



Bulletin 24 – 14 December 2023

ROTARY CHRISTMAS PARTY

A wonderful night of celebration was enjoyed by all who attended our annual Christmas Party held this year at Buoy's Restaurant in Nelson Bay. A large attendance of Rotarians, partners and friends enjoyed the seafood themed Christmas fare. We were joined for the night by long term former member Richard Harris and Athleen their daughter Maree and son-in-law Glen. Unfortunately Dieter was a forced absence due to being isolated during the cyclone in Cairns.

Our club made a Christmas donation of \$1000 to the Yacaaba Centre for the purchase of Christmas hampers to add to the gifts they pass on to those in need. We hope that these gifts bring some joy to members of our community who are currently finding things difficult. We have also allocated \$600 to replace a washing machine at one of the Yacaaba units in Trafalgar Street.



John Cropley had contact with former member Verne Mutton and Jillian. Verne moved from our club to Bomaderry some years ago and has recently retired. He informed John of his many travels both overseas and in Australia since his move. Unfortunately, Verne informed us that the Bomaderry Rotary Club of which he was a member since leaving us had handed in its charter after 53 years of service, Verne sends regards to all.

News was announced by several proud parents and grandparents of recent family achievements. John and Maree's daughter had just completed her HSC. Richard and Jenny and Don and Fiona's granddaughters graduated with Distinctions and honours this week at the University of Newcastle. Denise and Geoff's grandson gained an ATAR of 99.25 in the recently announced HSC results. Also of significance is Richard and Athleen's granddaughter, Maree and Glen's daughter Madeline is the newsreader on ABC Newcastle

COMING EVENTS:

15 Dec to 18 Jan: Club meetings will be in recess. However, several events will be held during this period.

21 Dec: Informal BBQ at Dutchies Beach Western side. (Burbong Street). Clive's Cooker available. Bring own food, drinks, chair & eating utensils or just drop in for a drink if time is pressing, and you can't stay long.

1 Jan: Bunnings barbeque.

6 Jan: Bunnings barbeque

BIRTHDAYS:

22 Dec: John Clarke

18 Jan: David Clarke

19 Jan: Lesley Freeman

ANNIVERSARIES:

2 Jan: Don & Fiona Whatham

14 Jan: David & Vicki Clarke.

20 Jan: John & Yvonne Stuhmcke

21 Jan: Geoff & Denise Diemar.

MEMBER DUTIES (18 Jan)

Door: Lesley Freeman

Grace: Peter McBean

Toast: Geoff Robinson

Introduce Speaker: David Clark

Thank Speaker: John Cropley

Bulletin: Dieter Greiter

Photos: John Cropley

Binoculars: Geoff Diemar



Thanks to Henk for the excellent photos from our Christmas Party.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY
NEW YEAR TO ALL.**

