

Bulletin 21 – 19^h Nov. 2020

Guest speaker Darcy Geale



Darcy Geale from our sister club Salamander Bay Rotary was the guest speaker for the evening. Darcy very passionately presented the need for electrical power in remote areas and developing countries where the power supply is unreliable or non-existent. He has found a novel way to assist remote schools and medical centres in regions of Australia and Papua New Guinea. Their club has funded the development and purchase of three unique solar power cases developed in conjunction with an Australian company, [Durst Industries](#). The cost of these prototypes is approx. \$1500.- ea. With mass production of >100 units the price should come down to \$1000 - \$1200.- ea.

[Similar units](#) sourced from USA are on the market at US\$3500.

Each case with integrated solar panel was designed to act as a portable solar power base for remote communities and health centres. Often operations and even childbirth are done with torch or hand held lamps. This multi-purpose kit can also be used as a charging station for other portable equipment such as laptop computers, mobile phones etc.; in case of natural disasters it could be vital.

With a battery reserve of 500Wh the unit will run two LED 5W globes for up to 50 hours without recharging. A variety of different lamps and connection cables form part of the kit with external PV (solar) panels an optional connection possibility.

Two cases are ready to be sent to PNG for field testing in remote health clinics, while one unit will remain with their club for demonstrations and showcasing. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic the project is about 2 years behind schedule.



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Birthdays this week:

20th Nov. N. Melhuish

30th Nov. D. Craike

16th Nov. B. Michel

Anniversaries:

18th Nov. E & J Clarke (50th)

21st Nov. P & M McBean

Heads & Tails:

Geoff Diemar

Raffle:

Geoff Diemar

(Geoff double barrel winner)

Member Duties 26th Nov.

Door:

Lesley Freeman/Helen Imienionek

Meet/Greet:

M. Williams

Grace:

David Clark

Intro Guest speaker:

Arja Levonpera

Thank Guest Speaker:

Richard Turner

Bulletin:

Chris Bartlett

Photos:

Phill Smith

Binos:

John Crump/Val Morris

Dinner Menu next meeting: Beef & Mushroom Pie

Apologies/Extras to Club Phone by noon on Wednesday Ph.: 0401 450 239

Announcements



Sun 6th Dec. is our next Bunnings BBQ
Please advise Milton if you can assist

Rotary Christmas Party
Thursday 17th December 2020

VENUE: Nelson Bay Bowling Club
Crows Nest

TIME: 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm

DRESS: Smart casual - Christmas cheer

COST: t.b.a.
2 course meal / and
2 complimentary beverages

** Please advise any dietary requirements **

RSVP a.s.a.p. to
Helen Ryan on 0409 842 455
Or email: heryan738@gmail.com



During our meeting of the 12th Nov. we logged into the live stream of the HMRI presentation night.
A full length recording can be seen [HERE](#) on the YouTube channel

COVID-19 restrictions

There are only 20 people allowed at Christmas but 100 for a funeral.
Therefore we will be holding a funeral for our pet turkey that sadly passed away on the 25th December.....



Media Release
Tuesday 17th November 2020

ShelterBox to host a virtual ceremony to celebrate Rotary support in disaster relief

ShelterBox will host a special virtual presentation at 7pm AEDT Tuesday 24th November at an online ceremony where over 90 Rotary Clubs across Australia will be presented with a ShelterBox Champion Award.

Rotary Clubs around Australia are invited to join CEO Mike Greenslade as he announces the winners of the 2020 ShelterBox Champion Awards.

"In a year where many club's fundraising efforts were targeted to bushfires, flood and drought affected communities across Australia and then hampered due to the coronavirus pandemic, our ShelterBox Champion Award winners for 2020 are truly deserving of their awards" said Mike Greenslade, CEO of ShelterBox Australia.

The ShelterBox Champion Awards are an annual event that showcases the dedication and commitment of Rotary Clubs in helping families who have lost their homes due to natural disaster and conflict. This year's ceremony will take place virtually via a national video conference where all Rotary Clubs can share the moment together.

"It's a privilege to bring our award winners together and honour their achievements," said Paul Roger, ShelterBox Australia Chair. "We congratulate the winners and the thousands of dedicated Rotary Club members across the country whose fine efforts and results are reflected in the achievements we are highlighting in the ShelterBox Champion Awards."

Join ShelterBox at 7pm AEDT on Tuesday 24th November where the international disaster relief partnership with Rotary is celebrated.

To register your interest in attending the ShelterBox Champion Awards ceremony please send an email to Kiern Deutrom : Kiern.Deutrom@shelterbox.org.au or phone 0400 273 624.