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MOVIE NIGHT – THE SECOND BEST MARIGOLD HOTEL.

Almost 300 Rotarians, partners and guests attended our movie night at Nelson Bay Cinemas. Treasurer Ann has reported that we can safely say that \$5,000 was raised which breaks down to \$3000 from movie ticket sales and \$2,000 from the raffle. This will equate to a \$15,000 contribution to Polioplus with the 2 for 1 addition by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. An outstanding effort and a wonderful night of fun and fellowship. Below is a copy of the address made by President Chris and Vice-President John to members and guests in the two theatres.

MOVIE NIGHT THANKS

Firstly we would like to thank you for your involvement in this Rotary Club of Nelson Bay event.

We are delighted that the generosity of so many local and regional organisations has helped enormously in achieving the FUN aspects of this night, coupled with the benefit to **Rotary's End Polio NOW campaign.**

We believe that something in the region of **\$15,000**, which includes a sizeable contribution from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has been raised from tonight's event, a truly outstanding effort.

Our Club would like to acknowledge the following:

- Luxury Escapes- Affordable Luxury Travel
- The Only Place- Indian Restaurant
- Taj Tandoori- Indian Restaurant
- Sri Malaysia Restaurant
- L'il Buddah Chinese Restaurant
- Nelson Bay Cinema
- Port Stephens Packaging
- Peterson's Wines
- Lisa McGuigan Wines

Their contribution is greatly appreciated in helping Rotary win the fight against Polio, and ensuring the success of tonight's event.

It is appropriate that we can enjoy this exotic movie, filmed in India, on the fourth anniversary of India, with its 1 billion plus inhabitants, being declared POLIO FREE.

Tonight's event is also part of the "World's Greatest Meal to Eradicate Polio" which globally will raise \$3 million dollars through Rotarian contributions and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Over the last 30 years Rotarians locally and worldwide have been fighting to eradicate Polio and we are this close to achieving this goal.

The Rotary Club of Nelson Bay would like to recognise member **Mike Mobbs** and his team of Bob & Judy Mitchell, Geoff Basser and Trisha Parnell for their outstanding efforts in organising tonight's event.

Once again thank you for contributing to this historic night, with similar events being held around the Globe today, to help Rotary "End Polio Now".

As you raise a glass later in the evening you can help Rotary celebrate its 110th Birthday.

Weekly winners:

Many Rotarians and guests were lucky enough to win one of the great prizes generously donated by Luxury Escapes Travel, Peterson House, Lisa McGuigan Wines, Taj Tandoori Restaurant, Wharf Seafood Restaurant, L'il Buddha Cuisine and Nelson Bay Cinemas.

Chris Coy won the major holiday package. Greg Flux and Chris Bartlett were other Rotary winners.

Congratulations:

Birthdays.

12 Mar – Don Whatham
8 Mar - Jenny Turner
9 Mar – Chris Mathieson

Club Duties:

Door- Bart Richardson,
Michael Jenkins
Meet & Greet – Peter McBean, Bob Mitchell
Toast – Doug Bairstow
Grace – Ken Arnett
Intro Guest Speaker-
Judy Mitchell
Thank Guest Speaker-
John DeRidder
Bulletin- John Cropley
Photographer- Henk
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TWO THEATRES AND THREE RESTAURANTS OF HAPPY ROTARIANS AND GUESTS WITH PRESIDENT CHRIS AND VICE-PRESIDENT JOHN ENJOYED AN EXCELLENT NIGHT OF ENTERTAINMENT, FOOD AND FUN.

THURSDAY NIGHT MEETING

Our Annual Charity Golf Day is being held on Friday and as a result this week's meeting will have a slightly different format. We will have dinner at the usual time, with some announcements being made during this time. Our guest speaker SHANTAE ANISON will commence her presentation just after 7pm finishing at approximately 7.30pm Sgt. Phil will conduct the Sergeant's session and the meeting will then close at approximately 7.45pm. Our Golf Committee team will then conduct briefing sessions for the various duties for the Golf Day, which is shaping up to be very successful again this year.

Those members not involved with the Golf Day are welcome to stay, enjoy a cool drink or participate in any of the Group sessions. The following week, we will be entertained by our very own John Sully as Guest Speaker.

COUNCIL GRANTS SUCCESS

The Board is pleased to announce that we have been successful with two Port Stephens Council Community Grant Applications.

The first for **\$1500** applied for by our Youth Director Judi Priestley for this year's Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) program to be held on Tuesday May 12. We have had confirmation from both local High Schools of their participation this year with final numbers to be confirmed in the next few weeks. Planning has already commenced for this event. There are several changes to this year's program.

The second grant, for **\$1000** applied for on behalf of our hard working Golf Day team was also approved. These funds will assist the Club in conducting the event increasing the profit. Proceeds from our Charity Golf Day will assist the Nelson Bay PCYC planned indoor stadium floor upgrade and hopefully some left over to assist other local community projects.

Club members should be aware that PS Council has changed the dates for applying for Community Grants. All Grants need to be submitted in May 2015 for projects conducted in July 2015 to June 2016.

ROTARY CLUB OF NELSON BAY CHARITY GOLF DAY - Friday 6 March 2015. Please see the organisational chart and roster emailed by organiser Greg Flux last week. Full details at this week's meeting.

CESSNOCK VISIT - SUNDAY 15 MARCH 2015. Ferry leaves Soldiers Point Marina at 10.30am cost of cruise, entrée on boat and lunch at Yacht Club \$40. Please see John DeRidder urgently if you have not already booked.

PRIDE IN WORKMANSHIP – Thursday 30 April 2015 at Nelson Bay Golf Club. Please return nomination forms as a matter of urgency to Tricia Parnell or John DeRidder.

ROTARY DISTRICT 9670 WAVES OF CHANGE OCEANS OF OPPORTUNITY CONFERENCE – 20-22 MARCH 2015 at Club Forster. Urgent last minute bookings see the District website.
