



Bulletin # 30 – 28th January 2016



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No Birthdays or Anniversaries
this week but these members
celebrate joining Rotary this
month:

	Yrs
Richardson, Bart	52
Brigden, Ian	35
Michel, Bill	30
Diemar, Geoff	28
Booth, James	27
Fitzsimons, Terry	22
Mathieson, Warwick	22
Treble, Gordon	21
Cropley, John	21
Page, Peter	21
Greiter, DeeGee	7
Coy, Christopher	7
Parker, Edmund	4
Levonpera, Arja	2



Member Duties 14th January 2016

Door:

Bart Richardson/Ian
Faulkner

Meet/Greet:

Geoff Basser/Bill Michel

Loyal Toast:

Warwick Mathieson

Grace:

Judi Priestly

Intro Guest speaker:

Helen Ryan

Thank Guest Speaker:

Ed Parker

Bulletin:

John deRidder

Next meeting 4th February - Sue Xenos Principal Tomaree High

Apologies/Extras To Ros Cribb by noon on Wednesday!

Ph 0401 450 239



Eddie Bergsma OAM. Was our speaker this evening. Eddie came to Nelson Bay as a child with his Dutch Parents who had escaped the German occupation of WW11. At age 18 he visited Merewether Beach and witnessed a surf boat crashing down the front of a wave and snapping in two and he knew that this was something he wanted to get involved in. In 1964 he and a few mates (including Lionel Fines who also joined us) got together to form the Fingal Bay Surf Club with about 30 members. Next year building of the surf club commenced and 50 years later Eddie is still actively involved. During the 50 years has trained innumerable people as Surf Life Savers. Eddie related several stories of memorable rescues that he had been personally involved in over the years.

The many recognitions he has received over the years include:

- Apex Citizen of the Year
- Port Stephens Citizen of the Year
- National Australian Sports Medal
- Australian Medal Award – for service to Surf Lifesaving
- Life Membership Fingal Surf Life Saving Club
- Life Membership Surf Life Saving Hunter Branch
- Life Membership N S W Surf Life Saving
- OAM – awarded just this week
- And of course “Local Hero” awarded by our Club tonight



In 1980 Eddie became Liaison Officer for the Hunter Branch of the SLSA and was instrumental in the introduction of women into Surf Life Saving including Michelle Stuhmcke (above at left) who was Fingal's first female member. Eddie's wife Carol is also a life Member of Fingal Beach Surf Life Saving Club.



Visitors: Lionel Fines, Michelle Stuhmcke, Chris Sommerville,

Welcome back Ian Brigden –
Great to see you looking so well.



Chris Bartlett – announced
Assistant Governor 2016/17



Our own “young” Bart Richardson OAM has been bestowed with yet another two awards. On Australia Day he was announced Port Stephens Senior Citizen of the Year and this follows being announced as a Freeman of Port Stephens.



more from the meeting:

Visitors: Eddie Bergsma (speaker), Carol Bergsma, Lionel Fines, Michelle Stuhmcke, Cris Sommerville, and partners Yvonne Stuhmcke and Fiona Whatham.

- Chris Bartlett to be Assistant Governor 2016/2017
- Golf Day postponed from March to (possibly) September due to difficulties following Golf Club fire.
- Commitment to stage 2 exercise trail confirmed. "Foundation" have urged us to apply for further grant.
- Fund raiser suggestions sought for April/May – please contact any Board member.
- District 9670 Conference at Mudgee 4th - 6th March.
- District 9675 (Sydney) are holding their conference here in Nelson Bay and we have agreed to put on a BBQ for them. Volunteers will be needed.

ADOPT-A-ROAD TEAM FOR SUNDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2016



Hugh Randall
Kathy Rimmer
Phill Smith
John Sully

Richard Turner
Mike Mobbs (Coordinator)
Warwick Mathieson (Transport)



Bunnings BBQ
Saturday 6th February
Volunteers needed.
Please contact Chris Bartlett

(our own) Australia Day Awards

Transport Award - John Stuhmcke – for this year getting equipment to event without losing tables in Church St.

Doubting Thomas Award – Bill “We’ll never sell all these Chips” Michel for selling them all and more.

“Eggs cellence” Award – John Crump obviously brushed up his culinary skills on those long flights to LA.

Quick Quip/Tact Award – Greg Flux - commenting to Helen Ryan on new MC being so much better this year.

Frequent Driver Award – Doug Bairstow – on the go all day replenishing quickly disappearing stocks.

The Ice Man Cometh Award – Geoff Diemar kept his cool and everything else too with fresh ice all day.

Lets Get Started Award – Bob Mitchell – Got the early morning crew hopping with coffee.

Commandant Award – Hilda Orr – nominated by the cooks under her whip.

You work it out Award – Ann (I’m sure they’ll work out the cash register if I just sneak away for a minute) Evans.

Champions of the Day – All of the above and everyone who helped make the day the great success it was.

Although our involvement in the Australia Day Festivities is viewed more as a Community Service than a fund raiser it is anticipated that a net result of around \$6500 will result.



PROUDLY SPONSORING PORT STEPHENS SUICIDE PREVENTION NETWORK

Port Stephens Suicide Prevention Network AWARENESS LAUNCH AT 7.00AM TUESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2016

GUEST SPEAKER FROM SUICIDE PREVENTION LIVES
EXPERIENCE SPEAKERS BUREAU

SORAYA SARASWATI

www.sorayasaraswati.com

Soraya tells her own story about losing loved ones to suicide

VENUE: OAKS PACIFIC BLUE RESORT
COST \$20 for Hot and \$15 for continental
7.00am for 7.30am

Call Bernie on 0419171291 or TEXT

Although this is not a fundraiser any donations will be gratefully accepted



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Registrations are open for District 9670's Conference, which will be held on March 4, 5, & 6 in Mudjee.

Bookings can be made at Trybooking at the following link : <http://www.trybooking.com.au/157059>

Conference ticket pricing is as follows:

Early Bird - Tickets purchased prior to 30 Dec 2015 will be available at the discounted price

General Tickets - \$109
Under 30Yrs old - \$79

Tickets purchased from 1 January 2016
General Tickets - \$139
Under 30Yrs old - \$109

Conference tickets include: Saturday conference, morning tea and lunch; Saturday night Conference dinner; Sunday conference, morning tea.

The optional extras are all recommended of course....

- Thursday night BBQ - \$15.00 for the early arrivals!
- Friday night Welcome - \$20.00 A casual night to meet friends, includes country style spit roast.
- Saturday Night Dinner & Entertainment ONLY - \$50. For those NOT attending the conference, but the dinner only
- Saturday Breakfast & Speaker - Australian Rotary Health - \$15.00
- Sunday Breakfast & Speaker - Social Media & your Rotary Club - \$15.00
- Sunday - Takeaway Lunch (pre-order only) - \$16.00

They are assuring us of a fantastic weekend of fun and learning with inspirational speakers.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION SEOUL 2016

Posted by Nicole Shanks & Graeme Hooper on Nov 22, 2015



The Rotary International Convention will be held in Seoul on 28th May to 1st June 2016.

Join this absolutely fantastic opportunity to share the wonderful world of International Rotary.

Visit the [convention site](http://www.riconvention.org/) for further details.

A group tour will be put together and clubs will be advised early in the new year. If you are interested in joining the tour which will include airfares to Seoul, Hotel Accommodation, transfers and tour of South Korea please indicate your interest with Convention Convenor Graeme Hooper at hoopergrs@gmail.com or 0417 203 603 now.

Register now before the USD/AUSD deteriorates any further.

Important deadlines to know:

- 15 December 2015: Early-registration discount ends
- 31 March 2016: Preregistration discount ends
- 30 April 2016: Registration/ticket cancellation deadline
- 1 June 2016: Online registration ends; deadline for cancellations due to visa denial. <http://www.riconvention.org/>



The latest on Polio

EVANSTON, Ill. (13 January 2016) — Rotary announces \$35 million in grants to support the global effort to end polio. In 2015, the world saw historic progress against the paralyzing disease, with just two countries – Afghanistan and Pakistan – reporting a single strain of the wild virus. If the current momentum is strengthened, this year may mark the last case of wild poliovirus.

"We are closer than ever to achieving a polio-free world," said Michael K. McGovern, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee. "To ensure that no child ever again suffer the devastating effects of this disease, we must all ensure that the necessary funds and political will are firmly in place in 2016."

For the full story on Polio latest go to:

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/news-media/rotary-gives-35-million-boost-polio-eradication>

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