



Rotary Club of Nelson Bay Inc.

Our Club, representative of businesses, trade and professions will create bench marks in community service through communication, the willingness to serve and the ability to respond to community needs by
* Commitment of members * Manpower and willpower * Financial resources



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Guest Speakers Tonight – Shantae Aniston & Di Mills "Project Destiny"



Shantae and Di came to explain a program, which they have instigated to aid disadvantaged children, parents and people in need in our local area. The program is titled, "Project Destiny", and comes from close experience of the lost opportunities and difficulties faced by families with a less than normal family structure. Did you know they are a number of homeless people in Port Stephens every night?

Di and Shantae suggest they are looking for input of ideas, as they do not have all the answers. They also suggest the only way to instigate change is by individuals deciding to make a stand.

The plan would be to establish a permanent home for the program and negotiations are underway for this, but are not finalized yet. Some services are already happening via the Maori Cultural centre at Williamtown, but the venue is not ideal. Shantae praised the Yacaaba Centre for the great work it has done over the years.

Underprivileged people do not access medical services in the normal manner. They may be reluctant to ask for help via even their G.P. They have insufficient money to pay from tests and x-rays MRIs etc. The project destiny program will help in this way. Children in underprivileged families cannot have tuition in things like music or sport. The girls have raised money for lessons and have donated musical instruments when needed. The parents in families with drug and alcohol issues feel marginalized as well, not seeking services that could help them.

Di and Shantae do not want to compete with the services available but partner with them. Establishing trust and friendship with the people in need goes a long way to finding a solution. WE certainly wish them well and perhaps Rotary could find a link with their work in future.

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Member Birthdays

PDG Don Whatham on the 12th

Peter Mc Bean on the 18th

Partner Birthdays

Maggie Jenkins on the 21st

Anniversary

None this week

Winners this week

Heads & Tails

John Shaw

Raffle

John de Ridder

Roster of Duties

12th of March

Door: PDG Bart Richardson/ Peter Page

Meet & Greet: Doug Bairstow/ John Stuhmcke

Introduce Speaker: Bob Mitchell

Thank Speaker:

PDG Don Whatham

Loyal Toast:

Judy Mitchell

Grace

Helen Ryan

Apologies/Extras To club phone by noon on Wednesday!

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Club Website nelsonbayrotary.org.au

Foundation Raffle

The proceeds of raffle ticket sales have now been finalized and the money returned to the district.

A Fabulous \$1300 was the final result for our club.

Thanks to Helen Ryan for being in charge of the committee to organise the raffle.

THANK YOU SALAMANDER BAY ROTARY

Our Club would like to thank Salamander Bay Rotary Club for their participation in the very successful END POLIO NOW Film night held last Thursday. The Club actively participated providing members & guests for the evening, which certainly helped achieve the fantastic result. A special thank you to Jo Windeyer who coordinated things at the Salamander Bay Club & her assistance in selling raffle tickets on the night

GRANT SUCCESS

Following our recent success with our Grant applications with Port Stephens Council, our Club along with the Salamander Bay Club received a \$500 Mayoral Grant to assist us defray some of the expenses for the combined Pride of Workmanship function to be held on April 30. Thank you Mayor Bruce.

The committee is doing a great job organising this shared Rotary night & it is anticipated a 100 plus members & guests will be present to witness the presentation of awards. It is encouraging to see our Clubs working together to promote Rotary in our local community

Meeting next week.

*John Sully will be our Guest speaker.
It is sure to be an entertaining speech.*

General Announcements

The film night held for our last meeting was a fabulous success. Thanks to Mike Mobbs and the committee for organizing the night. Proceeds will be directed to the Polio eradication program.

Our President Chris Bartlett has agreed to join the Australian Rotary Health Committee and take over from PDG Janet Jackson as chairperson. Congratulations to Chris, who thanked PDG Don Whatham for the endorsement of his nomination.

Richard Harris advised on the Bowel Scan Program. *He had previously forwarded an email explaining the situation for the up coming year. The program is only likely to continue as a Rotary program for only two more years as the screening process is to taken over and managed by the Australian government. The kit has been redesigned and formatted. The cost is \$5 more and the result is not to be returned to the pharmacy but sent directly to the testing agency.*

Advised By John de Ridder Vocational director

Cessnock Visit to Port Stephens.

The visit of members from Cessnock Rotary club is proceeding well with 28 members and guest s attending from Cessnock and a similar number form our own club. The meeting place is Soldiers point marina. The plan is to take Wallamba on a sightseeing trip first. The cost is \$40 per head, which can be paid to the club account. ACCT 637000 781017418. The day will start at 10 am with the boat departing at 11am for approximately 2-hour cruise. Oysters and champagne (or Australian sparkling equivalent) supplied. A BBQ will follow at the Port Stephens Yacht Squadron. BYO wine. Boat and club will have a bar available for beer sales.

Pride in Workmanship evening

Promising to be an important night for our club and Salamander Bay Rotary club. The committee has received 11 nominations but will select 6 from this group to be recognized on the night

The local heroes program organized by John has now found 3 potential candidates who fulfill the requirements of the guidelines.

MEETING CHANGES

The Club's visit to the Tomaree Community College originally planned for Thursday March 19 has been rescheduled. We will be meeting at our usual location, The Crows Nest at 6pm.

The following week's meeting, March 26 will be held at the Bowling Club in the East & West Rooms, due to a wine tasting function being held in the Crows Nest.

Golf DAY 2015- Some photos



CHARITY GOLF DAY SUCCESS

Congratulations to our Charity Golf Day organisers Greg Flux and Ian Faulkner, plus team members Ken Arnett, Tim Ireland, Bill Michel, plus Treasurer Ann Evans on the very successful outcome of this year's Charity Golf Day held on Friday. Over \$25000 was raised on the day, despite a drop in the number of players & the loss of several key Auction sponsors.

The result is particularly pleasing despite some tough times & our Club is grateful to all our sponsors, especially our Gold Sponsor Port Stephens Toyota and the Burton Family for their continued support.

A large number of Club members and partners were involved in the day which played no small role in ensuring the success of the event. It was also very pleasing to see the support given by Nelson Bay PCYC. The PCYC not only provided a number of teams for the event, including Wollongong PCYC, they also were keen bidders on a number of Charity Auction items. This assisted in making the day a financial success. Auctioneer Neil Moore provided some lively interaction from bidders with a total of over \$3000 raised at the Auction.

As major beneficiaries this year, the PCYC can now complete their upgrade of the floor in the main auditorium to enable a better delivery of sporting activities for local young people & community groups.

Organiser Greg Flux quite correctly stated that not only was a great day enjoyed by the 114 players and 30 additional dinner guests, our Club's Community profile was again raised.

The Club will invite PCYC Manager Matt Brierly & Committee Chair Diane Scobie to an upcoming Club meeting to make a formal presentation of funds.

A special thank you to photographer Henk Tobbe & Director Dieter Greiter for the great job of preparing the audio visual presentation on the night, it certainly highlighted both our sponsors & the "fun aspect" of the Day.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Our Club was represented at Salamander Bay Rotary Club's major fund raising project, International Women's Day held at West Diggers on Saturday night. The evening was very successful with some 130 guests, including 8 Nelson Bay Rotarians enjoying listening to guest speaker Linda Dewey, who is reality TV Manager at ITV. Linda's presentation was entertaining and well received

The main beneficiary of the evening was the Yacaaba Centre and Nelson Bay Rotary Club Director Judi Priestley was able to present a cheque of \$1000.00 to Yacaaba Centre Manager Lynn Vatner on behalf of our Club. Lynn also announced that the Yacaaba Centre has now received additional funding which will enable them to deliver much needed services on the Tomaree peninsula for the 3 years. Good news indeed.

Congratulations to Salamander Bay President Leah Anderson and her team for their efforts on a successful function