

Bulletin # 24 – 7 December 2017



Our meeting this evening saw a new Board elected for the 2018 – 2019 year. Positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer will remain unchanged from this current year being: Kathy Rimmer, John Stumchke, Don Whatham and Ian Brigden respectively. Chris Bartlett and Arja Levonpera will be joined by new Directors Chelsea Ellul and Phillipa Marshall. Whilst no nominations were received for President Elect and the fifth Director there are two members in contemplation and the positions are expected to be filled in the near future.



Exercise Trail & BBQ.

Our meeting this week was the last for the year. It was planned that next week we would meet at Fly Point for a BBQ on Saturday Morning following a walk along the exercise trail from Nelson Bay.

As the interest shown was less than enthusiastic this idea has been canned and instead Members are invited to join President Kathy for a Christmas drink at the Bowling Club (downstairs) on Thursday night. No formal meeting just a chance for a social drink with friends. 6:00PM

Our next meeting will be on January 11. It will take the form of a Trivia Night and will be hosted by Chelsea Ellul and Jim Booth. You have a month to bone up on Rotary Acronyms, Programs and Statistics. (No idea if that will help you on the night, but at least you will be able to impress your Rotary friends with your Rotary knowledge.

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Heads and Tails

Winner: Doug Craike

Birthdays 1-11 Jan 2018

Jan 1 Bill Brown,
Jan 3 Ed Parker,
Jan 5 Helen Ryan,

Anniversaries

Jan 2 Don & Fiona Whatham
Jan 3 Terry & Noaline Fitzsimons

Member Duties 11th January 2018

Door: Andrew Downey/ Greg Flux
Meet & Greet: Liz Friend/Dieter Greiter

Toast: Richard Harris

Grace: Mike Jenkins

Trivia Hosts:

Chelsea Ellul/Jim Booth

Apologies/Extras to John Crump by noon on Wednesday!

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TOWN CLOCK UPDATE

Our application for the town clock and meeting area outside the Nelson Bay Post Office is progressing through Council. The existing notice board is to be moved to Apex Park, and the Clock erected on that site along with new park benches and some gardening work completed. This has already been approved by Council. As Council is redeveloping this area, there have been some delays, however we have asked Council to proceed with this project. They have an interest in proceeding quickly, as they have given our Club a \$5000 grant for the Town Clock project. The funds, in excess of \$12,000, including funds given by Bart's Family are being held in a separate Service Account.

The plans are with the Council Engineers and planners currently and we will endeavour to publish these in our Bulletin early in the New Year. We also have Mayor Ryan Palmer (honorary member of our Club) support in the completion of the Town Clock and meeting area project.

From President Kathy

Today I received this photo from The Legacy Widows who donated a plaque and award at Shoal Bay School in memory of Bart Richardson.

Every year Bart would say 'I think I am getting too old, but will give it one more year'.

A dedicated Rotarian at 97, Bart gave his all right up to the end, not just to Rotary but to many groups including Legacy Widows and Probus.

Personally, he gave me the confidence and council to become President of our club and I am sure he is watching over all of us enjoying a small bottle of red and a cheeky joke.

Who remembers when Project Neighbours rules changes were being discussed at a club forum. Men could not pick up a woman alone. Bart retorted with 'What about two?'

Bart, you are an inspiration to us all and dearly missed.



Secretary Don Whatham advised the meeting that two of the three wheelchairs given to us by Harbourside Haven have found new homes.

One has gone to the Bridge Club – to assist wheel chair bound members to access their second storey meeting room.

The other has gone to a lady suffering severe arthritis and who has been assessed under the NDIS and is awaiting an electric wheel chair. When she is approved she will return it to us for re-distribution.

Bunnings BBQs

Our most recent Bunnings BBQ showed a net result of \$450 (gross \$600) – an excellent result for a Friday.

Help is still needed for BBQs on Boxing Day and New Years Day. Please contact Tony Todd if you can help.



NEVER A DULL MOMENT AT BUNNINGS

It's never a dull moment at a Bunnings BBQ when Jimmy Booth volunteers for a shift. The crew on duty at last Friday's Bunnings BBQ were amazed when Jim downs the cooking tools to show a couple of prospective buyers his 4WD which he has up for sale at the moment.

Another Bunnings client parked his ute near the BBQ and asked us to keep an eye on the 3 boxes of expensive beer in the back. These were quickly offered to the prospective buyers of Jim's 4WD if they could make a quick decision for cash on the spot. The outcome was the beer is still in the ute, Jim drove home and the buyers purchased 4 sausage sandwiches. Stayed tuned....



Butterfly Day – a day for people with special needs:

Our Club helped out at last Sunday's Butterfly Day, for people with special needs at the Tomaree Netball Courts. Secretary Don, Chris B, Judi P and President Kathy cooked and served free sausages supplied by Woolworth's for the 100 or so attending. Our late member Clive Robinson's daughter Karen and one of Clive's cousins stopped by to tell us how good it was seeing Clive's Cooker being used and reminisce on Clive's 40 plus years of service with Nelson Bay Rotary Club. The day was extra special for his family members as Clive passed away three years ago on December 3. A very poignant moment for all those present.

Coming up

Project Neighbour: Next Wednesday December 14

Next meeting: January 11 – Trivia night

January 18 – Hat night with barefoot bowls

Semi-annual fees now due (for those who chose to pay ½ yearly) **\$135.00.**

BSB: 637000, Acct:781 017 418. Please quote your name and "subs".



Gan Gan Binoculars

A new roster will shortly be out to collect from the Gan Gan Binoculars. Pres Kathy reminded members that they should be mindful of the security risk and in particular to ensure that two people always attend to the collections.



Thanks for your help Rotary

President Kathy received a donation of \$100 from Sarah Smith of the Crest Restaurant, Birubi Point on Wednesday afternoon. We were able to provide Sarah some extra storage space in the big Fridge unit we used at the recent World Surfing Event held last month, and the donation was kindly accepted by Kathy.



An update from Shannon Longhurst – Rotary Peace Scholar D 9670

The District's First ever Peace Scholar, Shannon Longhurst, nominated by our Club during Past President Judy Mitchell's year in office has filed a report for the District Rotary Foundation Committee.

Honorary Member Murray Nichol and his wife Lorraine were instrumental in putting Shannon's name forward as a peace scholar.

It has been a very busy and rewarding last few months. I've had some really interesting professional development opportunities and classes at both University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill and Duke this semester, and have been really enjoying being a student once again.

As well as classes, I've attended lots of other events, including the Roxboro Rotary Club (which is my host family's club) meeting at the start of the year. I have since also been to a meeting of the East Chapel Hill Rotary Club and attended a dinner hosted by a Rotarian in Durham, which had attendees from both the Durham NC Club and their sister club from Durham in the United Kingdom. To celebrate world peace day, all of the peace fellows assisted with construction of a house of Habitat for Humanity with a local Rotarian. And we've also been to lots of other events with Rotarians including a baseball game and the North Carolina State Fair.

In the last few weeks I've been to both my first and second football games here, and I celebrated Thanksgiving at my host family's house. I also managed one night away in the mountains to see all the beautiful fall leaf colors whilst they were at their prime. I've now got around 10 more days of final assignments/exams before I begin my holiday road trip.

I hope you are all well and wishing you all the best for the festive season!



*Have a very happy Christmas
Don't forget to register for the
conference before December 31 to receive
the early bird discount*

