



## Bulletin No 25 January 11 2018

# WELCOME TO 2018 AT NELSON BAY ROTARY CLUB



Our first meeting of 2018 was a relaxed informal evening to get us back into the swing of things. Nearly 30 members attended with great fellowship enjoyed by all.

President Kathy received a Kowloon Rotary Club banner from Past President Judy Mitchell, who was Guest Speaker at the Club in December 2017.

This presentation was followed by a brief update from Arja Levonpera on the District Conference. Arja is looking after the bookings for the Conference with over 250 registrations received so far. The committee is now meeting on a more regular basis, as the Conference draws near.

Chris Bartlett informed members of the sudden passing of Don McDonald a local mental health advocate (See Page 5). Chris is also conducting next week's meeting, a Hat Day Bare Foot Bowls Night. Please note earlier start from 5.30pm with Bowls at 6pm followed by a BBQ meal. Don't forget your hats. This is a partner's and family night.

Chris also drew the member's attention to the upcoming Touch Football competition on February 3 & 4. Members may recall we were able to sell over 1200 surplus drinks left over from Australia Day at this event last year. We will also be doing some catering and additional sales at the Elizabeth Waring Canteen at this event. Also mentioned by Chris was the WRANS breakfast at Shoal Bay Beach on Sunday March 4, where over 300 ladies have registered to attend this function.

Events Coordinator Tony Todd then issued the Australia Day Roster, (page 3) and advised he would be asking for volunteers for the upcoming events we have over the next 8 weeks. Tony highlighted the great participation at the 3 recent Bunnings BBQ's where nearly \$2000 net was raised. The upcoming catering program offers the potential to raise over \$10,000 net, to be added to the money already raised from other catering events this Rotary year.

Dieter Greiter issued the Gan Gan Lookout Binoculars Roster (Page 4) and was thanked by members for his efforts over the past few months in collecting the \$2 coins. **PRESIDENT Kathy** will be Bob McKay's guest on Port Stephens FM at 11 am this Monday outlining what is happening at Nelson Bay Rotary Club.

### In this Bulletin:

**Pages 2, 3, 4, 5** News and views, Australia Day Draft Roster, Binocular Roster, Vale Don McDonald

### Birthdays this coming week

**Jan 18** David Clark

### Anniversaries

**Jan 14** David & Victoria Clark (well planned David)

**Jan 20** John & Yvonne Stuhmcke

**Heads and Tails Won** by the "Tosser" Doug Bairstow

### Member Duties

**December 7 2017**

**Door** Chris Bartlett

**Meet/Greet:**

**Loyal Toast**

**Grace:**

**Intro Guest speaker:**

**Thank Guest Speaker:**

**Bulletin Editor:** Henk

Tobbe

**Photographer** Henk

Tobbe

**Guest Speaker Hat Day**

**Barefoot Bowls**

**5.30pm for 6pm start.**



District Governor Helen Ryan and the District Conference team at Tuesday night's meeting. Absent were CoChair Warwick Mathieson, Liz Friend and Ella Clark. Picture by Doug Craike using Phil Smith's camera. Many of our members are very talented like Doug.

### DISTRICT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Our District Conference team has been meeting regularly for over 12 months, with DG Helen's conference only 7 weeks away. The team have been engaged in a variety of activities to ensure the success of the conference. Past and present members of the Salamander Bay Rotary Club have been assisting. Planning is going well and a very successful conference is assured.



### HAT BOWLS THIS THURSDAY

Another reminder it's Hat Day Bowls night at Nelson Bay Bowling Club on Thursday night. Please dust off your hats, forget your shoes and join in for a fun night bowls and a BBQ meal.

Prizes will be awarded for the best Hats and possibly some bowls prizes as well. Partners and family are welcome, please advise John Crump by Monday morning latest.

### JIM AND CHELSEA'S TRIVIA QUIZ

Long time member Jim Booth and our youngest member Chelsea Ellul treated the members to a Trivia Quiz to conclude the first meeting of 2018. The questions and pictures kept most members guessing with Jim firing other questions to ensure no team earned 100%. And to make the evening more memorable, members retreated to their home PCs to get the answers. It was certainly entertaining with the Smart A team winning the night from the A team, whose guesses were handicapped by poor spelling. We did have fun and thank you Boothy and Chels for taking the time to entertain us. Members had a quick whip around the buy Chelsea some new shoe laces. Get with the fashion guys, it's all the trend today.....

### TRUTH STRANGER THAN FICTION

Our genial member Bob Mitchell spent an enjoyable holiday in Israel with wife PP Judy just prior to Xmas. Bob was telling members that he was at the site of Jesus's Last Supper when JC suddenly appeared walking down the stairs. JC was none other than our attendance officer John Crump (JC) who was also holidaying in Israel with his partner Val Morris. We believe Bob and John were so shaken by the experience that they had to retire for a few cleansing ales, before continuing their respective tours. It shows the old adage "you don't know who you will run into" is so true.....

APOLOGIES & EXTRAS TO JOHN CRUMP BY NOON WEDNESDAY'S  
PLEASE -PHONE OR SMS 0401 450 289- THANK YOU



**AUSTRALIA DAY 2018 - DUTY ROSTER**

<b>President</b>	Kathy Rimmer	<b>Please advise Tony Todd if you are unable to do your shift. Conversely if you have friends or family who would like to assist on the Day, please advise Tony asap</b>
<b>Site Manager</b>	C Bartlett	
<b>Photos</b>	H Tobbe	
<b>Roster</b>	T Todd	
<b>Electrical/Gas Manager</b>	D Craike	
<b>Manage Ice - pre &amp; day</b>	G Diemar	
<b>Load up at Shed - Thursday</b>	J Stuhmcke 2pm-5pm Shed	Tony Todd 2pm-5pm
	C Bartlett 2pm - 5pm Shed	D Craike 2pm - 5pm Shed
	D Whatham 2pm - 5pm Shed	J Priestley 2pm-5pm shed
	M Jenkins 2pm - 5pm Shed	M Williams 2pm- 5pm Shed
<b>Trailers To/From Fly Point</b>	J Stuhmcke/D Whatham	J Stuhmcke/D Whatham

<b>DUTY</b>	<b>AM 8.00am -12.00 noon</b>	<b>PM 12 Noon -4.00pm</b>
<b>Food Area Manager</b>	T Todd	T Todd
<b>Clives Cooker</b>	J Booth	T Todd
<b>BBQ 1</b>	P Smith	D Craike
<b>BBQ2</b>	J Crump	J Sully
<b>Cooking Backup</b>	John Stumcke	D Whatham
<b>Food Service 1</b>	Greg Flux	Emma Cropley
<b>Food Service 2</b>	C McGrath	? Cropley
<b>Food Service 3</b>	Laurie Wilson	John Cropley
<b>Food Service 4</b>	Val Morris	Marie Cropley
<b>Food Service/Preparation</b>	J Mitchell/ S Williams/H McGrath	P Marshall/ F Whatham
<b>Food Service Supervision</b>	J Priestley	J Priestley
<b>Cook's Gofer</b>	J Stuhmcke	D Whatham
<b>Chips 1</b>	B Michel	B Michel
<b>Chips 2</b>	D. Moylan	D Moylan
<b>Chips Server</b>	Sonia Moylan	Sonia Moylan
<b>Drinks 1 - Person 1</b>	Richard Harris (late arrival)	T Parnell & Johnathan
<b>Drinks 1 - Person 2</b>	Richard Turner	T Parnell & Johnathan
<b>Drinks 2 - Person 1</b>	Zac Rimmer	Mike Jenkins
<b>Drinks 2 - Person 2</b>	David Clark	Ella Clarke
<b>Ticket &amp; Queue Mgt</b>	Dieter Greiter/Gordon Treble	Geoff Diemar/Dieter Greiter
<b>Food Court Maintenance</b>	R Mitchell/ I Mclver	E Parker
<b>Drink Maintenance</b>	T Todd	John Sully
<b>Cashier/Food Tickets</b>	Kathy Rimmer/Ian Brigden	Kathy Rimmer/Ian Brigden
<b>Food Tickets 1</b>	Arja Levonpera	Christine Smith
<b>Food Tickets 2</b>	Liz Friend	Yvonne Stuhmcke
<b>Provision's Gofer</b>	D Bairstow	D Bairstow
<b>Utility Reserve any duty</b>	Chris Bartlett & TBA	Chris Bartlett & TBA

## BINOCULAR ROSTER

January to June 2018

January 15 John Stuhmcke & Chris Bartlett  
(Maintenance)

January 22 John Crump & Valerie

January 29 Phill Smith & Chelsea Ellul

February 6 Peter & Marianne Mc Bean

February 13 Dieter Greiter & Liz Friend

February 20 Richard Harris & Andrew Downey

February 27 Robert & Judith Mitchell

March 5 John Stuhmcke & Dieter Greiter  
(Maintenance)

March 12 Doug Craike & Milton Williams

March 19 Phill Smith & Alicia Cameron

March 26 Chris Bartlett & Arja Levonpera

April 2 Dieter Greiter & Phillipa Marshall

April 9 Ian Mclver & Peter Page

April 16 Tony Todd & Tricia Parnell

April 23 John Stuhmcke & Chris Bartlett  
(Maintenance)

April 30 Doug & Jenny Craike

May 7 Phill Smith & John Sully

May 14 Peter & Marianne McBean

May 21 Dieter Greiter & Michael Jenkins

May 28 John Crump & Valerie

June 4 Chris Bartlett & Judi Priestley

June 11 John Stuhmcke & Dieter Greiter  
(Maintenance)

June 18 Richard Harris & Andrew Downey

June 25 Robert & Judith Mitchell

Contact Chris Bartlett on:

**0488 552 486** or

Dieter Greiter on :

**0409 607 413**

if there are issues or  
unable to attend

Thank You Dieter for  
picking up the \$2.00 coins  
over the past few months,  
doing the new Roster and  
reminding us of the "Gift  
that keeps on giving"

## UPCOMING EVENTS

January 18 Hat Day Barefoot Bowls Night (Partners)

January 25 Australia Day & Gan Gan Lookout briefing

January 26 Australia Day at Fly Point

February 3 & 4 Touch Footy Tournament Nelson Bay

February 8 Board Meeting

February 16 Bunnings BBQ

March 3 Bunnings BBQ

March 4 Wrens Breakfast at Shoal Bay Beach

March 16-18 District Conference

## BULLETIN EDITORS ROSTER

As a Club we are fortunate to have a great team of Bulletin Editors. We are always looking for members to join the team and if you would like to assist contact any of the current Editors. If you have any articles that you think the members would enjoy, again contact any of the Editors.

### January

18 Henk Tobbe

25 Don Whatham

### February

2 Dieter Greiter

9 Phil Smith

16 Chris Bartlett

23 Henk Tobbe

### March

1 Don Whatham

8 Dieter Greiter

15 Phil Smith

22 Chris Bartlett

29 Henk Tobbe

### April

5 Don Whatham

12 Dieter Greiter

19 Phil Smith

26 Chris Bartlett

### May

3 Henk Tobbe

10 Don Whatham

17 Dieter Greiter

24 Phil Smith

31 Chris Bartlett

### June

7 Henk Tobbe

14 Don Whatham

21 Dieter Greiter

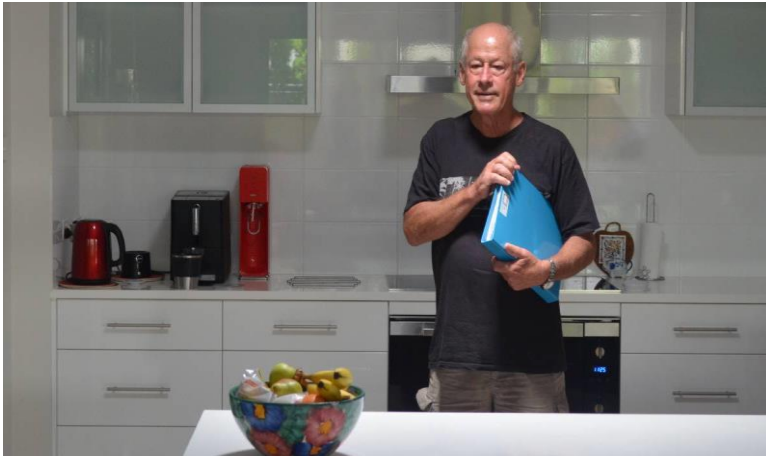
28 Phil Smith

Note. John Cropley is a casual Bulletin Editor and is available from time to time.

## MEMBERS DUTIES

Many of you will have noticed that the members Roster works alphabetically. Consideration is also given those who work, the exclusion of the President and Treasurer who are kept busy with pre meeting requirements. So please check the Roster, check where we are up to in the alphabet and keep an eye for your duties when they appear. If you can't perform the task ask another member to fill in for you.





**MENTAL  
HEALTH  
ADVOCATE DON  
McDONALD  
PASSES AWAY  
SUDDENLY**

Local Mental health  
campaigner passed  
away suddenly last  
week

Don was also a  
member of  
Tomaree Probus  
Club, with  
incoming President  
and former Nelson  
Bay Rotary Mike  
Mobbs alerting us  
to Don's sudden  
death

Mental health advocate and defender of industrial rights, Don McDonald AM, has died at 79, from the complications of preventative pre-cancer surgery. Mr McDonald organised the Lifting the Lid on Mental Illness forum in Nelson Bay in May 2017, which attracted 500 people. This was to be one of his final acts, in retirement, after a lifetime of achievement. Mr McDonald was a Member of the Order of Australia, having been a career-union official and co-founder of the Schizophrenia Research Institute of Australia (SRI).

Don left the union in 1990 when his son Warwick developed schizophrenia. He led an alliance of concerned organisations and individuals which resulted in a \$2 million commitment, between 1996 and 2001, to establish SRI. The Neuroscience Institute for Schizophrenia and Allied Disorders was the forerunner to SRI. Doctors had diagnosed Don with a predisposition to pancreatic cancer. As a precaution, under specialist advice, he agreed to undergo a whipple procedure, to remove the head of the pancreas, the first part of the small intestine (duodenum), the gallbladder and the bile duct. While they were able to remove the benign lesions, he would develop fatal complications. A service for relatives and friends was held in Sydney on Friday.

**Editor's Note**

Don was a member of the Nelson Bay Veterans Golf Club, which our VP John Stuhmcke is President and several of our Club's members play regularly. Our Club was able to assist Don in organising the Lifting the Lid on Mental Health Forum held in May 2017 at West Diggers, with Don Whatham, Judy Mitchell, DG Helen and Chris Bartlett involved. Chris is District 9670 Australian Rotary Health representative. The Neura Research Foundation, has strong links, to both Schizophrenia Australia Foundation and Australian Rotary Health. ARH's Lifting the Lid on Mental program is gathering force nationally with a public campaign being launched to raise \$20 million through business & corporate sponsorship for 9 areas of Mental health research throughout Australia.. Also thank you to the Port Stephens Examiners Sam Norris. Sam is a recently inducted member of the satellite Club of Rutherford Telarah.



**FLASHBACK**

This picture published  
in our May 5<sup>th</sup>  
Bulletin 2017 shows  
the packed auditorium  
at Diggers for Lifting  
the Lid Mental Health  
Forum organised by  
the late Don  
McDonald, Our Club  
assisted in some  
aspects of the evening  
Many of our Club  
members attended this  
evening and were  
impressed by the  
Community's support.

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 .....