

## Bulletin 31 of 23 February 2017

### The Year of The Rooster



To celebrate the start of the "Year of The Rooster" on the Chinese calendar, international director John Cropley organised a night out at the Jumbo Palace Chinese restaurant in Nelson Bay. It was a night of good food and good fellowship. Because of the somewhat noisy environment not all planned program items for the night could be realised in full but who cares as long as it was fun!

The junior Rotarians Emma Cropley with Taylor and Zac Rimmer managed to sell all the raffle "tickets" in the Chinese raffle. This means over \$150 for the Rotary Foundation! Winners of the raffle were Michael Jenkins, one of our guests: Dorothy Chapman and Emma Cropley.

Maree Cropley gave us some interesting information about the Chinese Lunar Calendar with its "animal years". The actual Chinese New Year was on 28 January 2017 and changes every year as it is set by the moon instead of the sun: anywhere between 21 January and 20 February...

People born in the year of the rooster are characterised as honest, energetic, intelligent, flexible and confident. Their active, talking and engaging ways make them popular

with people. They are happiest when they are in company, enjoying the spotlight.

Prince Phillip, Joan Collins, Dolly Parton, Roger Federer, Serena Williams, Beyonce, Eric Clapton and Benjamin Franklin are or were all born in a year of the Rooster.

"Just a word of caution", Maree warned us, "According to ancient Chinese superstition, in your year of birth the God of Age will be offended and you may have bad luck during your year. The best way to avoid bad luck is by wearing something red, given by an elder relative...such as socks, underwear or a bracelet".

Plenty of red around last night so we scared off the bad ghosts! Thanks to the Cropleys for a great night out!



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#### Congratulations

##### Members birthdays

12 March - Don Whatham

##### Partners birthdays

28 Feb. - Jenny Craike

2 March - Christine Smith

8 March - Jennifer Turner

9 March - Christine Mathieson

##### Anniversaries

none

#### Lady Luck

Various winners this night - both in the raffle and the photo competition -.

#### Next Week

**Michael Bendon**  
**The Forgotten Flotilla**

##### Door

Bart Richardson

Doug Craike

##### Meet and Greet

John Cropley

John Crump

##### Grace

John de Ridder

##### Loyal Toast

Ann Evans

##### Introduce speaker

Greg Flux

##### Thank speaker

Dieter Greiter

##### Bulletin editor

Chris Bartlett

The next Couple of Weeks....

Date	Speaker	Topic
2 March	"Michael Bendon"	"The Forgotten Flotilla of 1941"
9 March	"Club Meeting"	
16 March	"Kurt Purkiss"	"Superannuation"
23 March	"Neil Flowers"	"Windmills"
30 March	"Maitland Art Gallery"	See the separate announcement below!

Visit to the Maitland Regional Art Gallery



On 30 March 2017 - together with RC Maitland Sunrise - we are going to visit the Maitland Regional Art Gallery in the High Street in Maitland (opposite Maitland Town Hall) The program starts at 5 pm with a short introduction by the Cultural Director, Brigitte Uren, followed by a tour of the gallery. At 6:30 we'll move to Brough House (Church Street, Maitland) a heritage listed building where dinner will be served and where President Helen Scott will present us with some information about the Friends of Grossmann House.

**The cost is \$25 per person (including meal - BYO).**  
**If you want to participate in this outing please send a cheque made out to Rotary Club of Maitland Sunrise by 1 March to Margaret Sivyer at 64 Church St. Maitland, NSW 2320.**  
**Carpooling is organised by John de Ridder (4981 0953)**

EDUCATIONAL LEARNING TOY TRIAL AT ANNA BAY SCHOOL



Our Club recently delivered a set of Klipee Educational toys to Anna Bay Public School to enable the school to conduct a trial to assist children with learning difficulties. Klipee Educational Toys were designed and created by local mum Laice Moses, who saw the need through her own experience with a child who was having trouble with both learning and reading. The results were outstanding, and Klipee was created, and is now being manufactured commercially.

Rotary reading coordinator, Claire Morrison is excited by the trial which could add an extra dimension to improving the learning capabilities of students.

A Klipee set is valued at \$300 and we look forward to the results of the trial which will be conducted over the next few months. If successful our Club will consider assisting other local schools in the future with an initial set of the Klipee Educational Toy. Our photo shows, Youth Director Arja Levonpera, Claire Morrison, Anna Bay School, our Treasurer and President Elect Kathy Rimmer and Klipee creator Laice Moses delivering the Klipee Educational toys at Anna Bay School last week.

Sick Bay

Our Honorary Member Terry Fitzsimons lost his right leg below the knee but is in excellent spirits. Over the last few years his and Noaline's lives have been ruled by constant doctor and hospital visits and now he feels he can look forward to the day when he will be able to walk again – with the help of a prosthesis. Terry is looked after in Newcastle Private Hospital. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Our oldest member, PDG Bart Richardson is still under treatment for dizziness in the harbourside haven hostel, but has good hopes he'll be back at the club meetings (and the door!!!) shortly.



**BUNNINGS BBQ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED  
FOR SAURDAY MARCH 4 2017**

We have a Bunnings BBQ scheduled for Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> 2017. Proceeds from this BBQ will go Janette Jackson's partners project End Polio Now.

We have vacancies for both shifts, AM and PM and if you can help out on this busy day please contact either Chris B or VP John. We have already some volunteers step forwarded, but need a few more to ensure a good result for Janette.

The goal is \$1000 net which means with the Gates Foundation contribution this will turn into \$3000

**Apply now for  
Rotary Youth Exchange!**



To have the opportunity to study abroad is a life-changing experience. The Rotary Youth Exchange Program provides this opportunity. If you are in year 9, 10 or 11 an opportunity for a Rotary Youth Exchange in 2018 is possible. Secondary school placements are available in many countries of the world.

An Information Session will be held at Nelson Bay Bowling Club, Stockton Street, Nelson Bay on Tuesday

**14th March 2017 starting at 6:30pm.**

In conjunction with The Rotary Club of Nelson Bay.

Further information is available from:

The Chairman YEP  
Denise Parkes

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Limeburners Creek. NSW 2324

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[www.youthexchange.net.au](http://www.youthexchange.net.au)



The 23d of February is the "Birthday" of Rotary. Last item on the menu last night was "a piece of cake"!

**Exercise Trail News**



The Nelson Bay Rotary Exercise and Multi Gym Fitness Trail, commenced nearly 4 years ago is almost complete. The final multi gym equipment installation on Victoria Parade Nelson Bay, was completed on Monday, including the wheelchair access equipment (left front of the photo). We are currently working with Port Stephens Council to finalise the printing of the new brochures and flyers for drawing more attention to the project.

Destination Port Stephens is also being of great assistance providing various electronic links, including

Facebook to both Port Stephens Council, tourist websites, Trip Advisor and the new Destination Port Stephens website. We trust this Community asset will be well utilised for many years to come and provide a boost to tourism in our local area. A special thanks to our friend David Birss who is providing valuable assistance in the final completion stage.

No excuse - neither for locals nor for visitors - for not keeping fit. And when you get too hot and sweaty after working out you can dive into the bay to cool off and have a shower - all within walking distance.



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SOME  
IMPRESSIONS  
OF A  
CHINESE  
NIGHT.



Stars indicate winners in the photo competition.

