

## Bulletin 26 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan. 2020

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### Guest speaker John Turner on RDA Hunter



**John Turner**, (*brother of our club member Richard*) was a practicing solicitor in Cessnock, Maitland, Medowie & Singleton.

State Member for Myall Lakes, NP Dep. Leader, Dep. Speaker etc., in 2016 became administrator to oversee amalgamation of Myall, Gloucester, Taree Councils into Mid-Coast Council.

From 2018 he is chairman of **Regional Development Australia** for Hunter.  
Information Video download [HERE](#) (*large file*)

RDA Hunter is part of a National Network of regional economic development organizations which was formed in 2009 by the Australian Government and works with the three levels, government, industry & other RDAs to support the economic development of the Hunter region.

There are 52 such committees throughout Australia and 14 RDAs in NSW. For example, RDA negotiated a partnership with Lockheed-Martin and Uni-N/castle to support the Systems Engineering Degree and increase the employment of local graduates by Lockheed-Martin's integrated battle management. Defence projects such as the F-35 bring significant economic impact in the Hunter.

RDA Hunter is fortunate to have a diversity of industry leaders on their board. Funding is through Fed. and State although NSW state has recently seized funding and thus required to become more resourceful in their modus operandi.

The S3 (Smart Specialization Strategy) for the region involves:

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Creative Industries
- Defence
- Food & Agriculture
- Mining Equip. Technologies & Services
- Medical Equip. & Pharmaceuticals
- Oil, Gas & Energy

This to equip the workforce with the right knowledge for the future.

The STEMship (science, technology, engineering & mathematics) is a Hunter based vocational education & training programme developed in partnership of Dep. of Ind. & TAFE NSW.

It is designed as an alternative pathway to direct entry to Uni following secondary school.

The Rotary Science and Engineering Challenge is such a STEM programme

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### Birthdays:

26<sup>th</sup> Jan. Ella Clarke

27<sup>th</sup> Jan. Ryan Palmer

28<sup>th</sup> Jan. Michael Jenkins

### Anniversaries:

D. & N. Melhuish

### Heads & Tails:

Peter McBean

### Raffle:

John Stuhmcke (1<sup>st</sup> time in 46 years he claims)

### Member Duties 30<sup>th</sup> Jan.

#### Door:

John Sully Richard Turner

#### Meet/Greet:

John Crump

#### Loyal Toast:

James Booth

#### Grace:

Milton Williams

#### **Intro Guest speaker:**

Ella Clarke

#### **Thank Guest Speaker:**

David Clark

#### **Bulletin:**

John Cropley

#### **Photos:**

Phill Smith

#### **Binos:**

Dough & Jenny Craike

Club Announcements

2020 Peter Wilson Memorial Junior Championships  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. & Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb.

TOUCH FOOTBALL	ROSTER				
<b>FRIDAY</b>	SET UP 9:00am				
DON W					
JOHN S					
MILTON W					
ARJA L					
SUE W					
CHRIS B					
DOUG C					
MIKE J					
<b>SATURDAY AM</b>	7:15		<b>SUNDAY AM</b>	7:15	
<b>BBQ</b>	DAVID C	CHRIS B	<b>BBQ</b>	VP JOHN	DOUG C
<b>CANTEEN</b>	HELEN R		<b>CANTEEN</b>	KATHY R	
	MICHEAL J			ARJA L	
	DENISE D			SUE W	
	MILTON W			LIZ F	
	JUDI P			JUDI P	
<b>SATURDAY PM</b>	11.30 am		<b>SUNDAY PM</b>	11.30am	
<b>BBQ</b>	MILTON W	DOUG C	<b>BBQ</b>	GEOFF D	DOUG M
<b>CANTEEN</b>	KATHY R		<b>CANTEEN</b>	YVONNE S	
	LESLEY F			RICHARD T	
	ARJA L			SUE W	
	DON W			LESLEY F	
	CHRIS B			FIONA W	
			<b>NOTE:</b> Milton site	manager for the	weekend.

President's Report:

- Arja reports that the partnership of RI and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, polio eradication programme has been extended where they match donations 2:1 up to 450mio p/year.
- The Rotary Leadership Institute camp is planned for Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. and 1<sup>st</sup> March. This 2-day interactive course is not only for leadership training but general Rotary knowledge and benefits all Rotarians old and new. *Contact Arja if interested.*
- Touch Football Tournament is scheduled for weekend 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. (see roster for details)
- Saturday's Bunnings BBQ grossed \$1212



Lorraine Nicol was awarded Freeman of Port Stephens for her tireless work in our community **Congratulations**

Rotary District 9670  
**CONFERENCE**  
20<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

**Breaking Through Barriers**

Belmont 16s  
Lake Macquarie

Rotary Connects the World

Belmont 16s  
Just the way you like it

To book click **HERE**



## Announcements *cont.*

This week's visitor to our meeting was Peter Page's son Jason



Fri. 31<sup>st</sup>, Sat. 1<sup>st</sup>, Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. - Touch Footy (see roster)

Thu. 30<sup>th</sup> Jan. - PDG Helen Ryan on Literacy program

Wed. 12<sup>th</sup> Feb. - Project Neighbour Afternoon Tea

Wed. 12<sup>th</sup> Feb. - Board meeting

Thu. 13<sup>th</sup> Feb. - Club Assembly

Wed. 19<sup>th</sup> Feb. - Honorary Members Morning Tea @ Evviva

### Philosophers Corner

#### Important Facts to Remember as You Grow Older

- Death is the number 1 killer in the world
- Life is sexually transmitted
- Good health is merely the slowest rate at which one can die
- Give a person a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach him to use the Internet and he won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years
- Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing
- All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.
- In the 60's people took acid to make the world weird. Now that the world is weird, people take Prozac to make it normal.
- Don't worry about old age; it doesn't last that long