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BOB FROM BEECROFT FRIENDS IN NEPAL



Our guest speaker on Thursday night was Bob Walcot from the Beecroft Rotary Club, and part time Nelson Bay resident. Introduced by Gordon Treble, our new OAM as "Bob from Beecroft". Bob has been a Rotarian with the Beecroft Club since 1999 and is a multi talented construction industry all rounder. His talk was his friends in Nepal. Bob had visited Nepal prior to 2015 when a massive earthquake struck the country killing over 900 people. His friends Ramesh, Chamke and Tekuri lived in a village called Arubot, located between Kathmandu and Mt Everest. Only 5 houses out of 80 survived the Earthquake and Bob returned in late 2015 and spent two months

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Our speaker on Thursday night Bob Walcot and his wife Kris is a casual visitor to our Club over many years. Phil Smith sold Bob and Kris a unit in Nelson Bay in 2001 and they return to God's Country whenever the opportunity arises. He and Kris attended our barefoot bowls night back in October.

NEXT WEEK – CLUB MEETING

Next week's meeting will be a Club Assembly, following Wednesday night's Board meeting. There will be a number of updates from the meeting, including financials, community service and other activities and projects

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Birthdays this coming week

Feb 12 Norm Costello

Anniversaries

Jan 14 None recorded

Heads and Tails:

Gordon Treble OAM

Member Duties:

January 17

Door Chris B & Milton W

Meet/Greet: John Stuhmcke

Loyal Toast: Jim Booth

Grace: Ian Brigden

Intro Guest Speaker
N/A

Thank Guest: N/A

Bulletin: Don

Whatham

Photos: Phil Smith

Binos Dieter G and Chris B

Guest Speaker Club Assembly

'FRIENDS IN NEPAL' CONTINUED

living in a tent waking to some magnificent views. Bob's slide show with spectacular outlooks, took us through the construction of his friend Ramesh's house over the 2 month period, he stayed in Arubot. It was an interesting process to say the least. Timber washed down in the nearby river provided enough timber for the construction, where logs were physically carried up a 45 degrees slope to the Village, which has only had power for the last 8 years.

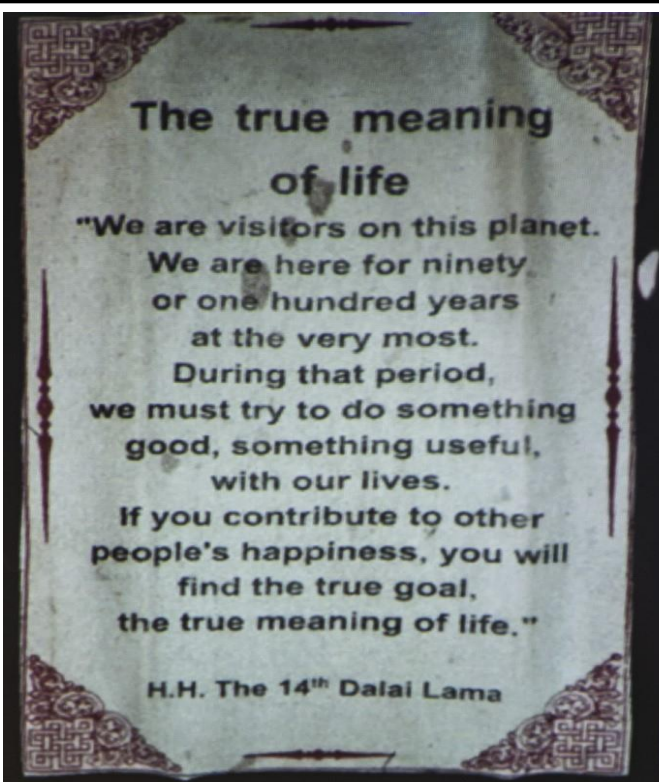
Teams of volunteers worked on the construction, using tried and true Nepal construction techniques. One of the major issues was the clean water. All the water sources including the natural springs dried up after the earthquake. After discussing the issue with his friends it was decided to improve the guttering on the local school which survived the earthquake, which then drained into tanks to provide the village with a water supply. On his return to Australia, Bob contacted a tank manufacturer in Geelong who has offered his services free of charge to train Bob's friends on how to make water tanks in their village. This process is still happening. He also secured Global grants to assist with this process and to provide a compost to methane gas conversion kit as a source of power for the Village. It was a terrific presentation and Bob is a fitting example of the 14th Dalai Lama quote below..

**TOP**

Our guest speaker this week Bob Walcott, an inspirational example for Rotary, chats with Henk Tobbe. As our members will know Henk has been battling illness for some time and it is really great to see recovering. Unfortunately his wife Anges had a hip replacement last week and we hope she recovers well and returns to her social media network and other activities in the near future.

ABOVE

Kris Walcott and our 2019/20 Youth Director Lesley Freeman enjoyed some fellowship on Thursday night. Both were former school teachers. Lesley has been making valuable contributions to our Club since joining us last year and her enthusiasm and commitment is appreciated, along with her large caged trailer. All boxes ticked.

**UP COMING EVENTS**

Wed Feb 13 Club Board meeting at the Nelson Bay Bowling Club 5.30 start

Thurs Feb 14 Club meeting Directors reports

Wed Feb 20 Project Neighbour

Thurs Feb 21 Guest speaker

Fri Feb 22 Bunnings BBQ

Thurs Feb 28 Club night

Fri Mar 01 Bunnings BBQ

Sat Mar 09 Bunnings BBQ

Wed Mar 14 Board meeting

Fri Mar 15 – Mar 17 District Conference Forster

BUNNINGS ROUND UP- CURRENT ROSTER

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER- FRIDAY FEBRUARY 22 2019

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AM SHIFT 8.30-12.15

Phil Smith

Judi P

Chris B

Transport Phil Smith

Load Chris B

Supplies Doug B

PM SHIFT 12.15- 4PM

Richard Turner

Arja

Milton

Milton

Arja to assist

FRIDAY'S RESULT

Our Bunnings BBQ last Friday was on par for most Friday's with **\$460.00** raised for a net of **\$300**. The teams were AM VP John, Liz Friend and Richard Turner and PM Don Whatham, Dieter Greiter and Lesley Freeman, with Chris B filling in for Doug Bairstow who had a rare day off, but still supplied the onions. It appears we are the only community group still doing Friday's with a formal meeting planned with Bunnings in the near future to discuss this situation. Our community coordinator for Bunnings Lauren Dennison will be on maternity leave from March 1 with our new coordinator Lonny, already having made contact with us. Members will be asked for their views at next week's Club meeting. Your positive views appreciated.



DATES

Friday Feb 22

Friday March 1

Saturday March 9th



Photos- left, Supplied by John Cropley. John and Maree's hens ensure our ecology program works, with the chooks taking care of the crusts and left over loose bread after BBQ's. They have competition from Lesley's horses though. Top right- Don Whatham and our bar person on Thursday night Kath engage in some friendly banter during fellowship time. Right- supplied by John Crump. John is obviously doing it tough on his Bali holiday with his afternoon tea waiting to be consumed. I wonder what was for dinner?

John does a great job as the Club's attendance officer and cleaner of the Crystal ball. Thanks for the photos John and John

BEHIND THE SCENES

Members will recall the recent fire at Salt Ash, when the Equestrian and Pony Clubs buildings were saved but broken into and vandalised, the day after. All the sound and announcers equipment were destroyed. VP John Stuhmcke contacted Williamtown Rotary who cater for these events who put John in touch with horse officials. Within weeks, John had generously supplied a new sound system and other advice, seeking no recognition. His generosity and support were recognised at an official function at the grounds last Sunday. Members of the Club carry many acts as above and seek no reward.



TOUCH FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT A HUGE SUCCESS



The canteen at Elizabeth Waring Centre was very actively used by the 1000 plus people each day and Dave Clark shows his skills on Saturday



Secretary of the Nelson Bay Touch Football Association, Mandy Moore, Club President Neville Geary and State member Kate Washington, discussing the success of the Peter Wilson Memorial Touch Football Tournament prior to the presentations on Sunday afternoon.



This weekend, Nelson Bay Rotary Club assisted Nelson Bay Touch Football Association by conducting a canteen at Elizabeth Waring Centre Nelson Bay. This is a profit sharing event with the Touch Football Association buying new equipment and supporting the teams through our donation

The teamwork displayed and professionalism of all our volunteers was commented on throughout the weekend. It was truly an outstanding weekend. We grossed just over \$6800, and after expenses we cleared around \$5800, as a lot of our expenses had already been costed to a less than successful financial return on Australia Day. The only stock we have left is drinks, which we can use at Bunnings.

This joint venture with Nelson Bay Touch Footy with President Nev Geary and Secretary Mandy Moore will be invited to a meeting in the near future for a presentation. It was truly fantastic to see so many young kids being engaged in sport, their manners impeccable. We received praise on the Nelson Bay Touch Football Association FaceBook page

A special thank you to all those who volunteered. it was a truly special effort., by some very dedicated and multi skilled Nelson Bay Rotarians

Footnote We will be invited back for next year's tournament, and hopefully for the following 2 years. This is a great community partnership.

YOU'RE INVITED

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST

Donald Whatham
Rotary Club of Nelson Bay
PO Box 103
NELSON BAY NSW2324

5 February 2019

YOU'RE INVITED – PORT STEPHENS IWD BREAKFAST

We would like to extend a warm invitation to members of Rotary Club of Nelson Bay to attend the annual Port Stephens International Women's Day Breakfast on Friday the 8th of March 2019.

International Women's Day is an opportunity for our community to reflect on the social, cultural, economic and political achievements of women and to recommit ourselves to gender equality across all aspects of our society.

This year's national theme is #balanceforbetter promoting a balance in business, an equal number of women on executive boards, and in Parliament.

We are putting a Port Stephens spin on this theme by showcasing small businesses run by local women. We will also be hosting a panel of student leaders to be interviewed by Kate Washington MP and Meryl Swanson MP about their aspirations for the future.

This year's guest of honour is Coral Kearins from the Boat Harbour Recreation Club who will be receiving her award as Port Stephens Woman of the Year 2019.

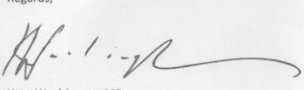
Please find the details of the breakfast below:

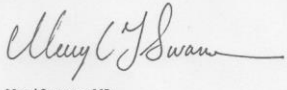
When	7:15am for 7:30am start Friday 8 th March 2019
Where	Hunter Region Botanic Gardens 2100 Pacific Highway, Heatherbrae
Cost	\$10 per ticket (will sell out – last year's event sold out in the first week)
Tickets	www.trybooking.com/UBTA
Food	Breakfast includes bacon and egg rolls as well as an assortment of fresh fruit and pastries all locally sourced

All proceeds going to the Hunter Botanic Gardens and Port Stephens Family and Neighbourhood Services.

Tickets are strictly limited, so please book now to avoid disappointment. We hope you can join us on Friday 9 March to celebrate International Women's Day.

Regards,


Kate Washington MP
State Member for Port Stephens


Meryl Swanson MP
Federal Member for Paterson

SPONSORS GOLF DAY- THANK YOU

Golf Day Chair Arja will update members on the upcoming Sponsors Golf Day to thank our sponsors and supporters. The day is booked at the Nelson Bay Golf Club for Friday April 5 2019. The day is not planned as a fund raising day however if we make a profit then this will be distributed to a several local chairities. We have completed our Australia Day commitments, and Arja has gathered the Golf Day Commiteee back together to finalise plans for the day. Our sponsors from last year will be able to display their business banners on "the avenue of banners" an new innovation we are trying at this event. We are seeking players for the this fun and thank you day.

We have also had out two hole in One Sponsors confirm they will being again providing two fabulous prizes, the Toyota Yaris from Port Stephens Toyota and a wonderful travel prize from Holiday World. Narelle Melhuish has secured another three sponsors for the day. We also have approximately 50 players for the day keen to play. More details next wseck at trhe Club night, please pencil this date into your diaries, tablets, phones or calendars on the fridge

AUSTRALIA DAY DeBRIEF

Secretary Don has sent out to all members a copy of the Club's Australia Day debrief held prior to our meeting., on Thursday night. This will be discussed by the Board at Wednesday night's Board meeting. A thank you to those members who contributed with submissions and suggestions. A special thanks to Secretary Don who spent many hours preparing documents in order to keep members fully informed.



During January, RI President-elect Mark Maloney announced the 2019-20 presidential theme, *Rotary Connects the World*, to incoming district governors in San Diego, California, USA. He called on leaders to expand connections to their communities and to embrace innovative membership models.

In 2019-2020, it will be our challenge to strengthen the many ways that *Rotary Connects the World*, building the connections that allow talented, thoughtful, and generous people to unite and take meaningful action through Rotary service."

Picture shows DGE Graham Hooper and wife Sue with 2019-20 World President Mark Maloney and his partner at the DG's Training week in San Diego California in January 2019.

**Guys I need your help.
I'm in the middle of an
argument with my wife
and she just told me that
I'm right. What the hell
do I do next?!**



Peter McBean reflecting on a high scoring round of golf, earlier in the week.