

Bulletin 29 – 7 March 2024

CLUB ASSEMBLY

President Ella opened the meeting with a detailed report of the International Women's Day dinner she and Lesley attended at the Soldiers Point Bowling Club. The dinner was organised by the Rotary Club of Salamander Bay and was a sell-out event. Guest speaker Dr Ray Hodgson author of Heartbreak in the Himalayas and founder of Australians for Women's Health gave an inspiring address. Proceeds from the night will assist construction of the Dolakha Hospital, Nepal for Mothers and Babies.



Ella with PDG Debbie Loveday and Laurie Easter



Ella & Lesley

President Ella, last week's raffle winner presented this week's Three Minute talk. Ella called on her long-term experience as CEO of Tomaree Community College which had its original focus on Adult Learning to inform us of the many challenges faced by adults who have lifelong difficulties with reading and writing. This is not an uncommon problem, and many reasons exist why effective learning of these basic skills did not take place during the individual's schooling. Some of the problems Ella quoted were long term school absence which may have been due to health issues, behavioural problems, absenteeism due to family or other matters, undiagnosed ADHD and general learning difficulty. Many now successful businesspeople and tradespersons have compensated the lack of reading and writing skills with the assistance of family members, co-workers and many other ingenious means. Addressing these issues in later life requires patience and the assistance of tutors with special skills. Tutors employed by Ella at the local college worked in most cases in a one-to-one situation maintaining confidentiality. Tutors employ different teaching techniques after identifying whether the person learns best visually, auditorily, or aesthetically or a combination of all three. It is essential that the tutor work closely together with the learner. Teaching adult learners can be a very rewarding experience.

Names were recorded for the visit to the Medowie- Williamstown Rotary Club at Pacific Dunes Golf Club at 6pm for 6.30pm on Wednesday 3 April 2024. The guest speaker will be DG Alyn Miranda and this will be his official visit to our club, Salamander Bay, Raymond Terrace and Williamstown- Medowie. We have a good response with Ella, Dieter, Geoff Diemar, Richard, John Cropley, Don and Fiona, John and Yvonne indicating their attendance. Richard has offered to provide transport for those in need. Secretary Don will communicate the names of attendees to the host club.

COMING EVENTS:

13 Mar: Board meeting.
15 Mar: Club meeting.
15-17 Mar: District Conference at Mudgee

21 Mar: Club meeting transferred to Bunnings Family Night at Taylors Beach.

3 Apr: District Governor's visit to Nelson Bay, Raymond Terrace, Salamander Bay, Williamstown-Medowie (Hosts) at Pacific Dunes. 6pm for 6.30pm.

9 Mar, 6 Apr, 4 May, 1 Jun: Bunnings barbeques

WINNERS.

H/T: Dieter Greiter
Raffle: Jim Booth.

BIRTHDAYS:

12 Mar: Don Whatham
18 Mar: Peter McBean

ANNIVERSARIES:

None this week.

MEMBER DUTIES (15 Mar)

Door: Lesley Freeman

Grace: Jim Booth

Toast: Chris Bartlett

Introduce Speaker: David Clark

Thank Speaker: John Cropley

Bulletin: John Cropley

Photos: John Cropley

Binoculars: Geoff Diemar

Rotary

Newcastle Science and Engineering Challenge
Monday 8 to Friday 12 April 2024
 The Forum Sports and Aquatic Centre
 University of Newcastle, University Drive, Callaghan

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

- * No training needed
- * No cost to volunteers
- * Free parking
- * Free morning tea/coffee
- * Free HOT lunch
- * Current WWC Number required

Experience "Rotary in Action"

Support your local school (year 10 and some year 9 students) from 40 competing high schools. 256 students each day encouraged to consider a career in science or engineering, and to study science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in senior high school



Eight teams per day, eight STEM activities
 Heller Shelter Shelter, Job Juggle, Flight, ElectraCITY, Fish Traps, Confounding Communications, Wind Turbine, Bridge



United Nations Association of Australia (NSW) conferred the 2022 United Nations Day honour upon the Science and Engineering Challenge (UoN)

Contacts for more information, volunteer form and sponsorship opportunity
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 Laurie McGrath Deputy Regional Chair M: 0439 006 524 E: lmcgrathaec@gmail.com
www.newcastle.edu.au/challenge
 Volunteer rosters to be sent to Laurie McGrath please

BUNNINGS REPORT (Thanks Chris for report)

It was a very slow morning with Chris, Richard and President Ella the volunteers. We had some good early trade, however business died off until the lunch rush, when the two Geoff's, Jim and Peter McBean took over. Lesley kindly assisted with the lunch rush, which was significantly quieter today. This is the second week in a row where business has eased. The gross result was \$1450, less expenses for a net result of approximately \$1030.00, which is down by around \$300 on our normal result. Our square electronic system worked well, with cash and card payments drawing closer. Thanks to Doug Craike and Geoff Diemar for providing the transport this barbeque. Of course it was great to see all our volunteers for today's shifts enjoying themselves

BUNNINGS BARBEQUE 2024

DATE	COORDINATOR Transport up & Back					COORDINATOR Transport back
Sat 3 Feb am	L Freeman	C Bartlett	L Freeman	D Clark	D Greiter	
Sat 3 Feb pm		D Whatham	P McBean	J Cropley	L Freeman	L Freeman
Sat 9 Mar am	D Craike		E Clarke	R Turner	C Bartlett	
Sat 9 Mar pm		G Diemar	G Robinson	P McBean	J Booth	G Diemar
Sat 6 Apr am	C Bartlett	D Clark	E Clarke	C Bartlett	D Greiter	
Sat 6 Apr pm		J Stuhmcke	P McBean	J Cropley	I Brigden	C Bartlett
Sat 4 May am	D Craike	W Mathieson	R Turner	C Bartlett	D Craike	
Sat 4 May pm		G Diemar	G Robinson	P Page	J Booth	D Craike
Sat 1 Jun am	L Freeman	L Freeman	D Clark	E Clarke	D Greiter	
Sat 1 Jun pm		D Whatham	J Cropley	I Brigden	J Priestley	L Freeman

If you can give a day or two of your time, please let Lesley know at Lfreeman@internode.on.net



1st – 8th June 2024

Yarra Adventure Park, Stuarts point (near Macksville)

19-27 Year old Leaders of the future in your community
 7 day residential personal & professional development program
 Application & Brochure on D9660 Webpage

<https://bit.ly/3dgikQk>

Applications close 29th April 2024

RYLA to Rotary

Identify, sponsor, invite, encourage, support & reap the rewards!

RC Tamworth First Light

Just a normal breakfast meeting

1 D9660 Committee Member

3 Past Rotary Presidents

2 RCT First Light Board Members

2 RCT First Light Committee Chairs



L-R: Alice RYLA16, Naomi RYLA17, Charlotte RYLA21, Hannah RYLA22
 Louise D9650/9660 RYLA C'tee 2013 – present

CLUB MEETING 21 MARCH 2024.

This meeting has been transferred to Bunnings where our club will participate in the Bunnings Easter Family Night. Please wear your Rotary work shirt and arrive at 5.30pm if possible. We will cook sausage sandwiches and distribute drinks and gifts all supplied by Bunnings.

This will be a great opportunity to promote Rotary. We will set up a table with Rotary information. Please bring along surplus past copies of RDU to distribute to the public. Ella and Lesley met some prospective members at the Women's Day dinner. This night will be an opportunity to seek interest from others. Bunnings are wonderful supporters of our club always ready to respond to our request for help with our many community projects.



Last Saturday's PM Team

If you know of anyone who you think would benefit from this camp, and would be interested in going, please let Lesley know at Lfreeman@internode.on.net
 The cost of the camp is \$1450 per participant, but we will be able to cover the bulk of this amount and ask for about \$200 from each.

RESTORATION OF BEN CLARKE RESERVE.



Last Tuesday several of our members visited Ben Clarke Reserve to observe the current condition of the reserve. The team led by Jim Booth met with representatives from Port Stephens Council to assess necessary repairs and improvements that could be made to this well used public facility. The reserve joins the Tomaree Education Centre to the Salamander precinct and is used daily by many school children entering the Education Complex. The priority will be widening the existing narrow concrete pathway to make it a more practical throughfare for the many who use it daily. Several other suggestions were made and hopefully our club's experience with the Tomaree Hospital Garden will help us complete the project smoothly. We will need to obtain specific advice from Council Landcare experts to develop the ideal plan for the site. Fundraising will need to be considered. We may be eligible to apply for appropriate grants. President Ella suggested the laying of sandstone blocks adjacent to the path. Each block could be financed by a donor with suitable acknowledgment by way of a plaque. Vegetation trimming and care would be incorporated, and additional native plants planted on site.

CHRIS BARTLETT CELEBRATES THE BIRTH OF GRANDAUGHTER QUINN IN LONDON.

Chris 's daughter Lauren gave birth to Chris's first grandchild a bonny girl Quinn Maia MacGillacuddy in a London hospital on 2 March 2024. Check the photo background for Big Ben and the House of Parliament!! Quinn was 3.6 Kg and has inherited her parents' and grandfather's good looks.

