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Club Meeting

Secretary Don advised we have had a number of letters of thanks from events in the last year.

We provided a citizenship award at all the local schools for their presentation days and we had a number of nice replies thanking us, and advising that the awards had been put to good use.

Nelson Bay Croquet Club thanked us for the use of our portable shelters. A letter of thanks came from Peter and Michael Page for supporting the Trek-4-Kids rally. Also a letter of thanks from Camp Quality thanking the club for catering for 200 people, at their event, at Nelson Bay Swimming Pool last year. We received the Bronze Award from ShelterBox.

The club will send a letter of congratulations to Dr Kelvin Kong AM for his recent Australia Day award, and we can see the benefits of our support to remote communities programs he heads, which allows electronic transfer of information to ENT specialists in major hospitals.

Watering System For Hospital Garden

The new sprinkler system has been installed at the Tomaree Hospital Reflection Garden. The club is providing \$1,000 for the installation of the system and some other tasks needing completion at the garden. Last week Doug Craike and former member Milton Williams laid out the pipes, installed the sprinklers and drippers, plus installed the timing system. Chris Bartlett provided the labour, including adding more bark chips and covering the pipes. After a long morning in very hot conditions, taps were turned on and the system tested. It worked very well, particularly during last weekend's very hot weather. The grass has maintained a green and lush appearance.



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Birthdays in February

Helga Grieter on the 7th
John Stuhmcke on the 18th

Anniversaries

None this week

Heads & Tails: Geoff Diemar

Raffle Winner: Ella Clarke who might fit in a 3 minute talk at our next meeting. Ella drew a 5 of spades from the pack of cards.

Only 2 down so there is plenty cards to go.

Next meeting

Door: Dieter Grieter

Grace: Peter Page

Toast: John Stuhmcke

Bulletin. Don W.

Binoculars Geoff D.

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3 minutes talk from the meeting Geoff Robinson

Geoff provided some insights on steel usage and its properties from someone who has worked in this area their entire life.

Driving across the Sydney Harbour bridge there is significantly more steel beams than would be required in a new bridge with modern materials and the construction would be quite different, possibly composite steel and concrete.

In our local Bunnings the ceiling shows a certain type of construction which does not bear a lot of weight and would not be strong enough in a country with snowfall. Solar panels are to be installed on the roof hence the work going on there at the moment.

The ships which enter Newcastle harbour must be loaded in the correct way otherwise the potential is there for distortion of the hull. They also do not handle running aground and tend to break up easily.



Join The Salamander Bay Rotary Club
in celebrating . . .

International Woman's Day 2024

Sunday, 3 March 2024 from 5.00pm
Soldiers Point Bowling Club

Guest speaker Dr Ray Hodgson, Author of 'Heartbreak in the Himalayas' & founder of Australians for Women's Health.

Fundraising from this event is for the construction of a hospital in Dolakha, Nepal for mothers and babies & assist Port Stephens non-profit organisations.

"with your help we can move mountains"

\$70pp
Glass of sparkling on arrival & 2 course dinner
Dress code: Cocktail
RSVP: 22 February 2024
Tickets on sale now!
<https://www.trybooking.com/1161276>

Further information & dietary requirements
please call Rita Murray 0414 663 801

Rotary
Rotary Club of Salamander Bay
District 9660

Salamander Bay RC will be holding an International Woman's day Function again this year. President Ella will attend and invites other members who would like to go to join her. The function this year which is on a Sunday afternoon, 3rd of March.

District Conference

A reminder that the 9660 District Conference will be held in Mudgee from 15-17 March at the Parklands Resort and Conference Centre in Mudgee. Don W. may attend this event. It is still possible to register for it.

Possible events

President Ella suggests a weekend trip to Legges Camp near Tea Gardens. It is likely to be after Easter in a non school holiday period. Options might include the use of a bus to take us there, and have a few stops on the way.

Also we have a few plans to have a meeting away from the club at a local restaurant, perhaps when holiday traffic settles down.

Bunnings BBQ

Today was another example of a solid team effort leading to a great result for the club. There were some very intense periods of trade, and when the internet went down a couple of times this just added to the drama. Lesley was there all day, and Peter McBean did a great job in keeping the product coming when the demand was high in the afternoon. The net result was about \$1350. The volunteers on this day were Lesley, David Clarke, Dieter, Chris, Don, John C, Peter Mc Bean and Doug Craike with the trailer in the morning.

The next Bunnings day for us will be Saturday March the 9th.

