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CLUB NIGHT



HIGHLIGHTS FROM PRESIDENT ANN'S REPORT

- Have provided additional information to Canberra for grant application and waiting for final approval of the application for Stronger Communities Program Grant for the Exercise Trail. Total project cost \$32,000, funding sought \$16,000.
- Have lodged Expression of Interest with Bob Baldwin's office for Stage II of the Stronger Communities Program. If this EOI is successful, will apply for \$20,000 for Multi-Gym facility
- Have lodged an application for a grant under the 2015 Volunteer Grant Programme for equipment, including BBQ, fridge/freezer, mobile phone, laptop, Pumper Pot and food handling equipment totalling \$4,103 – waiting on notification.
- **Nelson Bay Rotary Exercise Trail** – Attended opening on 18th December which was well represented by council, members and local residents. We also set up a marquee for distribution of information about the Trail, Rotary, and our Club and this seemed to have a good response. We have printed another box of flyers and these are being located across the area including doctor's surgeries, destination Port Stephens and community notice boards. Destination Port Stephens have listed the NBRET on their Facebook page and David Birss has created a separate page which is getting quite a few likes and comments. Chris B and I have met with Council re Stage II and David Birss is obtaining a second quotation

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Lady Luck

Raffle Winner Ros Cribb

Heads and Tails Mike Mobbs

Congratulations

Birthdays

Feb 12 Norm Costello

Feb 18 John Stuhmcke,
Debbie Brigden

Feb 23 John Shaw

Door Richard Harris/Mike
Mobbs

Meet & Greet John
Crump/Helen Ryan

Toast Bob Mitchell

Grace Kathy Rimmer

Introduce Speaker – Dieter
Greiter

Thank Speaker – Bob Mitchell

Bulletin John Cropley

Photos Henk Tobbe

NEXT WEEK Combined
Water Police and Maitland
Sunrise visit. Meeting NOT
AT BOWLING CLUB



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF WEDDED BLISS

Popular Honorary member of our Club John Sully and wife Sheila celebrated 50 years of marriage with a party last week. John and Sheila spend 6 months of the year with us and six months in the UK. John hopes to become an Aussie citizen before he celebrates his 60 years anniversary with Sheila.... Here's hoping John. CONGRATS

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- **60th Birthday** – 9th June 2016. Have received menus and prices from Broughton's, Pacific Blue and Soldiers Point Bowling Club. Discussing with John Stuhmcke re the venue and I have asked Richard Turner and Henk to complete the last 10 years history book by early May so we can get them to print.
- Received a letter from D9675 (Rotary Club of Mt Druitt) inviting businesses in the local area to promote at their open day on Saturday 6th March 2016. I have passed this on to Destination Port Stephens. Need to appoint members/team to run the stand for our Club on 6th March. Community Services director to organise BBQ on Sunday 7th March.
- **Australia Day** – attended debrief meeting which was a good meeting with good points raised for next year. Thank you to everyone for their contribution, and I note the net result for the day was \$6,450 – fantastic result. We have spoken to council about extending the slab at Fly Point and they do not have a problem with this. Following up PCYC Basketballers uniforms. I have purchased Certificates of Appreciation to give to our very generous supporters of the day.
- **Golf Day** – attended meeting on February 8th. Friday 7th October has been selected as the date (with the dinner being held at the Bowling Club.)

VOCATIONAL AND INTERCLUB VISIT

Thursday 18th February – 5pm start

We have a Vocational Visit to the NSW Water Police assisted by Maritime Rescue starting at 5pm (and subject to emergency call-outs).
Maitland Sunrise Rotary will join us.

Dinner at \$20/head will be at the Wharf restaurant; (no BYO) near the Water Police who are behind the fish co-op at Teramby Road Nelson Bay.

APOLOGIES/EXTRAS TO ROS CRIBB BY NOON ON WEDNESDAY'S PLEASE

PHONE OR SMS TO 0401 450 239



GUEST EDITOR

ED PARKER

THE QUESTION OF GRACE AT ROTARY

Ed was a guest contributor to this week's Edition of the Bulletin with this well balanced article submitted to the "Burning Question" at RDU

One of the issues that concerns me in modern Australia is that we are tending to become more intolerant. Almost everything gets media attention and political polarisation. My view of life and living is that there should be a wide range of tolerance. For me I ask two questions when considering issues that are at times seen as divisive. These two issues fall under the heading of justice and care. Is there a sense of justice in what is taking place, and secondly am I putting into practice a sense of care that includes both myself as well as others?

People are certainly allowed to have opinions, and these opinions should have room for appropriate discussion. Should we stop having Christmas celebrations because we know that Santa Claus does not exist, or that Jesus was not born on that day, or that it is a commercial gimmick? One of the really critical losses of modern society is that we tend to take away the stories that people live by. In our quest for scientific accuracy and rationality we have often fallen into the reductionist trap.

Back now to grace at the front end of Rotary. Gratitude is an important component for any person. One does not need to believe in God to be thankful. When I am asked to say grace for my Rotary club, in a clearly audible voice and without being rushed something like this is heard: FOR GOOD FRIENDS, GOOD FOOD, AND FOR ROTARY, WE GIVE THANKS. If one is religious they hear it their way, if one is not religious they too hear it their way - but that is life.

One final issue, there are bigger things in the world than arguing over a few words at the beginning of a Rotary meeting. Certainly there is no place for religious or political propagation at Rotary, but some customs are worthwhile. After all we don't stop talking about sunrise and sunset because it presupposes a flat earth.

Best wishes,

Ed Parker
Rotary Club of Nelson Bay, NSW



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL THEME ANNOUNCED RECENTLY BY WORLD PRESIDENT ELECT JOHN GERM IS HIGHLIGHTED ABOVE. A SOUTH PACIFIC VERSION SHOWING AUSTRALIA IS AVAILABLE.

PROJECT
NEIGHBOUR
THIS COMING
WEDNESDAY AT
SHOAL BAY
BEACH
WEATHER
PERMITTING
BOB MITCHELL
IS
ORGANISING

CLUB PROGRAMME FEBRUARY TO MARCH

18/2/16 Vocational Visit to Water Police, joint meeting with Maitland Sunrise, PLEASE NOTE STARTTIME 5 PM, as requested by the Water Police. Marine Rescue will kindly join us and participate, Thanks to Dieter for arranging this. Dinner will be at the Bay Harbour Restaurant at the end of Teramby Road. Cost \$20. Bar open to purchase drinks.

25/2/16 Eddy Perrine. Engineer, designer of facades for high-rise buildings.

3/3/16 Lee Christian. Cancer Research

4/3, 5/3, 6/3 District Conference at Mudgee. Still some bookings available

10/3/16 Information night re Peace Fellowships. Speakers, Peter Raynor, Judy Mitchell, Sam Wills

17/3/16 Club Assembly Venue, Oasis, One Mile Beach. Dinner to be Rotary BBQ.

24/3/16 Helen Ryan. Rotary Reading program update.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

April 20 May 1 PETS at Singleton (Presidents Elect Training Seminar)

May 10 RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) at Nelson Bay

May 13-15 RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) **14-17 years**

June 24-30 RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) at Tocal **18-25 years**

May 15, 29 & June 19 RLI (Rotary Learning/leadership Institute) Training

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PHONE/SMS 0401 450 230 OR EMAIL TO ROS**

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

Members are reminded that we need to have a working with children check completed. Around 50 % of members have supplied their WWW number to President Ann. This check will be mandatory for all volunteers in 2016.

The process involves preparing an online application at www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au Or **Telephone (02)9286 7219**. You then need to take the application number provided to a Motor Registry office for identification purposes. Once this is done they will provide a certificate which will be held on Club records.

CATERING AND BBQ UPDATE

- Our Club will be providing 1,000 sausage sandwiches on Sunday 14th February at the Council Rally. The Council will be paying for all the food, plus a \$300 donation. We are also selling drinks on the day which is directly for the benefit of the club. Anyone within the community who is opposed to the Council merger is invited to lodge a submission.
- AT BUNNINGS last Saturday we managed gross earnings of \$914.00 with a net profit of around \$700. A huge thank you for all those who helped on the day. A very good result. Great to see Ian Brigden back on deck.



Fran Diggs was a guest of President Elect Judy Mitchell at this week's meeting. Hope to see more of you Fran. Val Morris was Judy's other guest.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

West Diggers, Nelson Bay Friday March 11 2016

11.30 am to 2.30pm

**Guest Speaker Kim Ellis –Director of International Earth &
Space Technology COST \$50 per person**

Organised by Salamander Bay Rotary Club

**Funds raised to local community projects including the
Yacaaba Centre**



Josh and Taylor Rimmer received their Certificates of Recognition and medals following Dad's Josh's tour of duty in the Middle East with the RAAF last year, at our meeting last night. President Ann and Past President John Crolev made the presentation with proud parents. Popular member Kathv Rimmer and husband Josh present.