



## Bulletin 27 – 15<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2024

### A meeting of Fellowship and Member's News

#### The Extended Fine session:

**Richard's** Happy Fine was for being back on dry land from his eventful cruise from Syd. to S/pore via a N/castle stopover for lunch at the "Signal Box", then cruising north along the coast and bypassing cyclone Kirrily in FNQ Cairns. He no doubt has more to tell at some other occasion.

**Don** was happy to note that our weekly bulletin is in fact being read by some, as Honorary Member Ryan Palmer noted a comment that was made to invite him as speaker at one of our meetings.

**John's** fine to Richard, while driving he received a phone call with the request for a tree looping task asking for Doug Bairstow, obvious a miss dialled number as our Doug is in the retirement village.

**John the Pom's** Happy Fine was for his 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with his Sheila.

**Goff D.'s** Happy Fine was for not getting wet on his morning walk despite the threatening clouds

**Lesley's** was **for** getting some rain in Salt Ash

**Chris's** was for **not** getting rain in Soldiers Point

**Doug** was Happy to survive his trip and illness to Qld to see his granddaughter.

**Jim's** was an Unhappy Fine, he lost his massive boat seat somewhere in his garage after he managed to park his boat with a shoehorn tight fit in his driveway with 1" clearance either side.

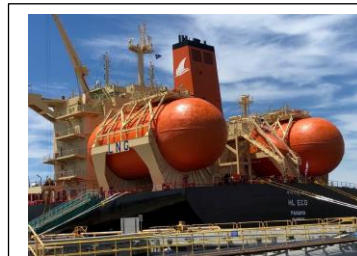
**Geoff R.'s** was on Lesley, he saw her tradie driving up her driveway and just pointed out that his fiancé was a Scientific Research Pathologist, they play a vital role in advancing our understanding of diseases and developing new diagnostic tools and treatments to improve patient care.

**Dieter's** was happy to survive a slip on his bike in the wet w/o damage

Visitor **Michael Page** paid for just being here

**Pres.Ella's** Happy & Unhappy Fines were for her greyhound leading the race until 20m before finishing line and stopped, but she then got compensated with a full basket of fish from Stinker's fishing excursion to Broughton Is.

Geoff R. also made mention that he saw what appeared to be an LNG powered bulk carrier in Newcastle harbour, probably something looking like this, the orange tanks appear like giant oversized rescue vessels



#### COMING EVENTS:

9<sup>th</sup> March BBQ see roster

#### BIRTHDAYS:

18<sup>th</sup> Feb. D.Brigden

28<sup>th</sup> Feb. J.Craike

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

none

#### WINNERS:

H/T: D.Craike

RAFFLE: D.Whatham  
(3min talk)

#### MEMBER DUTIES

Door: L.Freeman

Grace: P. McBean

Toast: G. Robinson

Bulletin: J. Cropley

Binoculars: Geoff

## Coming Events

### District Conference reminder 15–17<sup>th</sup> March



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Rotary District Conference is held in the beautiful town of Mudgee on the 15 -17<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Don urged the member to consider participating.  
Bookings can still be made via [Trybooking](#), click [HERE](#) and watch a conference video [HERE](#).

### District Governor visit

**The DG visit** has now been set for the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April, a multi club event at the Medowie Pacific Dunes Golf Club with members or representatives from Salamander- Williamstown- Medowie- Raymond Terrace- Nelson Bay Club.

As there is no meeting scheduled for that week and if there is sufficient support from our members a bus transport can be organised by Warwick

### Bunnings BBQ roster for 9<sup>th</sup> March

Sat 9 Mar am	D Craike	D Craike	W Mathieson	R Turner	C Bartlett	
Sat 9 Mar pm		G Diemar	G Robinson	P Page	J Booth	D Craike

**Pres.Ella's 3min Talk** opened the round table discussion of our Club's activity over the years and the many colourful characters of members that formed the club. Ella was inducted in June 2000 although the date has been misinterpreted. She was the 4<sup>th</sup> woman to join the club and one of only 3 from 65 members at the time. 100% attendance was required or make-ups at other club's meetings. With 100% attendance a recognition pen has handed out. In those days many community help projects were done, sometimes Mrs. "Smith" required a fence repainted, help was quick at hand. Several o/s trips were done to PNG and Vanuatu for hospital and school extensions/improvements by the tradesmen and their helpers of the club. Also, social activities were an important part of the club such as "Guess who's coming for dinner" or "Progressive Dinners" in the first, some members played hosts and some are guests, nobody knew who goes where and subject to a lottery draw. The "Progressive Dinners" were one member hosted Entrees the next Main course followed by Dessert and so on. Another memorable event was the "Port Bottling" where a cask of port was purchased or received as donation and then bottled & labelled by members after considerable "sampling" of the vintage. The Myall Lakes Environment Study weekend is also an event where member congregated at a campsite up at the lakes for a bush camp experience, although the catering was more like Michelin Star quality.

During his recent cruise Richard had occasion to attend an on-board Rotary meeting, as most guests were American, and a staff member that was in fact a Rotarian. Richard quietly questioned the validity of such a meeting place.

Here is the AI answer:

#### ChatGPT

As of last update in January 2022, Rotary International does not have specific guidelines explicitly permitting or prohibiting meetings on cruise ships. Instead, Rotary International provides broad guidelines and principles for Rotary clubs to follow, encouraging clubs to meet regularly in environments conducive to fellowship and service. Therefore, whether a Rotary club may hold a meeting on a cruise ship would depend on the club's own policies, as well as any regulations or guidelines set by Rotary International that may indirectly apply. Clubs are generally autonomous in their decision-making regarding meeting locations and formats if they adhere to Rotary's ethical standards and goals of service. It's essential for Rotary clubs considering meetings on cruise ships to ensure that such meetings align with Rotary International's values and principles, promote fellowship among members, and serve the club's objectives effectively. Clubs should also consider practical aspects such as accessibility for all members and any potential logistical challenges associated with hosting meetings on a cruise ship.