

Bulletin 35 – 21st March 2019

Club Assembly Meeting



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Birthdays this week:

26th March S. Sully

29th March C. Clark

30th March I. Cameron

31st March J. Booth

Anniversaries:

28th March M&J Cropley

Heads & Tails

Chelsea Ellul

Member Duties

28th March 2019

Door:

P.Page/J.Priestley

Meet/Greet:

G.Diemar

Loyal Toast:

G.Flux

Grace:

L.Freeman

Intro Guest speaker:

L.Friend

Thank Guest Speaker:

P.McBean

Bulletin:

Don Whatham

Photos:

D. Greiter

Binos:

J.Stuhmcke/ Chris Bartlett
(Maintenance)

The week of the board meeting is always a “Club Assembly Meeting” or (*Plauder Meeting - chat meeting referred to in RCs of Austria/Germany*) where the members are informed over club admin. matters of the board executive meeting the previous evening.

Pres. Kathy gave a snapshot of the District Conference that had already been covered with detail in last week's Bulletin by Don.

You can watch the pictures taken by our photographers Henk and Phill [HERE](#) She presented the new design Pull-Up banner (see above) and informs that the Putt-Putt golf social night will be held at a later date, to be advised.

Serious golfers, i.s.o. Putt-Putt can play a bucket of balls (or 2) in the driving range which sure will help their handicap.

It was decided that the dinner fees will need to be increased from 1st April to \$25.- and \$8.- for No Meal attendance.

This is due to the price increase of the meals by the Bowling Club (split-up \$2.50 to Rotary Foundation, Heads&Tails prize money and free meals for speakers) it also involves a slight menu change (see following page).

PEARja reports that we should have in excess of 100 participants in the golf tournament and Murray's Brewery has donated 6 slabs of their best brew, to be sold from the drink cart and Flannel-Flower-Corner BBQ.

She also reminds any member on last years roster that is unable to participate this year to let her know as she is in the process of finalizing the roster for this year.

PDG Helen explained the Rotary district amalgamation planned for 2021 of which we will hear a lot more at a future date.

Members are reminded that Apologies & Extras are to be communicated no later than by noon on Wednesday, which is when we order **and pay** for the meals. At times, last minutes changes can happen, a phone call or text is appreciated.

Dinner Menu next meeting: Fish w. chips & salad

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

Club Announcements

ROTATING MENU ROSTER.

- Week 1. Silverside and vegetables & salad
- Week 2. Grilled Fish with chips and salad
- Week 3. Roast of the Day
- Week 4. Mild Curry with fragrant rice and flatbread.
- Week 5. 200g Rump Steak mash and chefs Vegetables

Including bread-rolls, tea and coffee & mints.

Events for March/April

- Thu. 28th March – Speaker Jean Lewis VP U3A & Dr. Sue Wareham
- Thu. 4th April – John Sully Caravan drive to Italy after the 1980 earthquake - Ladies night
- Wed. 10th April – Board Meeting
- Thu. 11th April – Club Assembly
- Thu. 11th April – Bunnings Family night BBQ
- Fri. 19th April – Bunnings Daytime BBQ
- Thu. 2nd May – Speaker Jamie Maslem Charity in Myanmar – Ladies night

Shelter Box Thank You letter with Feel Good Story

Ref: AUS SBA-2018 9178
6 March 2019

The Rotary Club of Nelson Bay Inc
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Dear Rotary Club of Nelson Bay

I wanted to thank you for your kind donation last year. Your generosity has made a real difference to the lives of those affected by disaster. One of the reasons we are able to react so quickly when disaster strikes is that our aid is pre-funded by donors like you. This means we are not delayed by lengthy assessments, budget approvals, procurement and logistics.

On Sunday 29 July, the island of Lombok in Indonesia was violently struck by a 6.4 magnitude earthquake, leaving at least 17 people dead and hundreds more injured. The disaster was followed by some 86 aftershocks in the following hours, with a maximum recorded magnitude of 5.7. Thousands of homes were damaged or completely flattened by the disaster, leaving families with nothing.

But the disaster did not stop there. On 5 August, less than a week after the initial quake, an even more devastating 6.9 magnitude earthquake hit the island. A tsunami alert was issued but lifted shortly after.



Hundreds of aftershocks continued to rock the island, spreading terror and panic to local families and tourists. The aftershocks were felt in neighbouring islands Bali, Jember and Sidoarjo.

These devastating quakes killed more than 450 people. At least 400,000 men, women and children were affected by the natural disasters, most of which were left homeless and in urgent need of shelter.

ShelterBox worked very closely with local Rotary contacts and the Indonesian Government to move aid, pre-positioned in Jakarta, to the affected area.

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Ahya and Nurmini Rosidi



Before the earthquake struck Lombok on 5 August 2018, 31-year-old Ahya lived at home with his wife Nurmini and family in Desa Gondang, an urban community with houses tightly packed together close to the local Mosque. Ahya earned a living in a private Islamic school where he had worked as a teacher for over 15 years. Nurmini ran a small food stall on the side of the road. Between them they managed to get by.

Ahya told the ShelterBox response team that the 7.0 magnitude earthquake was incredibly violent and completely destroyed their home. It also destroyed the school Ahya worked at and Nurmini's business. In desperation they found temporary shelter with many other families in cramped and difficult conditions.

When they received the ShelterBox aid in September the same year, Ahya told us that tent was the most important item they received. For the family, it meant they could leave overcrowded shelter and live in the same place as their original home. Life quickly became more manageable, "it gave us protection", he said.

Ahya and Nurmini told us they were keen to restart life for the sake of their young child. They know it will be difficult but nonetheless remain positive.

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**Speaker next meeting is
Jean Lewis from U3A**



"JUST because you've stopped earning, doesn't mean you have to stop learning" is the motto for the Port Stephens Third Age Learning (U3A).

**Speaker/visitor guest of Liz Friend
Dr Sue Wareham OAM,**



Dr Sue Wareham is the President of the Medical Association for Prevention of War, and a founding member of ICAN, the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, which was awarded the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize. She is visiting the region to give a talk at the University of Newcastle on the environmental impacts of warfare. Sue is from Canberra and a close friend of our member, Liz.



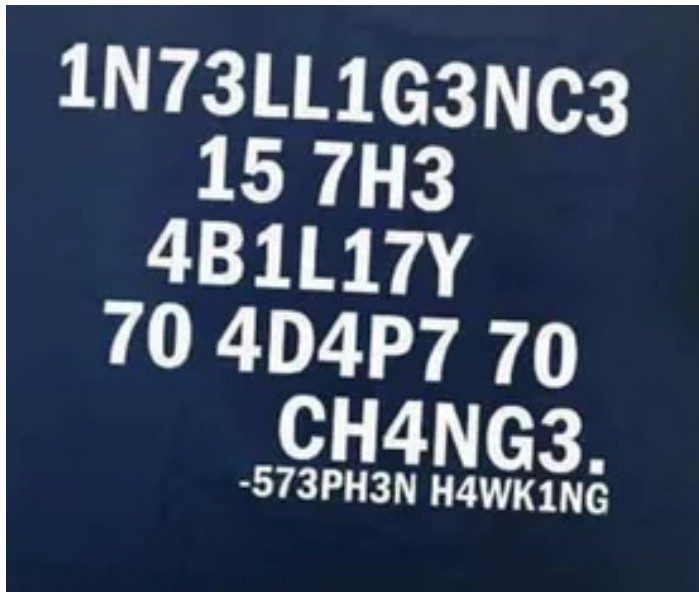
Visitors this week:

- **Helen Scott** (guest of Andrew Downey)
- **Deb Downey** (partner of Andrew)

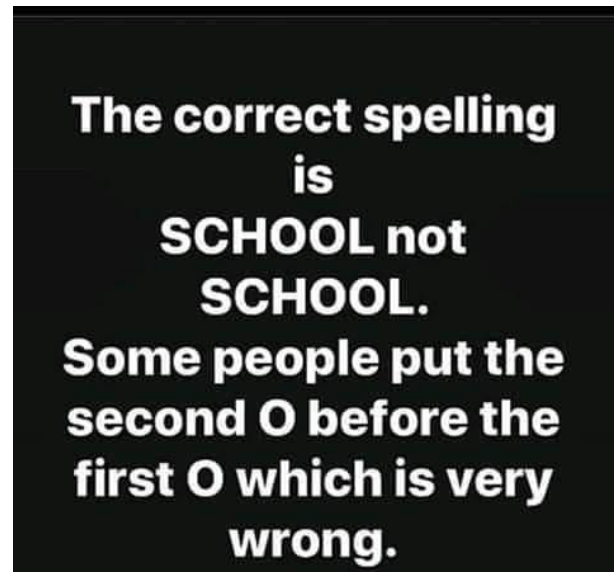
Andrew, great to see you and Deb taking a break from your canoe training.

Bulletin Editors Wanted

Only basic English and Grammar knowledge is required, if you can read this you qualify:



And you need not worry about spelling mistakes, just follow some of the basic rules and the “Grammar Police” will be at hand to correct you:



A few idiosyncrasies of the English Language:

Why is bra singular and panties plural?
Why do you drive on a Parkway and Park in a Driveway?
Why are they called apartments when they're so close together?
Why do doctors PRACTICE medicine - shouldn't they be able to do it without practice?
If the plural of mouse is mice why isn't the plural of house hicc?
Does a house burn UP or DOWN?
Why does ONE have no W and TWO does?
Which letter in the word “Scent” is silent, the S or the C?
Why is the letter w, in English, called double u?
Shouldn't it be called double v?

English is a Quirky Language:

The plural of foot is feet, but why is it that the plural of boot is boots and not beet?
If a goose is joined by another one, you call them geese, although moose is moose even if there several of them.
Did you ever question why there is no egg in eggplant or why is there no pine or apple in pineapple?
A guinea pig is not a pig and it did not come from Guinea.
Of course, you also have to question why feet smell and noses run.

Lighter Moment

A blonde and a redhead together own a cattle ranch. They have just lost their bull. The women need to buy another, but only have \$500. The redhead tells the blonde, "I will go to the market and see if I can find one for under that amount. If I can, I will send you a telegram." She goes to the market and finds one for \$499. Having only one dollar left, she goes to the telegraph office and finds out that it costs one dollar per word. She's stumped on how to tell the blonde to bring the truck and trailer. Finally, she tells the telegraph operator to send the word “*comfortable*.” Sceptical, the operator asks, "How will she know to come with the trailer from just that word?" The redhead replies, "She's a blonde, so she reads the text real slow: '*Come for ta bull*'.