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### AUSTRALIA DAY - 2017



Australia Day 2017 dawned foggy, misty and showery. The weather did not daunt our hardy members who had already put in many hours of preparation for the event. Our club has catered for this

wonderful community event since its inception over 20 years ago.

Fly Point was a hive of activity at 7am as our members set up the area ready for the festivities. These included performances by the Hunter School of Performing Arts, PCYC band, Robyn Yvette Dancers and the Riddled Liver Band playing mainly Australian music. The street parade ended at 9am when the participants entered Rotary Park. Included in the day's events were the welcome to country, citizenship ceremony, presentation of community awards, an address by Australia Day Ambassador Liesl Tesch, the presence of Mayor Bruce MacKenzie, Councillor Sally Dover, local members Kate Washington and Meryl Swanson, a classic car display, display of animals from the Australian Reptile Park, Boot scooters, weaving, wood turning demonstrations, craft markets and many other family activities.

Our three barbeques, Dad & Dave's Chips and 3 drink stations together with several other commercial outlets we had organised provided a large range of food and drinks for the estimated three thousand people who attended during the day. Nelson Bay PCYC basketball club with several young helpers did an excellent job setting up the food court, spectator shelters and seating. This group of young people worked hard early in the morning and late in the afternoon and we thank them for their effort.

Our club with almost all our members present during the day cooked and served 816 sausages, 300 bacon and egg sandwiches using 24 kg of bacon, 275 steak sandwiches and works burgers using 28kg of steak and 145kg of chips. We used 150 loaves of bread, 30 dozen eggs, 35kg of onions and 6 litres of tomato sauce. All this food was washed down by 800 cans of soft drink. As a result our club will profit by approximately \$5000 which will be used to support community groups and facilities, national and international Rotary programs. 32 Rotarians and 13 partners donated over 450 hours of voluntary service during the day and in preparation for the event.

#### Weekly Winners:

As our meeting was held at the Rotary shed there was no raffle or Heads & Tails, but after a wonderful day of Rotary Service & Fellowship everyone was a winner

#### Congratulations:

##### Birthdays:

28 Jan: Michael Jenkins  
28 Jan: Graham Pretty  
2 Feb: Tony Todd.

##### Anniversaries.

2 Feb: Doug & Margaret Bairstow.  
2 Feb: Warwick & Christine Mathieson.

#### Next Week:

##### Door:

Bart Richardson, Judi Priestley

##### Meet & Greet:

Hugh Randall, John Shaw

##### Toast;

Phill Smith

##### Grace:

Tony Todd.

##### Introduce Speaker:

John Stuhmche.

##### Thank Speaker:

John Sully.

##### Bulletin:

Dieter Greiter

##### Photos:

Henk Tobbe.



## UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

Thursday 2 February: Ryan Palmer – Nelson Bay Town Centre.

Wednesday 8 February: Board meeting at 5.30pm

Saturday 11 February: Change of night, Evan Burrell – Rotary promotion (see below)

Thursday 16 February: DGN Brian Coffey – My Rotary Journey.

Thursday 23 February: International Chinese night (see below)

Saturday 4 March: Bunnings BBQ – proceeds to End Polio Now DG Partners Program

Friday 17-Sunday 19 March: District Conference Dubbo –discount registration ends 3 Feb.



Our members and Partners met for a well earned rest and debriefing back at the Rotary shed to celebrate the end of a great day of work and fellowship.

## Speaker Extraordinary: Evan Burrell

**Saturday, February 11th - Nelson Bay Bowling Club 6 for 6:30 pm in the Nelson Room**

RDU's Social Media Specialist, Evan Burrell will be Guest Speaker at Nelson Bay Rotary Club at our meeting on Saturday night 11 February 2017 at Nelson Bay Bowling Club. Evan was one of the presenters at our District Conference in Mudgee in 2016 and has numerous speaking engagements on both sides of the Tasman. He is highly entertaining.

Among Evan's topics are finding and attracting younger people to join Rotary, marketing and publicity and the promotion of Rotary. This is a special night and other local clubs have been invited to hear Evan speak. You will need to get in early, especially if you want to bring a guest!

**NOTE The change of night for this meeting**

### INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

International Director, John Cropley has planned an "International Night" to be held: **Thursday 23 February at the Jumbo Palace Chinese Restaurant.**

This restaurant is located at the top end of the Cascade Walk (off Stockton Street). This will be an informal and social night for members, partners and guests. The charge will be \$25 pp for the meal (excl. drinks).

**Pay your dues and special dinner fees by EFT:**

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**APOLOGIES AND EXTRAS TO JOHN CRUMP BY NOON WEDNESDAY PLEASE  
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