

Vocational Visit to Oyster Hatchery



Tonight we had a change of scenery with a visit to an Oyster lease with member Geoff and his staff as the guides. Geoff's family have been oyster farmers for 4 generations going back to late 1800's.

The opportunity to try an oyster or two was available. Some folk had a few problems with their oyster opening technique but no serious injuries resulted.

We all marvelled at how the oyster can develop from the minuscule speck to a full size oyster.

Oysters have a free swimming period for about 21 days, they then drop down to the ocean floor where they develop a foot which allows them to move a little bit until they find a spot they like and lay down some cement to stay put for the rest of their life.

The tanks shown have different grades of mesh to filter the oyster spats into sizes. They move through these stages until they get

to about 2260 microns, still tiny, but big enough to go to the main canal to grow further.

Geoff showed the 2 types of oyster, the Sydney Rock and the Pacific. The Sydney Rock shown is in fine condition, but the Pacific oyster is not, having already spawned recently. The Pacific Oyster season is in the middle of the year when conditions are cooler.

The meal was BBQ style. The cooks did a great job and provided salads and desserts prompting the comment that we wouldn't mind a meal like it more often. The beautiful sunset was included at no extra charge.



In this Bulletin:
Oyster lease Visit.
Seminars, successful projects and upcoming items.

Next meeting 17th of March
Speaker David Creenaune
Pt. Stephens Suicide Prevention Group.

Door: Jim Booth
Welcome Ella Clarke
Grace: Ian Brigden
Introduce Speaker Erin Brinkley
Thank speaker: David Clark
Bulletin: Dieter G.
Photos: Phill Smith
Binos: Dieter G.

Birthdays

Members

Don Whatham 12th March
Peter Mc Bean 18th March
Anniversaries
None this week





MANAGING CHANGE SEMINAR

Over 100 people packed the “Green House” Medowie on Thursday to hear highly credentialed corporate speaker, Michael McQueen discuss “how to handle to change.” Many local businesses and community groups were inspired at the Port Stephen Council and Services NSW event. Nelson Bay Rotary was represented by President Doug and Secretary Chris, whilst Membership Director Kathy and photographer Henk were also present.

Michael McQueen, a Crows Nest Rotarian and a keynote speaker at the Rotary International Conference held at Atlanta a few years ago shared his observations on what the next 5 to 10 years will look, providing all present with some thought-provoking ideas to take back to their business or community group.

Doug and Chris were fortunate to sit with several Port Stephens Council managers, including the Parks, Garden and Maintenance manager who looks after Gan Gan Lookout. Doug or Chris will give a summary at next week’s Club meeting night at the Bowling Club.

Our picture shows President Doug with keynote speaker Michael McQueen, on Thursday, discussing the future.



National Science and Engineering Challenge 2022.

Dates: 28th of March to 1st of April

Newcastle University

COVID has caused the postponement of this event for a couple of years but the good news is that it is back on again this year. Director Lesley advised that volunteers are sought to aid in running the event in Newcastle. It is an all day event but lunch is provided. It has always proven to be a very rewarding and interesting day .

If you can attend , the time is limited to register, so please provide you name to Lesley by Monday either via phone 0438190151 or email Lfreeman@internode.on.net.



FINDING FRED.....

Our regular Binoculars gatherer of coins” and Bulletin Editor Dieter was mystified by the appearance of FRED at the top lookout at Gan Gan lookout this week, **It's** been a while since we have found “where’s wally”. Over the next 15 weeks Fred appear or be mentioned in the Bulletin, hopefully adding a bit of fun to reading the Bulletin. There will be a special award for the member, Bulletin reader who finds Fred each and a special award for the best finding Fred or who is Fred story. The awards will be presented at the Club Changeover on Thursday June 30. Hope you will participate in this little bit of fun.

FRONTLINE WORKERS RECOGNISED

Nelson Bay Rotary Club and Bunnings Taylors Beach were able to assist some hard-working frontline volunteers recently. The local SES unit at Corlette needed a new BBQ which is used to cook hot meals for volunteers in emergencies. Nelson Bay Rotary Club members in recognising the great job the SES and other emergency services carry out, have approached the SES to offer volunteer service with cooking hot meals and assisting in food preparation with the Corlette unit. Nelson Bay Rotary approached Bunnings and asked if Bunnings would donate the current temporary BBQ being used for the weekend sausage sizzles, be donated to them, when the new fixed BBQ unit was delivered. This allowed Nelson Bay Rotary to gift the BBQ to the SES.

The BBQ was handed over to SES members with Nelson Bay Rotary President Doug Craike saying it a wonderful gesture by Bunnings, who assist many community organisations in numerous ways. He said while fund raising was difficult for many community groups, this donation will assist many volunteers as they carry out their frontline duties usually in trying conditions. Corlette SES members Milton Williams and Wayne Sartos (right) picking up their new BBQ with Lan Robson Bunnings Taylor's beach Community Service manager and Nelson Bay Rotary Club President Doug Craike



Bunnings BBQ Report from 12th of March

This information is provided by Chris Bartlett who worked all day, and organised the details prior to event. The BBQ is now positioned close to front entrance to Bunnings which is good for business, but does not allow the best use of our club trailer. The turnover was very good and the final result was an \$800 profit. This is a return to the good results we had experienced in the past.

The morning shift of Sue and Milton with Dieter, and the afternoon with President Doug, Lesley and Ella did a great job. Thanks to John Stumpke two delivered the trailer in the morning, and President Doug for returning it to the services shed.

