



Bulletin 32 – 2nd March 2023

Night at the Museum



This week we held a vocational visit at Bob’s Farm Community Hall, the temporary home of the Tomaree Museum.
The museum curator Ross Carroll, grandson of Neil Carroll, after which the Flypoint park is named, “The Neil Carroll Rotary Park”, son of Daniel Carroll a former member of our club gave us the history and future project of the museum. His mother, the main collector, is a 6th gen. descendant of Cpt. Cromarty.

With her knowledge & connections to the local community, she managed to collect and establish the Historical Society Museum in their former home in Donald St. with artifacts and items of historical significance over many years. The TMA (Tomaree Museum Assoc.) hopes to find a new permanent home in the ex Tomaree Lodge in the future.

Become a member of the TMA for a modest yearly fee of \$10. Form [HERE](#)

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Birthdays:

9th March C. Mathieson
9th March J. Turner
12th March Don W.

Anniversaries:

None

Heads & Tails:

n/a

Raffle/Joker poker:

n/a

Just a small collection of items on display



Penny Farthing 1888



Phonograph 1928



Chord Zither 1910



TMA @ Bob’s Farm

Clive’s Cooker in action



Clive’s Cooker our mobile BBQ made a “sortie” to provide BBQed steak and chicken, accompanied with salads and Cornetto ice-cream.

Thank You Ross for providing us with interesting history facts of our area.
By the way, we didn’t stay long enough to see if some of the artifacts come to life late at night

Member Duties 9th March

Door:

Lesley F.

Meet/Greet:

n/a

Grace:

Dave C.

Intro Guest speaker:

Warwick

Thank Guest Speaker:

Peter McB

Bulletin:

Don Whatham

Binos:

n/a

Marlins Bistro menu [HERE](#)

Apologies/Extras to Club Phone by noon on Wednesday Ph.: 0401 450 239

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BBQ Chef David



The Afternoon Shift Lesley, Ian, Chris

The Bunnings BBQ 4th March

The monthly scheduled BBQ was successful, not in record territory with net result a respectable approx. \$1,000. The workload was ably handled by the teams of Ella, David, Dieter, Chris, Ian, Lesley, and transport to & from by Don & Geoff.

Thank you to Geoff & John for managing the money, for cutting onions and assistance at the shed Friday and Saturday and Don for co-ordinating the day.

next BBQ on 1st April.

Club Planning for 2023-24

The planning for the 2023-24 Rotary year is well underway.

Some of our regular projects will continue as these are tried and true but we also need to seek new ventures. PE Ella has started planning for next year and is looking for ideas and input from members.

YACAABA CENTRE: PE Ella and Pres. Don met with the management of the Yacabba Centre to be briefed on current operation and on their future plans. It was pleasing to be informed of the Centre's appreciation of assistance we currently provide including \$550 donation each month which primarily provides food, fuel, utility and shelter vouchers for people in desperate need.

They also appreciate our assistance in kind with mowing, gardening and equipment maintenance.

Ella and her new committee have better ideas of further assistance we can consider following the meeting.

BUNNINGS UPDATE:

Chris met with Lan Robson (Bunnings) to determine dates for the June to December BBQs. We have been most fortunate to be allocated the first Saturday of each month except September which will be the second Saturday.

We now seek a Bunnings Duties Manager for 2023-24. Please inform PE Ella if you are willing to take on this role. This is a role Don has undertaken during the past year.

ROLE DESCRIPTION: Prepare a duties roster for the period. The most important member to be rostered for each BBQ is the coordinator. Each of the three coordinators will be in charge of two BBQs in the six months. The coordinator is responsible for purchasing supplies (Sausages, bread, onions, sauces, ice, drinks, cooking oils, serviettes, paper towel, gloves etc), preparing the trailer on Friday, cutting onions, transporting the trailer from the shed to Bunnings, assisting the set-up, assisting the clean up at the end of the day, transporting the trailer back to the Rotary shed, unloading and wash up of equipment. Coordinators last year were John Stuhmcke, Geoff Diemar and Don Whatham. This important role can be undertaken by anyone with a car and towbar.

Once the coordinators are appointed and the roster prepared you will need to monitor the roster to assist with swaps and arrange replacements where swaps cannot be managed by individual members.

It is important that members volunteer their services for roles such as Bunnings Duties manager and coordinator. These tasks can be completed by anyone in the club and it is unfair to leave such tasks to the same people.

HOSPITAL GARDEN COMMITTEE: Doug, Geoff D, and Warwick together with Geoff R, Chris and President Don met this week to discuss progress with the garden construction. This progress is quite pleasing. Warwick has prepared a comprehensive timeline work schedule which I will attach below. This together with our financial budget which has been prepared by Doug will be forwarded to Meryl Swanson's office as part of our application for a Better Communities Grant. The grant paperwork has been prepared by Chris. Geoff R reported that he is busy visiting local business houses. During each visit he provides brochures detailing the project and requesting financial assistance. Geoff also provides a personal explanation with emphasis that the project is community oriented. Geoff will provide follow up visits where necessary. Again, if you think there is a role you can play in the Garden Project please talk to Doug.

This is a project owned by every one of us.

Constitution & Bylaws Meeting

Our meeting Thursday 9th March 2023 will include a special meeting to adopt the constitution and bylaws to govern our club for the next three years.

The Constitution set by RI is mandatory and the draft bylaws set by RI are to be amended by our club to reflect the operation of our club. The proposal sent by RI is very brief. I have used our previous (2020) by laws to copy and paste the essential aspects of our club operation into the draft 2023 model which I have attached.

These documents have all been with directors for some time for their input and they are now being sent to members for perusal and comment prior to the special meeting.

The special meeting will be short and simply adopt the two documents. Once adopted these documents are to be lodged with the Department of Fair Trading within the prescribed time.

The remainder of the meeting will be as normal with the three minute talk (John Stuhmcke) and Hospital Garden update. President Elect Ella has began planning for the 2023-24 Rotary year and she is seeking input from members for projects and directions to guide us through our 65th year of Rotary in Nelson Bay. Please give consideration to this and be ready to contribute to the workshop which will be the remainder of our meeting.

The proposed (mandatory) constitution, proposed by laws, 2020 bylaws for comparison and RI draft bylaws can be viewed [HERE](#)

Please forward any comment or requested amendment to me so that such can be considered for inclusion prior to the special meeting.

Please make every effort to attend this week as a quorum is essential for the special meeting.

The GanGan Lookout



The disappointing recent spate of vandalism in Nelson Bay continues and struck our GanGan Lookout binoculars again.

Unfortunately, the damage caused is quite considerable and will require some magic and cast-iron welding of the housing by Jim.

The money-shute mechanism, the most expensive item needs to be reordered.