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NEVILLE GEAR – NELSON BAY TOUCH ASSOCIATION



134 teams competed in two days of well organized competition in the Peter Wilson Memorial Touch Football Championships held at the Tomaree Sports Complex recently. President of the Association for the past eight years Neville Gear was our club guest at last night's meeting. Neville provided an overview of touch football in the local area which caters for over 2500 players on a regular basis. Well organized winter summer competitions are and conducted. Organisation involves a

commitment not only by players but also by parents and supporters who are included in rosters supporting management and games. Strict rules involving player welfare such as ceasing play once temperatures reach 35 degrees are implemented. Nelson Bay is an ideal location for touch because of its mild climate and cooling breezes.

The Peter Wilson event which brought 7000 players and spectators to Nelson Bay was the largest sporting event held in Port Stephens last year. Regular food supplies were consumed just after lunch time on the first day. The acquisition of additional provisions saw most local supermarket shelves emptied of the necessary replacement items.

The local association is run entirely by volunteers and wonderful support is given by Port Stephens Council and service clubs such as the Rotary Club of Nelson Bay. During the two days almost all members of our club prepared food and served at the Elizabeth Waring canteen. We were able to donate \$1600 from the proceeds to the Touch Association to purchase 10 weighted training balls valued at \$160 each. These balls are essential for training purposes for each team.

My personal observation was that the event was one of the best demonstrations of outstanding organization, happy officials, spectators and players working together in harmony. Good sportsmanship and courtesy were the order of the day and it was a pleasure to be involved in the event. Thank you and well done to the association for providing an opportunity for young people to exercise, gain sporting and life skills in such a pleasant environment.

Apologies/Extras to John Crump by 12noon on Wednesday Phone 0401 450 239. We are charged for all meals based on the numbers submitted. Failure to apologise will result in the cost being passed on to the offending member. **On Other Pages:** P2: Vicki Gray P3: Club events P4: Rosters. P5: More photos

Weekly Winner:

Heads and Tails was won by Kathy Rimmer

Congratulations:

Birthdays: 23 Feb: John Shaw 28 Feb: Jenny Craike

Next Week:

Door: Richard Harris, Michael Ienkins **Meet & Greet:** Arja Levonpera, Phillipa Marshall Toast; Peter McBean Grace: Ian McIver **Introduce Speaker:** Bill Michel **Thank Speaker:** Peter Page **Bulletin**: Dieter Greiter Photos: Phill Smith

Program:

Open forum and workshop where all members are invited to discuss our involvement in all club projects including Bunnings, Australia Day, Golf, Surf, etc.

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VICKI GRAY GRADUATES WITH A MASTER'S DEGREE

We have received the wonderful news that Vicki Gray our current Centenary Scholarship holder has completed her studies at the University of Newcastle.

During the past three years Vicki has been enrolled in the Master of Pallitative Care Course and has recently received notification of successfully completing all units of study. Vicki will receive her Master's Degree at the graduation ceremony later in the year.

Vicki was awarded our club's Centenary Scholarship to assist with the completion of the course. Vicki has addressed our club previously outlining the very important work she does locally in palliative care. She has offered to revisit and tell us about her thesis titled "Death Bed Phenomena".

The club's Centenary Scholarship was instigated in Rotary's Centenary year by then President Henk Tobbe. It is awarded to a suitable applicant meeting the specific criteria for a period up to three years. The award is made to a student who is training, studying or conducting a research project or other academic scientific undertaking which will benefit the community of the Tomaree Peninsular.

Previous scholarship recipients are Meredith Mansfield in 2006 who completed studies in Lymphatic Drainage Therapy. Melissa Cox, a consultant psychologist in 2013 for advanced studies in diagnostic assessment of children. Chantelle Smith, 2013 extended studies in the Diploma of Life Coaching and Dan Howard 2014 who completed level 3 and 4 physical education certificates in sports and fitness coaching and continues to assist local youth at the PCYC.



There will be a Lucky Door Prize.

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CLUB NEWS

- Doug Craike has the important role of arranging transport for official guests and speakers for the District Conference. Doug needs a minimum of 5 people with a couple of reserves. Duties will vary but may include pick up and return to the airport, transport between accommodation and conference venue on several occasions for different events and providing company and guidance during the conference. Please advise Doug (0452 036 324) if you can assist.
- Liz Friend (Speaker Management) and Tricia Parnell (Registration Management) also have important and critical roles with the Conference. Both have been working at a frantic pace all year and have produced spreadsheets and rosters for club members who will have roles to play particularly with registration. If you are a member of Tricia's registration group or volunteer driver/aide for speakers please consult the comprehensive documents prepared by Liz and Tricia.
- Following our vocational visit to the Port Stephens Marine Rescue Unit the board has authorized a \$300 donation which has been sent to the unit. Unit Commander Lee Uebergang has sent us a letter of thanks. President Kathy informed members that our club has been included in the unit's website as a sponsor.
- Community service director Chris Bartlett announced that our club had been selected by Bunnings as the preferred caterer for its special days held during the year. For our assistance with these events the club will receive vouchers to assist our fund raising.
- International director John Cropley reported that another three members have each made \$100 donations to add to the 24 Immortal donations already made. It would be wonderful if every member became an immortal with a \$100 donation to the permanent fund of the Rotary Foundation. If you would like to become an Immortal see John. John also promoted the International Night which is to be held at Evviva restaurant on 11 April. Tappas, international dishes and a drink on arrival will be included in the \$45 cost. Invite your friends to join Rotarians in a night of fun.
- President Kathy issued each member with a book of raffle tickets to be sold prior to the District Changeover. Proceeds of the raffle will assist the Rotary Foundation. Phill Smith was able to inform members of the Google message that the Rotary Foundation had been announced as the year's outstanding charitable organization.
- Club dress shirts with the new club logo may be ordered and paid for at Totally Work Wear at Salamander Bay. The cost with pockets and members name embroidered is \$49.95. Work polo shirts are also available. To ensure the correct fitting of the work shirt go to Totally Work Wear to try on and order. Payment (\$20) for the work shirt must be made through the club account.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

1 March- Conference meeting 5.15pm - Club night. 3 March - Bunnings Barbeque 4 March - WRANS Breakfast 15 March - No Meeting 16-19 March - District Conference at Wests Nelson Bay. 11 April - International Night - Evviva 21-22 April - PETS & District Assembly Singleton (All incoming Board)

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2018 WRANS – RAN WOMAN'S REUNION



SHOAL BAY SUNDAY 4 March 2018 BBQ Brunch 10.30am to 12.30pm

WORK ROSTER

LOADING - Friday 2 March

THE SHED – Friday 3pm Equipment, Tools Aprons etc. Milton Williams, Judi Priestley, Chris Bartlett, John Stuhmcke TOMAREE HIGH SCHOOL Loading Friday & Unloading Monday both at 4.15pm at Tomaree High School MPC. (300 chairs & 15 tables) Don Whatham (School contact), Chris Bartlett, Milton Williams, John Stuhmcke, Mike Jenkins, Doug Craike, David Clark, Richard Turner. Trailers supplied by Milton Williams, David Clark, Tammy Kelly – Utilites by John Stuhmcke, Don Whatham, Doug Craike to tow Tammy's trailer. **SECURE SITE** – 8.00pm Saturday - C Bartlett **ELECTRICAL MANAGER** – Doug Craike **PURCHASE DELIVER FOOD ITEMS** – Chris Bartlett, Doug Bairstow. **SET UP 7AM SUNDAY MARCH 4** Chris Bartlett, Milton Williams, John Stuhmcke, Don Whatham, Geoff Diemar, Judi Priestley, Liz Friend, Mike Jenkins, Arja Levonpera, Laurie Wilson, Phil Smith. **COOKING ROSTER -8am CLIVES COOKER –** Sausages and tomatoes John Stuhmcke, Geoff Diemar. Prep - Chris Bartlett **BIG BBO -** Eggs Don Whatham, Milton Williams. Assist - Chris Bartlett **SMALLER BBO –** Bacon Phil Smith Prep and Assist - David Clark **BAKED BEANS -** John Sully, Peter Page **SPECIAL FOOD REQUIREMENTS:** (vegetarian/vegan) - Liz friend FOOD SAFETY OFFICER - Chris Bartlett **PREPARATION AND SERVING ROSTER (2 serving areas) SERVING STATION ONE** (including serving special food requirements) Arja Levonpera, Dieter Greiter, Judy Mitchell, Laurie Wilson, Liz Friend Note: Arja, Laurie and Judy Mitchell need to finish shift at 11 am Replacements John Cropley, Kathy Rimmer. SERVING STATION TWO Judi Priestley, Sue Williams, Fiona Whatham, Greg Flux, Yvonne Stuhmcke JUICE, TEA & COFFEE MARQUEE - Ed Parker, Richard Harris, MEET & GREET - Bob Mitchell, Richard Turner, Kathy Rimmer On Standby - Phillipa Marshall,

Andrew Downey, Any Other Volunteers

BUNNINGS BARBEQUE Saturday 3 March ROSTER

AM SHIFT 8.30am to 12 Noon

PM SHIRT 12 Noon to 4.00pm

John Stuhmcke (and transport) Liz Friend Judi Priestley Chris Bartlett

Milton Williams (and transport) Peter Page Ella Clarke Chris Bartlett

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Hungry members waiting for dinner to arrive.



Geoff enjoyed his meal



Phill's revision of Rotary Grace.



The "Think Tank" relaxing at Evviva with President Kathy after project planning at Shoal Bay.