

## Bulletin No 23 November 30 2017

### CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS A NIGHT TO REMEMBER at LITTLE BEACH BOATHOUSE



Photographer Henk Tobbe captured the spirit of Thursday night's Xmas Party held at the Little Beach Boathouse. Newer Club members Chelsea Ellul and Phillipa Marshall are pictured here with Xmas Party organisers Judi Priestley, Arja Levonpera and President Kathy. The other organiser, and one of newer member Alicia Cameron was unable to attend the Party.

Our Club celebrated our Xmas Party with 60 members, partners and friends attending the evening at the Little Beach Boathouse on Thursday night. It was a most enjoyable night, with all those attending enjoying a welcome drink, before sitting down in wonderful surrounds to enjoy a high quality meal.

President Kathy welcomed our Assistant Governor Phil Gorton and wife Ruth, while our member DG Helen Ryan was present with husband Mike.

Some Xmas Cracker awards were presented, a new member inducted, lucky door prizes ( 2 supplied by member Alicia Cameron) presented and the night completed with a visit from Santa and his elves, ensuring everyone went home with a small Xmas Gift. Well done to the organising team for a memorable night.

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#### Birthdays in December

**Dec 1** Glennys Parker

**Dec 2** Phillipa Marshall

**Dec 9** Pam Rolfe

**Dec 14** Chelsea Ellul

**Dec 18** Chris Bartlett

**Dec 22** John "Stinker"  
Clarke

**Dec 26** Richard Harris

**Dec 30** Paula Flux

**Anniversaries** None  
recorded

**Heads and Tails** Not  
Tossed

#### Member Duties

**December 7 2017**

**Door** Milton

Williams/Chris Bartlett

**Meet/Greet:** Doug  
Craike

**Loyal Toast** John Cropley

**Grace:** Geoff Diemar

**Intro Guest speaker:**

**Thank Guest Speaker:**

**Bulletin Editor:** Phill  
Smith

**Photographer** Henk  
Tobbe

**Guest Speaker AGM**

**Apologies/Extras to John Crump by 12noon on Wednesday Ph 0401 450 289**



## WELCOME TO OUR CLUB MILTON & SUE

We welcomed our newest member Milton Williams to our Club on Thursday night. Milton and wife Sue have moved to Corlette and we are fortunate to have them join us. Milton was introduced to Rotary many years ago by the late PDG Howard Grigor, when Milton was Howard's next door neighbour. He joined Raymond Terrace Club, and has had Rotary Service at Mackay Rotary and also Glenorchy in Tasmania. Milton will be a great asset to the Community Services Team and will be mentored in our Club's rich history by VP John Stuhmcke.



Our tables were tastefully decorated by Judi Priestley and added to the Xmas atmosphere of the evening.



**"The Big Fella in the Red Suit" was a welcome guest at the Xmas party and is pictured with DG Helen, our Assistant Governor Phil Gorton and President Kathy. Photo courtesy of Chelsea**



## Xmas CRACKER AWARDS FOR 2017

As we had a combined Changeover with District this year, we have saved our Annual Awards for tonight. The awards relate to incidents, events, both factual and some maybe a little inflated are now announced....

**"It's a Crying Shame"** Awarded to our most Senior member Doug Bairstow and Margaret.

**"Laying down on the job Award"** Richard Harris

**"Emergency Services Response" Award** Bill Michel

**"Float my Boat" Award** Jimmy Booth

**Travel Writers Award for extended or multiple holidays in one year- Winners**

Dieter Greiter, Ian Bridgen, Tony Todd, Arja Levonpera

**Nostradamus Award – Guess who is coming to Dinner -** John Crump

**"I want to be a Postman Award "-** Warwick "Outback" Mathieson

**"How to deal with Angry Police Award"** – former PSC Councillor Geoff Diemar

**"Welcome to MY WORLD"** - President Kathy

**"My trailer is Bigger than Your Trailer" Award -** Milton Williams

**New Members Awards**

**Most enthusiastic Bunnings BBQ volunteer** Andrew Downey

**Get me Involved now** Chelsea Ellul

**"Membership to the Richie Benaud Cricket Supporters 222 Club"** – John Sully

**"Best Video Presentation" Starlight Children's Rally -** Peter Page

**"I'm in Trouble Again Award"** Clear winner Bob Mitchell

**Best Bulletin item... Abbreviated travelogue World Convention and Sailing the High Seas.....** Don "Hemingway" Whatham

**"Fast Talking Award"- Get us out of Trouble with Council Award –** Chris Bartlett

**Best Seller Award "How to elude Council's CCTV Camera 101 "-** John Stuhmcke

**"Covet thy neighbour's wife" Award -** Murray Nicol

**"Knees Up Award"** Fiona Whatham

**"I Can't stand for Parliament Award"** Judi Priestley

**"When I'm 65"** Doug Craike (Birthday tonight)

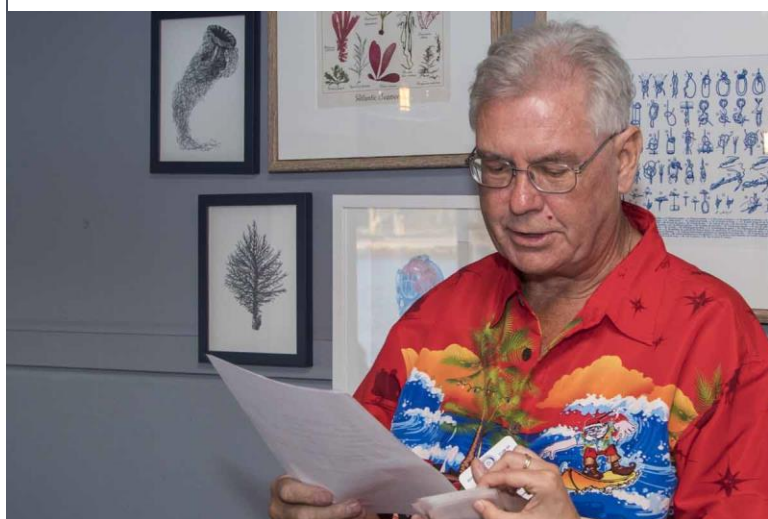
**"Merry Xmas Santa"** Phil Smith

If you are not sure how the awards relate to certain people ask Chris B and he will be happy to share the facts or fiction behind the awards.

Some members may have missed out, however another round of awards will be presented at changeover.

Rotary should be fun and our Club certainly does its best in this department. On behalf of all the Editors we would like to thank all members for their contributions this year and we look forward to sharing "the news" for the rest of the Rotary year

Chris B announcing the 2017 Xmas Cracker Awards on Thursday night





**Popular member Doug Craike had plenty to celebrate at the Xmas party, celebrating his 65<sup>th</sup> birthday and his recent retirement. It was whispered that he has a long list of jobs do around home. Congratulations Doug and we wish you many more Happy Birthdays**

Honorary Member Terry Fitzsimmons and wife Noaline were very welcome guests at our Xmas Party on Thursday night. Terry hasn't been enjoying the best of health in recent months, making their visit all the more special for everyone.



### **LADIES DINNER –THURSDAY NIGHT**

The regular Ladies Night Dinner will be held in Tails Restaurant at Nelson Bay Bowling Club on Thursday night. All wives or partners of members and former members are welcome to enjoy a meal and good company. This night is held on the first Thursday of each month. For further information please contact Fiona Whatham, Yvonne Stuhmcke or Lorraine Nicol



A happy table at the Xmas Party from Left Arja, President Kathy, John Rimmer, Lyn Booth, Santa, Jim Booth, Phil Gorton, Ruth Gorton and Laurie Wilson.

### **UP COMING EVENTS**

**Thursday Dec7** Club AGM, nominations still open.

**Thursday Dec 14** No meeting transferred to Saturday Dec 16

**Sat Dec 16-** Fitness Trail and personal training session, followed by BBQ lunch at Fly Point for members, family, guests and our sponsors. Nominal charge to apply.

**Thurs Jan 11** First meeting of 2018 after Xmas break.

**Thurs Jan 18** Barefoot Bowls night to celebrate Hat Day

**Fri Jan 26** Australia Day at Fly Point. Huge day, all members and partners required.



**The Rotary Club of Pakuranga invite you to  
join The Ultimate  
17 Day Rotary Tour of New Zealand 6<sup>th</sup> –  
22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2018.**



**The Tour Key points and Highlights are:**

- **The Tour includes 4 Rotary fellowship events.**
- **The Tour size is limited to 26 persons.** (Within a 30/33 seater coach.)
- **Accommodation will be 4 to 5 star and includes all breakfasts.**
- **A professional 'Top Tour Guide' will travel throughout the Tour.**
- **An optional 4 day pre-tour to Northland/Bay of Islands is also offered.**

**Here are some of the 62 tours/visits, of which all but one is included within the Tour price:**

Kelly Tarlton's Sea Life Aquarium, Auckland Sky Tower, 2 hour tour of 'Hobbiton', Te Puia (Rotorua centre of Maori culture and geothermal wonders), Huka Falls, Napier wine tasting, Wellington's Te Papa Museum, Weta Workshops, Ferry to Picton, Hanmer Springs, Lake Tekapo, Lake Pukaki, Arrowtown, Queenstown, Milford or Doubtful Sounds, Dunedin and Christchurch City Tours.

**Below are two of the typical comments we received from all our 2017 Rotarian tourists:**

- **We thought the tour was fantastic. Sharron (the Tour Guide) was brilliant.**
- **We thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the tour and you are to be congratulated.**

**The 17 day Tour Price is approximately:**

**AU\$6,200pp share twin. AU\$8,000pp single.**

**The 4 day pre-tour Price is: AU\$1,420pp share twin. AU\$1,800pp single. To receive the full 9 page itinerary email both**

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**BBQ & CATERING NEWS**

As all members know we have a busy time at Bunnings over the next month. We conducted Bunning's BBQ on Friday and doubled up on Saturday. While Friday was not that busy, Saturday produced an outstanding result.

**The Financials were Friday Gross \$497, Nett \$388 & Saturday Gross \$1807 Nett \$1418 making a total a nett total of \$1806 over the two days.**

Volunteers were as follows Chris B, Jim Booth, Arja Levonpera, Judi Priestley, Warwick Mathieson, DG Greiter, David Clark, President Kathy, Taylor Rimmer, Ed Parker, Richard Harris, Denise Diemar, Andrew Downey, John Stuhmcke, Doug Bairtsow, Peter Page and Tony Todd. Thank you all.

**The Roster for this Friday, December 8 is AM-8.30am to 12.15 Chelsea Ellul, Milton Willims, Arja Levonpera and Tony Todd (also transport AM) PM 12.15 – 4.00 pm Chris B, DG Greiter, Peter Page, Don Whatham (also transport PM) Supplies Doug Bairstow.**

As we will be having a few weeks off from meetings over Xmas, Tony Todd will be seeking volunteers for **Boxing Day, New Year's Day and Saturday January 6<sup>th</sup>** over the next few weeks, prior to the break.

**ADVANCE WARNING  
UPDATE**

Our Catering Supervisor, Tony Todd is giving advance warning of a number of Bunnings BBQ's we have committed to over the next six months. Tony's enthusiasm & skill is recognised and we trust all members will support him when asked to do a shift.

**Dates are as follows  
Friday December 8<sup>th</sup>  
2017**

**Boxing Day December  
26<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**New Year's Day Jan 1  
2018**

**Saturday January 6 2018  
Saturday March 3 2018.**

**The Fellowship  
experienced at Bunnings  
is always good and a  
bonus for all**

**BUNNINGS  
warehouse**



**MEMBERS ARE AGAIN REMINDED TO GET THEIR APOLOGIES INTO JOHN CRUMP BY 12 NOON ON WEDNESDAY'S BY PHONE OR SMS ON 0401 450 289. WE ARE CHARGED FOR ALL MEALS BASED ON THE NUMBERS SUBMITTED & THESE COSTS WILL BE PASSED ON .....**