

## Bulletin # 23 - 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016



### Our Board for 2017- 2018:

Back Row: Don Whatham (Sec), John Stuhmcke (V. Pres), Warwick Mathieson (Dir), Chris Bartlett (President Nominee), John Cropley (Dir), Dieter Greiter (Dir).

Front Row: Judy Mitchell (Immediate Past President), Kathy Rimmer (President), Arja Levonpera (Dir), Geoff Diemar (Dir).

Absent: Ann Evans (Treasurer)

The meeting was reminiscent of days gone by with robust discussion on several topics such as, the continuation of the Adopt-A-Road program and format of Financial Reports

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### Birthdays this coming week:

9/12 Pam Rolfe

### Heads and Tails:

Tony Todd

### Raffle:

John Stuhmcke

### BUNNINGS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Club on request from Bunnings provided the manpower to cook and dispense sausage sandwiches at Bunnings Staff and Customer Xmas Party on Thursday evening. Bunnings provided all supplies and Nelson Bay Rotary the manpower, with many hundreds of Bunnings staff, their families and customers attending. In return we received some \$100 in Gold coin donations and a \$100 Bunnings voucher. Bunnings staff and children were provided with a sausage sandwich and a drink at no charge.

As this was a long standing arrangement with Bunnings, we honoured our commitment, despite our Annual General Meeting being held on the same night. To this end, a very special thank you to 3 of our wonderful partners,

**Yvonne Stuhmcke, Fiona Whatham and Laurie Wilson**

for their outstanding efforts on the night, which enabled a number of members to attend the AGM.

The purpose of the evening was further exposure of our Club to the local community and this objective was certainly achieved. It also shows the valuable contribution of our partners to Rotary.

A reminder to members, we have our final Friday Bunnings on December 23, and we are still seeking volunteers, and the first of our weekend BBQ's on Sunday January 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 New Year's Day, with volunteers also required.

### Member Duties 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016

#### Door:

Bart Richardson/Greg Flux

#### Meet/Greet:

Richard Harris/ Mike Jenkins

#### Loyal Toast:

Arja Levonpera

#### Grace:

Warwick Mathieson

#### Intro Guest speaker:

Peter McBean

#### Thank Guest Speaker:

Larry McGrath

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Dieter Greiter

**Next meeting: Jennifer O'Sullivan and Marisa Wilson – Path 2 Change**

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

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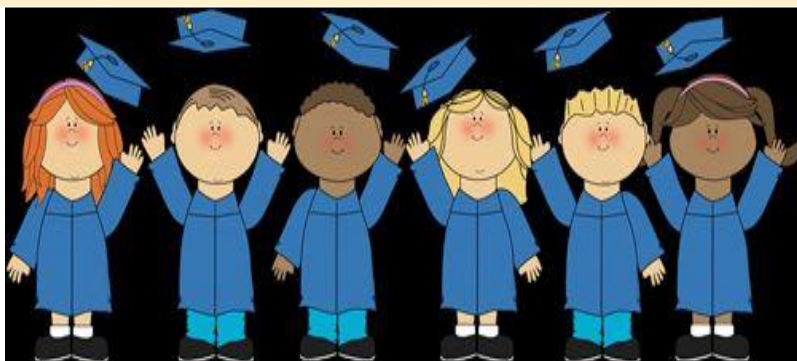




With Australia Day just around the corner, the first meeting of the Club's committee met last Tuesday to discuss our involvement. Our involvement will be similar to previous years - providing assistance to the Australia Day Committee and manning our own food stall. It is expected that all members will become involved and you are asked to consider your involvement. A survey will be conducted next week to determine those unable to assist in order to produce a roster.



Phill Smith Foundation Director congratulates Ian Brigden on his becoming our Club's newest "Immortal".



PDG Don Whatham and Fiona attended Anna Bay Primary School's graduation day this week and report that Rotary was spoken of in glowing terms. Don was impressed with the way in which that event was held – in particular The Welcome to Country which was performed by one of the students in the local Worimi language.

Our support for the Reading program as well as our financial support towards their new playground equipment plus assistance with their recent Spring Fair received significant acknowledgement.

DG elect Helen Ryan also reported that she and Bart Richardson experienced a similar welcoming at Shoal Bay School where the reading program was referred to as "Rotary's" reading program.

In the coming weeks we will be represented and make presentations at:

Tomaree High – Arja Levonpera; Bobs Farm – Geoff Diemar; Tomaree Primary – Judy Mitchell

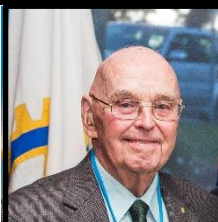


### **Official Opening Nelson Bay Exercise Trail – Stage 2**

**Next Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December, Little Beach. - 3:00PM**

Local, State and Federal Politicians will be in attendance at the official opening of Rotary Nelson Bays Exercise Trail. Members are welcome to attend but numbers are needed for catering purposes. So, if you haven't already indicated please let Chris Bartlett know if you are attending.

Past Rotarian Brian McDonald, now living at Bonnells Bay sends his regards and best wishes for the festive season.



PDG Bart Richardson has again been selected by Department of Veterans Affairs to attend a POW Memorial Service at Ballarat to acknowledge the fall of Singapore 75 years ago.

The memorial will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

## Next Week

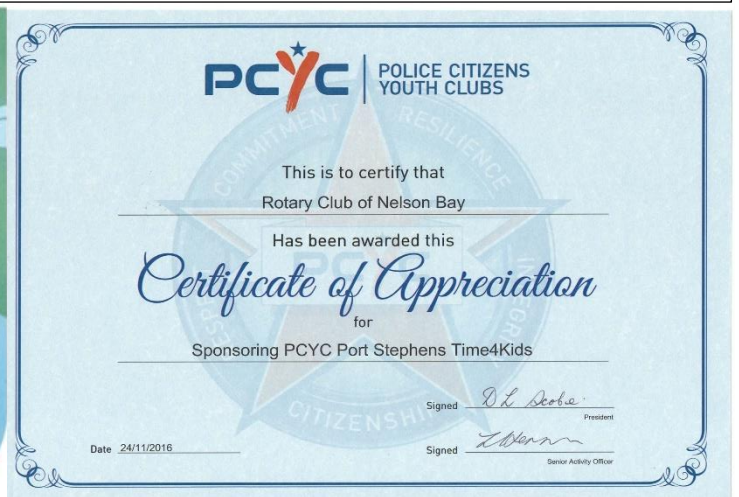
CREATING A RESILIENT AND SAFE COMMUNITY THROUGH INNOVATION AND CONNECTION



Path 2 Change is a local charity established over 30 years ago, working collaboratively with those at risk or experiencing homelessness to overcome barriers and access a future pathway via education, training or employment.

In Australia, approximately 105,000 people are homeless on any given night. In the Hunter right now, up to 400 people, some as young as 12, are homeless or sleeping rough.

## Take (another) bow Nelson Bay Rotary



Bunnings BBQ – Volunteers needed for 23<sup>rd</sup> December and 1<sup>st</sup> January  
Contact Chris Bartlett.

No Adopt -A -Road this Sunday.

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