

## Bulletin # 29 – 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018

### *Marine Rescue Port Stephens*

***Our meeting this week was at the Marine Rescue Base on Nelson Head.***

This week we were welcomed to the Marine Rescue Base at Nelson head by Unit Commander Lee Uebergang.

Established in 1982, Marine Rescue Port Stephens (MRPS) presently has 202 members who volunteer their time in many roles ranging from radio surveillance, to rescue crew, to gift shop attendants.

The Base provides emergency support to vessels in trouble, as well as being a checkpoint and radio coverage for recreational vessels transiting up and down the coastline.

The area covered by MRPS stretches from Seal Rocks in the North to the Stockton bite and 56 km to sea, the Myall Lakes and River system and as far west as Soldiers Point.

Since 1985 the Base has operated 24/7 with the current facility opening in 1993.

Whilst some Government funding is provided the majority of funds have to be raised by the Base and comes from several areas:

Firstly, a gift shop manned by its volunteers contributes a sizeable amount to the ongoing costs.

The Base also is the after-hours contact for the Rural Fire Service and receives a fee for providing this service.

It also provides weather readings and local conditions, observations and current Bureau of Meteorology weather forecasts.

A small museum is operated by volunteers with a portion of the building leased to a private operator for morning/afternoon teas/coffee and lunches.

Fees are also charged for wedding ceremonies conducted on the headland.

One of 44 Units of Marine Rescue NSW, it is subject to direction by the NSW Police Marine Area Base and manages the Nelson Head Lighthouse and Rescue Station Reserve Trust.

It is a registered Not for Profit charity. Considering the vital community service provided by Marine Rescue it is surprising that so little funding comes from Government Funding.

A great social outing with a spectacular backdrop.



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#### **Birthdays this coming week: 9 – 15 Feb**

Feb 12 Norm Costello

#### **Anniversaries:**

None

#### **Heads and Tails**

##### **Winner:**

None this week

#### **Member Duties 15<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

##### **Door:**

Doug Craike/John Crump

##### **Meet/Greet:**

Ed Downey/ Geoff Diemar

##### **Loyal Toast:**

John Cropley

##### **Grace:**

Chelsea Ellul

##### **Intro Guest speaker:**

Greg Flux

##### **Thank Guest Speaker:**

Liz Friend

##### **Bulletin:**

Chris Bartlett

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

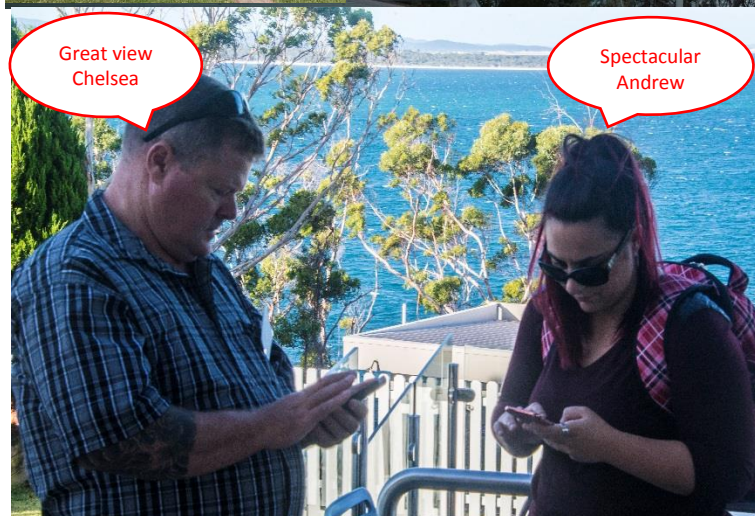
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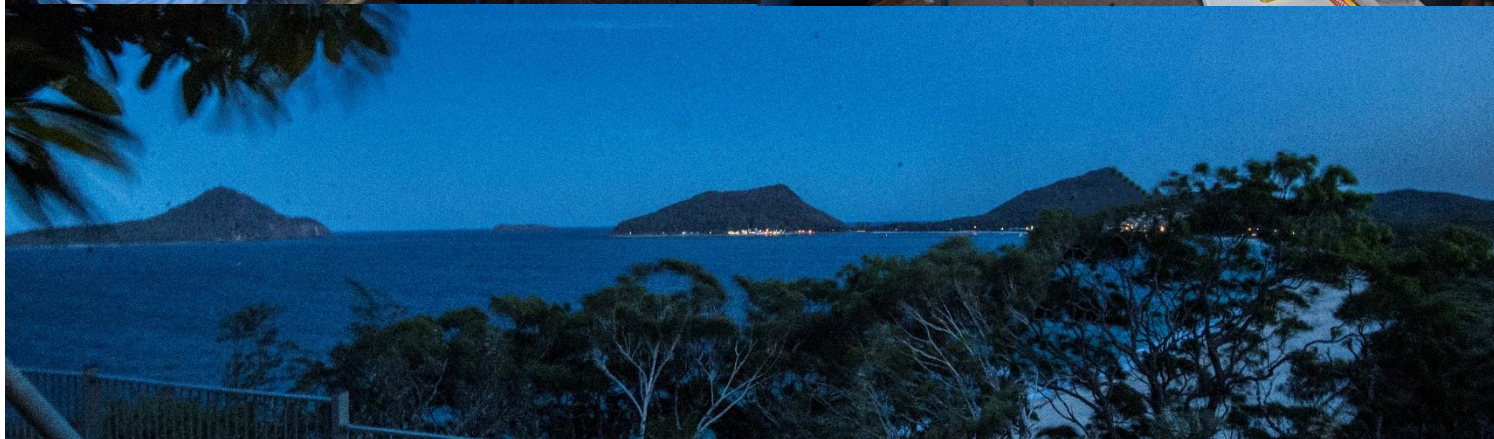
Great view  
Chelsea

Spectacular  
Andrew



Great view  
Chelsea

Beautiful  
John



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## What's happening around the District?

Coming up in Nelson Bay:  
Feb 14: Board Meeting

Feb 16: Bunnings BBQ

AM Shift: D Whatham, D Greiter,  
J Mitchel, D Clarke.

PM Shift: E Clarke, P Page,  
M Williams, T Todd

Mar 3: Bunnings BBQ

Mar 4: WRANS Breakfast

Mar 16-18 District Conference

## Dungog Rotary's Family Barn Dance & Barbecue

24<sup>th</sup> March 2018 6:30pm until close

at the Watkins Property  
87 Main Creek Road Dungog (Follow the signs)

Entry

**\$25 Adult \$50 Family including the Barbecue**

Children under 12 Free

Soft Drinks & Alcoholic Beverages for sale - No BYO  
Have fun at the Barn Dance and Barbecue with Music by

**'Just US' Band**

Raffles, Auctions, Face painting & Balloons for the children. Experience the country atmosphere and enjoy a great night out for the young & old.

All monies raised going to

**Dungog Rotary & The Rotary Foundation.**

Please bring your own chair

The  
**Rotary**  
Foundation



LIGHT UP NEWCASTLE

# LANTERN WALK

**Saturday  
24 February 2018,  
from 4pm**  
Honeysuckle  
Precinct

Don't miss the Light Up Newcastle Lantern Walk  
Help our local Rotary Clubs raise money for the Mission to Seafarers.

**BUY YOUR LANTERN AND JOIN THE WALK**

**CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR WITH FAMILY FRIENDLY FREE ENTERTAINMENT**

Choose your favourite route to Honeysuckle and enjoy the festivities:

- Dragon boat races
- Lion dancers, dragons, Chinese entertainers
- Marching bands and choirs
- Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club sail past
- Firing of the Fort Scratchley Guns
- Fireworks

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MORE INFORMATION AT [www.lightupnewcastle.com.au](http://www.lightupnewcastle.com.au)

LAKE MACQUARIE

# Paddlefest

**Sunday 4th MARCH 2018**  
SPEERS POINT PARK

**SCOUTS AUSTRALIA**

**SUP** **Kayaks** **Dragon Boats** **Outriggers** **Cub Adventure**

**Paddlefest 2018 Events Include:**

**Racing Events:**

- SUP 5km & 10km Race
- SUP Team relays
- 5km, 10km & Sprint Kayak races
- Kids Paddle events

**Team & Family Events:**

- Outrigger Races - Teams of 5
- Dragon Boat Races - Teams of 20
- Newcastle Districts Cub Adventure Day
- Trade Displays
- Melon Paddle

**2018 Beneficiaries:**

- Cancer Council Everking Sponsorship Program
- Hunter Melanoma Foundation

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For more details visit:  
[www.paddlefest.com.au](http://www.paddlefest.com.au)



## What are we about?

### Our Causes

*(Reproduced from RI website)*

Rotary is dedicated to six areas of focus to build international relationships, improve lives, and create a better world to support our peace efforts and end polio.



#### Promoting peace

Rotary encourages conversations to foster understanding within and across cultures. We train adults and young leaders to prevent and mediate conflict and help refugees who have fled dangerous areas.



#### Fighting disease

We educate and equip communities to stop the spread of life-threatening diseases like polio, HIV/AIDS, and malaria. We improve and expand access to low-cost and free health care in developing areas.



#### Providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene

We support local solutions to bring clean water, sanitation, and hygiene to more people every day. We don't just build wells and walk away. We share our expertise with community leaders and educators to make sure our projects succeed long-term.



#### Saving mothers and children

Nearly 6 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation. We expand access to quality care, so mothers and their children can live and grow stronger.



#### Supporting education

More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.



#### Growing local economies

We carry out service projects that enhance economic and community development and create opportunities for decent and productive work for young and old. We also strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities.



#### Ending polio forever

Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for over 30 years, and our goal of ridding the earth of this disease is in sight. We started in 1979 with vaccinations for 6 million children in the Philippines. Today, Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan are the only countries where polio remains endemic.

**Help us in the final push.**