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### AUSTRALIA DAY 2018.



The front line serving team for both shifts keep the cooks busy all day, providing a high level of customer service throughout. The AM shift was Greg Flux, Val Morris, Laurie Wilson and our friends from Waratah Club Helen and Chris McGrath. In the background are John Crump and Food supervisor Judi Priestley

Australia Day 2018 was held in ideal weather conditions, warm and sunny with a gentle breeze at the beautiful Fly Point Reserve. Our members who had already put in many hours of preparation for the event worked all day providing quality and affordable food and drinks for the three thousand people who gathered to celebrate. Our club has catered for this wonderful community event since its inception over 22 years ago.

Fly Point was a hive of activity at 8am as our members set up the area ready for the festivities. These included performances by the Hunter School of Performing Arts, Ultimate Dance and Performing Arts, Robyn Yvette Dancers and the Band "The Years" 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 Peter McLean, the presence of Mayor Ryan Palmer, Councillors John Nell, Glen Dunkley and Sarah Smith, local members Kate Washington and Meryl Swanson, a classic car display, display of animals from the Australian Reptile Park, weaving, craft markets and many other family activities.

Our three barbeques, Dad & Dave's Chips and two drink stations together with several other commercial outlets provided a large range of food and drinks for the estimated three thousand people who attended during the day.

Our club with almost all our members present during the day cooked and served 1050 sausages, 343 bacon and egg sandwiches using 25 kg of bacon and 30 dozen eggs. Sonja, David and Bill cooked 130kg of chips. We used 140 loaves of bread, 35kg of onions and 10 litres of sauce. All this food was washed down by 1200 cans of soft drink and 500 bottles of water. At peak time we cooked and served a sausage each 17 seconds. As a result our club will profit by approximately \$5500 which will be used to support community groups and facilities, national and international Rotary programs. 32 Rotarians and 14 partners donated over 450 hours of voluntary service during the day and in preparation for the event.

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#### Weekly Winners:

Heads and Tails was won by David Clark

#### Congratulations:

##### Birthdays:

27 Jan: Ryan Palmer  
28 Jan: Michael Jenkins  
2 Feb: Tony Todd.

##### Anniversaries.

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

#### Next Week:

##### Door:

Judith Mitchell, Robert Mitchell

##### Meet & Greet:

Warwick Mathieson, Bill Michel

##### Toast;

Peter Page

##### Grace:

Ed Parker

##### Introduce Speaker:

Phill Smith

##### Thank Speaker:

Tony Todd

##### Bulletin:

Dieter Greiter

##### Photos:

Phill Smith



## VOLUNTEER TRAINING.

Our meeting on Thursday provided an opportunity to brief and train our members on

**Port Stephens Council (PCS) Volunteers' Work, Health & Safety Information.** The session was led by Liz Friend with assistance from Community Director Chis (Aussie Eric) and Secretary Don.

*Background.* In order to tidy-up and restore Gan Gan Lookout's main garden area, Don Whatham, Chris Bartlett, Jonathan Cincotta (Partner) and Liz Friend met the Parks' Program Officer on-site to undertake the Work, Health & Safety training required. These volunteers are now Council-approved trainers and

can train and approve other volunteers. Tonight's session provides the opportunity to train more volunteers and also inform all members of the Council's requirements for volunteers.

*PSC – Specific Worksite Assessment & Toolbox (SWAT).* This form has been completed to authorise the Gan Gan project and covers specifically "garden maintenance, mulching, planting, removal of dead plants and repainting railings" at the Lookout.

*Daily Attendance* – volunteers who have undertaken the training and been approved as volunteers may attend an approved site, such as Gan Gan, and sign on & off each shift. The volunteer nominated to supervise a shift must remind volunteers if there are prohibited activities. In our case, this includes ride-on mowers, chainsaws, working at heights, burning, excavation and trailers. Battery-operated tools are permitted and general household hand-held tools. Rubbish will be removed either by the Council or our own vehicles if the Council is unable to assist.

*Chemical Handling* – our Club has volunteers who have undertaken this training and are approved handlers, namely, Chris, Jonathan and Robert. Under no circumstances should other volunteers handle chemicals at a site. It is anticipated that this site will require minimal chemical treatment, if any.

*Important Requirements* – volunteers must take all steps to work safely and ensure the safety of others, including members of the public. The **First Aid Kit** must be on-site at all times and volunteers must be notified of the **Emergency Assembly Point**. If there is an **Incident/Hazard**, this must be reported to PSC, following the guidelines in the Toolkit.

All the above information, including forms and Council contact details, can be found on the PSC website.

## **NEW ROTARY WORK SHIRTS.**



President Kathy unveiled our newest work shirts just in time for Australia Day. Members who had made a pre order and payment received their shirts on the night. Additional shirts may be purchased from Totally Work Wear at Salamander Bay for \$20. If you need a club dress shirt this may also be

purchased for \$49.95 also at TWW. The work shirt cost has been reduced considerably by generous sponsorship by Nelson Bay Bowling Club and Totally Work Wear.

**TOUCH FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT ROSTER: 3-4 FEBRUARY 2018**

**Saturday 7.00 to 11.30:** Chris Bartlett, Judi Priestley, Liz Friend, Don Whatham, Warwick Mathieson,

**Transport AM:** Don Whatham

**Supplies:** Doug Bairstow

**11.30 to 4.00pm:** Tony Todd, John Sully, Bob Mitchell, Judy Mitchell, John Stuhmcke

**Sunday 8.30-12.15:** Chris Bartlett, Judi Priestley, Liz Friend, Chelsea Ellul, Don Whatham

**Supplies:** Doug Bairstow

**12.15 -4.00pm:** Emma Cropley, Hanna Cropley, Greg Flux, Judy Mitchell, Dieter Greiter

**Afternoon Transport:** Tony Todd

**4.00pm Sunday:** Unpack at Shed Tony and team.

**BUNNINGS BARBEQUE ROSTER: Friday 16 February**

**8.30 - 12.15:** Don Whatham, Dieter Greiter, Judy Mitchell, David Clark,

**Transport AM** Don Whatham

**12.15 -4.00:** John Sully, Peter Page, Milton Williams, Tony Todd

**Transport PM:** Tony Todd

**Supplies:** Doug Bairstow.

**UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS**

**1 February - Club meeting Crows Nest**

**1 February - Ladies night in the Dining room - please notify attendance to Lorraine Nichol**

**3 & 4 February - Touch Football Tournament at Tomaree ovals**

**8 February - Vocational visit - PS Marine Rescue**

**14 February - Board meeting**

**16 February - Bunnings Barbeque**

**3 March - Bunnings Barbeque**

**4 March - WRANS Breakfast**

**16-19 March - District Conference at Wests Nelson Bay.**

## CLUB NEWS

- Bunnings made a generous donation of surplus items of food left from their recognition night for SES Volunteers held recently. The items including sausages, drinks and table covers were put to great use on Australia Day.
- Vocational Visit to Port Stephens Marine Rescue Station. Director Dieter has arranged a vocational visit to the station on Thursday 8 February at 6.00pm for 6.30pm. Our club will provide the barbeque dinner whilst members are requested to bring their own drinks, chairs, eating utensils. The usual dinner cost will apply and partners are invited to attend. The night will feature the history, operation and observation of the station.
- Tomaree Bridge Club has made a generous donation of \$200 to our club following the relocation of a motorized wheel chair for access use to the Elizabeth Waring Centre by some of their elderly members.
- Members were sad to hear of the death of Annie Cowling. Annie was the wife of our former member Peter and passed away last week after a long illness. Our kind thoughts are with Peter and family at this time.
- DG Helen had red socks for sale at \$15 per pair. The sale is to raise funds for prostate cancer research and members are encouraged to wear them to the District Conference.

We had an early and quick departure from last Thursday's meeting when the Bowling Club emergency signal sounded. The group pictured below appears to be quite happy. Either because of the early night or the good news that a false alarm had sounded.



**Apologies/Extras to John Crump by 12noon on Wednesday Phone 0401 450 239. We are charged for all meals based on the numbers submitted. Failure to apologise will result in the cost being passed on to the offending member.**

Dave Moylan, Bill Michel's son in law takes a break from cooking the chips to check the price of potatoes with his broker.



Long serving Club members Bill Michel and Don Whatham reflect on our Club's long association with Australia Day at Fly Point



Treasurer Ian Brigden, with Arja and Liz displaying our new Club work shirts, during a very brief break from collecting money and issuing tickets. The entire team were kept busy all day



Milton Williams and Doug Craike in the "engine room" on Australia Day





David Clark experienced his first Australia Day at Fly Point and was ably assisted at the No 2 drinks stand by Zac Rimmer

Many hours are spent pre planning of events like Australia Day and it was great to have assistance from many members at the "Shed".



Our events organiser Tony Todd did a fantastic job and is pictured here with VP John Stuhmcke checking on progress during the day.