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ANOTHER YEAR COMMENCES AS WE CONTINUE TO INSPIRE



Our first meeting of 2019 was held on Thursday was quite well attended a relaxed meeting was conducted as the above picture of President Kathy and President Elect Arja shows. Members were given update on the installation of the binoculars on the lower viewing platform at Gan Gan lookout, the upcoming Australia day celebrations, our Hot Pot Hat Night at the Yacht Club and the Honorary members morning tea at Evviva next Wednesday. See inside pages for full updates.

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

Wing Commander Mick Duggan is the current Base Redevelopment Officer at RAAF Williamtown. Mick has spent 37 years in the Air Force both as a permanent and reserve member. During his time in the Air Force he served as a ground based Air Defence radar operator, a P3C Orion aircrew member, the Executive Officer for a 300 personnel Air Operations Squadron and now a Base Redevelopment Officer. Tonight he will be talking about the \$1.5 bn worth of construction activity currently underway at RAAF Base Williamtown

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Birthdays this coming week None recorded Anniversaries

Jan 14 David & Vicki Clark

Heads and Tails: Helen Ryan

Member Duties:

January 17

Door Chris B & Doug C

Meet/Greet: Doug B and all members

Loyal Toast: Jim B

Grace: Ian B

Intro Guest Speaker

John Stuhmcke

Thank Guest: John C

Bulletin: Phil

Photos: Phil

Binos John Crump & Val

Guest Wing Commander

Mick Duggan- Project

Manager Williamtown

RAAF Base- Wives,

partners, guests always

welcome

Next meeting – Wing Commander Mick Duggan – Project Manager Williamtown RAAF Base

Apologies/Extras to John Crump by noon on Wednesday!

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AUSTRALIA DAY FAST APPROACHING-



Our Australia Day Committee Chair, Doug Craike provided members an update on Thursday night. A small team has been working behind the scenes to ensure Australia Day 2019 will be successful. Doug thanked VP John for his organising with the Williamstown Rotary Club, who have kindly provided their mobile cool room and a second chip cooker which will ease any queues. The Cooker was picked up on Saturday by Doug, Milton and Chris B. The Roster prepared by Secretary Don is a working document and will be finalised just for Australia Day. Doug mentioned the enthusiasm of the Anna Bay Scouts who will be providing 16 Volunteers on the Day. Doug and his team meet with the Scout leaders on Saturday to give them an overview of their duties. At this meeting Scout leader Louise Healey mentioned all the scouts came from disadvantaged families from the Anna Bay area, making our support even more worthwhile. Another innovation this year will be a rest and relax area for our volunteers where chairs and cool drinks will be available. Doug thanked Geoff Diemar for arranging the plentiful supply of ice on the day. Doug also mentioned we will be providing a family special deal this year designed to encourage families. Several working bees will be held at the Community Shed over the next two weeks ensure all our equipment complies. In summary the day is taking shape.

PRESIDENTIAL CITATION FOR THE CLUB



NELSON BAY ROTARY CLUB RECOGNISED FOR FOR ACHIEVEMENT BY RI PRESIDENT 2017-18

Nelson Bay Rotary Club had another outstanding year in 2017/18 and were the only Club in District 9670 to receive a Presidential Citation from RI World President Ian Riseley. PDG Governor Helen presented the Award to President Kathy at our well attended Xmas Party. Helen said the Award was for the Club's efforts during 2017/18 including some 7000 Community hours registered. In responding President Kathy said every member of the Club contributed. She thanked Club Secretary PDG Don Whatham for his commitment in supplying the information required. Members should be proud of our achievements, working as a team and inspiring others. Our top photo shows DG Brian, Secretary Don, AG Phil and President Kathy checking out the presidential data for 2018/19 Award. DG Brian is hoping many more Club's will follow our lead.



Some of our Australia Day Drink supplies, purchased at half price prior to Xmas

UP COMING EVENTS

Wed Jan 16 Honorary member's morning tea. All welcome

Thurs Jan 17 Meeting- Guest speaker Wing Commander Mick Duggan Guests welcome

Sun Jan 20 Bunnings BBQ

Thurs Jan 24 Club meeting- Briefing for Australia Day and mystery Behind the Badge

Thurs Jan 31 BYO Hot Pot night and Hat Day Celebration Soldiers Pot Bowling Yacht Club. Guests very welcome

Sat Feb 2 & Sun Feb 3 Nelson Bay Touch Footy Canteen

Thurs Feb 7 Club meeting

Fri Feb 8 Bunnings BBQ

BUNNINGS ROUND UP- CURRENT ROSTERS

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER- SUNDAY JANUARY 20 2019

AM Shift 8.30am - 12.15pm

Doug Craike
Liz Friend
Judi Priestley
TBA

Transport Doug C
Loading Milton/Chris B
Supplies Doug B

PM Shift 12.15 to 4 pm

Milton W
Lesley F
Greg Flux
Phil Smith
Milton Assist with
unload Phil Smith

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 8TH

AM SHIFT 8.30-12.15

VP John
Arja
Liz

Transport VP John
Load Chris B/ VP John
Supplies Doug B

PM SHIFT 12.15- 4PM

Chris B
Lesley F
Dieter G
VP John assist with unload
Chris B



A SIGN OF THE TIMES



Helen and Liz having an in depth conversation at a Bunnings recently via Iphone .of course

Our Xmas/New year net takings at Bunnings over the Xmas New Year period totalled \$1900.00 which was good despite some very hot weather. A big thank you to all the Volunteers who ASSISTED it is very much appreciated



FUTURE DATES

Sunday Jan 20
Friday Feb 8
Friday Feb 22
Friday March 1
Saturday March 9

NELSON BAY ROTARY AND BUNNINGS

Following the recent 'Oniongate' issue at Bunnings, there have been several discussions with Bunnings management at Taylors Beach re the configuration of the BBQ and work area. We have fielded comments from a number of other community groups have made representations to Bunnings management. Nelson Bay Rotary Club's Board has reviewed the situation and a summary of the discussion is listed below

- 1 That our Club has worked long and hard for over a decade to build a relationship with Bunnings, and despite some current differences of views regarding the layout of the BBQ, and the Board wish to continue the current relationship.
- 2 That the Community Service Director and the Board continue discussions with the local Bunnings management team to resolve the concerns re layout and other possible Bunnings issues.
3. While the current arrangement is not ideal, the Board feel with positive discussions the issues will be resolved to both parties satisfaction
4. The revenue stream from Bunnings this year will be close to \$12,000, revenue we do not wish to lose.
5. Member participation at Bunnings this year has been very strong, with all but a few members participating in some way.
6. Bunnings have been generous to our Club supplying extra dates, and their family nights (4) which have been profitable to the Club, in both dollars and the supplying of surplus stock which we make a 100 per cent profit. They were generous in supplying vouchers which we used as Golf Day prizes and supplied \$500 worth of plants and trees for our tree planting project at Anna Bay School last Rotary year..

The Board trusts this clarifies the Club's position with Bunnings



BINOCULAR ROSTER**December to June 2019**

Contact Chris Bartlett on: **0488 552 486**
or Dieter Greiter on : **0409 607 413** if
there are issues or unable to attend

Dec.	31	Dieter & Helga Greiter
Jan.	07	Peter & Marianne Mc Bean
Jan.	14	Phill Smith & Chelsea Ellul
Jan.	21	John Crump & Valerie
Jan.	28	David Clark & Andrew Downey
Feb.	04	Dieter Greiter & Liz Friend
Feb.	11	Robert & Judith Mitchell
Feb.	18	Doug Craike & Milton Williams
Feb.	25	John Stuhmcke & Dieter Greiter (Maintenance)
Mar.	04	Phill Smith & Helen Ryan
Mar.	11	Chris Bartlett & Arja Levonpera
Mar.	18	Dieter & Helga Greiter
Mar.	25	John Stuhmcke & Chris Bartlett (Maintenance)
Apr.	01	Liz Friend & Judi Priestley
Apr.	08	Ian McIver & Peter Page
Apr.	15	Doug & Jenny Craike
Apr.	22	Phill Smith & John Sully
Apr.	29	John Stuhmcke & Dieter Greiter (Maintenance)
May	06	Dieter Greiter & Michael Jenkins
May	13	John Crump & Valerie
May	20	Chris Bartlett & Judi Priestley
May	27	John Stuhmcke & Chris Bartlett (Maintenance)
June	03	John Sully & Andrew Downey
June	10	Robert & Judith Mitchell
June	17	Peter & Marianne McBean
June	24	Dieter & Helga Greiter



Our new binoculars were installed on Boxing Day by Geoff Diemar and Warwick Mathieson with some assistance from VP John. In 10 days of operation \$274 was collected. Geoff also carried out repairs on the top set of bins with assistance from Warwick. Gan Gan Lookout is the most visited site in Port Stephens. A thank you to dieter who collected the money over the Xmas/new year period and has prepared the roster for the next 6 months.



Our new binoculars featured on NBN 6pm News on Tuesday night. Thank you Phil Smith for having the knowledge to be able to supply the image. Also thank you Phil all the photos you provide each week.

A REQUEST FROM 'POMMY' JOHN

John Sully has sent the following email regarding the upcoming Friendship Exchange. It is a two part request, Part 1 to travel with John on the Exchange and Part 2 to consider taking part in the Exchange. I know our Club would have no problems home hosting when the new found American friends return to Australia. You mentioned my interest and talk on friendship exchange. I talked about the oncoming trip to South Dakota this May / June and I am still dithering whether to go, as I shall be on my own as Sheila would not face that long journey. If I do go then our Club will be expected to be involved with the return visit in the Spring. Could I ask you to please give it some publicity as there are still vacancies to fill and it would be nice to have company from my own club. Fly Syd on the 29th May and arrive Dallas/Fort Worth on the same day, (crossing the I.D.L.) return on 13th June, arriving 6 am on the 15th. Please contact John in the first instance, it is a great programme.

BREAKING NEWS- MEXICO TO PAY FOR WALL



SPONSORS GOLF DAY- THANK YOU

Golf Day Chair Arja up dated members on the upcoming Sponsors Golf Day to thank our sponsors and supporters. The day is booked at the Nelson Bay Golf Club for Friday April 5 2019. The day is not planned as a fund raising day however if we make a profit then this will be distributed to a several local chairities. Once we have completed our Australia Day commitments Arja will be gertting the Golf Day Commiteee back together to finalise plans for the day. Our sponsors from last year will be able to display their business banners on "the avenue of banners" an new innovation we are trying at this event. More on this event in coming weeks. We are seeking players for the this fun and thank you day.

HOT POT HAT DAY NIGHT AT YACHT CLUB



Club Service Director Liz advised members of our Hot Pot (Pot Luck) dinner and Hat Night celebrations at Soldiers Point Yacht Club on Thursday night January 31st. As we missed celebrating Hat Day this year members are asked to wear their favourite hat on the night. As there will be no charge for dinner this night members are asked to bring dinner, curries, chilli dishes or a favourite casserole would also be nice. Of course rice and salads could be supplied, and let's not forget dessert. It is not a BYO evening, however the Yacht Club bar will be manned, drinks available at reasonable prices. Liz is having a week off this week, however will be chasing up members for their meal contribution. Partners and guests are most welcome on this night. Perhaps we could ask an Indian restaurant owner to be our guest for the evening.

MORNING TEA AT EVVIVA THIS WEDNESDAY JANUARY 16

Our monthly morning tea for honorary members, club members and friends of the Club is being held at member Tammy Kelly's Evviva Restaurant this coming Wednesday at 10am. It is a great opportunity to have a coffee and a chat. Thanks to Dieter G for organising. Do try and make it

EARY NOTICE TOUCH FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

We have been asked by the Nelson Bay Touch Football Association to run a canteen again (3rd year) at the very popular Peter Wilson Memorial Tournament. It's a fun weekend, with great working conditions. There will be more teams competing on the oval we look after. The event is being held on Saturday February 2 and Sunday February 3, the weekend after Australia Day. The weekend is very profitable to the Club and its fun. We also have the opportunity to use any excess stock (hopefully none) at this tournament. Family members are welcome to assist us. Depending on the Volunteer numbers, we can approach the Anna Bay Scouts for support. We have a meeting with the Touch Footy Association on Thursday before our Club meeting and members will be updated on Thursday night.

