes particularly in the areas of Governance and working with Government organisations, Dept of Fair Trading, etc. Kathy has inspired her Board members to embrace their positions in the Club, encouraged change in a timely manner and has always placed the interests of members in the forefront of any of the Community activities we engage in.

The Club's success during 2017/18 will be recognised at our upcoming AGM. Over the past few months Kathy has worked very closely with President Elect Arja to ensure a smooth changeover on July 1st next year.

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#### **Birthdays this coming week** None recorded **Anniversaries**

**Nov 18** Ella and John Clarke (aka Stinker)

**Nov 19** Murray & Lorraine Nicol

**Nov 21** Peter & Marianne McBean

#### **Heads and Tails:**

President Elect Arja

#### **Member Duties:**

**November 22nd 2018**

**Door** Non Bowler volunteers please

**Meet/Greet:** John

Stuhmcke and all members

**Loyal Toast:**

**Grace:**

**Intro Guests** John Stuhmcke

**Thank Guests:** President Kathy

**Bulletin:** Don W

**Photos:** Phil

**Binos** John Crump & Val

**Guests** Rotary

Recreational Vehicle Fellowship

**Next meeting – BARE FOOT BOWLS SOCIAL NIGHT**

**Apologies/Extras to John Crump by noon on Wednesday!**

**Ph 0401 450 239**





Our Muna sponsored teams from St Philips' College were our guest on Thursday night to share with our members how they enjoyed their experience (see story below) and asre Youth Director and resident Elect Arja Levonpera highlighting Muna, another wonderful Rotary Youth program.

### MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY (MUNA) TEAMS VISIT

Our guests on Thursday night were our two Club sponsored teams from St Phillips Christian College Port Stephens. Guests were Peter Freeman, Teacher & Director of Studies at the College, Teacher Michelle Samson Shirwell, and Students: Alannah Galloway, Gynea Murphy, Dalton Deverell, & Noah Meez

Alannah, Gynea, Dalton & Noah attended the Model United Nations assembly held at Muswellbrook Council Chambers in May this year.

SPCC had three teams attend, two were sponsored by our club and one by Salamander Bay. Each of the teams represents a country of the United Nations.

Alannah & Gynea – China & Dalton & Noah – Canada

The students must research the country and its culture and discuss and debate the resolutions at the Assembly from the point of view of the country they represent.

One of the objectives of the MUNA program is to promote international understanding good will. The program also gives the students an opportunity to enhance their debating skills, appreciate other cultures, the opportunity hear inspiring speakers and enjoy the company of other students.

The United Nations member states are the 193 sovereign states that are members of the United Nations and have equal representation in the UN General Assembly. The UN is the world's largest intergovernmental organization.

2 countries are non-member observer states: the Holy See and the State of Palestine.

The United Nations Secretary-General - former Prime Minister of Portugal, **António Guterres**

Nelson Bay Youth Director, Arja indicated the students performed well and while not winning gained much from the experience. The St Philips team from the Waratah campus won both the District and National; titles and will compete internationally at Yale University in February next year. Our local students thanked our Club for their interest in their school and the support offered. After witnessing a club fine session, the students used their new found skills to conduct their own fine session. A great outcome all round. MUNA is held in our District on the last weekend in May at Musswellbrook Town Hall. Well done Arja.



David Clark invited a long time friend and Boorowa Rotarian William Kelly to our meeting on Thursday.

### COMING UP EVENTS

**Wed Nov 21** Project Neighbour

**Thurs Nov 22** Big Barefoot Bowls night- partner's night combined night with Rotary RV Fellowship

**Fri Nov 23** Bunnings BBQ

**Nov 29** Club meeting- Lyn McCormick – Domestic Violence- **Partners and guests welcome**

**Thurs Dec 6** Club AGM

**Thurs Dec 6** Bunnings BBQ Family Night

**Fri Dec 7** Bunnings BBQ

**Thurs Dec 13** XMAS PARTY

**Fri Dec 14** Bunnings BBQ

**Wed Dec 26** Boxing day Bunnings BBQ

**Sat Dec 29** Bunnings BBQ

**Tues Jan 01** New Year's Day Bunnings BBQ

## BUNNINGS ROUND UP- CURRENT UPDATES

### THIS WEEK'S ROSTER- FRIDAY NOVEMBER 23 2018

**Provision Planning** Tony Todd 0410 741 110  
Monday Nov 19 2018

**Food Supplies** Doug Bairstow 0438 811 246

**Trailer Setup** Tony T and Doug Craike

Thursday November 22 at 4pm

**Morning transport and setup** Tony Todd

**AM Shift 8.30am to 12.15pm**

John Stuhmcke 0414 811 681, Arja Levonpera

0412 373 050 Judith Mitchell 0408 569 605

**PM Shift 12.15pm to 4 pm finish**

Chris Bartlett 0488 552 486 Lesley Freeman

0438 190 151

Tony Todd 0410 741 110

**Afternoon Transport and put away at shed**

Tony Todd & Chris Bartlett

Homer slips on a Bunnings onion....



# BUNNINGS

## warehouse

### “ONIONGATE” AND YOUR ROTARY INSURANCE

This week's storm in a sandwich created much comment nationally when Bunnings announced that onions must be placed on the bottom of a sausage sandwich. Our Community Service Director, Chris B fielded a number of enquiries from members regarding their risk of being personally sued and some good natured emails as well. First the 'onions', It appears that Bunnings "recommended" not mandated that the onions be placed on the bottom. As we use two slices of bread as instructed by Bunnings Taylors Beach we can always ensure the onions are on the bottom, by simply turning the sandwich over. Problem solved.

Now the Insurance issue. Chris contacted the District Insurance Officer to confirm our coverage as Rotarians. As stated on Thursday night Rotary Australia has one of the best Volunteer Insurance policies in the country. The bottom line is we can't be personally sued at Bunnings or any other authorised Rotary event, unless gross negligence is identified. Rotarians are also covered going to and from any Rotary sanctioned event including our Thursday night meetings. Insurance costs are one of the major expense items of the District 9670 budget. However in light of "oniongate" and discussing the matter with other Directors, to ensure good safety practices and have all the "boxes ticked" for any occurrence we will asking all members to sign on and off their shifts at all Community events.

We have already commenced this practice at our working bees on Gan Gan Lookout, and those attending the Science and Engineering Challenge know this is usual practice

### MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE



With the Xmas and New year Holiday period fast approaching, Mr Bunnings Tony T is seeking some additional Volunteers for Boxing Day, Saturday, December 29 and New Year's Day. These are usually profitable days for us. A new longer term roster will be released soon.

**BUNNINGS Anti ONION Slip  
Shoes Grippers for your shoes.**

**\$19.95**







## BOWLS NIGHT DETAILS

Our big combined Bowls with Rotary recreational vehicles Fellowship this coming Thursday is planned as a Fun night. The visiting Rotarians have a party of 36 and we have a similar number attending from our Club.

The event will be held on the upper back green and the BBQ will be set up on the balcony of the Crow's Nest Room. The upstairs bar will be open from around 4.30pm with our guests arriving at 5pm. Secretary Don will organise teams to commence play from 5pm. VP John a former member of the fellowship will be in charge of fellowship and overall supervision of the night. The Bowling Club are supplying the majority of the food as part of our package including a couple of vegetarian options for those couple of people have requested this option. The Bowling Club have allowed us to us cook the BBQ, with Doug Craike and Chris B in charge of this.

We also need some help collecting the dinner fees (normal price \$23) and we are hopefully a couple of the non bowlers can assist with his task.

Don will be arranging for some fun spot prizes to be awarded during the Bowls. There will be no "winners" prizes as the evening is all about fun. Our visitors are keen to learn about what is happening in "God's Country" and I am sure they will leave fully informed. This is a fantastic opportunity to have some fun and wonderful fellowship with a both our own members and some visiting Rotarians. If you want to assist on the night in any capacity please contact Chris B in the first instance.

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SPEAKER NOVEMBER 29.

Our guest speaker will be Lyn McCormack talking about Domestic Violence and an APP called BERNIE. Membsrs are encouraged to invite partners and guests along on this evening as this is one of the most discussed issues. Please advise John Crump if you are inviting guests. The Bernie team are pictured below.



Researchers have developed a mobile phone application named Bernie to support defendants issued with Apprehended Domestic Violence Orders (ADVOs) to strengthen their positive decision-making around behaviours and emotions.

Approximately 15 per cent of people charged with a domestic violence assault reoffend within 12 months. Of those who reoffend, almost half do so before the court process has been finalised.

It is hoped the user-friendly app, developed by psychology and law researchers at the University of Newcastle (UON) and Australian National University (ANU), will be a successful early-intervention tool to support better outcomes.

## TWO FIRSTS ON ONE NIGHT

At our meeting of November 8 we believe we created two firsts on one night. As SGT Warwick was busy raising money for Variety on the Annual Post Bike Ride our first lady sergeant Judi Priestley conducted the fine session, doing a good job extracting lots of fines to bolster the Club Account finances.

The second "first" which I have never seen before in over 50 years of watching penny tossing, amazed those members present. Our "head tosser" Doug Bairstow managed to land one of the pennies in his shirt pocket. I wonder what the odds of that occurring are?? Brilliant Doug.

## PCYC BLUE LIGHT DISCO



Director Chris B is still seeking a couple of Volunteers to assist at the PCYC Disco being held in Nelson Bay PCYC on Friday night November 23 from 5 pm till 8pm. Age of children 6 to 12. A WWCC is required. Please advise Chris if you can assist.



## **WHO DOES WHAT ON THE BOARD**

**Club President Kathy Rimmer** Club leader, attends official functions, Directs the Directors..Leads by Example.

**Vice President PP John Stuhmcke.** Our club's longest serving continuous member of 42 years. Fills in for the President. Provides experienced advice. Also plays an active role.

**Secretary PDG Don Whatham** is the engine room of the Club, looks after all the Admin tasks and much more.

Proves the work with measured experienced advice

**Treasurer PP Ian Brigden** Responsible for administering of the Club finances, liaising with the Club bookkeeper and many other tasks relating to payments in and out.

**Immediate Past President Kathy Rimmer** provides advice to both the Board and the current President.

**Club Service and Vocational Director Liz Friend.**

Experienced Rotarian who looks after the Club program, including guest speakers, special club nights, the Xmas Party and vocational speakers and visits. Also looks after the welfare of our members

**Community Service & PR Director PP Chris Bartlett** Chris looks after all things community. He has a number of chairs of committees who work on various projects, investigates new fund raising opportunities. Receives strong support from Board and Club members Also handles PR opportunities.

**Youth Director/President Elect Arja Levonpera** Looks after all youth activities, liaises with schools, and looks for candidates for the various youth programs conducted by Rotary. Also organises Roadwhyz each year.

**Rotary Foundation and International Director Chelsea Ellull** Our youngest member who has accepted the challenge of looking after these two portfolios and is doing an excellent job so far. Chelsea is keeping an eye on Rotary Foundation matters, while investigating international opportunities and is our conduit to RAWCS..Board members mentor Chelsea

**Membership Director John Sully** looks after all matters regarding membership. John and the Board work closely together not only looking for new members, but opportunities to promote membership and interest in our Club, plus retaining members.

Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month and usually last for approximately two hours. Director's reports are issued prior to the Board meeting to allow other Directors to review the other reports and be fully informed. Outcomes are reported to the members. If members have a project, social function or outing, vocational visit or any other opportunity that you feel the Club may be interested in please contact the appropriate Director in the first instance.

The Board work as a team, has good rapport and will always do their best for the interests all members.

OFFICIAL CONVERSION CHART HOW TO INTERPRET ANTIQUE CAR ADS	
IF IT SAYS:	IT REALLY MEANS:
Rare model.....	Nobody liked them when new either
Older restoration.....	Can't tell it's been restored
Needs engine work.....	It's been frozen for 30 years
Uses no oil.....	Just throws it out
No rust.....	Body and fenders missing
Rough.....	It's too bad to lie about
One owner.....	Never been able to sell
No time to complete.....	Can't find parts anywhere
Needs interior.....	Seats are gone
Rebuilt engine.....	Has new spark plugs
May run.....	But it never has
Low mileage.....	Third time around
Many new parts.....	Keeps breaking down
29 coats hand-rubbed paint....	Needed that much to cover rust
Clean.....	It sat out in the rain yesterday
Best offer.....	About what I expect to get
Always driven slowly.....	Won't go any faster
Prize winner.....	Hard luck trophy 3 times in a row
Stored 25 years.....	Under a tree
Real show stopper.....	Orange with purple fenders
Easy restoration.....	Parts will come off in your hand
Ready to show.....	Just washed it
Top good.....	Only leaks when it rains
Good investment.....	Can't depreciate any more



### **XMAS PARTY IS FAST APPROACHING**

**THURSDAY NIGHT DECEMBER 13  
SOLDIERS POINT BOWLING CLUB  
MEMBERS \$35 PER HEAD Guests \$45.00  
ENTERTAINMENT AND SURPRISE  
MYSTERY GUEST  
A FUN NIGHT ASSURED  
PLEASE CONTACT LIZ FRIEND TO BOOK.**

### **Drought appeal update**

District Governor Brian Coffey announced at the recent Presidents and Chairs meeting an update on the recent Drought Appeal conducted by Channel 9. The Distribution of the \$10 million raised was handled by Federated Farmers. Our District received \$250,000 plus and additional \$36,000 raised in the District through a RAWCS appeal. A small team appointed by DG Brian, led by DGN Graham Hooper and Secretary Nicole Shanks from Dubbo and the Western Asst Governors reviewed many, many applications and have distributed the funds through drought affected areas in our District. The drought is not over and more will need to be done in 2019.