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GEORGE WARDELL SUPER ATHLETE.



Guest speaker tonight was octogenarian George Wardell. George provided a very interesting history of the City to Surf including his unique association with the event. The City to Surf is a popular road running event held annually in Sydney covering a 14km course. The event is a fun run as well as a race, attracting both competitive runners and community participants who can choose to run or walk. The event attracts 80,000 entrants who start in staggered groups based on previous running times and early entry. The City2Surf has been held annually since the first run on 5 September 1971. Initially it was 15.1km commencing at the Sydney

Town Hall. It was conceived by the Sun newspaper and inspired by the Bay to Breakers event in San Francisco. The first event had 1,576 starters. To date 24 entrants, including George and known as Legends have run in every City2Surf.

The course record is 40.03 minutes and is held by Steve Moneghetti. The race attracts many world class athletes including successful Olympians. Top performers are invited to participate in the Bay to Breakers in San Francisco and vice versa.

The route now taken by participants commences at College Street in the centre of Sydney and passes through the suburbs of East Sydney, Kings Cross, Rushcutters Bay, Double Bay, Rose Bay, Vaucluse, Dover Heights and finishes at Bondi Beach. The most difficult part of the course is "Heartbreak Hill" at the halfway mark a 2km long steep ascent from Rose Bay to Vaucluse along New South Head Road.

For George the event has been a family affair. Son Matthew has joined George running in every event since the age of 10. His daughter has also competed in several events. Patricia waves farewell to George and Matthew at the race start and transports their clothes to the finish line at Bondi. After the event they enjoy a family picnic. George ran many of his events in the low 60 minutes with a best time of 58 minutes. These days son Matthew has turned the tables and now waits for Dad at the finish line.

This year was to be the 50th year of the event. Unfortunately, the Corona virus pandemic caused its cancellation. However, to commemorate this special occasion the 24 Legends including George were invited to complete the event virtually. This involved them running the 14km individually and recording their progress using audio visual technology.

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Lucky Winners:

H&T: Doug Bairstow
Raffle: Guest speaker George Wardell

Birthdays this week:

9 Dec: Pam Rolfe
11 Dec: Tammy Kelly

Anniversaries:

None this week

Member Duties

10 December 2020

Door:

John Crump, Chris Bartlett

Meet/Greet:

Katrina Ridley

Loyal Toast:

Kathy Rimmer

Bulletin:

John Cropley

Photos:

Phill Smith

Binoculars:

Chris Bartlett, Milton Williams

Next meeting – Annual General Meeting

Apologies/Extras to noon on Wednesday!

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COMING EVENTS.

Sunday 6 December: Bunnings Barbeque (See roster below.)

Wednesday 9 December: Board meeting in the Bay Room at 5.30pm.

Thursday 10 December: Annual General Meeting - Constitution, By-Laws, Financial reports to be confirmed.
Election of officers for 2021-22.

Saturday 12 December: Bunnings barbeque. (See below).

Thursday 17 December: Club Christmas Party. (See below).

Saturday 26 December: Bunnings barbeque: (See below.)

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

**THURSDAY 17 DECEMBER 2020 NELSON BAY BOWLING CLUB CROWS NEST
\$40 PER PERSON includes 2 COURSE MEAL**

Please contact Helen Ryan by 3 December on 0409 842 455 or heryan738@gmail.com to advise of your attendance and any dietary requirements.

Payment details... pay at meeting of the club via cash, cheque or credit card (square) or via EFT BSB 637000. Account 781017418. Reference your name. Dress casual or Christmas wear.



BUNNINGS ROSTER FOR SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER

AM Shift 8.30 to 12.15

Don Whatham, Peter Page, Lesley Freeman, Liz Friend and Kathy Rimmer

PM Shift 12.00 to 4.00pm

Milton and Sue Williams, Geoff Diemar, Chris Bartlett and Dieter Greiter. John Stumhcke is on standby for both shifts, Doug Bairstow is in charge of supplies, with Don and Milton looking after the transportation. Thank you to all who volunteered their time.

BUNNINGS ROSTER FOR SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER

AM Shift 8.30 to 12.15

Don Whatham, Lesley Freeman, Milton Williams, Richard Turner, Warwick Mathieson

PM Shift 12.00 to 4.00pm

John Stuhmcke, Geoff Diemar, Chris Bartlett, Doug Craike, Helen Ryan, (res.) Ella Clarke

BUNNINGS ROSTER FOR SATURDAY 26 DECEMBER (BOXING DAY)

AM Shift 8.30 to 12.15

Chris Bartlett, Lesley Freeman, Kathy Rimmer, **two more required**

PM Shift 12.00 to 4.00pm

John Stuhmcke, Geoff Diemar, **three more required**

YACAABA CENTRE.

Our community relationship with the Yacaaba Centre continued this week, with the installation of new blinds, emergency evacuation signs and some other tasks.

Bunnings donated vouchers valued at \$200 to the Yacaaba Centre, and our Club Board approved the use of a \$500 Bunnings voucher to assist the purchase of the blinds and previous work on the outdoor meeting area. Bunnings has been generous in gifting us vouchers enabling our Club to continue community projects without impacting our cash flow. Our “tradies” Doug Craike and Community Service Director Milton Williams completed the tasks under the supervision of Chris Bartlett. A big thank you to Sue Williams for providing morning tea for the workers and the staff at the Yacaaba Centre.



YOUR \$25 DINNER FEE.

The \$25 we spend each week represents outstanding value. For this amount we get a different meal including bread roll, tea, coffee and chocolate. \$2 is our personal weekly donation to the Rotary Foundation (see next item), \$2 enters us in the heads & tails and raffle competition. In addition, we enjoy great fellowship with like minded volunteers planning our ongoing service work to help improve the lives of others whilst promoting world peace and harmony. Part of the \$25 covers the dinner cost of our enjoyable and informative guest speakers and other guests. All this takes place in the attractive Crow’s Nest with views of Nelson Bay. Where else would you get such great value for \$25?

ROTARY FOUNDATION MAJOR DONOR AWARD.



Wonderful news published in DG David Roach's monthly newsletter "Roach Rattlings" was that our club has been recognised with a Bronze Award from the Rotary Foundation for our contribution of over \$100,000 to the Rotary Foundation. Nelson Bay was joined by the Rotary clubs of Newcastle and Dubbo South in receipt of this prestigious award.

Significant factors in gaining this award are the generosity of our members and recognition by them that

the Rotary Foundation is our charity. Money donated to the Foundation grows in many ways and the total donated is used to assist the programs of Rotary, promote peace, good will and address health, hunger and humanity throughout the world.

Our club has a policy whereby \$2 is added to our dinner fee each week as a donation to the Foundation. This has been in place since the 1996-7 Rotary year. As a rough estimate of 48 dinners per year with an average attendance of 30 for 24 years will have generated \$69,120. This is certainly a worthwhile strategy which will hopefully continue in our club and perhaps be suggested to other clubs as a painless but effective means of raising funds for our foundation.

PRESIDENTIAL CITATION AWARDED TO OUR CLUB.



We were honoured to welcome IPDG Graeme Hooper and Sue to our meeting. Graeme presented IPP Arja Levonpera with the citation. A Rotary Citation is awarded for achieving goals that strengthen Rotary and your club. Goals include increasing club membership, developing sustainable service projects, giving to The Rotary Foundation, and building awareness of Rotary in your community. The citation one of only two awarded in D9670 recognised our many achievements last Rotary year including the outstanding Kelvin Kong project, completion of the town clock and information board, service to our

community, nationally and internationally. In accepting the award IPP Arja thanked all members for their wonderful service to the club.

DINNER LADIES RECONVENE.

It was great to see the popular meeting of the Dinner ladies recommence last night. The monthly get together was forced into recess for several months by COVID-19. Hopefully all the regular attendees will be back for future meetings which will be held the first Thursday each month.

