



Bulletin 29 – 9th Feb. 2023

Board-meeting Report

Pres. Don is off cruising again therefore VP John chaired the meeting. John reminded members there is still time to book for the 100year anniversary celebration dinner of **Newcastle Rotary Club** on 20th May 2023; you can book [HERE](#).

The District Conference in Tamworth also is still open for bookings details [HERE](#)

PP Doug gave the latest update on the progress of the Palliative Garden project at the Tomarree Hospital.

The iron sheets for the garden beddings have been picked up from the donor. The water-feature fountain has been ordered and paid, should be ready shortly. As soon as the construction fencing is erected and the concrete block retaining wall is installed the excavation works will commence with completion in approx. 6 weeks.

The task of getting financial and in-kind sponsors for the project is in capable hands of Geoff R., he has been provided with a detailed brochure of the project to present to prospective sponsors.



A complete set of plans can be viewed [HERE](#)

Our esteemed member Phill will be leaving us shortly and the task of good quality speakers, which he so ably managed over the recent years, is being taken over by Ella and Warwick.

One idea was to have a monthly country theme, whereby a meeting was to be held in a restaurant of that theme.

We have about 7 nationalities represented in the area.

Next meeting's speaker is **Gerry Mohan** on the closing of Bill King facility in Fingal Bay.

The following week Phill Smith will give us his departure presentation.

The week thereafter a Rotary BBQ at Bobs Farm Hall

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Birthdays:

18th Feb. J. Stuhmcke

18th Feb. D. Brigden

Anniversaries:

None

Heads & Tails:

Henk Tobbe

Raffle/Joker poker:

Warwick Mathieson

Member Duties 16th Feb.

Door:

Dieter Greiter

Meet/Greet:

n/a

Grace:

Richard Turner

Intro Guest speaker:

n/a

Thank Guest Speaker:

n/a

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Don Whatham

Photos:

Phill Smith

Binos:

Dieter Greiter

Marlins Bistro menu [HERE](#)

Apologies/Extras to Club Phone by noon on Wednesday Ph.: 0401 450 239

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BUNNINGS BARBEQUE 2023

DATE	COORDINATOR Transport up & Back	Cook	Serve	Sauce	Money	COORDINATOR Transport back
Sat 7 Jan am	G Diemar	W Mathieson	R Turner	E Brinkley	L Freeman	
Sat 7 Jan pm	P Page	J Priestley	J Booth	B Comley	G Diemar	
Sat 4 Feb am	J Stuhmcke	D Craike	J Booth	G Robinson	H Tobbe	
Sat 4 Feb pm	J Brigden	J Cropley	P McBean	D Greiter	J Stuhmcke	
Sat 4 Mar am	D Whatham	W Mathieson	E Clarke	C Bartlett	B Comley	
Sat 4 Mar pm	D Craike	R Turner	E Brinkley	L Freeman	D Whatham	
Sat 1 Apr am	G Diemar	L Freeman	E Clarke	G Robinson	H Tobbe	
Sat 1 Apr pm	J Brigden	J Cropley	J Priestley	D Greiter	G Diemar	
Sat 6 May am	J Stuhmcke	P Page	J Booth	P McBean	B Comley	
Sat 6 May pm	W Mathieson	G Robinson	C Bartlett	D Greiter	J Stuhmcke	
Sat 3 Jun am	D Whatham	P Page	R Turner	E Brinkley	H Tobbe	
Sat 3 Jun pm	J Brigden	E Clarke	P McBean	L Freeman	D Whatham	

The next BBQ is on Saturday the 4th March
Please check roster and make alternative arrangements if unavailable

The Bunnings BBQ 4th Feb.

The second of the monthly scheduled BBQ was again a very successful one,

Net result was approx. \$1,300.

The workload was ably handled by the teams of Doug, Jim, Robo & Richard, Ian, John C., Peter Mc, & Warwick, and transport to and from by John.

Halfway during the day, the EFTPOS terminal went faulty, a new part had to be ordered and the problem is fixed again ready for next BBQ on 4th March.



The District Governor nominee 2025/2026 Evan Burrell

The GanGan Lookout



The disappointing recent spate of graffiti in the Nelson Bay CBD also struck our GanGan Lookout binoculars.

A swift action of our bino expert John managed to clean the defacing tags, pronto. Hopefully the police can catch these low-lifers and stop this unsocial activity.

Peter's 3min talk was about being a country boy growing up in Bowling Alley Pt. (near Nundle) with 9 siblings. Riding his bike to school one day he crashed and ended in the ditch and had to walk the rest of the home with a buckled front wheel. Farming work required him to collect firewood with horse and cart or plough the paddock as a youngster. He started work as a 15year old at a plumber business in Tamworth and later had his own plumbing business there for 33 years. His kids pressured him to buy a boat that led to water skiing and later to boat racing. With his racing rig he won several championships until 1989 Easter Mon. disaster struck and flipped his boat at high-speed trials doing 102mph and ended his racing career with a broken back. These days his focus is more on car rallies as co-pilot together with son. Their main event is the yearly fund raiser for the [Starlight Children Foundation](#) that last year raised \$284,000, were every cent is paid to the JHH. That year unfortunately their participation in the rally was cut short as they both contracted COVID just before the start. This year a record participation of 39 cars are already registered and training for the event is in full swing. In the meantime, he fills his days with golfing. Thanks, Peter, for sharing your adventurous life with us.

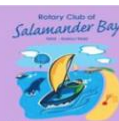


Science and Engineering Challenge

[The Science and Engineering Challenge](#) (SEC) is a nationwide STEM* outreach program presented by the University of Newcastle in partnership with communities, Rotary clubs, universities and sponsors. Through the SEC, students experience aspects of science and engineering which they would not usually see in their school environment.

The Engineering Challenge is held from 6-10 March at the Forum Sports and Aquatic Centre at the University of Newcastle. The event is a most enjoyable one which brings you back in touch with your youth. Volunteers are required anyone who can spare a day or two would be most welcome.

Contact Lesley Freeman that has been involved for several years and can fill you in and organise car-pooling.



Rotary Club of Salamander Bay
invites you to our

International Women's Day Luncheon

Wednesday 8th March 2023
11.30am - 2.30pm

Guest Speaker Anne McDowell

As The Disability and Transformation Specialist, Anne is a transformational mindset and attitude shifter who coaches entrepreneurs, corporates and motivated individuals all over the world who are struggling with mindset, leadership, and bouncing back from life's challenges.

Soldiers Point Bowling Club

\$65 per person 2 course lunch 12 per table

Dress smart casual

<https://www.trybooking.com/1016250>

Raffle and all net proceeds donated to local charities
Performance by Hunter Women of Note Chorus

Lesley is organising a N/Bay Rotary Club table to support Salamander Rotary in this event. Dinner ladies, with husbands are especially welcome. Cost **\$65.00**. Please pay into our club account, with your name and "Int. Women's Lunch" reference by 25th Feb. and notify Lesley at Lfreeman@internode.on.net

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This week we had several visitors to the club:
Berry Hopkins, guest of John Sully
Gerard & Marianne, guests of Henk & Agnes Tobbe



Gerard & Marianne (guests of Henk & Agnes Tobbe) are from Amersfoort.

Amersfoort is a city in the central Netherlands, located in the province of Utrecht. The history of Amersfoort dates back to the Roman era when it was a military fortress known as "Amoria". During the Middle Ages, Amersfoort grew into a market town and became an important trading centre. In the 14th century, the city fortifications were expanded, and the city became one of the most important cities in the Netherlands. In the 16th and 17th centuries, Amersfoort was an important centre of the Dutch Reformation, and many churches and monasteries were built in the city. During this time, the city was also a centre of the textile industry. In the 19th and 20th centuries, Amersfoort continued to grow and industrialize, becoming a modern city with a thriving economy.

In World War II, Amersfoort was occupied by German forces, and the city suffered significant damage. After the war, the city was rebuilt and underwent a period of rapid growth and expansion. Today, Amersfoort is a vibrant and bustling city, known for its rich history, beautiful architecture, and cultural heritage.

Gerard and Henk were workmates in the 70s and had lost contact and only recently rekindled their friendship.

The Rotary Club of Amersfoort Regio was founded about 45 years ago chartered by Amersfoort Stat. They have about 40 members and are involved in a few international projects. One of them a project in Ghana whereby they make school furniture, loaded containers with furniture and machinery are then sent and people are instructed to continue to manufacture on site.

Patrick was a youthful and hardworking Irishman at a small coastal village in Ireland . Daily he would pole a heavy old punt out to sea then work a heavy iron grapple to bring up the sand oysters which he sold to the local ice works. He was a man of regular habits he always arrived home each day at a certain time. Sadly, Patrick did not realise the heavy grappling was taking a toll on a faulty heart. One day he failed to come home, so his wife contacted the Police to investigate him being missing. They rowed out and found Patrick dead in the punt, beside him a huge grapple full of oysters he'd tried to hoist aboard.

Headlines next day in the 'Irish Times Newspaper' Said.....

OYSTERS KILPATRICK !!!!