

## Bulletin 28 February 6 2020

### A QUIET NIGHT IN PARADISE



We had a small and enthusiastic number of members present to enjoy a few cooling drinks, a meal, good fellowship and surprise guest speaker, who proved to be very entertaining. We had a very big weekend with Touch Football Catering and Latitude 1 parking projects which combined netted the Club nearly \$5,000.

Our multitalented treasurer Ian Brigden gave us a very interesting presentation Famous People who have had eye problems. He started with Dame Judy Dench who suffered from macular degeneration.

He followed this up with the following famous people including Ray Charles, Stevie Wonder, Collen McCullough, Claude Monet, El Greco, Paul Cezanne, Vincent van Gogh, Renoir, Kurt Pengelly, Norman "Nugget" May, Bono, Edgar Degas, Bill Cosby and Andrea Botecelli and of our course our former Past President and now honorary member Ian Rolfe.

In summing up, Ian recommended regular eye tests which will show up any eye disorders. Members found Ian's presentation very informative. President Arja thanked Ian and closed what proved to be an enjoyable evening. Our picture below shows the ladies enjoying their evening at the monthly partner's dinner held on the first Thursday of each month.



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**Birthdays this coming week:** Feb 7 Helga Greiter  
Feb 12 Norm Costello  
**Anniversaries** None recorded

**Heads and Tails:** Phill Smith  
**Raffle** – President Arja

#### Member Duties Feb 13

**Door:** Kathy & Katrina  
**Meet/Greet:** Helen Ryan  
**Loyal Toast:** Richard Turner

**Grace:** Helen I

**Intro Guest speaker:** N/A

**Thank Guest Speaker:** N/A

**Bulletin:** Phil Smith

**Photos:** Phil Smith  
**Binos** Dieter G & Doug C  
**Guest Speaker** Club meeting and behind the Badge Katrina Ridley  
**Feb 20 Scott Johnson-Toastmasters**

**Next meeting – February 13 2020**

**Apologies/Extras to John Crump by noon on Wednesday!**

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# TOUCH FOOTBALL ROUNDUP



The Sunday crews of volunteers were kept on their toes, particularly the morning shift (above) before temperatures caused the eventual cancellation of the tournament early Sunday afternoon. The PM shift (below) were instrumental in the major tidy up.



## GOOD RESULT DESPITE THE HEAT

Our weekend running a canteen at the Nelson Bay Touch Football Peter Wilson Memorial Tournament proved a winner despite the heatwave conditions. Two hot weather breaks were called with the final one on Sunday ending the tournament. A total of \$3700 net was raised over the 1.5 days, with some stock left for future events. Community Service Director Milton thanked all the volunteers who helped make the event a success. Temperatures were in the mid 40's most of the weekend. Milton did a tremendous job as Site Manager for the weekend. Thanks were given to Geoff Diemar and his parking team at Latitude One on Saturday morning where another \$1,000 was raised.



Our container was moved to its new home on Thursday after a short trip to the local croquet club who will use it for equipment storage



Saturday morning cashier Dieter was kept busy handling both cash and square payments

## UP COMING EVENTS

- Wed Feb 12** Project Neighbour, Board meeting
- Thursday Feb 13** Club Night and Katrina Ridley Behind the Badge
- Sun Feb 16** Bunnings BBQ.
- Wed Feb 19** Honorary & members morning tea at Evviva at 10am
- Thurs Feb 20** Guest Speaker Scott Johnson Toast Masters
- Fri March 13** Bunnings BBQ



**COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR 2020**

16th Feb		BUNNINGS Sunday	0830-1200		1200-1600	con
13th March		BUNNINGS Friday	0830-1200		1200-1600	con
2nd April		BUNNINGS Thursday	1530-2000		1200-1600	Thu
3rd April 2020		GOLF DAY COMMITTEE				
11th April		BUNNINGS Saturday	0830-1200		1200-1600	
3rd May		BUNNINGS Saturday	0830-1200		1200-1600	
7th May		BUNNINGS Thursday	1530-2000			Fan
8th May		BUNNINGS Friday	0830-1200		1200-1600	
6th June		BUNNINGS Saturday	0830-1200		1200-1600	
JULY2020		ALESCO SCHOOL				
July 18th		BUNNINGS Saturday				
August 15th		BUNNINGS Saturday				
September 3rd		BUNNINGS Thursday				Fan
September 6th		BUNNINGS Sunday				Bur
October 5th		BUNNINGS Monday				Gif
November 22nd		BUNNINGS Sunday				
December		BUNNINGS Thursday				
January 1st 2021		BUNNINGS				Ne

**BUNNINGS UPDATE**

Bunnings BBQ's are an important aspect of Club activities. Without them the Club's disposal income from our community Service account would be greatly reduced. Bunnings are currently experiencing a large number of dropouts, particularly on weekends. We had to turn down a Saturday BBQ last Saturday due to being fully committed at other activities. We have only one more Friday BBQ on March 13<sup>th</sup> (Black Friday) and then all weekends or family nights. Weekends are obviously provide more profit. Director Milton has a strong working relationship with Bunnings, hence the regular weekend bookings. Bunnings view us a reliable and professional a great recommendation to all our Volunteers. The next Bunnings BBQ on Sunday February 13<sup>th</sup> is to support the Port Stephens Dragon Boat team, with Lesley Freeman organising the Roster for this BBQ. Minimal member support will be required with the Dragon Boaters providing the "crew"

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**IRON LUNG TRAILER LAUNCH-END POLIO**

The Rotary Foundation End Polio Both Respirator (Iron Lung) Roadshow Launch for this unit (on its purpose built trailer) will be held on Saturday 29 February 2020 at 6 for 6.30 pm at Club Maitland City, 14 Arthur Street, Rutherford, New South Wales 2320

The Rotary End Polio Program, with each \$1 raised being matched by the Gates Foundation with another \$2.00. That means a donation \$20 will become \$60.00.

Book now for a night of FUN with real purpose. Bring along your family and friends. Tickets are \$45pp and need to be purchased before Friday 21st of Feb via link below.

<https://www.trybooking.com/BICCR>

**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2020- EACH FOR EQUAL**

Soldiers Point Bowling Club  
 Friday MARCH 6 11.30AM – 2.30PM  
 Tickets \$55.00 for 2 course meal  
 Guest Speaker Wendy Stein  
 "Save the Kula Babies"  
 Bookings Lorraine Nicol 4984 9456  
 Ina 0212 846 265  
 Janelle 0419 610 660  
 Jennifer 0408 841 854  
 A Salamander Bay Rotary Club Project.

**ROTARY CLUB OF SINGLETON  
 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Saturday February 22 2020 6.00pm to 10.30pm  
 3course meal and dancing  
 \$55.00 per head  
 Bookings & Enquiries- call or text  
 Anita White 0417 284 960

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE FAST  
 APPROACHING, BOOKINGS STILL AVAILABLE,  
 INCLUDING ACCOMODATION  
 MARCH 20-22 BELMONT SALING CLUB. CHECK  
 OUT THE DISTRICT WEBSITE FOR MORE**




**29th Charity Golf Day**  
**Friday 3rd April 2020**



**NELSON BAY GOLF CLUB**

**4 PERSON AMBROSE EVENT**

**Great Prizes for winning & placed teams**

**PROCEEDS TOWARDS**  
**HMRI: Assoc. Prof. Kelvin Kong for**  
**more efficient Indigenous Ear Disease Diagnosis**  
**PLUS DROUGHT & BUSHFIRE RELIEF**

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**Registration: 9:00 am**  
**Final Briefing: 10:00 am**  
**Shot-Gun Start: 10:30 am**  
**Prize, Presentation,**  
**Raffle Draw and Silent**  
**Auction: Approx. 3:30 pm**



**Registrations: [www.nelsonbayrotary.org.au](http://www.nelsonbayrotary.org.au)**  
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SAVE THE DATE

**Some humour** A local Rotarian, named John received a parrot as a gift. The parrot had a bad attitude and an even worse vocabulary. Every word out of the bird's mouth was rude, obnoxious, and laced with profanity. John tried and tried to change the bird's attitude by consistently saying only polite words, playing soft music and anything else he could think of to 'clean up' the bird's vocabulary. Finally, John was fed up and he yelled at the parrot. The parrot yelled back. John shook the parrot and the parrot got angrier and even ruder. John, in desperation, threw up his hands, grabbed the bird and put him in the freezer. For a few minutes the parrot squawked and kicked and screamed. Then suddenly there was total quiet. Not a peep was heard for over a minute. Fearing that he'd hurt the parrot, John quickly opened the door to the freezer? The parrot calmly stepped out onto John's outstretched arms and said "I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions. I'm sincerely remorseful for my inappropriate transgressions and I fully intend to do everything I can to correct my rude and unforgivable behaviour. John was stunned at the change in the bird's attitude. As he was about to ask the parrot what had made such a dramatic change in his behaviour, the bird spoke-up, very softly, "May I ask what the turkey did?"

**ASSISTANCE NEEDED**

**President Arja needs some assistance in organising this event. This is our Club's annual fundraiser, any assistance makes a difference. Many of the tasks are simple, so please help make this event very successful**

A fellow Rotarian sent this letter through, from his friend a sawmill owner from Cooryong, Victoria- A victim's view of the bushfires

Never in my lifetime have I ever seen a bushfire become so political, with so much interference from city based experts! Australia is known for its bushfires, cyclones, droughts and flooding rains so what has changed this time? I believe we now have a new breed of people in this country that NEED TO BLAME somebody for every natural event that occurs and they have infiltrated our communities with their ideology!

The majority in this country are the "Quiet Australians" who have seen it all happen before and know we will see it all happen again. Our voice wasn't being heard! We knew that the fuel load was too high, we knew that policy had changed allowing fuel reduction burns and we knew that protesting by minority groups was influencing decision making!

Just back on June 20, 2019 I raised these issues in a Regional Forests Agreement meeting in Corryong with representatives from DELWP, Federal, State and local governments regarding the fuel load in National Parks, the blackberries and noxious weeds in State forests and Parks, the lack of maintenance of fire tracks, the lack of water storages in these areas and outlined that we had a ticking time bomb right under our noses!

Climate Change didn't light the fires in NSW and Victoria, lightning and arsonists did!! The fuel load was there and it was tinder dry from the drought. But now the SWAMP is rising and along with social media and mainstream media they are driving a tsunami of hate, of blame, of rebellion like we've never seen before! Everything that goes wrong has to be someone else's fault!!

They CRY Climate Change but then board an aeroplane to go overseas!

The scientists are some of the worst hypocrites in this area! Fly to this climate conference and then to the next!

Children are being indoctrinated in schools before they can even read and write, about politics, climate change, gender equality, sex and religion at such a young age and well before they can make their own judgments on any of these matters.

This indoctrination then spreads like a virus and infects those who we thought were immune, until it becomes a plague of rebellion and uprising against those who are the quiet Australians.

I might be old fashioned, but the Australia I knew as a kid was far better!

We didn't care where the power came from, as long as the toaster or the lights worked!

We didn't care if it was a drought as we knew every day was one closer to it raining!

I battled the 1st of February 1969 bushfires in 45c heat as a 15 year old, I bent all the linkage arms on the tractor ploughing fire breaks, experienced the extreme heat of the fire, the lack of oxygen in my lungs, being too scared to sleep inside the house at 2am!

I saw the devastating loss of property, and the burying of dead stock.

We didn't have P2 masks or were told every 5 minutes of the what the air quality was!! We wet a handkerchief and put it across our nose and mouth and tied a knot in the back and got on with it!!

Then the chaos came again a few weeks later when torrential rains came and caused massive erosion and polluted our water, and 3 months later on the 5th of May we had cows dying of bloat as the grass was so prolific!

**THIS WILL ALL HAPPEN AGAIN!!**

This is the country we live in and know as Australia, NO politician can change it, NO Climate Change policy will either!

Humans caused this atrocity by their ignorance of nature and the history we have on record that could be used to prevent this occurring this bad ever again!