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Many Rotarians, partners and guests joined together (in song!) for the Christmas dinner at the Rock Lobster this week.



Sue Platcher (left) and Lyn Vatner (right) being presented with \$35,000 from the Rotary Long Lunch towards housing for the PS Womens' Crisis & Support Group.



Ed and Glennys Parker send their best Christmas wishes to everyone.

Note that our final meeting for 2016, on 15th December, will be in the Bay Room.

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Birthdays

- Glenys Parker – 1 Dec
- Pam Rolfe – 9 Dec

Next Week:

AGM @ Bunnings
(We need 75% to attend)

Door:

Bart R & Doug Craike

Greeters:

Greg Flux & John Crump

Loyal Toast:

Richard Harris

Grace:

Ian Jenkins

Photos:

Henk Tobbe

Bulletin:

Phill Smith



ROTARY AT A GLANCE

Rotarians: 1,231,573 in 35,537 clubs in 540 Districts in 220 countries/geographic areas.

Rotaractors: 225,239* in 9793 clubs in 529 districts in 179 countries/geographic areas.

Interactors: 481,160* in 20,920 clubs in 497 districts in 160 countries/geographic areas.

Rotary Community Corps members: 204,194* in 8878 clubs in 235 districts in 90 countries/geographic areas.

Down Under there are 29,412 Rotarians in 1111 clubs in 21 districts in Australia and 8573 Rotarians in 268 clubs in six districts in New Zealand and the Pacific. Australian and New Zealand districts include Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Timor Leste, American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, New Caledonia, Norfolk Island, Samoa, Tonga and Vanuatu, where there are 811 Rotarians in 45 clubs.



Catherine Govan, Liz Friend & Kathie Barnes



“DEFINITION OF ROTARIAN”

From D9520 District Governor's Newsletter, August 2016

A Rotarian is someone who, through their efforts:

- **Digs** wells from which they will never drink
- **Restores** eyesight for those they will never see
- **Builds** houses they will never live in
- **Vaccinates** children they will never meet
- **Plants** trees they will never sit under
- **Educates** children they will never know
- **Feeds** hungry people, regardless of colour, race or politics
- **Knows** real happiness.

The District Secretary, Howard Bridgman, is the coordinator for the RI Convention in Atlanta in June 2017. If you plan to attend (whether registered or not) please email Howard to tell him whether: 1. there is interest in a 7-10 day Eastern USA tour ahead of time; 2. There is interest in all district attendee bookings at the same hotel. Email contact: habrotary@gmail.com.

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District Conference Registration:

Early bird registration for the 2017 District Conference in Dubbo, '9670 Serving Humanity', is now available. You can register via <https://www.123tix.com.au/events/502/2017-rotary-district-9670-conference>

By registering now, you can save 10% off your registration. Early bird registrations finish Friday 13 January 2017.

More information on the Conference can be found at www.rotary9670.org.au and will be updated when available.



ShelterBox at Christmas

ShelterBox has launched it's annual Christmas Gift Card promotion. For details see:

<http://shelterboxaustralia.com.au/news.php?id=1859> . Making on donation on someone's behalf is a great present for the person that 'has everything'.



Message from your President.

Hello to all members. As you will know we presented the \$35K to the Port Stephens Women’s Crisis and Support Group at the Christmas Party on 1st December. This completes that project and thank you to the members and partners who gave such great help.

Now I would like you all to let me know your thoughts and ideas regarding any areas of need in our community. Write down how you would envisage our club helping in that area. Think of something you would enjoy doing.

Also, any ideas for social events, fun events, not necessarily to raise funds, Let’s enjoy being together with Rotarians, partners, family and friends. I know we have quite a lot coming up, especially Australia Day; but, depending on your ideas, we can always try.

I know Christmas is a busy time, but, if you can, please let me know before our last meeting about areas of need and fun events.

I look forward to seeing you on the 8th December (numbers are vital), the 13th for Christmas Drinks with you and your partners and family, the 14th for the Exercise Trail Opening and on the 15th for our last meeting (in the Bay Room).

Finally, I wish a happy and safe Christmas to you all and we look forward to a really great 2017.

| | Who/Where | Topic or event |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| 8 December | At Bunnings 5.30-8pm | AGM for which we need 75% attendance to pass a revised constitution |
| 13 December | | Social drinks with President Judy |
| 14 December | Little Beach 3pm | Official opening of multi-gym circuit |
| 15 December | Jen O’Sullivan & Marisa Wilson | Path2Change (last meeting of the year) in the Bay View Room |
| 23 December & 1 st January | Bunnings | BBQ |
| 12 January | | First meeting in 2017 |