







Bulletin 32 - 27th Feb. 2020

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Guest speaker John "Stinker" Clarke



Our star guest speaker for the night was John Clarke. His subject and latest project was the Tomaree Museum. During several of his country trips with his caravan he noticed that most rural towns had museums. From Dubbo to Cooma he visited museums in most towns whereby the Cooma

<u>Snowy Hydro Discovery Centre</u> Museum was the most outstanding one.

Next stop was Eden with the fantastic "Killer Whale Museum".

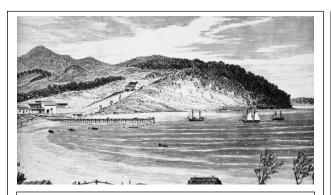
Heading further north again he found most towns had museums with the Huskinson Jarvis Bay Maritime Museum being another highlight.

After his return to Port Stephens he decided to start campaigning for a museum. He estimated an initial outlay of approx. \$10mio was a tall order. Until in his Examiner weekly fishing column "Something Fishy" he floated the idea. He received one response of a very dynamic RAF retiree. Since then the membership has grown to 20 members, finance is to some extend secured with mayoral approval.

The proposed site for the museum is the Tomaree Lodge after the last few patients will be moved in the coming months.

Become a member by donating \$10 to the Tomaree Museum Association (application form attached)

In his presentation he showed us old b/w photographs with the history of Nelson Bay, Fingal Lighthouse and Broughton Is. Fishing and Lobster catches. You can view a full mp4 video file of his presentation HERE (note: large file)



Nelson Bay with Seabreeze Hotel and old Post-office on the hill.

A fine lobster catch from Broughton Is.



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Announcements

Birthdays:

2nd March Chris Smith 9th March Chris Mathieson 12th March Don Whatham 18th March Peter McBean

Anniversaries:

none

Heads & Tails:

Doug Bairstow (spinner) wins 2 weeks in a row

Raffle:

Peter Page

Member Duties 5th March Door:

Helen Ryan Richard Turner

Meet/Greet:

James Booth

Loyal Toast:

Peter McBean

Grace:

Chelsea Ellul

Intro Guest speaker:

n/a

Thank Guest Speaker:

n/a

Bulletin:

John Cropley

Photos:

Phill Smith

Binos:

David Clark & Milton Williams

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Club Announcements

Pres. Arja's update:

The Golf day, Fri. 3rd April is just around the corner and as this is our premier fund raiser event "all hands-on deck" are required, would members please advise if unavailable for assistance on the day.

Also, some "prime" auction prizes are still required.

- -The International Womens Day sponsored by Rotary Salamander. (see detailed Notice).
- -District Conference reminder for 20th-22nd March Booking still avail. (see detailed Notice)





Guest for the meeting was Sean Camilleri our Club sponsored RYLA candidate.

Sean spent 4 years in the RAF cadets where he progressed to the top tier rank.

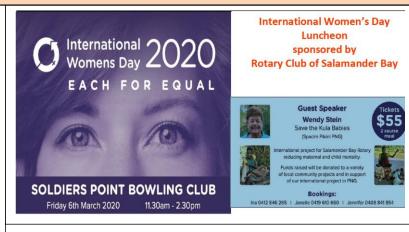
He is an active member of the S/Point RFS unit. When he was approached through his unit, he accepted the invitation to patriciate in the RYLA camp weekend.

The program content was shrouded in secrecy and he wasn't quite sure what to expect.

Fri. the first day, he says, gave us an intro into RYLA with teambuilding exercises that resulted in lifelong friendships with the other participants. Personal development for leadership skills with public speaking, money, finance, saving and investment goal setting were also subjects taught. Controlling emotions and being in control with anger management are subjects covered.

All in all, a very worthwhile program that certainly helped his personal development and leadership skill and it showed by his confidence in speaking and thanking us about it.

Look out for the program next year and maybe suggest a candidate for the weekend camp.



Milton Williams, Community Service Dir.

is looking for volunteers for Bunnings BBQs:

- Friday 13th March additional 4 people required
- Thursday 2nd April Bunnings Family BBQ
- Friday 11th April Rotary Bunnings BBQ

Friday's are usually a fairly quiet event but the good will gives us priority for other Bunnings events such as the Family night where we receive a gift voucher and left-over food and drink items to be used the next day at the Golf day. Please contact Milton if you can assist.



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Announcements cont.

Have you applied for your Seniors Travel Card ??



The regional seniors travel card provides eligible seniors in regional, rural and remote areas with a \$250 prepaid card to help ease the cost of travel. You can use the travel card at certain retailers across Australia to pay for fuel, taxis and pre-booked NSW Trainlink Regional trains (XPT) and coaches.

Apply on line **HERE** or go to Centrelink office



