



## Bulletin 28 of 22nd of February 2024

### Club Meeting

We had some discussions about the early Rotary days and how the club did have a large membership with around 10 tables and a few bottles of wine at each. A lot of club history is recorded and we have several volumes of the clubs history which have been published. There is still a log book which goes back to the days of the club formation at the services shed. Some early historical material of the club was lost when a fire affected the Shoal Bay CC.

President Ella commented that unfortunately the excellent community project in installing the Tomaree Hospital Garden did not lead to an increase in the club membership. Ella is going to discuss some thoughts about the club membership situation with are Area Governor Laurie Easter.

### BUNNINGS UPDATE

Due to some “computer” issues Nelson Bay RC are no longer doing the BBQ on Saturday June 01 2024. The club had previously confirmed this BBQ, however this is now transferred to Saturday July 13 2024. The Roster from June will be transferred to this date.

The other dates, up til June have been reconfirmed recently.

Our next Date is 9th of March.( Roster next page)



Bunnings have agreed to a small increase in the price of drinks to \$2.00 from \$1.50. This was effective from February 01 and will allow some additional profits to be generated by all those who fund-raise this way. Community groups across Australia, lobbied for this change over a 2 year period, and we are all grateful for this change to finally come into effect. There is very little margin when cans cannot be bought for less than \$1.20 with costs for ice etc.

### In this Bulletin:

1. Club Information & Bunnings Update
2. 3 minute talk & upcoming dates

### Birthdays in March

Christine Mathieson on the 9th  
Jenny Turner on the 9th as well.

### Anniversaries

None this week

### From this weeks meeting:

Heads & Tails: Peter Mc Bean

Raffle Winner: Geoff Robinson who had the winning ticket drawn from his own hat. The 3 of spades is no longer in the pack of cards. Another card down, but plenty left.

### Next meeting

**Door:** Lesley Freeman  
**Grace:** Richard Turner  
**Toast:** Peter Page  
**Bulletin:** Don Whatham

**Binoculars:** Doug Craike

### NO MEETINGS

**28th Of March**

Prior to Easter

**25th of April**

ANZAC day

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## 3 minute talk from the meeting by Doug Craike

Doug started his 3 minutes with a discussion of some of places he had worked in his life.

We know his background is in electrical work, but he worked in the mining industry to start. He covered a number of mines by WMC, Utah Development Corporation, BHP in underground operations in Queensland locations including Mt Isa. In 1977 he went to work at Mt Windarra mine which is 250 km North of Kalgoorlie. It is a touch dry and hot around this area. The area originally had come to notice because gold was discovered there in 1896 by Dr Laver and the town was named Laverton. The mining was directed for nickel when Doug was working there. Nickel mining had



been responsible for one of the greatest ever share price climbs for Poseidon Mining. The initial testing suggested 3.38% nickel per tonne when 1% is normal. The share price went from 0.80c to \$280.00 in 6 months. Later it was confirmed the actual range was 0.38 % per tonne. Whilst mining for a few years was profitable, later the demand for nickel declined and the profitability with it. Doug also mentioned the problem with a Stope mine in the area. The process involves making circular mine site and mining layer by layer in sequence to extract underground ore. He explained on this occasion the plan had been to blow 4 different layers in a certain order. The order being critical, but a 2 way radio signal set the explosion off prematurely, and in the wrong sequence. Parts collapsed onto other parts, leaving a mess containing unexploded highly dangerous material.

If you would like some Poseidon Nickel Ltd Shares they are around 0.60c these days?

## BBQ Roster 9th of March

### AM shift

Doug Craike, Chris , Warwick, Richard

### PM Shift

Geoff Diemar ,Geoff Robinson ,Jim Booth,  
Doug / Chris are the Organisers

## **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