



Bulletin 23 of 7th of December 2023

Club AGM

The club held its AGM this week. Three of our members were already working at Bunnings on the night, but enough members attended to allow resolutions to be adopted. Dieter G and Doug B. were apologies for the meeting. Minutes of the previous AGM had been circulated to our membership and were moved and accepted.

It is proposed to keep our membership fee at \$200. It is also planned to be selective in any potential projects we undertake in future due to the changing nature of our membership. The BBQs and other working events, not only provides income, but also cooperation and integration between members, so we want them to continue.

Treasurer Geoff provided the financial report which indicates the club has a sound financial position. The past year shows higher income passed through the clubs accounts than the previous year, but this was a special situation due to the income related to the Tomaree Hospital garden project. Gross turnover will be down for the club accounts now that the dinner fees do not come through the club, but are made directly to the caterers when members order their own meals.

The New Board has a similar makeup to our current board.
President Ella has agreed to remain in the role this year, but will be away at various times during the year.
Vice President John Stumcke.
Secretary Don Whatham, with minutes at the board meetings to be taken by Lesley.
Treasurer Geoff Diemar.
Board of Directors.
Lesley Freeman
John Cropley
Geoff Robinson.
Warwick Mathieson as Sergeant
Jim Booth
Ian Brigden

President elect position has several potential candidates for the position.

Christmas Party

Please wear some Christmas attire. This is a chance to look out that bright outfit for its yearly showing.

Club in recess for Christmas and New Year

There will be no formal meeting until 22nd of January after next weeks meeting.

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Birthdays in December

Pam Rolfe on the 9th
John Clarke on the 22nd

Anniversary
None this month

Heads & Tails: Geoff Robinson

Raffle Winner: Richard Turner
There are no cards to draw until next year, and no chance to speak next week, so we put Richard on the spot to do a 3 minute talk tonight.

Next meeting

Christmas Party

Grace: Richard Turner
Toast: Don Whatham

Important Dates

Only 1 formal and 1 informal meeting left this year.

Next Week Christmas Party

This will be held on Thursday 14th of December at The Buoys Restaurant in Nelson Bay from 6pm.
Cost is \$65 per head.

Informal BBQ

December 21st at Dutchies Beach on the western side. (Burbong Street).
Clive's Cooker will be brought in for the BBQ, but otherwise the arrangement is to bring everything. Drop in for a drink if time is pressing, and you can't stay long.

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3 minutes talks from the meeting(2 this week)

Don spoke for 3 minutes on his travels from the previous week and described travelling through NSW these days as much better experience. He took a circular route down to Southern NSW via Sydney, the Hume Highway, and to Wagga, before Leeton. He then took the other route back up the Newell Highway to Dubbo, and from there the Golden Highway back to the Hunter region. The travel was so he and Fiona could attend a great grand daughters christening.



Richard gave an account of some of the Rotary meetings he attended around the world as makeups. Some of the clubs in major cities like London and New York Clubs surprised him by having small attendances at their meetings. In one case you paid double if you were not a member of the club.

Club Service Events

Yacaaba Centre

Chris Bartlett reported on the good work being done by the Yacaaba centre. He mentions that the need for Christmas Hampers is unfortunately very strong again this year. In a separate email forwarded by Secretary Don we have made a \$1000 donation to the Yacaaba centre to help them with the Christmas Hampers and other items they may need to provide during this period. A picture of some of the items collected to date.



Bunnings Family Night

This is a photo from last nights Bunnings Family Christmas night. We have been helping out on this night for a few years now. Quite a good crowd attended, and both families and staff enjoyed this early evening event. It is a regular commitment for the Club at which we are happy to help, and our BBQ Coordinators Doug , Chris and Lesley were kept busy dispensing Bunnings supplied sausage sandwiches and cold drinks.



Attendance at Anna Bay Public School

Chris Bartlett attended the presentation day at Anna Bay PS and enjoyed presenting the awards to the children sponsored by our club.

