



Bulletin # 35 – 23rd March 2017



A quiet night this week with a little fellowship and reports from PDG Don Whatham and DGE Helen Ryan reporting on the District Conference in Dubbo and plans for next year's conference in The Bay.



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Birthdays this coming week:
 31/3 Jim Booth

Heads and Tails:
 Jim Booth

Raffle:
 Jim Booth (Donated to Rotary Foundation)

(Next week's meeting at Maitland Art Gallery)

Member Duties 6th April

Door:
 Bairstow/ Bartlett

Meet/Greet:
 Booth/ Brigden

Loyal Toast:
 Costello

Grace:
 Craike

Intro Guest speaker:
 Cropley

Thank Guest Speaker:
 Diemar

Bulletin
30 Mar Dieter Greiter
6 Apr Henk Tobbe

Maitland Art Gallery – If you haven't already paid it is too late
Apologies/Extras for 6th April by noon on Wednesday 5th! Ph 0401 450 239



Dubbo Conference Contd:

PDG Don Whatham reported that the Conference at Dubbo was in the main a good one. Some points for our own conference next year have been noted and we will be working to present an excellent Conference in a setting that is hard to beat. This will need a concerted effort by all members.

Hi-lights of Dubbo in Don’s opinion included:

- The session on Polio which interviewed Polio sufferer Kevin Hollingsworth, who, stricken by polio in his childhood is today confined to a wheelchair, but has still managed to lead a fulfilling life as an engraver – a high point of which was the engraving of medals for the 1956 Olympics.
- Excellent speakers - ranging from Somalian refugee, to Mental Health, to Social Media, to how much aid too much?

Nelson Bay Conference:

DGE Helen Ryan gave a summary of what’s ahead at the 2018 Conference. The Conference is to be held at Wests Diggers with breakfasts to be catered for at the Ramada Resort Shoal Bay.

Major sponsorship has been secured from Habourside Haven and work is in hand to secure additional sponsors. Speakers for these conferences can charge anywhere from \$5000 up so it is important that sponsors are obtained to keep Conference fees at a minimum. A short video which was shown at Dubbo was also shown at the meeting.

Coming up

6 April	Sean Mahoney	Local Chiropractor
13 April	Hat Night	BBQ & bowls at NBBC
20 April	Judy Hicks	Interplast
27 April	Kurt Purkiss	Superannuation



Desert Island BBQ 26 March

Cancelled due to forecast inclement weather

Rotary Club of Wallsend Maryland
Invite you to two fundraising events
in May

Rotary

Club of Wallsend-Maryland Inc.



**FUNDRAISER
Dinner Dance**

Special Guests

LOVE THAT HAT

@ THE APOLLO HOTEL

CHARLESTOWN

TICKETS \$70

SAVE THE

DATE!

Saturday

6th May 2017



Mae Holland (Emma Watson) seizes the opportunity of a lifetime when she lands a job with the world’s most powerful technology and social media company. Encouraged by the company’s founder (Tom Hanks), Mae joins a ground breaking experiment that pushes the boundaries of privacy, ethics and personal freedom. Her participation in the experiment, and every decision she makes soon starts to affect the lives and futures of her friends, family and that of humanity.

**MOVIE NIGHT
FUNDRAISER**

THURSDAY

25th May

EVENT CINEMAS, GLENDALE
6PM FOR A 7PM START

TICKETS \$20

Pre-movie nibbles in
cinema foyer

RAFFLE

Proceeds to support the
local projects of the

Rotary
Club of
Wallsend-Maryland Inc.

TO RESERVE YOUR TICKETS
PLEASE CALL or EMAIL

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FOR DETAILS

From Rotary International



Hunted for body parts and isolated by fear, Tanzanians with albinism find safe futures with help of Rotary, Sister Martha

Better known as Sister Martha, the 54-year-old Rotary community advocate is one of her country's most prolific campaigners for the rights of people with albinism, the often-misunderstood, inherited condition characterized by abnormally light skin, eyes, and hair, limited vision, and extreme sensitivity to the sun.

Mganga, an albino herself, has spent three decades helping those with the condition get an education, protect themselves from harmful ultraviolet rays, and fight pervasive myths and stigmas, including false beliefs, propagated by rogue witch doctors, that albino body parts can bring good luck or fortune.

Over the last decade, these superstitions have led to a wave of grisly albino killings, dismemberments, and even grave robberies. At least 76 Tanzanian albinos have been murdered; 72 others have survived attacks, often with severe mutilations.

On this day, Mganga is part of a team of facilitators taking part in a Rotary-supported community workshop, convened under a plastic tarp with a small group of elders from this village of about 10,000.

The discussion, meant to educate locals on albinism's causes, debunk its many stigmas, and promote the well-being of the albino community, has already touched on the condition's genetics, the recent attacks, and the many dehumanizing myths.

For the full story go to:

<https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-helps-tanzanians-albinism>

President-elect Ian Riseley on attracting new members, building strong clubs, and forming friendships that last

Ian H.S. Riseley gets up from his desk, and he is tall. He has white hair, a firm handshake, and no tie. Early on, you sense that he likes the sort of energetic exchange that can swerve from serious to lighthearted, which makes him very good company. He exudes competence – which makes him seem like the right person to advise you on vexing tax issues. That's good, because it's what he has done for the last 40 years.

Riseley is a practicing accountant near Melbourne, Australia, and principal of Ian Riseley & Co., where he advises local and international businesses. He received Australia's AusAID Peacebuilder Award in 2002 in recognition of his work in the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste. He also received the Order of Australia medal in 2006 for his service to the community.

A member of the Rotary Club of Sandringham since 1978, he has served RI as treasurer, director, trustee, RI Board Executive Committee member, task force member, committee member and chair, and district governor. He received The Rotary Foundation's Regional Service Award for a Polio-free World and its Distinguished Service Award.

His wife, Juliet, is also a Rotarian (but not in the same club) and is a past district governor. The Riseleys are multiple Paul Harris Fellows, Major Donors, and Bequest Society members.

Editor in Chief John Rezek met with Riseley at his office in Rotary's Evanston, Ill., headquarters.

For the interview go to:

<https://www.rotary.org/en/ian-hs-riseley-wants-build-stronger-clubs-and-bonds>

