



Bulletin # 26 -14th January 2021

**Bring on
the
NEW YEAR!**



A quiet affair this evening with 19 attending.

VP Helen Ryan chaired the meeting and welcomed Visitors Peter and Elena Arena.

VP Helen reported Arja's successful bid for Council funds for the Golf Day as well as centenary plans and other matters as reported later in this Bulletin

This sponsorship is great news. It means that the cost of the course hire is covered and most of the players fees will now be going directly to the Kelvin Kong project.

Arja is still waiting for confirmation of sponsorship from Port Stephens Toyota. Once received posters and entry forms can then be printed and distributed.

Further minor sponsorships will then be sought.

Tonight also saw the return of Bob Mitchell after a short stint with the Maitland Sunrise Club.

Bob has wasted no time getting back into things taking on the organisation of a roster for the visit of the MHERV men's health van to the area in March.

In this Bulletin:

Pg.2: Murray and Lorraine Nicol; Australia Day Invitation; End Trachoma

Pg. 3: Bunnings update

Pg4: Binoculars; Medical aids; Country cops?

Birthdays

17/12/20 – 21/1/21

18/12 Chris Bartlett

22/12 John Clarke

5/1 Helen Ryan

18/1 David Clark

19/1 Lesley Freeman

Anniversaries

2/1 Don & Fiona Whatham

14/1 David & Vicki Clark

20/1 John & Yvonne

Stuhmcke

21/1 Geoff & Denise

Diemar

Heads and Tails: Ian

Brigden

Raffle: Geoff Diemer

Next meeting

21st January

Door: David Clarke

Grace: Doug Clarke

Bulletin: Chris Bartlett

Photos: Phill Smith

**Next meeting – Nicole McQueen-Jones –
Delivery in the Bay- A business grown out of Covid**

Apologies/Extras to by noon on Wednesday!

Ph 0401 450 239

Murray and Lorraine Nicol will shortly relocate to Sydney to be closer to family. Pres Liz called in to give our well wishes, the card that was signed by most members, flowers and chocolates. Helen Ryan also called on Lorraine and Murray Nicol during the week.

Murray joined Nelson Bay Rotary in 2001 after joining Frenchs Forest Rotary in 1981 where he served as President and was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow.

He brought the "U Turn the Wheel" program to us which he co-ordinated from 2006 to 2011. This program morphed into the current "Road Whiz" which our club still supports.



Murray is a Past President, a Paul Harris Fellow and is an Honorary Member of Nelson Bay Rotary. Lorraine is no shrinking violet either. Since arriving in the Bay she has thrown herself into many Community organisations - View Club, Breast Cancer Support Group, Corlette Parks and Halls Committee (not to mention Rotary - She is also a Paul Harris Fellow). Last year she was awarded Freeman of Port Stephens in recognition of her community service..

We will all miss Murry and Lorraine and send them off with our love and best wishes.

Nothing planned for Australia Day?



FREE ONLINE EVENT!

Celebration!

For 100 years Rotary in Australia has been bringing communities together through service, goodwill and friendship. Come and join us on Australia Day as we *Reflect, Respect, Celebrate*

Gather your family, friends and community partners for a live ZOOM event being streamed across Australia from 12.30 pm to 2.00 pm Tuesday, 26th January 2021



Messages from:

Rotary International President Holger Knaack
His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd)
Professor Patrick McGorry AM
Past Rotary International President Ian Riseley
Rotary Foundation Australia Chairman Maurie Stack
Rotary International Director-elect Dr Jessie Harman

Performances from:

Marina Prior ♦ Mike Brady ♦ Josh Piterman
♦ John Foreman OAM

R100 Project Presentations:



Join in this jam-packed afternoon of free online festivities for the whole family by booking now at: https://events.humanitix.com/rotarydownunder_100_national_australia_day_event

In collaboration with the National Australia Day Council



We're all part of the story.



In recognising Rotary's 100 years of Rotary in Australia PDG Helen Ryan is spearheading plans to promote the event throughout the Port Stephens area. One of the events contemplated is a walk from Bagnall Beach to Fly Point raising money for the end Trachoma project.

It is also planned to approach Council for sponsorship of banners throughout the PS area acknowledging Rotaries achievements.



A good start to the year

BUNNINGS BBQ UPDATE

Several Bunnings BBQ's were held during our Christmas break.

The first on Boxing Day, was a bit quieter than expected, however we took \$860.00 for a net result of \$600.

The efforts of all volunteers, and particularly our supply officer Doug Bairstow who fought the crowds at Aldi, waiting to buy a cheap TV, before managing to pick up our order was outstanding.

On Saturday January 9, we had two enthusiastic teams working in tricky conditions, especially the morning shift who had to endure heavy rain storms, however we took \$1055.00, for a nett result of \$700.00 for the day. The fellowship enjoyed on both days was very good.

Our next Bunnings BBQ is a community project, assisting the Tomaree Museum Group this Sunday January 17. Don Whatham and Milton Williams will be the Club supervisors and Covid Marshalls for the day.

After that, our next Club Bunnings BBQ is not until Saturday February 16 and Volunteers will be required.

We have another community project on Sunday March 14 assisting the SES group. Club supervisors for the day are Milton Williams and Chris Bartlett.

Director Milton picked up another \$150 in vouchers from Bunnings on Wednesday in recognition of our recent efforts. Bunnings management are very impressed with our professionalism and organisational skills, an excellent reflection of our volunteers who do such a great job.

Begs the question: If a Dachshund eats a sausage, is it a cannibal or just a sausage dog?



Boxing Day Crew



The Arenas with the new Bain Marie

BINOCULARS

Our binoculars collection has proved very profitable with around \$1200 collected over the Christmas/New year Period. A big thank you to those volunteers who collected the coins and the occasional Aldi token. A special thank you to John Stuhmcke who battled the exceptionally large march flies to provide maintenance on the binoculars, which helped us gain very healthy returns.



The Club currently has a selection of mobility/medical aids.

Included is an electric wheelchair that was donated some years ago and used by Terry Fitzsimmons. The original donor has asked that we try to find someone who could use it. It is lightweight easily transportable and solid.

Country Cops

How country policing has changed!! Spotted recently in Tamworth were these “Beat Cops”

