

## Bulletin 30 of 12th of February 2020

### Club Meeting

#### Update From President Liz

Some items from the last 2 months.

It was a wonderful achievement to receive the Bronze Award from The Rotary Foundation for the Clubs contribution of \$100k to the Foundation presented by PDG Janet at the Christmas Party. The club has always supported the Foundation with great vigour over many years, but amazing to think this total has been reached.

An additional \$240 has been provided to the Yacaaba Centre by members. Petra, the Yacaaba manager, is thrilled with the ongoing relationship to Nelson Bay Rotary.

#### Working B at Gan Gan Look Out

Member attended Gan Gan last Tuesday to tidy up this area. Attention to long grass, weed spraying and general gardening was carried out. Sad to report that two attempts have been made to break the lock and steal coins from the binoculars. The security of the locks had meant the attempts were unsuccessful but have required considerable time to repair. The railings were painted with general touch up carried out on the binoculars. The club will check if gates are closed by Council at night to prohibit access to the area. Sadly apart from time taken it has cost the club over \$100 so far to make the repairs.



#### Visits

Area Governor Christine Walmsley will visit in March.  
District Governor David Roach hopes to visit before the end of the year with DG Elect Amanda.

#### Golf Day Friday 26th of March

Arja is working hard on this day so that it all comes together smoothly. More sponsorship is welcome, either through hole sponsorship, auction items, or gifts/ gift vouchers. Members can reach out to businesses they might know in the area. Please search out potential golfers for the day as well. Lastly keep this day free and either play or help out on the course.

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#### Birthdays

John Stuhmcke 18th

John Shaw 23 rd

#### Partners

Debbie Brigden 18th

#### Anniversaries

None this week

#### Winners this week

H& T: PE Doug Craike

Raffle: **Phil Smith** (while he was holding the camera ready to take of photo of the winner)

#### Next week

##### Partners Night

Speaker Charlie Elias from "The Examiner"

Induction of 2 new members

##### Club Duties

Door Duty: Chris Bartlett & Peter Mc Bean

Grace: Ian Brigden

Intro Speaker: Doug Craike

Thank Speaker: John Cropley

Bulletin: Phil Smith

Meeting is at the Bowling Club Crows Nest Room.  
Rotary Phone 0401 450239.

Partners are encouraged to attend the meeting next week but please advise of numbers



### Rotary Centenary Activities

PDG Helen as chair of the Centenary Committee spoke about the work which has been done to celebrate this milestone in our local area.

The group has a committee with representatives from all the clubs in our area.

A raffle is organised to raise funds for the End Trachoma Program, Australia is the only developed nation in which this disease occurs. The Board also has provided a \$200 donation to help the raffle to end Trachoma.

The Pt Stephens council is pleased to be involved with tree planting to mark the occasion. 100 trees will be planted in our local area. The trees and site preparation will all be provided to us.

Salamander club and Nelson Bay are working together in our area, and the other clubs will operate in their local area.

Through the efforts of Richard Turner the council has also agreed to provide a pull up banner to all the 4 clubs in Pt Stephens who are involved, to display at public spaces.



### Community Service BBQs

Director Milton explained how busy the BBQ activities had been recently. There are other 4 dates already allocated to the club prior to the end of the financial year 2 in May (2nd and 23rd) and 2 in June (6th and 26th).

We have also been involved in sponsoring BBQs for other clubs. The expertise of our club helps other groups to be successful. Some might need a bit more help where others are happy for one member to oversee proceedings. Two BBQs in association with the Tomaree Museum association has raised \$1200 for them. They have also made some valuable contacts and had a few membership enquiries.

We also will help out with BBQ for the SES on the 20th of March.

The Club will help out with a BBQ for Koala P.S. on Easter Saturday 3rd of April.

Doug Bairstow does great work in his role as providore delivering supplies.



### Chelsea and her famous friends

Chelsea relayed that she had met the Prime Minister, Mr Morrison, this week at her workplace. This was prior to being assessed by security, and a very large German Shepherd. Things looked a bit dangerous until they checked her identity card, as she had been entering the assembly via a back entrance.

(This photo was supplied to me by our official photographer Phil Smith. I am not sure Chelsea has seen it before)



## An Update on Polio and Measles in the new COVID world

Prepared by PDG Helen Ryan

### Polio

#### **UNICEF and WHO call for emergency action to avert major measles and Polio epidemics.**

At the Executive meeting this week, January 21, 2021, UNICEF and the World Health Organization (WHO) today issued an [urgent call to action](#) to avert major measles and polio epidemics as COVID-19 continues to disrupt [immunization](#) services worldwide, leaving millions of vulnerable children at heightened risk of preventable childhood diseases.

The WHO Director-General said that "Covid 19 has had a devastating effect on health services and particularly immunisation services worldwide. But unlike Covid -19, we have the tools and knowledge to stop diseases such as Polio and Measles. What we need is resources and commitment to put the tools and knowledge into action. If we do that children's lives will be saved."

In recent years, as well as Measles resurgence, Polio transmission is expected to increase in Pakistan and Afghanistan and in many under immunised areas of Africa. **Failure to eradicate Polio now would lead to global resurgence of the disease, resulting in as many as 200,000 new cases annually within 10 years.**

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative is spearheaded by WHO, Rotary International, the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and [Gavi](#), the Vaccine Alliance.

As of January 27, 2021, the reported cases of Polio world wide for 2020 are 140. The official figures for 2021 are as yet not available.

In an interview with the new GPEI Director, [Aiden](#) O'Leary, on January 12, 2021, he was asked if he will find the task 'daunting'.

His reply was as follows:

*"I'm not sure 'daunting' is the adjective I would use. But 'challenging' for sure. As you say, we have been at 99% for many years now. We have reduced the incidence of polio from 350,000 children paralysed every year in 1988, to less than 1,000 in 2020. But that is not enough, not if we are trying to eradicate a disease. Polio is a highly infectious disease, and if we did not know it before COVID-19, we certainly know now how quickly infectious diseases can spread globally. If we do not eradicate polio, this virus will resurge globally."*

We, as Rotarians, cannot afford to ignore this situation and must continue to support the End Polio programme to its eradication. This was the vision of Sir Clem Renouf, it is the vision of R.I President Holger [Knaack](#) and Rotarians worldwide.

## Activities for Meetings

In order to establish what activities members would like to see, discussion took place at our Club Meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

The following is a summary:

### Speakers/Vocational Visits/Socials

#### 1. Upcoming/prospective speakers

Upcoming - 18<sup>th</sup> Feb Charlie Elias + induction of Peter Arena and Varella Hobbs.

25<sup>th</sup> Feb Milton Williams - The salvaging of a BHP ship in the Suez Canal

4<sup>th</sup> Mar Carolyn Virgona - Port Stephens Community Arts Centre

29<sup>th</sup> Apr Rotarian Tamara Sloper-Harding OAM Peacekeeping in PNG 1999

Prospective - Andrew Lane British Aerospace

Michael Tritton Bay Audio - Audiologist

#### 2. Vocational Outings - suggestions from members:

John Cropley - NB Fire Brigade

Milton Williams - SES

Warwick Mathieson - Tomaree Community College

Geoff Diemar - Oyster growing with Tasting

Visit to funeral home

These could all be followed by a BBQ

#### 3. Social Outings suggestions from members:

Bob Mitchell - Wine tour

Warwick Mathieson - Observation tour followed by BBQ

Trip to fighter world

John Cropley - International night at local establishment

Ferry trip to Tea Gardens with lunch at pub

Whale watching trip

Inspection at RAAF base AEWAC (early warning aircraft)

## Photos from Yesterdays BBQ at Bunnings in the rain 13th of February Report by Chris Bartlett

We held a Club Bunnings BBQ on Saturday February 13<sup>th</sup> in rainy steamy conditions. Business wasn't brisk, however it was steady with a good number of customers. We grossed around \$906 for day, and with expenses down, mainly through lower drink sales we should have a net of about \$630.00.

The AM shift was Milton, Phil, Chelsea, Jim and President Elect Doug, who was unwell and replaced by Chris. The PM shift was Peter Page, Chris, Sue Williams (who filled in for Arja who was not well), Richard, Dieter who later in the afternoon was replaced by Milton.

Of course things would not happen with Doug Bairstow delivering supplies, and the behind the scenes crew Chris, Milton and Doug C who stocked the trailer.

