



Bulletin # 31, 18th February 2021



Partners Night with New Member Induction

This week we held the first formal partners night for some time and it coincided with the induction of new a member.

Guests this evening were Fiona Whatham, Val Morris, Chris Smith, Denise Diemar, Lynn Moffit and Elena Arena.



President Liz conducted the induction of Peter Arena a Real Estate agent who has been living and working in the Bay since 2003. Peter and wife Lena operate Arena Real Estate.

Changing role of Newspapers

In what was a jam-packed night we were privileged to hear from local journalist Charles Elias of the Port Stephens Examiner. His 40-year career commenced in 1979 at the Bankstown Torch Newspaper in the days when compiling a newspaper involved many occupations that no longer exist. With the advancement of technology in the 90s most of the manual jobs like typesetting disappeared and compositors have become graphic artists.

But the one job that has remained is that of the journalist.

News items don't write themselves. They still have to be investigated, people interviewed, and stories developed.

With the internet, Charles admits some journalists have become lazy and this along with a rise in social media has resulted in some less than accurate reporting and the spread of dis-information. He was pleased to see that Google have agreed to pay for news content and whilst Facebook is still refusing, it is hoped they will also come to the party. Journalism lives on. It's just a matter of who will pay the journalists? A lively question session followed.



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Birthdays 19/2 – 25/2

23/2 John Shaw

Anniversaries

None this week

Heads and Tails: Lynn Moffit

Raffle: Warwick Mathieson

Next meeting

25 February

Door: Arja Levonpera/Bob Mitchell

Grace: Peter Page

Intro Speaker: Helen Ryan

Thank Speaker: Richard Turner

Bulletin: Phill Smith

Photos: Phill Smith

Binoculars:

Maintenance John & Don

Next meeting - Milton Williams - Salvage of BHP Ship in Suez Canal

Apologies/Extras to by noon on Wednesday!

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29th Charity Golf Day Friday 26th March 2021



4 PERSON AMBROSE EVENT \$75 per person
Great Prizes for winning & placed teams

PROCEEDS TOWARDS

HMRI: Assoc. Prof. Kelvin Kong for more efficient Indigenous Ear Disease Diagnosis and **Rotary Community Projects**

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Registration: 9:00 am
Final Briefing: 10:00 am
Shot-Gun Start: 10:30 am
Prize, Presentation,
\$5 Meat Raffle Draw and
Auctions: Approx. 3:30 pm



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Members are reminded of the up-coming Golf Day on March 26th. Golf Committee Chair Arja Levonpera advises that preparations are proceeding well having spoken with members of the Horizons, Pacific Dunes, Raymond Terrace and Newcastle Golf Clubs.

Arja advised that HMRI will be fielding teams and Kelvin Kong's ENT Fraternity will also be fielding teams. If not playing members are needed to assist on the day.

Coming up:

- 25th February: Dinner meeting Speaker Milton Williams – Salvaging BHP ship in Suez Canal
- 1st & 2nd March: Mherv van at Salamander Centre
- 4th March: Dinner meeting Speaker Carolyn Vergona – Port Stephens Community Arts Centre. *"Dinner Ladies" meet in Marlins Bistro*
- 10th March: Board meeting
- 11th March: Club meeting. Address by Area governor Christine Walmsley.
- 18th March: TBA (hopefully something special)
- 20th March: Assist SES with Bunnings BBQ
- 26th March: Golf Day (no dinner meeting Thursday 25th March)

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FREE men's health checks!



On the road now, headed our way ...
mherv has saved hundreds of men's lives in Regional Australia... These were the blokes who could suddenly have dropped dead in the pub!, but mherv saw it coming!... they were the smart ones who saw mherv first! If you can't remember when you last had a checkup ... it's time!

Get checked ... see mherv ... its FREE!



Free health checks at the Men's Health Education Rural Van include:

* Blood pressure just to check the heart isn't too stressed. * Blood sugar levels ... just a prick in the finger, to make sure there's no type two diabetes ... which is manageable even if there is. * Cholesterol ... a couple of minutes just to see if levels are high and need attention.

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Bob Mitchell confirmed the visit of Mherv to the Salamander Shopping Centre on March 1 and 2. What is Mherv ?

Mobile Health Education Rotary Van

Mherv is a custom built caravan with a dedicated Registered Nurse that travels NSW offering free health screenings to regional and rural men, who are notorious for being completely in the dark about the state of their health. How long since your last check-up?



100 trees for 100 years of Rotary in Australia

Helen Ryan confirmed that this project is well in hand with schools having been contacted and one school already offering up 10 students to assist with planting. Council have advised that the best time for this to take place is at the end of April when plants are going onto dormant stage.

End Trachoma

In line with Rotary Australia's recommendation for Clubs to take up the challenge as part of the Centenary celebrations a raffle will be run to raise funds toward this project. Centenary convenor Helen Ryan advised that plans are well advanced for the raffle of a wheelbarrow full of power tools.



Rotarian Peter Arena and wife Elena



Below is an up-dated binocular roster with specific dates shown. Please check and record into your personal diaries.

Binocular Roster

22-Feb	John Stumchke Don Whatham (maintenance)
1-Mar	Milton Williams
8-Mar	Chris Bartlett
15-Mar	Dieter Greiter
22-Mar	John Stumchke and Chris Bartlett (maintenance)
29-Mar	David Clark
5-Apr	Peter Page
12-Apr	Doug Craike
19-Apr	Milton Williams
26-Apr	John Stumchke and Dieter Greiter (maintenance)
3-May	Richard Turner
10-May	Bob Mitchell
17-May	Chris Bartlett
24-May	John Stumchke and Chris Bartlett (maintenance)
31-May	Don Whatham
7-Jun	Dieter Greiter
14-Jun	Peter Page

*I do a lot of charity work ...
that is, if volunteering
my opinion counts.*

