

BUSY TIME COMING UP FOR OUR CLUB



Our Club meeting on Thursday night was another informative meeting, with President Kathy and some Directors updating members on Club activities and upcoming events over the next month.

It is going to be a busy time for the Club with a Bunnings BBQ on Saturday March 3 and the following day cooking breakfast for 340 (WRANS) ladies and some partners at Shoal Bay Beach.

It is only 4 weeks to the District Conference at West Diggers (March 16-18) with a big contribution from the majority of Club members required (see update on Page 3).

Before presenting her report, President Kathy presented a cheque for \$300 to Port Stephens Marine Rescue volunteer and Club Membership Director, Dieter Greiter. This was the balance of our dinner fees from last week when we visited Marine Rescue for a Vocational visit. The evening was enjoyed by all those who attended and the Board felt it appropriate to assist Marine Rescue in this small way.

President Kathy confirmed the members' decision to endorse the proposed District merger with District 9650 and will cast the Club's 2 votes at the District Special electronic meeting being held on Wednesday night.

The Board, after some discussion, are asking for member contribution, during some proposed workshops, planned for the alternate weeks when there is no guest speaker.

We want to review all Club projects, gain feedback and put together a checklist for all events, with the view of easing the workload of some Directors and members. Kathy and Community Service Director will conduct the first of these workshops at our meeting on March 1, with Project Neighbour and Australia Day (if time permits) the projects selected. Further Directors reports are listed on following pages.

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Birthdays coming up

Feb 18 John Stuhmcke

Feb 18 Debbie Brigden

Feb 22 John Shaw

Anniversaries

None recorded

Heads and Tails

Richard Turner

Member Duties Feb 22nd 2018

Door Dieter Greiter/
Richard Harris

Meet/Greet: Arja
Levonpera

Loyal Toast Warwick
Mathieson

Grace: Peter McBean

Intro Guest speaker:
Chris Bartlett

Thank Guest Speaker:
Liz Friend

Bulletin Editor: Don
Whatham

Photographer Phil Smith

Guest Speaker

Nelson Bay Touch
Football Association,
followed by presentation.

Apologies/Extras to John Crump by 12noon on Wednesday Ph 0401 450 239



FELLOWSHIP HELPS MAKES A CLUB SUCCESSFUL

One of the most enjoyable aspects of Rotary is fellowship. Our Club events, meetings and other activities are highlighted with great fellowship. Pictured above are Milton Williams and Tony Todd enjoying fellowship in a relaxed manner, while our most senior member Doug Bairstow shares a few memories and stories with Liz Friend at dinner on Thursday night. He relaxed style of our meetings is well received by members and visitors alike.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 21** District Special Meeting
- February 22** Club Meeting Nelson Bay Touch Assoc
Guest speakers and presentation
- March 1** Club Night- Member discussion re projects
- March 3** Bunnings BBQ
- March 4** WRANS Breakfast at Shoal Bay Beach
- March 14** Board Meeting
- March 15** NO MEETING
- March 16-18** District Conference

VP JOHN STUHMCKE OBE



Our longest continuous serving member, Vice President, John Stuhmcke becomes a member of our OBE (Over Bloody Eighty) Club tomorrow. He has had a life time of community service, not only with our Club, but a number of community organisations for nearly fifty years. John is certainly one of the Club's characters, and is still very active in the bulk of the Club's many projects. John celebrated his OBE with his family over the weekend and we wish him all the best.

HOUSEKEEPING

Apologies to all those who already do the Housekeeping. The Board ask again, please put your apologies in prior to noon on Wednesday. We have had a few breaches lately, with some members unfortunately issued with invoices.

The Club will be negotiating a new 4 week menu with the Bowling Club in the near future. A couple of our current favourites, steak and the roast are staying, with 2 new dishes to be added.

Director Dieter is arranging this for us. President Kathy has asked members to supply the names of possible guest speakers. The plan is to have a speaker twice a month and would like members to submit suggestions and perhaps assist in contacting the speakers. A number of members have already been in touch with Kathy and more are needed.

**APOLOGIES & EXTRAS TO JOHN CRUMP BY NOON WEDNESDAY'S
PLEASE –PHONE OR SMS 0401 450 239- THANK YOU**



DISTRICT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE UPDATE- ONLY 4 WEEKS AWAY

The District Conference Committee met on Thursday to discuss progress for this year's event at Nelson Bay Diggers from March 16-18. District Governor Helen and Co Chairman Warwick Mathieson informed the members that some 300 bookings had been received to date.

West Diggers have been most helpful in ensuring the Conference will be an outstanding success. The final planning details are now being locked in, the finalising of the Budget and other matters being resolved. A number of Club members are involved, along with Jenny Gray of Salamander Rotary and former Rotarian Misty Reid.

Judging from the effort the Committee have put in, it is shaping up to be the best Conference in recent years, with good food, good speakers and good fellowship assured. DG Helen thanked Co Chairs Warwick and Ian Brigden and all volunteers on Thursday night.



Ella Clarke and DG Helen in a pensive mood at Thursday night's meeting with the Conference only 4 weeks away. Let's hop the Bay is at its best that weekend.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM PRESIDENT KATHY'S REPORT

- **Important Dates for Board Members 2018/2019**
 - **PETS: - Mandatory for all Presidents** (East) Saturday 21 April 2018 (Singleton)
 - **District Assembly** (East) Sunday 22 April 2018
 - **District Changeover:** Saturday 7 July 2018 (Club Maitland—Rutherford)
 - **District Governors Visit:** Thursday 2 August 2018

District Conference 2019: 15-17 March 2019 TBA

RLI – Sunday 29th April and Sunday 5th May 2 members to be nominated

- **\$5,000 Larry McGrath Fund** – It been recommended we look at a Council Grant as a partner. Chris B has some further information. This may be something new members could take on as a project.
- **Directional Sign on Gan Gan** –We ask some new members to work with Liz Friend & teamj to assist with the erection of the sign post at Gan Gan lookout with funds donated from Larry McGrath's Family.
- **Coffee and Chat with Kath. Wednesday's 10 am – 12:00 noon at Evviva Café Nelson Bay** – this is working extremely well. Now getting minimum of 2 members visiting and Evviva are welcoming more. As number increase we can book.
- **Overseas project- Cebu** John Cropley to investigate.



**EARLY WARNING
THURSDAY APRIL 11 2018
INTERNATIONAL NIGHT
SPANISH/MEXICAN THEME
EVVIVA- NELSON BAY
TAPAS, MUSIC,
A NIGHT NOT TO BE MISSED
MORE DETAILS LATER**

We all need to keep laughing !

An Irishman's first drink with his son
While reading an article last night about fathers and sons, memories came flooding back to the time I took me son out for his first pint.
Off we went to our local pub only two blocks from the cottage.
I got him a Guinness. He didn't like it, so I drank it.
Then I got him a Kilkenny's, he didn't like that either, so I drank it. Finally, I thought he might like some Harp Lager?
He didn't. I drank it.
I thought maybe he'd like whisky better than beer so we tried a Jameson's; nope!
In desperation, I had him try that rare Redbreast, Ireland's finest whisky.
He wouldn't even smell it.
What could I do but drink it!
By the time I realized he just didn't like to drink, I was so -faced I could hardly push his stroller back home!!!

KIND DONATION

Our go to man for additional supplies and champion onion peeler, Doug Bairstow have kindly donated their large freezer unit to the Club. It has mad storage a lot easy and the Club appreciate your genoristy Doug.

**NEXT BBQ
SAT March 3**

**BUNNINGS
warehouse**

UPDATE



Our Bunnings BBQ Coordinator Tony Todd

Is a great asset to the Club in volunteering as the Bunnings BBQ coordinator, which will return the Club over \$9000 which we can use mainly in the local community



Last Friday's Bunnings, although very quiet, netted the Club some \$260. The underlying benefit to the Club is that we have been asked to man a number of staff and Community nights (4), such as Easter, Christmas, Father's and Mother's Day. Bunnings supply both food and drink, Nelson Bay Rotary the manpower. In return we receive Bunnings vouchers or product which we can use for raffles, Auction items etc. It is a win/win for both Bunnings and us.

It should be mentioned that Raymond Terrace Rotary has been doing these nights for Bunnings, however the opening of Heatherbrae has excluded them from Bunnings Taylors Beach as of June 20. Chris B and Milton W will be seeking volunteers for Saturday March 3 Bunnings at Thursday night's meeting.



The early morning shift at Bunnings on Friday. There is something not quite right with this picture. Can you see what it might be? Congratulations to Ed Parker (aka Downey) for spotting last week's deliberate error. Well done Ed, good find!!

BOARD NEWS & DIRECTORS REPORTS

CLUB FINANCES- TREASURER REPORT



Assets

Bank

Debit Card -	\$1,001
Exercise Trail	\$ 187
GBS Club	\$4,412
GBS Service	\$16,694
GBS S'Ship	\$2,722
GBS TD	\$10,130
Golf Day Acc	\$14,988
RC McGrath Fund	\$5,000
Scholarship TD	\$13,533
Square	4
Town Clock -	\$12,166
Total Bank	\$80,838
Total Assets	\$80,838
Net Assets	\$80,838

Equity

Current Year Earnings	\$29,738
Retained Earnings	\$51,100
Total Equity	\$80,838

Treasurer Ian, presented two months of financial reports as there was no Board meeting in January. The Club is in good financial shape as the above information shows. Ian recommended that we place an additional \$12,500 from the Golf Day Account on short term deposit while the Club assess any potential projects. The Club book keeper is doing a great job which greatly assists both Ian and the Club in the fiscal management.

As a Club we have to comply with both Rotary guidelines and State and Federal Government requirements.

2018 WRANS-RAN WOMAN'S REUNION

Port Stephens NSW
(Shoal and Nelson Bay)
Sunday, 4 March 2018

Getwellas and Farewellas BBQ Brunch - 10.30 am - 12.30 pm



Our final large catering opportunity for this Rotary year is being held on Sunday March 4 at Shoal Bay beach (eastern end, near boat ramp) with 340 WRANS including some partners sampling our BBQ brunch. This event has attracted 500 visitors to the Bay for 4 days and brunch is the last event, and we plan to send the visitors on the way with fond memories. The organising team of Chris B, Don W, John Stuhmcke, Liz Friend, Judi Priestley and Milton Williams have been working behind the scenes to ensure the success of this event. A number of members have already volunteered and a draft Roster will be issued this Thursday night. The table and chairs needed will need to be picked up from Tomaree High School on Friday afternoon after 4pm March 2 and hopefully returned on Sunday afternoon after the event.

The event will have 3 phases- set up on Sunday morning, prepare and cook brunch including some Vegetarian meals, the serving of the meal including tea and coffee and then packing up after the event.

We have prepared a menu including sausage, bacon, egg, tomato, baked beans and a bread roll for our guests. The preparation and cooking will be a very busy exercise for a few hours, however we will be well prepared. The event will see a profit of over \$3000 returned to the Club Service Account. Volunteers will be fed. Thanking you in advance for your assistance on the day and before the event.

MEMBERS ARE AGAIN REMINDED TO GET THEIR APOLOGIES INTO JOHN CRUMP BY 12 NOON ON WEDNESDAY'S BY PHONE OR SMS ON 0401 450 239. WE ARE CHARGED FOR ALL MEALS BASED ON THE NUMBERS SUBMITTED & THESE COSTS WILL BE PASSED ON