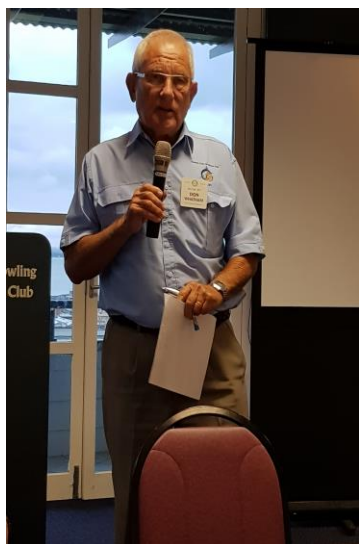


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WE ARE IMMORTAL



Our latest Immortal members, Bob Mitchell, Arja Levonpera, Don Whatham, David Clark and Judy Mitchell are pictured with our Club's Foundation Director John Cropley after receiving the Immortal badges at Thursday night's Club meeting. Some 30 plus badges, including 14 to members of the local community have been presented this Rotary year which will have boosted District Governor Helen's husband Mike's Partners program by a substantial amount. And there are more to come. Members are asked to wear their badges at next week's District Conference. President Kathy thanked the Club for supporting this program, highlighting our Club's continued contribution to the Rotary Foundation, Rotary's charity.



DISTRICT CONFERENCE UPDATE

Nearly two years of planning for the 2018 District Conference at Nelson Bay Diggers comes to fruition next Friday when the conference commences, although some behind the scenes work will continue this week, with the final touches to the many facets of the Conference being completed. **Conference Secretary Don Whatham** has sent an email to all club members informing them of their responsibilities over the weekend and urged everyone to read this document. A Key contact list for the Conference has been prepared on Page 3 of this Bulletin. As Nelson Bay Rotarians we are sure to do ourselves and our Club proud.

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Conference update,
Editorial, Speakers Drivers
Roster, Bunnings update,
WRANS, photos and more
club news

Birthdays coming up

March 18 Peter McBean

March 21 Maggie Jenkins

March 23 Tricia Parnell

Anniversaries No
recorded.

Heads and Tails Ian McIver

Member Duties March 22nd 2018

Door Phil Smith/John
Sully

Meet/Greet: John
Stuhmcke

Loyal Toast Richard
Turner

Grace: Milton Williams

Intro Guest speaker:
Doug Bairstow

Thank Guest

Speaker: Chris Bartlett

Bulletin Editor: Chris
Bartlett

Photographer Phil
Smith

Guest Speaker

Alesco School Nelson Bay-
Alternate education
stream for Years 10-12

Apologies/Extras to John Crump by 12noon on Wednesday Ph 0401 450 239

RECOGNISING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Our lady members Tricia Parnell, DG Helen Ryan, Chelsea Ellul, Judi Priestley, President Kathy Rimmer, Youth Director Arja Levonpera, IPP Judy Mitchell and Liz Friend are picture with District Conference Treasurer Misty Reid and Salamander Bay Rotarian Jenny Gray at the Bowling Club on Thursday night, which was International Women's Day. Our other two lady members Tammy Kelly and Alicia Cameron were absent.



As members are aware, women make a valuable contribution to our Club, and it their efforts are truly appreciated. Some male members of the Club asked at our meeting with regards to an International Men's Day. To get the balance, the Editor would like to refer them to Page 5 of this week's Bulletin. **Editor's Note It would be great to have one of the above join our Bulletin team**

Prior to the WRANS brunch, we collected a very large quantity of tables and chairs from Tomaree High School on Friday afternoon, with our fleet of 4WD's, Utes and Trailers. We even had a Police escort to and from the School, with no infringements being recorded!! Thank you to Secretary Don for organising this with the School and also to all the drivers and volunteers who helped make this task less difficult. This Action was repeated again on Monday afternoon when everything was returned.

At Thursday night's meeting Community Service Director Chris Bartlett read a thank you email from WRANS Secretary Beth Howell. The message congratulated our Club on the professionalism and the quality of the breakfast and the friendly attitude of our members. Chris commented on the good communication between the organising committee and the WRANS and emphasised that it was a great effort by the Club working as a team.

As a result we were paid nearly \$5000 for this project which resulted in a net return to the Club of \$3,500, not a bad morning's work. Nelson Bay Rotary continue to deliver in our Community and work as a team to achieve outstanding outcomes.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 14** Board Meeting
- March 15** NO MEETING
- March 16-18** District Conference
- March 22** Alesco School Presentation
- March 29** Club Night, Member update
- April 5** Guest Speaker TBA
- April 11** Board Meeting
- April 12** International Night Evviva Café
- April 21 & 22** PETS and District Assembly



Warwick has asked to borrow a few rubbish bins (no lid) for the Friday drinks at the Conference. Please put name on bin and contact Warwick

THANK YOU

Our youngest member Chelsea Ellul has been doing some great things for the Club and also the District Conference. The majority of this week's photos are supplied by Chelsea Good Work

**APOLOGIES & EXTRAS TO JOHN CRUMP BY NOON WEDNESDAY'S
PLEASE –PHONE OR SMS 0401 450 239- THANK YOU**



Picture shows some of the 330 WRANS personnel gathered at Shoal Bay Beach last Sunday for brunch organised and prepared by our Club. Many compliments were received both on the day and afterwards. A great team effort.

HONORARY MEMBERS MORNING TEA



THIS TUESDAY
MARCH 13 AT 10 AM
AT
EVVIVA CAFÉ
14 STOCKTON ST
NELSON BAY
ALL WELCOME

KEY CONTACTS LIST FOR DISTRICT CONFERENCE

District Governor Helen Ryan 0409 842 455
Conference Chair Warwick Mathieson 0402 942 277
Conference Chair Ian Brigden 0409 842 255
Conference Secretary Don Whatham 0488 974 842
Conference Bookings Arja Levonpera 0412 373 050
Conference Registration Tricia Parnell 0414 866 489
House of Friendship Chris Bartlett 0488 552 486
Catering/Food Judy Mitchell 0408 659 605
Catering/Food Judi Priestley
In Memoriam Ed Parker 0447 023 687
Meet/Greet Nelson Bay Rotary Liaison Kathy Rimmer
0409 070 622
Transport Coordinator Doug Craike 0452 036 324
Trophies Richard Harris 0417 280 926
District Sessions Phil Smith 0407 291 542

THE HUMBLE SAUSAGE

While there is much comment in Rotary about the humble sausage, we as a Club should not complain as this low cost item has returned nearly \$20,000 this Rotary year to enable us to "Serve our Community". We continue to compliments regarding this product



Mystery Question- Who cooked this batch of sausages and at what location. A suitable prize will be awarded for the correct answer.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

The fast approaching District Conference which a good number of Club members have been involved with for nearly 22 months has cause for a few moments of reflection. This followed a very apt and deserved comment from immediate Past President Judy Mitchell at our meeting on Thursday night. Judy complimented President Kathy on the great job she is doing, and particularly in her role of promoting our Club and Rotary.

When taking on the role as President this Rotary year (and next year as well) Kathy knew the District Conference would have a significant impact on Club activities. However she was confident the Club would rise to the challenge, as we have.

Her response to Judy's comments was that if you have a good Board and enthusiastic members, who work as a team, much can be achieved. This has been proven. During the last six months we have had three additional events, the WSL Surf Event, Touch Football Tournament and the WRANS Brunch added to our Bunnings and Australia Day commitments, which have all been professionally handled.

The Board, working with Kathy, has implemented a policy of not only providing effective management of the Club, but taking Board discussions to the members for their input. This has enabled all Club members to express their point of view and provide feedback for both current and future direction of the Club.

This process will be highlighted over the coming months where projects and club activities will be discussed in Club Forums. Kathy and the Board work closely together to ensure we all enjoy the many functions and activities our Club offers.

With the District Conference taking priority of late, a few things could have been done better at Club level, however the contribution of you, our members, has been truly outstanding. I believe the cooperation between members is at a very high level and may long it continue. Chris B, this week's Editor



MARCH 2018

BUNNINGS
warehouse

UPDATE



As part of our very busy weekend, we had a very successful day at Bunnings on Saturday with over \$1300 taken for a net return of over \$1000 dollars. Our picture shows Arja, Judi P and Liz keeping VP John smiling on the morning shift. Thank you to the afternoon shift of Milton. Chris B, Ella and Peter Page who carried on the good work, and to Doug B for his great work on supplies. Saturday's BBQ was the last of our committed weekend BBQ's until July. Some \$9000 was been raised from this activity so far. Bunnings BBQ organiser Tony Todd has received our dates from July to December 2018 and will announce these on his return from his New Zealand cruise later in the month.

SAD PASSING

Former Club Member Narelle Melhuish's mother, Janette Campbell passed away last weekend after a long battle with lymphoma. Narelle was only a member for brief period of time, however is a great supporter of our Club through her sponsorships of various events including our Charity Golf Day. She is also a terrific supporter of the Rotary Foundation through the Paul Harris Society. Narelle, husband Doug and daughter Tash have HolidayWorld Travel at Salamander Bay. They are supporters of this year's District Conference and will have a stand in the House of Friendship. Narelle is planning a fund raising event in a joint venture with Nelson Bay Rotary in July and more details will be released later. Our thoughts are with the Melhuish family.

Environmental Corner - Nesting Falcon

I've seen many remarkable nature photographs over the years but this photo of a nesting Falcon in an old tree is perhaps the most remarkable nature shot that I've ever seen.

Please send this to most of your older friends, since the younger ones probably have never seen a falcon, and wouldn't recognize it.

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NESTING FALCON



We Already Have An International Men's Day

There's a lot of embarrassing things about being a man. The uncontrollable erections in high school. The acne. The voice breaking thing. Tony Abbott, Cory Bernardi and Peter Dutton. But without question, the most embarrassing thing about being a man today is that many of us apparently didn't know there was already a day that celebrated actually being a man. Why raise it now? Because this week marks International Women's Day, and conservatives and men's rights activists everywhere have shed so many man-tears, that it's caused flash flooding around the nation.

International Men's Day has actually been a 'thing' since the early 1990s (although that obviously depends how you define 'men's movement'). It gathered momentum in 1999 when Trinidad and Tobago's Dr Jerome Teelucksingh declared a date, **November 19**, based on his father's birthday.

And for the detail junkies, there are "Six Pillars" of International Men's Day. They are: (1) To promote positive male role models; not just movie stars and sports men but every day, working class men who are living decent, honest lives.

(2) To celebrate men's positive contributions; to society, community, family, marriage, child care, and to the environment

(3) To focus on men's health and wellbeing; social, emotional, physical and spiritual.

(4) To highlight discrimination against males; in areas of social services, social attitudes and expectations, and law

(5) To improve gender relations and promote gender equality.

(6) To create a safer, better world; where people can be safe and grow to reach their full potential.

So chins up lads – we only have to suffer through another 255 days (not counting Father's Day, or those other 253 days) before we get a day all to ourselves, where we can sit around and have deep and meaningful conversations like this....

A TOUCH OF HUMOUR

Irish Confession
I went into the confessional box after many years of being away from the Catholic Church.

Inside I found a fully equipped bar with Guinness on tap. On one wall, there was a row of decanters with fine Irish whiskey and Waterford crystal glasses.

On the other wall was a dazzling array of the finest cigars and chocolates.

When the priest came in, I said to him, "*Father, forgive me, for it's been a very long time since I've been to confession, but I must first admit that the confessional box is much more inviting than it used to be.*"

He replied, "*You moron, you're on mv side.*"

NO MEETING
NEXT WEEK
DISTRICT
CONFERENCE
THERE WILL
ALSO BEEN NO
BULLETIN
WITH NEXT
EDITION
MARCH 22

MEMBERS ARE AGAIN REMINDED TO GET THEIR APOLOGIES INTO JOHN CRUMP BY 12 NOON ON WEDNESDAY'S BY PHONE OR SMS ON 0401 450 239. WE ARE CHARGED FOR ALL MEALS BASED ON THE NUMBERS SUBMITTED & THESE COSTS WILL BE PASSED ON