



Bulletin 33 of 9th of March 2023

Adoption of Club Constitution and By- Laws

A quorum of members was determined with proxy to vote in the affirmative from Doug Bairstow, Ian Brigden, Warwick Mathieson and Richard Turner.

The club formally adopted both of these documents as is a requirement to be done every three years. Copy of these documents is provided to Fair Trading.

The Rotary Constitution is a document that must be accepted as written, and is formulated by RI with a discussion at which is one member present from every Rotary District in the world. A Special general meeting every 3 years reviews and revises if necessary, the Rotary Constitution.

The Club By- Laws are more individualised to each club's own circumstances. These reflect how the membership of each individual would like to run its meetings. Draft By-Laws were prepared by President Don and circulated to board members, and then all members. Discussion was made by several members of specific points within the document and with these amendments the docket was adopted, and will determine our operations for the next 3 years. Thanks to President Don for his work in organising the paperwork.

A Few Minutes from John Stuhmcke

John Stuhmcke gave us some insight into his time repairing the TVs in Nelson Bay when valves were still in, and breakdowns were common. This generally happened when the evening news was on, and he was dispatched as an emergency to fix it. In one case he arrived at the same time as the local doctor but he was shown in first, as getting the television fixed was more important than the asthma medication. Communication in those days prior to mobile phones, was via a two radio which had shared frequencies for a few businesses. It was a pity that one couple forgot this before having a heated argument for all those on the same frequency to hear. He also hired televisions to rental units and on returning to collect them saw a few sights that shocked him. It is not just the modern day folk who leave a mess. One group had decided to have a spit roast of a goat inside the apartment.



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Details from 16th of March to 23rd of March

Birthdays

Peter Mc Bean 18th of March

Anniversaries

None this week.

Heads and Tails

Peter Mc Bean

Raffle Winner:

President Don who probably does not need to give a 3 minute talk next week as well as run the meeting. Joker still not found in the pack of cards.

Next meeting

Club Meeting

Door Duty: Peter Page
Grace: Geoff Robinson
Intro speaker ; John Stuhmcke
Thank speaker; Richard Turner
Bulletin: Don Whatham
Photos/Notes : John Cropley
Binoculars: N/A

Club Announcements

Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 4th of March

Last week was another excellent Bunnings BBQ. Takings of \$1400 lead to \$1000 profit. Also Don mentioned that a lot of stock was accumulated prior to BBQ so the expenses at our next day should be less than normal.

Don is keen to have someone else be involved as a BBQ coordinator from next Rotary year. Thank you to those who worked on this day and made it so successful.

NEXT BBQ Date is on 1st of April

Sponsorship Opportunity letters given to local businesses regarding garden at Tomaree Hospital

Geoff Robinson has been busy preparing sponsorship application's to distribute to local businesses. Members were asked to pick up envelopes and personally deliver them if they had some connection to the business. Geoff has delivered the other ones yesterday and probably gained some fitness in doing so as there were quite a few.

A Grant application seeking funds for the Tomaree palliative Care garden has been prepared and submitted.

Recent Events

Lesley and Chris went to the Science and Engineering Challenge in Newcastle as representatives of the club. It is an interesting day but this time it was rather hot as well.



Salamander International Woman's Day Luncheon.

A number of our members and partners attended this function at Soldiers Point Bowling Club on Wednesday. There were 140 attended and it was both enjoyable and an informative day. The guest speaker was Anne McDowell daughter of Chris and Helen McGrath and she gave a moving address. The District Governor Neville Parsons attended, as did the area governor Laurie Easter. A significant figure was raised to be able to donate to homelessness support in our local area. Congratulations to President Harry and his team for a successful day after a 3 year hiatus.



The problem of vandalism to the binoculars has occurred again, but once again has been repaired by John S. And Geoff D.



We had a pixie visit our meeting this week.

Thought of the week;

People are like wine, some turn to vinegar, but the best improve with age.