

## Bulletin 33 March 07 2019

### WE LEARN ABOUT SHINE



#### KENHURST CONNECTION

Our guest speaker on Thursday night was Dennis von Someron from Kenhurst Rotary Club, pictured above with his wife Judy. The visit was organised by former Kenhurst Rotary member and Youth Director elect Lesley Freeman, who introduced Dennis. And interestingly enough, Lesley went to school with Dennis's wife and also Club Sgt's Warwick Mathieson wife, Christine. It's a small world out there and we trust Dennis and Judy enjoyed their time with us.

Our Guest Speaker on Thursday night was Kenhurst Rotarian Dennis von Someron who gave a very interesting talk on a program called Shine for Kids which he commenced 25 years ago.

At 13 Dennis father was arrested for fraud and it changed his life forever. He then gave the members some startling statistics on the prison system, highlighting that over 50 % of prisoners are women who are imprisoned for nonviolent crimes, mainly drug offences and theft, while over 70 % are aboriginal offenders.

This obviously impacts on the lives of the families and particularly the children in those families and hence Shine for Kids was born.

Dennis gave the members some real examples of the impact on family life and suggested early intervention was a far better path to take rather than the alternative of imprisonment. He also suggested that rather than build new prisons, the Governments, both State and Federal would be better off funding the intervention programs. He is certainly passionate about Shine for Kids and the members of the Club wished to thank Dennis for his thought provoking talk.

#### NEXT WEEK – THAI CHARM, DISTRICT CONFERENCE

As the District Conference is being held from next Friday to Sunday, a number of the Club are having an extended break, and going to Forster early. As a result John Cropley has organised a night at Thai Charm Restaurant at Salamander Bay, where those members staying in the Bay make like to attend, and perhaps served by John's daughter. It is a partner's night as well. Please advise John via email if you can attend. It's an informal night of fellowship.

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#### Birthdays this coming week

**March 9** Christine Mathieson, Jenny Turner

**March 12** Don Whatham

**Anniversaries** None  
None recorded

#### Heads and Tails:

President Kathy

#### Member Duties:

**March 14**

**Door** N/A

**Meet/Greet:** John Cropley

**Loyal Toast:** N/A

**Grace:** N/A

**Intro Guest Speaker** N/A

**Thank Guest:** N/A

**Bulletin:** Don Whatham

**Photos:** Phil Smirth/Henk Tobbe-Conference

**Binos** Arja and Chris B

**Guest Speaker** Visit to Thai Charm No speaker, District Conference Lots of interesting speakers.



### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Our number of our lady members attending Salamander bay's Rotary Club International Women's Day on Wednesday. Top Pix shows President Kathy, prospective member Chris Randall and Lesley Freeman enjoying the day and bottom pix shows President Kath with Mrs Australia 2019 Tracey Tickle



Enjoying some time with our guest speaker, Kenhurst Rotarian Dennis Von Someron, are from left his wife Judy, Lesley Freeman, Dennis and Peter McBean



Treasurer's assistants in training, Ian McIver and Peter Page did a gret job collecting the dinner money on Thursday night.

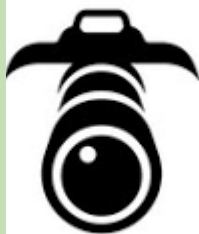


The newly opened Thai Charm Restaurant is the location for the unofficial Rotary meeting on Thursday night, with a large number of members absent in Forster. Thai Charm is at the Coles end of the Salamander Bay shopping complex. The evening is casual, partners are welcome, the food good and prices also good. Please let John Cropley know if you are attending.

### CONFERENCE PHOTO SHOOT

District Governor Brian and his Conference committee have generously allowed our Club to make 3 presentations to Carol's ARH Lift the Lid project, Shelterbox and the Rotary Foundation on Saturday evening at the Conference dinner. The bulk of the funds come from Bart's recent Bequest to Nelson Bay Rotary Club.

A group photograph including our partners will be organised after the presentation Saturday night. Members are asked to wear their favourite hat on the night. A tribute to Bart will be made during the presentation. Our Club offer our thanks to DG Brian and the Conference committee for their assistance.



### UP COMING EVENTS

**Wed March 13** Project Neighbour, it's a week early this month

**Thurs March 14** Visit to Thai Charm

**Fri Mar 15 – Mar 17** District Conference Forster

**Wed Mar 20** Hon members morning tea Evviva

**Wed Mar 20** Board Meeting

**Thurs Mar 21** Putt Putt Golf at Anna Bay- family night

**Thurs Mar 28** Club meeting- Guest Speaker

**Friday April 5** 28<sup>th</sup> Charity Golf Day – Sponsors Thank you Event

## BUNNINGS ROUND UP

The AM Shift on Saturday, Judi, Phil Chris, VP John and Sue all hatted up and ready to go.



### SATURDAY'S LIFT THE LID RESULT

After a slow start, things picked up later in the day and we managed to achieve our target of \$1000.00 for DG partner's programme Carol Coffey's Lift the Lid for Australian Rotary Health. We finished with \$1002.40 cents, for Carol's project. Thank you to Sue Williams for assisting on the morning shift, John and Milton for transport and Doug B for his usual efficient efforts. Volunteers were VP John, Judi P, Phil Smith, Sue and Milton, Chris B, Arja and Lesley. The fellowship was first class. The profit from the 2 previous Friday's although small, will enable the Club to send 2 students to the next RYPEN program at Myuna Bay in May. Thank you to all those volunteers who help us enable our Club to be so successful.



**UPCOMING DATES**  
**Thurs April 11**  
**Easter Family night**  
**Friday April 26**

### ROTARY AT WORK



The "PM" shift on Saturday, Arja, Lesley, Milton & Chris, not as colourful as the AM shift but just as enthusiastic, even working through a storm to help reach the day's target of \$1000.



VP John and Chris B took advantage of a quiet start at Bunnings on Saturday planning some upcoming Community events on a handy Bunnings Trolley, while waiting for their sleeping bags to arrive. Fortunately the customers arrived before the "bags" did



Our most senior member Doug Bairstow is a key member of the Catering team. We simply would not function as well as we do without Doug's commitment to purchasing of supplies and providing the legendary 6 kilo bags of onions. On top of this Doug always make at least one member happy on Thursday nights with his coin tossing.

## NEWS, VIEWS, EVENTS



District 9670



We are off and running on Sunday, March 24 at Muswellbrook Country Championship Wild Card Race Day.

Venue: Skelletar Park, 15 Racecourse Road, Muswellbrook

Cost: \$30 per person includes entry and lunch

Time: From 10:30 a.m.

This is a day of enjoyment, relaxation and camaraderie. Join us!

Trybooking details:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BBBOF>



**Bookings close Wednesday March 15, 2019**

## STAR AWARDS CONTINUED

The Rotary Humanitarian STAR Award recognises outstanding scientific and technological achievements that significantly improve lives and positively impacts humanity. The Third Annual Rotary Humanitarian STAR Awards will be held today at the University Club of Pasadena in California. Pablo is a University of Newcastle Professor at the School of Electrical Engineering and Computing. He is currently completing a book in the area of business and consumer analytics. If any members need to have this information explained further please contact Richard Turner

## LOCAL SCIENTIST WINS ROTARY STAR AWARD

A Newcastle-based computer scientist, Professor Pablo Moscato, is a nominee for the prestigious Rotary Humanitarian STAR (Science, Technology, Aerospace, Robotics) Award..ecognised in two different categories of Health and Medical and Knowledge Sharing. Pablo was nominated for his application and development of mathematical models and computer algorithms for some of the most challenging problems in biology and biotechnology research. The nomination for the Knowledge Sharing category is also based on the introduction of a technique called memetic algorithms. Pablo's published work on memetic algorithms has created a new field of mathematics that has gained worldwide reputation. "I was awarded by Rotary International in 1987 a Scholarship to study overseas, and I went to the California Institute of Technology. There I started a field called memetic algorithms which now has its own dedicated scientific journal. Thirty years later, a nomination, again by Rotary International, is a great honour to my professional trajectory, one that started in Argentina, took me around the world, and then found its new mission in the Hunter for the past 16 years," Pablo said. Among his achievements, Pablo led the team that was the world's first in identifying a panel of proteins, allowing for a longitudinal test that predicts the onset of Alzheimer's several years in advance. He said this research has been well received in the Hunter. "In the Hunter I have been pleased to receive support for my Alzheimer's Disease research by anonymous donors that contacted my institution wanting to know more about my research. I was also supported by the incredible people of the Maitland Cancer Appeal, a group with vision, one that helps me to try innovative techniques for the analysis of data on the performance of drugs. We are inventing new types of Artificial Intelligence methods to help us discover which mechanisms may explain the response of some cancer cells to particular drugs. "My research lab has hugely benefited by the collaboration of the Hunter community and I hope to continue developing a partnership with it to address some challenging problems in many fields."



Members, their Partners and Friends of  
the Club  
are invited to a Social Night of  
**Putt Putt Golf**  
at the David Graham Centre, Nelson Bay  
Road, Anna Bay

**Thursday 21 March, at  
4.30pm**

Cost: \$23 (includes Putt Putt or Driving  
Range, and a BBQ dinner), \$20 (school  
age children)

**BYO drinks, glasses, plates and  
cutlery.**

Payments by EFT BSB 637 000 A/c  
781017418 (please include Surname and  
“BBQ dinner”)

**RSVP: 19 March (for catering  
purposes)**

Liz Friend [elizabethjoyfriend@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethjoyfriend@gmail.com).  
0409029927 Please don't forget to book  
with Liz before next Tuesday as the  
Catering team need to know.



Exactly 2 years ago I had just completed and sent out Bulletin 33 2017 when news came through that Bart had passed away, I was honoured to publish a special Bulletin 33a on behalf of the Editorial team. 2 years on Bart is still giving. Club members will recall that recently we received a bequest from Bart's Estate. Last Thursday we received further instructions as to where the money should go. On Saturday night at the District Conference, three of Bart's Rotary favourites, Australian Rotary Health, Shelterbox and The Rotary Foundation will be presented with funds, the bulk of it from Bart's bequest. District Governor Brian and his Conference team have allowed a change in the very tight schedule, due to the respect Bart had in our District. I have published a short extract from Bulletin 33a which is available on the Club website. Memories came flooding back when I read the Edition and reflected that Bart is still giving two years, on and for many years to come. Chris Bartlett this week's Editor for Bulletin 33 2019

#### **Extract**

Once in a lifetime you meet an extraordinary human being and yesterday, March 11 2017 we lost one of the best.

Past District Governor Bart Richardson OAM, Paul Harris Fellow passed away peacefully at Harbourside Haven, aged 97. “Young Bart” as he was affectionately known in his later years was loved by all those he came into contact with (and there are many) has left an indelible mark on us all.

His life story is known to many of us, not only was he a Rotarian of 53 years with a PHF and 4 sapphire pins, he also served with Legacy for a staggering 63 years, was a member of the Masonic Lodge, an author at 94, and committed community volunteer right up till a few weeks ago, still helping others.

In the coming days and weeks, Bart's loss, not only to his family, Rotary but the wider community will be deeply felt. Rest Easy Bart