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RELAXING NIGHT THIS WEEK

BOB'S BACK FROM ALMOST WORLD TOUR



Our popular Community Service Bob Mitchell gave a brief overview of his recent 5 week overseas trip to Thailand, Doha, London, Paris, Portugal where he had some good times and some unexpected hiccups along the way. He visited his son Stuart in Phuket, where a new family home is being built in tropical island surrounds, watched his granddaughter compete at university games in Oporto Portugal, got lost in airports, had a costly experience with a French taxi driver, enjoyed fine ports, French champagnes and the odd excellent drop of red and white wines along the way. He said he was glad to be home and is inspired to organise the Club's wine trip to the Hunter Valley. We may be able to have Bob expand on his trip at a future meeting. Welcome back Bob.



St Jude's School Tanzania Revisited

At our meeting this week, we revisited St Jude's School in Tanzania, founded by Australian Gemma Sisia who spent her early years in Guyra. The presentation was by zoom video link at from a meeting at Morriset Club a couple of weeks ago. From 22 years of age Gemma devoted her time to helping the poor in Africa. While working in Uganda Gemma met Richard Sisia, a safari driver who later become her husband. Richard's father Daniel Sisia a village chairman granted the newlywed a plot of land that become the home of the school of St Jude. The school now a \$7 million dollar a year business supports thousands of under privileged students a year, many who are able to extend their education. It is a great story, and Gemma has presented to many Rotary and other Community organisations at also rotary Conferences. A link to Gemma's presentation is provided for those who could not make the meeting

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1BKPpAzVdMK4yhlnJ4PDA8KaXrH61kR-3?usp=sharing>



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Birthdays this coming week:

Sun Apr 10 Fred Hiniker (Erin's Partner)
Thurs April 14 Josh Rimmer
Fri Apr 15 Denise Diemar
Anniversaries
Wed Apr13 Treasurer Milton and Sue Williams
Thurs Apr 14 President Doug and Jenny Craike

Heads and Tails: Helen Ryan

Raffle Geoff Diemar

Member Duties 21/04

Door: Milton
Meet/Greet: Peter Page
Grace: Erin
Intro Guest speaker: Bob
Thank Guest Speaker: Ian
Bulletin Don
Photos: Phill
Binos Dieter
Meeting Speaker TBC, plus Board report.

Next meeting – Thursday FEBRUARY 21 2022 Guests welcome

Apologies/Extras to Phil Smith on Wednesday by noon

Ph 0401 450 239

Note No meeting this week Social Night at West Diggers 6pm on Thursday

Year 10 Science and Engineering Challenge

The annual Year 10 held at the University of Newcastle to compete in the annual Science and Engineering Challenge, from Monday March 28 to Friday April 1. Our club supplied the following volunteers for the Challenge- Monday Chris Bartlett, Tuesday Lesley, Phill and Chris Smith, Wednesday Don Whatham and Thursday Chris B and Lesley. All volunteers enjoyed their time and had an excellent lunch provided. Schools attended from the Hunter region and the Central Coast.

The students demonstrated their teamwork, problem-solving, creativity, lateral thinking and collaboration skills to design and construct STEM activities including a bridge, Mars buggy, bionic hand and turbine. Thanks to Phill Smith for taking the photos and wife Chris for helping out. Nelson Bay Rotary Club provided a sponsorship of \$1,000 for this event and judging by the enthusiasm shown by the students its money well invested.



President Doug was busy during a break in the weather this week and took the opportunity to install some Community signs. As members are aware our Club revamp the community sign on Nelson Bay Road, with Rotary and Lions Club putting up new signs. Now the CWA and Nelson Bay Girl Guides are on the Board and the Tomaree Markets sign is also on display. Thank you to Jenny Craike for assisting Doug and providing the above photo of Doug busy at work.



Our second picture of club members hard at work at Gan Gan Lookout last Tuesday shows VP Don and our Binoculars Maintenance guru John Stuhmcke carrying out repairs after another vandalism episode recently. Some other basic maintenance was also performed. It is very disappointing when this happens as the local community are directly impacted. Our coin collecting volunteer Dieter has been doing a fine job. We have spoken to Destination Port Stephens marketing manager Mel Turner to see we if it is possible to get some upgrades through PSC at the lookout, which is one the most visited tourist sites in Port Stephens.



The ladies dinner evening was held on Thursday night, with Yvonne Stuhmcke, Marianne Mcbean, Lynne Moffit, Fiona Whatham and Chris Smith braving the weather to have enjoyable meal together. The ladies dinner is usually held the first Wednesday of each month.

COMING EVENTS

Wed April 13 Board Meeting at NB Bowling Club at 5pm
Thurs April 14 No Meeting Social dinner at West Diggers 6pm
Wed April 20 District 9670 last resolution Zoom meeting
Thurs April 21 Meeting Guest Speaker TBC or Club night
Mon April 25 Bunnings BBQ 11.30 to 3.30pm Volunteers please
Early notice Club Changeover Thursday June 30 2022

MEALS ON WHEELS FOR TOMAREE

Address: Sundew Suite- Tomaree Library & Community Centre- Salamander Bay

Phone: 4089 0844

Email: tomaree@mow.net.au

Hours: 7:30-2:30pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Launching June 2022 providing services to the following suburbs: Salamander Bay, Corlette, Soldiers Point, Nelson Bay, Shoal Bay, Fingal Bay, Anna Bay, Boat Harbour, Bobs Farm. *Stockton MoW Services: Tilligerry, Medowie & Williamtown areas.*

Former member and Treasurer Narelle Melhuish is working with MOW as the Engagement Co-ordinator. Members who would like to be involved can contact Narelle on the above number. The service should be well received in our local area and we wish Narelle every success.



Saturday April 2nd was a big day for us. Both shifts worked well together. A big thank you to Isaac Charles our Science and Engineering student who did a great job on serving. Also well done to John Stumhcke for taking the trailer to Bunnings and firing up the BBQ to get things kicked off, and Geoff Diemar for taking it back. The onions we prepared by Doug Bairstow, Craig and Chris and were enjoyed by the many customers on the day

Results are as follows Cash \$1150, Square \$185, Donations \$200. Total \$1500
 After costs we cleared \$1000 to be added to the Clubs flood appeal to be sent to the Ballina on Richmond Rotary Club for the purchase of vouchers. The appeal has attracted \$1350 in donations from members so far

A great result and the Club's profile was significantly raised and thank you to all volunteers in achieving this fantastic result.
Next Bunnings Anzac Day 11.30 to 3.30pm Volunteers will be needed please.



Finally found out why the fish weren't biting...



SHELTERBOX UPDATE

UKRAINE

If you received Mike's latest email, you will have seen that thanks to your efforts and the donations we have received, the first shipments of ShelterBox aid have arrived in Ukraine. Thousands of our mattresses have arrived and will be distributed to collective centres in Lviv this week, offering people somewhere to sleep and keep warm at night. Thermal blankets, ShelterKits, solar lights and other essential items are on their way.

👉 Please visit www.shelterboxaustralia.org.au/the-ukraine-crisis-explained/ to learn more about our response to the Ukraine crisis and our emergency response 🇺🇦

👉 See attached posters on Emergency Ukraine Appeal posters that you could pin up at your local cafe, noticeboard or share with your Rotary newsletter

TREKS

Through our Trek 4 Shelter campaign, our goal is to raise \$250,000 across five, once-in-a-lifetime adventures. Our treks are a great way to challenge yourself and do something amazing for families in need. We still have a few places on our August and October treks, so please spread the word.

In August we're trekking Larapinta - over seven days, trekkers will follow well-worn yet timeless red dirt tracks along the slopes of the West MacDonnell Ranges, immersed in the rich history of Australia's First Peoples.

And October will see ShelterBox supporters trekking New Zealand's Southern Alps over a six-day adventure. Trekkers will discover snow-capped peaks and glacial lakes, rocky canyons and beech forests as they explore some of New Zealand's highest mountains and renowned alpine scenery.

👉 Please share www.shelterboxaustralia.org.au/events/ across your social media channels, emails, Rotary newsletters and more, so your community can find out more about our Trek4Shelter adventures

👉 Download and print our Trek4Shelter posters and use at your next event. Or share online or via email with people that you think would love a challenge.

ShelterBox + Rotary Impact Report

With another amazing year behind us where we supported 140,000 people with emergency shelter and other aid items, ShelterBox has released its annual *Partnership Impact Report* for 2021.

This report was posted to all Rotary Clubs across Australia at the start of the year and we now have it available in an electronic version.

The 2021 *Partnership Impact Report* details the incredible impact that ShelterBox and Rotary have on disaster relief. Each year Rotary helps us to go further, support more people, and access areas that would otherwise be impossible to reach. This report details our deployments, stories of our amazing Rotary supporters, and how together we are tackling global inequalities.

👉 Here's the link to our [2021 Partnership Impact Report](#)

👉 Also here's a fantastic new [video thanking our Rotary supporters](#) around the world. This video would be great to share with clubs and across your social media channels. The links give a good overview of the great work Shelterbox is doing. We have been Bronze sponsors of Shelterbox for the last 4 years, and supporters for over a decade.



Former very active Rotarian and now honorary member Bill Michel (seated having a break at Australia Day some years ago, while chatting with VP Don and Bill's son in law David) is not travelling that well with dementia setting in. I ran in to Dave and Bill's daughter Sonia at Aldi last week and we had good chat regarding Bill's and Mary's health. Bill is fondly remembered by the longer serving members of the Club, especially for his great skills on the BBQ, his organisation of the Environmental weekend at the Myall Lakes and his wonderful work on Australia Day and many other projects both locally and overseas, over many years, Bill, Sonia and Dave ran the Dad and Dave hot chips outlet at Australia Day. His tales around the campfire and his ordering of some very fine food at the lakes added to the quality of the weekend. Mary's eyesight is not the best, however Sonia and Dave provide some excellent care. Sonia told me she reads the Bulletin to Bill each week, and we hope this article may spark a few memories for Bill. I know many of us think of the Michel's quite often. A special thanks to Sonia and Dave for sharing for sharing this information for Club members.

Chris B

CLUB FLOOD APPEAL CLOSES APRIL 14

Our Club's Flood appeal, where funds are sent directly to the Ballina on Richmond Rotary Club for the purchase of vouchers for needy flood victims concludes on Thursday night. As members know we had already sent \$5,000 to Ballina on Richmond Rotary and we have currently raised another \$2350 from member contributions and the proceeds from last Saturday's Bunnings BBQ. The Board will consider adding to this total and send these funds through promptly. The Club have received much favourable comment for their initiative for contacting a local club in the Northern Rivers and understanding exactly what we could do as a Club for the many flood victims. Thank you to those who have contributed or will be contributing in the next few days.