



Rotary Club of Nelson Bay Inc.

Our Club, representative of businesses, trade and professions will create bench marks in community service through communication, the willingness to serve and the ability to respond to community needs by
* Commitment of members * Manpower and willpower * Financial resources



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Guest Speaker Tonight -Maryka Gibson Community Visitor Scheme



Maryka Gibson works for Wesley mission in a part time role as a coordinator for the Community Visitor Scheme. She was previously a member of Maitland Sunrise RC. Maryka is living in the Port Stephens area now. She also previously was the coordinator of the Try-A – Trade Program in the district.

Maryka came to explain the Community Visitor scheme, which she is involved with as a coordinator for the Wesley Mission.

The idea is that motivated community volunteers visit older community members in their homes or nursing homes to provide them with personal contact. The program has run since 1992. In some cases there may not be family or close friends to support people, and they can feel quite isolated from the community. The program was initially planned as a one to one association, but now one person could visit a group or perhaps a couple may wish to visit one or more people.

Baby boomers are heading toward old age. Presently 1 in 7 people in Australia is aged over 65, but by 2020 this number will be more 2 in every 7 is over 65.

Australia has a diverse makeup; sometimes language or cultural reasons may inhibit people joining their local community.

After appropriate assessment someone may be eligible for a home care package, which could involve home visits if they wish. Volunteers are assessed with a police check and are given training. A coordinator will facilitate the meeting, but should the make up not be suitable, will arrange a new association, "a bit like a dating agency" Maryka suggested. The benefits go both ways. The older person has improved self esteem and purpose in life, whilst the volunteer feels they can make a difference in some ones life and give something back to their local people.

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Member Birthdays

Ros Cribb on Feb 7th

PDG Bart Richardson on the 9th

Norm Costello on the 12th

Partner Birthdays

Helga Grieter on the 7th of Feb

Lyn de Ridder on the 9th

Anniversary

Peter and Marion Page 8th of Feb

Winners this week

Heads & Tails

Judi Priestley

Raffle

Maryka Gibson our guest speaker had the raffle prize tonight.

Roster of Duties

5th of February

Door: Bart Richardson/ Peter Page

Meet & Greet: Ed Parker/ Doug Craike

Introduce Speaker:

Judi Priestley

Thank Speaker:

Kathy Rimmer

Loyal Toast:

John de Ridder

Grace

Alison Markham

Apologies/Extras To club phone by noon on Wednesday!

Phone or SMS 0401 450 239 Ros Cribb

Club Website nelsonbayrotary.org.au

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Foundation Raffle

Helen Ryan is coordinating the clubs efforts in the Foundation raffle.

Tickets have sold well and Helen has organized to get some more books. If people would like an additional book or two please see Helen.

The return of the books with tickets either sold or unsold with the money is required by the end of February.

MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER

Half yearly fees are due; if you are paying fees in 6 monthly installments then the next payment is due.

Pay direct to our club account:

BSB 637-000

Acct 781017418



Annual Rotary Charity Golf Day
Friday 6th March 2015
Nelson Bay Golf Club
(Our major Fund Raiser)

Need
 Players
 Sponsors
 Prizes

Major Sponsor

Port Stephens
TOYOTA
The Burton Family

Key Beneficiary
"PCYC"

The poster features a golfer in mid-swing on a green field under a blue sky. A small circular logo with a fish is in the top left corner.



DINNER Presentation

Pride of Workmanship Awards

Date: 30th April 2015
Venue: Nelson Bay Bowling Club
Time: 6pm for 6.30pm start

The poster includes a crest with a gear and a hammer, and an image of two glasses of champagne.

GOLF DAY NEWS

Greg Flux with the golf committee of Ian F, Tim, Ann, Ken and Chris are working hard to make the golf day a success. The time will go quickly with only 30 or so days left. Greg could use input from anyone with even a small amount of time to give on the day, or even prior. Let him now if you have a particular interest or preference on the day, otherwise you will be allocated a job.

The local golf professional comments that this day is always a very successful day, due the huge organization put into the day.

A number of very good items are being put up for use in the auction on the night.

RAWCS Visits

Richard Turner spoke tonight about RAWCS programs. RACWS stands for Rotary Australia World Community service. This is the new name for the old FAIM program, which stands for Fourth Avenue (of service) in Motion. The fourth of the avenues of service being international service. Clubs may find their own project or wish to be involved with those already listed by the RACWS. An individual can also approach RACWS or another club to offer their expertise if they wish.

The Nelson Bay club has not been involved with one of these programs for some years. The last one was in 2005 when a team went to Vanuatu to work at the local hospital. Details were recounted of a visit made to the Kokoda area in PNG in 1995. At the time the Prime Minister was Mr. Keating and \$1 million was pledged to build a hospital in Kokoda with service clubs to provide labour. Whilst members pay their own way to these programs their costs could be tax deductible.

Rotarians, family and friends get a special show!
Join us for this exciting event.
Our aim is to raise at least \$9,000 for the Rotary Foundation "End Polio Now!" campaign.



The Rotary Foundation and 20th Century Fox have negotiated that cinemas give exclusive access to these fundraiser group bookings the day of the official film release on Thursday Feb 26th.

The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel is the expansionist dream of Sonny (Dev Patel), and it makes more claims on his time than he has available, considering his imminent marriage to the love of his life, Sunaina (Tena Desae).

Sonny has his eye on a promising property now that his first venture, *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel for the Elderly and Beautiful*, has only a single remaining vacancy – posing a rooming predicament for fresh arrivals Guy (Richard Gere) and Lavinia (Tamsin Greig). Come and bring family and friends to the special screening on Thursday, February 26, as an End Polio Now! Fundraiser.

Remember, the Hill & Melinda Gates Foundation donates \$2 for each \$1 Rotary raises.

Meet at the Nelson Bay theatre at 6:00pm for a 6:30 start of film. Tickets \$20 each. A sample of Indian food delicacies will be given to each ticket holder for enjoying during the showing of the movie. Raffle tickets will be on sale to win an exciting prize.

A meal at the local Indian restaurants is being arranged at a reasonable price, to follow the movie and if you would like to finish the evening in style, reservations are being taken now. Dinner tickets will be sold separately.

Dress theme: Bright coloured cloths

For Ticket sales & Dinner reservations, contact- Judith Mitchell 0408 659 605

Latest News on Film Night: February 26th

The numbers for the film night are going well. There are limited seats available to attend the dinner afterwards. Cost for the dinner is \$25.

Wine is included and there will be a 5-course meal.

Payment is to be made prior to the night and can be done by direct debit. Pay to the same account as for dues, and notify Judi Mitchell. (Acct shown earlier in Bulletin). Include your name and name of guests, and whether for film of both film and dinner.

The numbers will allow the movie to be shown in the largest cinema, but should this be filled, a second cinema could also be available.

A raffle will be held as well with great prizes and the chance to raise further funds to donate to the End Polio campaign.

District 9670 Conference in Foster

Date :20-22 of March

Venue Foster Tuncurry Memorial Services Club

It is suggested that you book accommodation soon as this may fill up close to the conference.

Have a look at the district website for more information.

Nadine Versall who is from Austria has now moved officially to the Rotary Club of Nelson Bay and is currently staying with the Cropley family. She has gone back to school during the week and is studying Year 12 subjects at Tomaree High School. Nadine has already had 6 months with The Rotary club of Salamander and is very popular there. She is intending to go to both meetings each week if she can. Nadine will speak about Austria next week. There are no kangaroos in Austria.



AUSTRALIA DAY



AUSTRALIA DAY RESULT

Australia Day proved to be a very happy day with kind weather prevailing for most of the day. The day provided mild conditions after sizzling hot days prior and a violent storm the night before.

The Australia day committee provided some new items to the day. There were some different food outlets and some more activities to have a look at throughout the day. The Australia Day ceremony to welcome new Australia citizens is always a highlight. The ambassador on the day was John Clarke who really can bring some experience to what it means to be an Australian living in beautiful Pt Stephens. There was also dancing groups to finish the days activities

The threat of poor weather reduced numbers but the net result was \$6000. Plenty of soft drink was sold to weaken the teeth of the local community, and cups of chips were also popular, running out several times. The ticket system streamlines the food service. Everyone worked hard to make a great team effort. Thanks to the days coordinators.

John Stuhmcke, Doug Craike, Ann Evans, Judi Priestley, Judith and Rob Mitchell are meeting to discuss the day. Positive or constructive comments and suggestions for next year are invited.