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Club meeting

President Ella reported having participated in a ZOOM meeting held by the district as a Community Establishment meeting. There are 23 lower Hunter clubs and 19 attended this Zoom Meeting. It appeared to have been organised quite rapidly with only short notice given. The meeting was chaired by Christine Walmsley. Ella commented it was an open forum and she was impressed by some questions which came out of this meeting. There was also suggestions on how to promote Rotary a bit more effectively. Also was a call to find someone to act as a Support person to the clubs. In a sense like an assistant governor within the new regional governance structure. There will be likely more information on this to follow.

Board Meetings

It has been resolved to try to hold Board meetings after the normal Thursday meeting to avoid having 2 nights committed in one week. This will be the case for the next Board meeting. We would look to finish these meetings by around 9 pm.

Ben Clarke Reserve

Jim gave some more information as to his thoughts on this site. A large deficiency has been made at one part of the park which will need levelling. Jim also visited the Ngioka Centre to have a preliminary discussion about possible plants which could be used on the site.

Update form the Tomaree Hospital Garden



The garden at Tomaree hospital is looking particularly nice with the green healthy growth of the lawn.

The Sir Walter Buffalo is integrating nicely with the surrounding grass and the plants in garden beds are powering along. Doug has done great work in mowing the lawn with assistance from Chris. The garden is now seen as a real community asset.

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3. Bunnings latest news and 3 minute talk.

Birthdays in March

Sheila Sully on the 26th

Anniversaries

John & Maree Cropley on the 28th

From this weeks meeting:

Heads & Tails: Doug Craike. A true believer with the spinner throwing 3 heads in a row.

Raffle Winner: Doug Craike again. Lucky night for Doug who won the chance to present a 3 minute talk at the next club meeting back at NBBC. He had no luck in drawing the joker from the pack.

Next meeting 21st of March

Our next meeting is transferred to Bunnings Family Night at the store in Taylors Beach.

**Bulletin: Dieter Grieter
Binoculars Geoff Diemar**

NO MEETINGS 28th Of March

Prior to Easter

4th of April

Our meeting is transferred to 3rd and will be at Medowie in combination with other clubs in our area to meet with the District Governor Alyn Miranda. Venue: Pacific Dunes 6pm for 6.30. \$25 to paid prior to the night. Don has numbers of those who are attending.

25th of April
ANZAC day

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WHAT IS EVERY ROTARIAN, EVERY YEAR?

This initiative encourages every Rotary member to:

- Participate every year in a Rotary Foundation program that makes a difference in the world.
 - Contribute every year to the Foundation's Annual Fund at a sustainable amount.
- The Foundation recognizes a club as Every Rotarian, Every Year Club if its giving reaches US\$100 per capita or more and all dues-paying members give \$25 in a year. Today, about one-third of Rotarians participate in this initiative. Thanks in part to the generosity of these donors, the Foundation awarded more than 2,000 global grants in 2020-21 for large-scale, sustainable projects. Think about how much more Rotary could accomplish if every member gave at least \$25 to the Annual Fund.



Thank you for supporting Every Rotarian, Every Year initiative.

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Here are a couple of flyers which provide some information about the Rotary Foundation and details of volunteering for the National Science and Engineering Challenge in Newcastle. Please contact Youth director Lesley if you wish to be involved.



Newcastle Science and Engineering Challenge Monday 8 to Friday 12 April 2024

The Forum Sports and Aquatic Centre
University of Newcastle, University Drive, Callaghan

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

- * No training needed
- * No cost to volunteers
- * Free parking
- * Free morning tea/coffee
- * Free HOT lunch
- * Current WWC Number required

Experience "Rotary in Action"

Support your local school (year 10 and some year 9 students) from 40 competing high schools. 256 students each day encouraged to consider a career in science or engineering, and to study science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in senior high school



Eight teams per day, eight STEM activities

Helter Skelter Shelter, Job Juggle, Flight, ElectraCITY, Fish Traps, Confounding Communications, Wind Turbine, Bridge



United Nations Association of Australia (NSW) conferred the 2022 United Nations Day honour upon the Science and Engineering Challenge (UoN)

Contacts for more information, volunteer form and sponsorship opportunity
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www.newcastle.edu.au/challenge

Volunteer rosters to be sent to Laurie McGrath please

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WHAT IS A PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY MEMBER?

The Paul Harris Society recognizes people who commit to contributing US\$1,000 or more each year to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved global grant. The society's purpose is to honour and thank people for their generous and ongoing support of The Rotary Foundation.

Paul Harris Society contributions count toward several different kinds of individual recognition, and members receive a chevron-style pin and a certificate. Members are also listed in the Paul Harris Society Report.



Please click on [Paul Harris Society membership form](#) to provide this ongoing support to the Foundation!

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Update on Bunnings BBQs

The price for drinks at Bunnings has been approved to increase to \$2. This will mean the cost of a drink and sandwich goes to \$5.50. It is truly a sign of the times! In response to this price increase, treasurer Geoff is going to increase the float. In particular we will need to carry more 50 cent pieces. Otherwise it is great to see the increase in cashless payments.

Family Night next week. Bunnings management has decided to encourage the staff donate money to the Sydney Children's Hospital by making a charge on the sales of sausages/ drinks next week. This is a departure to what has always been a free night. We have agreed to cook the food but will not collect any money, which can be done by staff or with collection buckets. Clarification of what will occur will need to come via Bunnings's management.

BBQS from July to December

All Saturdays but not the first of the month as we had organised in the past.

Saturday 13th of July

Saturday 10th of August

Saturday 14th of September

Saturday 5th of October (Long Weekend)

Saturday 2nd of November

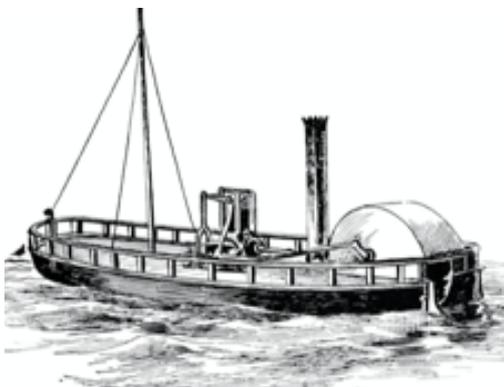
Saturday 21st of December (Last One before Christmas)

Doug and Chris had waited 2 months to meet with the BBQ coordinator who was not available to attend the meeting on the 12th of March. The previous arrangements have changed, but we are still fortunate to have a date each month, with some of the days potentially on busy days. We are seeking confirmation of these dates in writing(email).

A letter has been received from Sue Thompson the MERV coordinator, advising that an agreement has been reached with all proceeds from Bunnings BBQs on the 2nd weekend in August are to go to set up MERVs. (Mens Health Vans) As it turns out we are already booked for Saturday the 10th. Potentially Salamander Rotary could be involved this weekend as well.

Chris reported on the last Bunnings BBQ , which showed a lower result than some of our other recent days. In general this might reflect on generally less trade in these economically more difficult times.

It was resolved to make clear that when working at our Bunnings days volunteers are entitled to a free drink or sausage sandwich. Some members like to donate the money which is also fine, but it is not compulsory and we value the effort that our members make, so the least we can do is provide some refreshment.



Jim Booth's 3 minute talk

Jim did give a succinct talk tonight on the subject of bow thrusters. This might have been entitled, "All you need to know about bow thrusters," which is not a point of strong contemplation for myself and possibly others. This is yet another complexity to Jim's idea of building a steam powered boat. The propulsive elements need to be housed in a tunnel, and here is the point of difficulty in finding one of these to fit. Jim had to search around many marine businesses. He finally found one who seemed to have a bit of a clue, but they seemed to be taken aback when they asked so what type of motor does the boat have to be told it was steam powered. Keep going Jim this craft will be amazing when it is complete.