



## Bulletin 29 – 29<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2024

### A meeting of Fellowship



The Salamander Bay Rotary Club celebrated the Int. Woman's Day with a sold-out dinner. Our two ladies, Ella and Lesley attended the event. Click [HERE](#) for complete set of photos by Henk



Ella with PDG Debbie Loveday and Laurie Easter



Ella & Lesley

#### From Ella's desk:

- Bunnings has again asked for BBQ assistance on their Family-night on **Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> March**. It was decided to make it a club night instead of our normal meeting at the NBBC. This will also allow us to promote Rotary and particularly our club.
- In invitation was to go out to the Lions Club to join us for a meeting of fun and fellowship, as they too suffer from dwindling memberships, as most of the service-clubs do.
- Peter North has asked for possible assistance with the town centre gardens management. As a club we rejected the offer but encourage individual members to contribute directly and contact Peter North.
- A Rotarian "o/s trip" has been suggested, a glamping weekend at [Legges Camp](#). Exact details are work in progress.

#### The Fine session provided the entertainment:

This week's fine session was dominated by goanna ([monitor lizard](#)) stories. David started off with a happy fine recalling a time when he felt threatened by a substantial size animal which must have mistaken him for the food source, as his wife tends to feed them. Every member followed with their own story and like fishing stories, the goanna sizes got bigger and bigger.

#### COMING EVENTS:

5<sup>th</sup> March 1:00pm  
Ben Clark reserve visit  
9<sup>th</sup> March BBBQ (see roster)

#### BIRTHDAYS:

12<sup>th</sup> March Don  
9<sup>th</sup> March C. Mathieson  
9<sup>th</sup> March J. Turner

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

none

#### WINNERS:

H/T: Lesley

RAFFLE: Ella (again)  
(3min talk)

#### MEMBER DUTIES

Door: L.Freeman

Grace: P. McBean

Toast: G. Robinson

Bulletin: D. Whatham

Binoculars: Geoff

# Coming Events

## District Conference 15–17<sup>th</sup> March



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Rotary District Conference is held in the beautiful town of Mudgee on the 15 -17<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Bookings have now closed

## 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.

There is no meeting scheduled for that week and there is insufficient support from our members for bus transport, therefore carpooling is suggested.

## Bunnings BBQ roster for 9<sup>th</sup> March

Sat 9 Mar am	D Craike	D Craike	W Mathieson	R Turner	C Bartlett	
Sat 9 Mar pm		G Diemar	G Robinson	P Page	J Booth	D Craike

### Lesley's 3min Talk: Tanilba's Secret Garden

A few days ago I was having a pretty bad day so a friend of mine suggested we have a drive to Tanilba Bay to find the secret garden.

The secret garden is a community project by a group of residents at Tanilba.

All the houses in a particular street have houses that back onto a reserve owned by Port Stephens Council and a few years ago they asked if they could create a garden on the land and this is the result.

You walk down a pathway to the reserve and this is what you find. These photos don't really do it justice as the area is quite large and you can't see the scale from this collage, but it is so pretty in there.

There are benches and picnic tables where you can just sit and take in the atmosphere. Apparently people have been married in this garden too.

All the residents gardens back onto this reserve and they have gates from their gardens to the reserve for easy access as they work on the project.

It is such a lovely find and not many people know it even exists, which is why I suppose it is called The Secret Garden.

Entrance between 21 and 23 Diggers Drive Tanilba Bay or off President Poincare Parade near intersection with Victory View



**Ben Clarke Reserve**, another garden project by our club piloted by J. Booth

Those that don't know or never have heard of this location, members have decided to do an on-site inspection on

Tue. 5<sup>th</sup> March @ 1:00pm

The entrance to the reserve is from Bagnall Beach Rd & Keel St. roundabout behind the medical Centre

