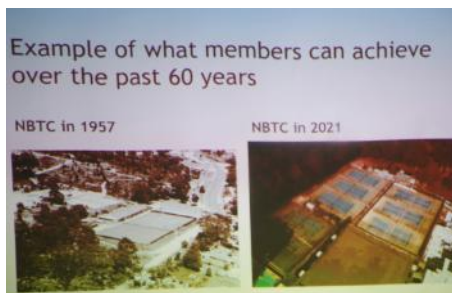


Guest Speaker Bruce Scott on the Role of Sports Administrators in Pt. Stephens



Bruce is well qualified to talk about matters of sports administration and the development of sporting facilities in this area. He started with a reflection on how a lot of the clubs had started, including the tennis club with 2 clay courts in 1957 to the current 8 surfaced courts now, with LED lightening providing conditions as bright as daylight to play at night. Pt Stephens Yacht club, the pistol club, and Dick Burwell AFI club, are all still successful, and were started and nurtured by some passionate volunteer leaders.

In years past clubs often took matters into their own hands and not only raised funds, but then provided the labour to build facilities. Times are different now for a multitude of reasons. Any new work these days must fit within strict construction guidelines, the work must be provided by only council approved contractors. Members these days have less time to give and a lot of volunteers are getting older as well. Clubs need to look to professional services when dealing with a lot of projects. Litigation is always potentially lurking in the back ground meaning all procedural matters have to be approved and viewed from a legal standpoint. Forget building you own stuff.

Th fabulous New Bruce Scott facilities build in the last few months have been a work in progress for 10 years and are provided at a cost of \$3.2 million dollars. Bruce suggests that projects often take a lot of persistence to bring to reality. Bruce also says a dedicated long term group who run things as a business and have a 5 years plan are most likely to be successful.

The Tomaree Sport Council represents 20 clubs and assists in promoting sporting activities in the area. They provide and support funding needs to the clubs of the area. It also manages and supports Pt Stephens Council Facilities and has a role in dispute resolution if needed. Bruce has been the president of this council for a remarkable 32 years since 1990. Clubs can only provide so much in the way of funds themselves. Sponsorships are essential to make bigger projects happen and this is in combination with with support from grants. Grants will only be provided to shared sporting facilities. All sites need to viewed from the perspective of being for multi-use. A shared facility is also more likely to attract sponsorship. If a club can raise a few thousand dollars it will often be matched with a grant.

Bruce went on to discuss plans for the Tomaree Complex Masterplan. Participation in sport is growing rapidly in a number of codes. Girls are embracing sports like AFL. This means change rooms need to be able to cater to both sexes. Once the new sporting item is built it needs to be maintained, and the council may not have funds to cover all these facilities or the new ones people would like to have. In future the maintenance of a facility may need to be self funded. The new Bruce Scott Complex has a joint 4 sport canteen area, and a meeting room with conference facilities.

There are a number of expansions considered to the current Tomaree sporting area which will also include new fields on the current site of the council depot when this moves to the waste management area. The AFL field will be increased in size in stage 2, and the John Nell Sports Field will be upgraded in stage 3. This was a very informative presentation on Pt Stephens sport, and our club congratulates Bruce on the honour of having his name used for the new Tomaree Sports complex Club House.

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Door: Chris B
Welcome David Clarke
Grace: Ella Clarke
Introduce Speaker John Cropley
Thank speaker: Geoff Diemar

Bulletin: Phil Smith
Photos: Phill Smith
Binos: Dieter

Birthdays in November

Members
John Stuhmcke Feb 18
John Shaw Feb 23
Partners
Debbie Brigden Feb 18
Anniversaries
None this week

Winners this week:
Heads & Tails
Craig Parossien
Lucky Number:
Craig Parossien.

Who says lightening can't strike the same place twice. We have had the same winner for both of the competitions 2 weeks in a row.



HELPING HAND FOR YACAABA CENTRE

Club Volunteers lead by President Doug carried out a clean up the Yacaaba centre crisis accommodation centre at Nelson Bay last Monday and late afternoon. Six volunteers Doug, Erin, Chris, Bob, Phill & Milton removed unwanted rubbish and junk from the grounds and garden shed for a Council pickup the following day. This small service has lead to another community opportunity, with the gardens and the grounds needing some much overdo "tender loving care".

Member Erin Brinkley. spoke with the some of the clients at the Centre at Yacaaba centre management and it was greed to we could offer assistance with our Club's lady members and partners to join with the clients at the centre to conduct a clean-up project and garden regeneration programme. It will give the clients a "sense of purpose" in their surrounds and the lady volunteers the opportunity to have conversation and a 'cuppa' at the same time. The Club will supply gloves and anything else that is required for this project. As members will know we already support the Yacaaba centre in providing funds for food and personal care packages to the value of \$500 per month for 12 months. Unfortunately, there is a growing demand.

President Doug thanked Erin for taking the leadership role in this project. If any of a lady members or partners wish to know more, please contact Erin in the first instance on **0474 443 109** or erinbrinkley_pt@yahoo.com

Footnote A small team of volunteers will be removing a rather large built in cupboard at the Yacaaba centre on Wednesday morning. Thanks to the Volunteers who will be there.

Tonga Volcano Eruption and Tsunami appeal.

The effects of the Volcano and Tsunami on January 15th will be far reaching, impacting the Tongan Community for months, possibly years.

Communication remains problematic with international and inter-island calls still not possible due to the damage to the undersea cable. Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) will be working with Rotary New Zealand World Community Service (RNZWCS) and the Rotary Club of Nuku'alofa (Tonga) in proving assistance to the affected communities' and restoring their livelihoods. RAWCS has registered a Rotary Australia Relief Fund project to seek financial assistance from rotary Clubs , the public and Private sector.

Donations to this relief fund are tax deductible. Donate through <https://rawcs.org.au>

(Text From RAWCS website)

At this stage the Club board will be watching the situation to decide on how we might support The Tongan communities in the most effective way. There will a need for assistance for an extended period.



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FEBRUARY 26-27 BUSY WEEKEND FOR CLUB

We have a very busy weekend coming up on Saturday February 26 & 27.

Saturday February 26

It starts at 5am Saturday at Soldiers Point Marina where several members will be cooking a bacon & breakfast for the game fishermen who will be competing in the annual Tournament. We are only supplying the labour and will receive a financial donation to the Club. It is envisaged this will only be a couple of hours work. We repeat the process on Sunday morning at 5am. We have volunteers organised, however one more on standby for Sunday appreciated.

Also on Saturday morning the Port Stephens Dragon Boat Club will be launching their new boat at Soldiers Point Marina at 9am. President Doug will be attending and other members are welcome to join him. The dragon Boat group is lead by former club member Andrew Downey, who has done a terrific job in building up the club which now has a very active membership.

Sunday February 27

We have a Club BBQ at Bunnings on this day. So far we have volunteers for the afternoon shift in Erin, Lesley and Chris, and John Stuhmcke has kindly offered to take the trailer to Bunnings and assist with the set up.

We do need 4 volunteers for the morning shift and one more the afternoon shift. We do have a few of our regular volunteers away this weekend. Please contact Chris if you can give us a few hours. Bunnings and the binoculars are our only source of income now, and your help would be appreciated. We also have another Bunnings on Saturday March 12, and we will be seeking volunteers after our upcoming busy weekend.

Aussie Jokes

(I hope no one is offended)

You know you are in Australia when you're surprised when your train arrives on time.

You know you're in Australia when your taxi driver was a surgeon before arriving in this country.

You want to hear a joke about the Australian Construction industry? Too bad, they're still working on it.

If someone wants to visit a nice spot within 2 hours of Melbourne , tell them to go to St Kilda via the Punt Road.



Rotary International president-elect announces 2022-23 presidential theme to district governors-elect.