



## Bulletin 3 of 20th of July 2023

### Rotary In India.



President Ella, as a bit of introduction to next week, provided some information on Rotary in India. Rotary membership in India is still seen as quite prestigious and the costs of membership are generally quite high. Ella noted one club mentioned the club president position was paid at a rate of about \$14 000 per year. They maintain a traditional decorum during meetings with members encouraged to shake hands and introduce themselves. Members are also encouraged to bring students to observe the meetings. The first Indian Club chartered, was Calcutta, in Jan 1920. There are more than 3000 clubs now. There have been many Indian Rotarians take significant roles in Rotary international. The first to be an RI President was Nitish Lahaary in 1962, who had also been one of the founding members in the early days of Rotary in the country. Since then there have been 3 other RI Presidents from India. Rajenepa Saboo 1991-92, Kaylan Banerjee in 2011-12 and the most recent Sheka Mehta in 2021-22.

### BUNNINGS BBQ WORK HOURS and next date.

The coordinators, Doug, Lesley and Chris working as a team, have some good news for our volunteers at Bunnings.

The AM shift now need to be at Bunnings at 8.45 am, and finish their time at 12.15, effectively taking 30 minutes off the session.

The PM shift is from 12.15 to 3.45 ( dependant on trade)

Everything should be ready to go with the square set up and working by the time the members arrive.

Doug and Dieter have ironed some data issues with square.

The shifts for **Saturday August 5**

#### AM shift

Richard Turner, Jim Booth, Geoff Robinson, Judi Priestley

#### PM shift

John Cropley, David Clark, Ella Clarke, Doug Craike

Chris is available as a reserve for this BBQ. Doug and Chris are coordinators as Lesley is busy that weekend.

Volunteers are asked to note the changes.



The new catering at the club has been providing enjoyable meals.

Next week we are away:

ONLY PLACE Indian Restaurant  
Shop 10/17-19 Stockton Street  
Next to Post office and down the ramp  
6-6.30 pm Thursday 27 th of July  
Banquet option \$38. BYO Wine



### In this Bulletin:

1. Rotary In India, and BBQ Hours updated
2. Hospital Garden & 3 minutes of Rotary History

### Details for week following our next weeks meeting

#### Birthdays

John Sully 26th of July

Doug Bairstow 3rd of August

#### Anniversaries

None this week

Heads & Tails: Doug Craike

Raffle: Leslie who did not draw the Joker from the pack allowing the jackpot to increase.

### Next meeting

#### 27th of July

Away from Club see below.  
Only Place Indian Restaurant.

Guest Bulletin Editor :  
Chris Bartlett.

#### 4th of August Club Meeting

3 minute talk Lesley (again)

### Other Dates:

18th of August Roadwhyz program at St Phillips auditorium

31 August: Science Discovery Day at Tomaree HS

## Hospital Garden report

### THIS WEEK'S GARDEN REPORT

The tables were installed on the site this week. Everything is really taking shape now. Great work by our Rotary Hospital garden team. We have work coming up this week where some help from any member would be grateful. Doug C. suggested that anyone could volunteer for a period for anything they can offer, on Wednesday or Thursday this week.

This is the latest garden schedule weather permitting.

#### **Tuesday 25th July**

Plant Delivery - Megan will be there to accept the plant delivery at the hospital.  
Megan will place plants on Tuesday - no help required.

#### **Wednesday 26th July**

Planting - - Help required.

Digging holes for plants, taking away empty pots, excess soil, watering  
Please bring shovels, gloves and trowels, fertilising.

#### **Thursday 27th July**

Spreading of mulch on garden beds. - Help required  
Buckets supplied.

Laying turf if it has been delivered.( Not likely)

General tidy up, watering.

Bring your own supplies, drinks and food. Sunscreen ,hat, closed in shoes required. High visibility vest is to be worn and sign on required to access site.



Photos from work this week at the Tomaree Hospital Reflective Garden. Photos supplied by Chris Bartlett.

### 3 Minutes from Richard Turner

Richard has been very lucky with the club raffle winning the chance to provide a 3 minute talk a few times now. We as the audience are fortunate to hear another interesting talk from Richard on some aspects from the history of Rotary. Firstly he mentioned the good citizenship score card which had been provided by Rotary international in 1954. Over 10 points members were encouraged to rate themselves in their citizenship values.

The other thread to Richards talk was about how woman eventually became members in Rotary. The course of woman becoming full members in Rotary was long and drawn out process, which followed with the historical values of the day. On the 4th of May 1987 the US supreme court ruled in favour of woman's admission to Rotary, and despite some clubs already having female members it was not until 1st of July 1989 that the official welcome was made.

The first recorded attempt to have woman in Rotary, and join as woman's auxiliaries was in 1910, at a convention in Chicago, but it was overwhelming rejected. There were a number of other significant attempts after that, and following a number of rejected proposals, things reached the stage of being challenged in courts. Happily this is behind us now.



#### **Secretary Don Whatham on the mend.**

Don has had his knee surgeries successfully completed on Wednesday. Despite this he will not be home for a week or so from the rehabilitation program. You can't keep a good Rotarian away for too long however, he was already sending emails, and on the phone to Treasurer Geoff. We all wish him a quick recovery.

#### **Youth Activities**

**State Final of Science/ Engineering Challenge is one 21,22,23 August at Newcastle University.**

Speak to Leslie urgently if you can attend as the date for attendance is closing.

**Science and Engineering Discovery Day for Primary Students -31st of August**

This day is definitely going ahead with 7 teams confirmed entries on the day.

To be held at Tomaree Multipurpose Centre. Volunteers will be needed to supervise, and all are welcome to observe the proceedings.