



Bulletin 25 - 17 December 2020

ROTARY CHRISTMAS PARTY



Forty one members and guests enjoyed a wonderful night of celebration at our annual Christmas Party last night. We all enjoyed sharing the joy of Christmas after a most unusual year highlighted at times by uncertainty about what the future held in store for us. Even so, we never once forgot the object of Rotary. Our club managed to carry on its core business of providing Service Above Self by continuing to meet remotely until it was possible to resume normal meetings. Close contact was maintained by our members and the spirit of fellowship and care for others never wavered. With all our difficulties we have recently made \$1000 donations to each of PolioPlus, Shelterbox, ROMAC, ARH and a \$500 donation to Cobar Rotary to help replace fire damaged tanks. We have supported each of our local schools with the annual \$100 donation for their Presentation Days and we have maintained our weekly donations to our charity the Rotary Foundation.

The most recent personal donation of \$20 upwards per member to provide Christmas Hampers through the Yacaaba Centre to bring joy and Christmas spirit to local community members experiencing some difficulty in life brought our Rotary year to a most satisfactory conclusion. This appeal has resulted in the purchase of \$700 worth of hampers.

Thank you to Helen for organising the Christmas Party and to Arja and Judi for assisting Helen with the arrangements. Congratulations to our three lucky door prize winners Lesley, Vicki and Liz. We had a lot of fun trying to solve the Christmas puzzle Helen had set us. Three tables managed to tie with 14 correct answers. The table of Peter, Marianne, Lesley, Verella, Kathy, Don and Fiona (photographed above) managed to snatch final victory when Fiona answered the tie breaker question correctly.

The Christmas fare was to the Bowling Club's usual high standard and no doubt photographer Henk will provide a photo for later in the bulletin.

Lucky Winners:

Lucky Door Prizes:

Lesley Freeman
Vicki Clark
Liz Friend

Birthdays this week:

22 Dec: John Clarke
5 Jan: Helen Ryan
18 Jan: David Clark
19 Jan: Lesley Freeman

Anniversaries:

2 Jan: Don & Fiona
Whatham
14 Jan: David & Vicki
Clark

Member Duties

14 January 2021

Door:

John Crump, Chris
Bartlett

Meet/Greet:

Arja Levonpera

Loyal Toast:

Peter McBean

Bulletin:

Phill Smith

Photos:

Phill Smith

Binoculars:

28 Dec: Dieter & Helga
Greiter.

4 Jan: Peter &
Marianne McBean

11 Jan: W Mathieson, G
Diemar.
(Maintenance)

Next meeting – NEW YEAR CLUB NIGHT – 14 January 2021

Apologies/Extras to by noon on Wednesday!

Phone or text 0401 450 239

CHRISTMAS PARTY HIGHLIGHTS.

We were privileged to welcome many guests to our party. Members were pleased to introduce wives, husbands and partners. We were also joined by PDG's Janette and Steve Jackson from Cessnock, Roque and Linda Poisson from Dubbo South and regular guests Lynn Moffitt, John & Sheila Sully, Peter and Elena Arena. Also present were Verella Hobbs and Robert Mitchell soon to be inducted as members of our club.

ROTARY FOUNDATION BRONZE AWARD.



PDG Janette Jackson chair of D9670 Rotary Foundation presented President Liz with a Bronze Award from the Rotary Foundation in recognition of our club's achievement of donation of \$US100,000 to the Rotary Foundation. Significant factors in gaining this award are the generosity of our members and recognition by them that the Rotary Foundation is our charity. Money donated to the Foundation grows in many ways and the total donated is used to assist the programs of Rotary, promote peace, good will and address health, hunger and humanity throughout the world. Each week members make a donation to the Foundation included in the dinner fee.

PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY RECOGNITION.

President Liz called on PP Arja to make two presentations held over for a special occasion. Below is the transcript of Arja's address:

Paul Harris once said "Perhaps dreaming is not so bad if one dreams good dreams and makes them come true."

In Rotary, we make dreams a reality through extraordinary projects and activities here at home and around the world. These projects would not be possible without the generous support of Rotarians and friends of our Foundation. The Rotary Foundation recognizes those individuals who contribute US\$1,000 or more annually to the Annual Fund, Polio Plus, or approved Foundation grants by inducting them into the Paul Harris Society.

Today we honour a dedicated friend of our Rotary Foundation whose annual generosity distinguishes her as a member of the Paul Harris Society.

Paul Harris Society gifts enable Rotary's worldwide network of dedicated humanitarians to implement projects that address pressing needs in communities around the world. Because of these contributions:



- Children are vaccinated against polio and other diseases
- Adults and children alike can learn to read and write.
- Women are given microloans and vocational training that enable them to support themselves and their families in a healthy and dignified way.
- Teachers and schoolchildren have access to toilet facilities and clean drinking water.
- Scholars are able to study ways to prevent maternal and child mortality.
- Professionals from around the world convene to discuss strategies for resolving conflict and fostering peace.

Today we recognize **Helen Ryan** our Paul Harris Society member, for enabling Rotary to make an impact on individuals, families, and entire communities. On their behalf, I offer sincere appreciation for your ongoing generosity.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW PRESENTATION



The Paul Harris Fellow is named for Paul Harris, who founded Rotary with three business associates in Chicago in 1905. Paul Harris Fellow recognition was established in his honour in 1957 to express appreciation for a contribution of US\$1,000 to the humanitarian and educational programs of The Rotary Foundation. Those programs include an array of projects that save and invigorate the lives of people around the world and enhance international friendship and understanding. Foundation programs provide educational opportunities food, potable water, health care, immunizations, and shelter for millions of persons. These activities are funded, implemented and managed by Rotarians and Rotary clubs around the

globe. Rotarians also designate a Paul Harris Fellow to recognise another person whose life demonstrates a shared purpose with the objectives and mission of the Rotary Foundation to build world understanding and peace.

Tonight our club is designating a Paul Harris Fellow to our member **John Crump**. You were selected to receive this recognition because Nelson Bay Rotary Club believes that your life exemplifies the humanitarian and educational objectives of The Rotary Foundation. We thank you for demonstrating in your life and vocation a commitment to helping persons in need here and around the world.

COMING EVENTS.

Saturday 26 December: Bunnings Barbeque (See roster below.)

Saturday 9 January: Bunnings barbeque. (See below).

Thursday 14 January: First meeting of the New Year.

Sunday 17 January: Bunnings barbeque: This is to be conducted by Tomaree Museum Society



BUNNINGS ROSTER FOR SATURDAY 26 DECEMBER

AM Shift 8.30 to 12.15

Chris Bartlett, Lesley Freeman, Kathy Rimmer, Arja Levonpera, Laurie Wilson

PM Shift 12.00 to 4.00pm

John Stuhmcke, Geoff Diemar, Chris Bartlett, Warwick Mathieson, Peter Arena

BUNNINGS ROSTER FOR SATURDAY 9 January 2021.

AM Shift 8.30 to 12.15

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED – please inform Milton Williams or Chris Bartlett of your availability.

PM Shift 12.00 to 4.00pm

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17 JANUARY (support capacity only - the barbeque will be manned by members of the museum group.)

ROTARY SHED UPGRADE.



THE FINISHED JOB.

Geoff, Milton, John S and Don completed the work in laying an extension to the concrete slab at the entry to our Rotary shed. This will make trailer parking and storage much easier during the loading process. This will be particularly helpful when transporting equipment to Bunnings.

Pictured is Geoff applying the finishing touches to the slab extension.

HALF YEARLY FEES.

Reminder that subscription fees (\$120) for those who pay half yearly are due by 31 December 2020.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY PHOTO ALBUM (Courtesy Henk)







MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR.