



Bulletin # 31 – 5 February 2016



Last night's speaker – Sue Xenos

Sue has lived in Medowie since 1978, she realises that she is not yet a "local". Her dad was in the RAAF and her husband was in the army (now a nurse) and they have 2 daughters (aged 15 and 21).

Sue has been the Principal of the Tomaree High School for about a year now. It is one of the 8 largest schools (at 1,500 students) in the state. With around 30 years in teaching, Sue was keen to tell us about changes to education in that period.

Raising the school leaving age to 17 has been a major challenge. Students go through one of 3 "pathways": the ATAR leading to Uni. Or HSC leading to a vocational job or neither. In the past, the 3rd class would have left school for a job at 15. But these days, finding a job without qualifications is difficult. And making school relevant to these kids is hard. The Real Futures Foundation has been a great help.

Sue is a great believer in healthy, educated children leading to a strong society and the highest priority for her is getting the best teachers.

Sue's passion for her subject shows she is clearly in the right place!

True knowledge exists in knowing that you know nothing.

I cannot teach anybody anything, I can only make them think.

I know that I am intelligent, because I know that I know nothing.

Socrates



18 February – 5pm start

We have a Vocational Visit to the NSW Water Police assisted by Maritime Rescue starting at 5pm (and subject to emergency call-outs).

Maitland Sunrise Rotary will join us.

Dinner at \$20/head will be at the Wharf restaurant; (no BYO) near the Water Police who are behind the fish co-op on Teramby Road.



Volunteers needed:

- Project Neighbour (contact Bob Mitchell)
- Host families for Youth Exchange 2016/17 (contact Geoff Diemar or Kathy Rimmer)
- Adopt-a-Road (contact Mike Mobbs)
- Bring friends, people in education and defence and prospective students to Intl. Peace Fellowships night on 10 March. (contact Judy Mitchell)

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Congratulations

Members' birthdays:

7 Feb – Ros Cribb
9 Feb – Bart Richardson

Partners' birthdays:

7 Feb – Helga Greiter
9 Feb – Lynne de Ridder

Wedding anniversaries:

2 Feb – Margaret/Doug Bairstow
2 Feb – Christine/Warwick Mathieson
5 Feb – John/Shiela Sully (50)
8 Feb – Marion/Peter Page

Lady Luck

Heads and Tails won by:
Doug Craike

the Raffle won by:
John Stuhmcke

Duties next Meeting

Door – Arja and John de R
Greeter – Peter Page & Judy Mitchell
Loyal Toast – Mike Mobbs
Grace – Hugh Randall
(Club Meeting)
Bulletin – Chris Bartlett

Apologies/Extras: to Ros Cribb by noon on Wednesday

Phone or SMS to: 0401 450 239



Visitors:

Clockwise from top-left we were pleased to meet:

- Noel Edwards from Maitland Rotary
- Marika Gibson from Williamtown Rotary
- Gwen and Kevin Sweeney from West Dubbo Rotary

It was also good to see Norm Costello and Yvonne Stuhmcke there.



International notoriety:

Warwick is holding the naked lady stubbie holder that was given to new Australians on 26 January. It caused some local consternation and made news in the London Times and other international media. This will surely become a collector's piece (and a fund raiser?).



History Corner:

The (short?) one definition of Rotary:

“ Rotary is an organisation of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world”.

These 31 words were developed in 1976 for the Rotary International Board of Directors and are still used today.

DATE	ACTIVITY - LOCATION
9 Feb	Salamander Suicide prevention (contact Bernie)
11 Feb	Club Meeting
13 Feb	Light-up Newcastle
18 Feb	Water Police with Maitland Rotary
25 Feb	Eddy Perrine – Façade Consulting
3 March	Cancer Research Foundation
10 March	Peace Scholarships & Club Meeting
11 March	Salamander's International Women's Day (was our Golf Day)
17March	Oasis BBQ