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PROBUS



The average Probus Club is a lot bigger than the the average Rotary Club and there are a lot more Probus members in District 9670 than Rotarians. One of the many facts and figures Ray Davies presented to our club this night.

Ray is the current chair of the Probus District 9670 Committee and member of the Raymond Terrace Probus Club and also a member of Rotary. He looks after the clubs, helps them transform from single gender club to combined, where necessary merges clubs or helps them rebirthing and reluctantly winds clubs up that are no longer viable. And although the numbers in Probus are more than three times the number of Rotarians there has been a decline in numbers of 7% over the last three years. That is why we have recently seen some TV advertising to attract younger and active retirees.

Probus - an initiative of Rotary - started in the UK in 1965 and was introduced in Australia in 1976. Today there are five active Probus Clubs on the Tomaree Peninsula - all initiated by the Rotary Club of Nelson Bay - with a total of more than 450 members. Still it appears to be a big problem to find members that are prepared to join the committees to run the clubs, let alone be President or Secretary.

Ray offered some suggestions where Rotary and Probus might work closer together: why not invite Probus members to participate as volunteers at community service events?

Probus offers their members a number of benefits, most of which are also available for Rotarians. After his presentation he handed out information about the Probus Travel Insurance scheme that is dedicated to older people (max. age 101 !) and has competitive rates and provisions for covering pre-existing conditions.

Thanks Ray for an informative presentation.



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Congratulations

Members birthdays

26 Jan. - Ella Clarke
28 Jan. - Michael Jenkins

Partners birthdays

none

Anniversaries

20 Jan. - John & Yvonne Stuhmcke
21 Jan -Geoff & Denise Diemar

Lady Luck

Peter Page was the last man standing during Head & Tails while the raffle prize went to John Cropley.

Next Week

Eddie Bergsma
Fingal Bay Surf Club

Door

Bart Richardson
John Crump

Meet and Greet

Doug Craike & John Shaw

Toast

Michael Jenkins

Grace

Ed Parker

Introduce speaker

John Stuhmcke

Thank speaker

John de Ridder

Bulletin editor

Phill Smith

**Apologies and Extras, please phone or SMS
Ros Cribb (0401 450 239) before Wednesday noon!**

SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE WINNER

Nelson Bay Rotary Club's Attendance Officer Ros Cribb's son Andrew was a member of the crew on Balance which won this year's Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race Handicap Honours. Proud mum Ros said Andrew had been competing in this race for 11 years and was justifiable delighted with Andrew's achievements. Balance finished 7th overall in a bad weather marred race. Pictures show Andrew and lovely wife Nicole with his winners medal and Andrew holding the Handicap Trophy.



38th Annual AGFR Tournament



There are a lot of "Fellowships" in Rotary like bird watchers, radio amateurs and members interested in pre-Colombian civilisation. But one of the larger ones is the Australian Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians Inc. - offspring of the International Golfing Fellowship of Rotary (IGFR).



One of it's members - Bill Pitt from the RC Charlestown - visited us this night to tell us all about the upcoming 38th Annual AGFR Tournament. Previous tournaments were held in Perth and Darwin but this year many members of this fellowship will travel to Port Stephens to play at Pacific Dunes in Medowie from the 1st till 6th of May.

All details of the tournament and information about registration can be found on the AGFR web site: www.agfr.org . Or contact the Tournament Director, Bill Pitt, wbp.finance@bigpond.com - mobile 0407 492 703.

Cash Flow Problems

Our Treasurer, Richard Harris has a problem! Not that our Club is poor - plenty of money in the Service Account and more to come from Australia Day - but the Club account is running a bit low.... One of the reasons is that some members who pay their dues half yearly haven't done so yet. If you have not paid yet: **PAY NOW!** One of the bills that are due is the one from Rotary International for \$ 5000 (and that is getting more expensive with the Ozzie dollar sliding against the greenback.

Payments preferably by electronic funds transfer into the Greater Building Society account of the Rotary Club of Nelson Bay - BSB: 637000 Account #: 781017418



Below is the final duty roster for Australia Day 2016. if there are any "emergency" apologies, please contact Don Watham or Doug Craike - otherwise we expect you to be there to contribute to this great day for Australia and the Rotary Club of Nelson Bay.

DUTY	AM - 7 .00am - 12 noon	PM - 12 Noon - 5.00pm
Clives Cooker	G Flux	D Craike
BBQ 1	P Smith	Don Orr
BBQ2	J Crump	J Sully
Food Service 1	Hilda Orr	Hilda Orr
Food Service 2	Don Orr	Fiona Whatham
Food Service 3	B Mitchell	Jenny Craike
Food Service 4	Val Crump	A Levonpera
Food Service/Preparation	J Mitchell	J Mitchell
Food Service Supervision	J Priestley	J Priestley
Cook's Gofer	J Stuhmcke	J Stuhmcke
Chips 1	B Michel	B Michel
Chips 2	D. Moylan	D Moylan
Chips Server	Sonja Michel	Sonja Michel
Drinks 1 - Person 1	G Basser	John Shaw Church Volunteers
Drinks 1 - Person 2	J Cropley & his girls	Jenny Shaw Church Volunteers
Drinks 2 - Person 1	G Treble	K Rimmer & her children
Drinks 2 - Person 2	Joy Faulkner	Athleen Harris
Drinks 3 & Ticket mgt	R Harris	R Harris
Drinks 3 - Person 1	Anjes Tobbe	T Parnell
Drinks 3 - Person 2	Paula Flux	Christine Smith
Ticket & Queue Mgt	I McIver	R Mitchell
Food Court Maintenance	E Parker	E Parker
Rotary info/Promotion	P Page/B Richardson (10am-2pm)	P Page/ B Richardson)10am-2pm)
Drink Maintenance	P McBean	P Mc Bean
Cashier/Food Tickets	A Evans	A Evans
Food Tickets 1	C Coy	Marianne McBean
Food Tickets 2	J deRidder	Yvonne Stuhmcke
Provision's Gofer	D Bairstow	D Bairstow
Site Manager	C Bartlett	C Bartlett
Electrical Manager	D Craike	D Craike
Load Up Monday Shed	J Stuhmcke 3pm-5pm Shed	B Michel 3pm - 5pm Shed
Load Up Monday Shed	C Bartlett 3pm - 5pm Shed	D Craike 3pm - 5pm Shed
Load Up Monday Shed	D Whatham 3pm - 5pm Shed	J Priestley 3pm-5pm shed
Manage Ice - pre & day	G Diemar	G Diemar
Site Plan Monday 3-5pm	W Mathieson	C Bartlett
Roster	D Whatham	D Whatham
President	A Evans	A Evans
Utility Reserve any duty	D Greiter	D Greiter
Trailers to Fly Point Tuesday	J Stuhmcke/D Whatham	J Stuhmcke/D Whatham
Parade Marshall 1 7-9.30	I Faulkner (report to W Mathieson)	N/A
Parade Marshall 2 7-9.30	R . Turner (Report to W Mathieson)	N/A
Photos	H Tobbe	H Tobbe

Pay your dues and special dinner fees by EFT:

Account name: Rotary Club of Nelson Bay Inc. - BSB: 637000 Account #: 781017418
(please, mention your name and what you are paying for.



Project Neighbour

Wildlife are our neighbours in most parts of Port Stephens. When this Wednesday our Club organised its monthly outing for our “neighbours” that live alone and have little to look forward to the presence of a huge goanna caused some excitement and managed to get most guests present to get out of their chairs to have a good look. He (or she???) wasn’t easily scared and probably only interested in the left-overs of the afternoon tea.

The goanna is common in Australia and is any of the monitor lizards of the genus *Varana*. They combine predatory and scavenging behaviours and are notorious for going after the eggs and other food during the annual RC Nelson Bay environmental weekend.

Photo: Tricia Parnell

The Gan Gan Binoculars

Recently something went wrong with the money slider of our Gan Gan binoculars. No vandalism - just a part of the mechanism that gave up - probably because of the frequent insertion of gold coins. We managed to get a replacement part as quickly as we could and club members put the money maker back into operation as soon as possible. This is the best time of the year with lots of visitors to Gan Gan look out - which is rated as one of the major attractions in Port Stephens.

The binoculars were erected in 2013 as part of the refurbishing of the look out and since then have been providing a steady stream of income averaging about \$ 5000 a year.



Australia Day and History

Our club historian, Richard Turner reminded us of the fact that in Don Whatham’s year as President (1996 - 1997) our club for the first time became involved in the Australia Day celebrations. Warwick Mathieson established a close liaison with the Australia Day committee and with assistance of president-elect Bruce Rolls organised the catering and the Billy Cart Derby for the celebration. That means that next year it will be 20 years of “Rotary at Australia Day”.

Another historical fact mentioned by Richard is that in that same year we enjoyed the official opening of the “Combined Services Shed” This is a useful facility for all service clubs in our area. The completion in 1996 was largely due to the input of our club

At the District conference in Dubbo that year our club received the preserve Planet Earth Award to acknowledge the environmental achievements - no not during the weekend up the Myall - but with respect to our Tree Growing program. Several years the club made good money out of growing wattles to replant the devastated areas in the mined sand dunes.

And.... in Don’s year we introduced the \$2 pppw contribution to the Rotary Foundation.



President Anne toasting on a successful Australia Day.