

## Bulletin 36 of 28th of April Club Meeting



Our meeting was chaired by PDG Don who always does a great job when asked to step in at the last minute. Jim B. as impromptu Sergeant, also did a great job putting a fine on everyone for some reason or another. Phil has done excellent work in keeping the program interesting. There is a full page report in this Bulletin of the upcoming meeting nights.

Tonight we had an informal meeting but were able to discuss a few matters of importance to the club.

The meeting started with a few obvious differences to our normal arrangements, and reflects on a few things we need to address. At this particular meeting we had no president attending, no sergeant, no table clothes, no bread rolls, no visitors, no guest speaker, no ladies present.

Times change and perhaps the current role structure needs an update so that there is more sharing of the roles, rather nominating a single person to do a job for a year. Most people are wary of making such a long term commitment. If we divide the jobs the chance of finding volunteers is clearly higher.

In past years the club has had great success with hosting a golf day. It is a big event with a lot of organisation required to do it well. We have only a few golfers in the club now, and a chairperson is not available to direct the proceedings. Members were asked last week to show their interest in taking on roles for the golf day but it is clear there is not the motivation to host this day. In view of this the board will notify the

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Heads and Tails  
Spinner Doug was back to the role  
Winner Chris B.  
Lucky Number  
Winner John Stuhmcke

### Birthdays

#### Members

None this week.

#### Anniversaries

Josh & Kathy Rimmer 6th of May

### Next meeting 17th of March

Speaker Damon Mc Donald  
Author of "I am Awesome"  
How to improve your life.

Door: Jim Booth  
Welcome Ian Brigden  
Grace: Ella Clarke  
Introduce Speaker  
Peter Mc Bean  
Thank speaker: Bob Mitchell  
Bulletin: Dieter G.  
Photos: Phill Smith  
Binos: Dieter G.

Please advise your attendance to Rotary phone prior to  
Wednesday pm if you wish to change from your current attendance  
preferences 0401450239.



## Bob Mitchell to be New Club President.

As you can see Bob has come from the clouds with a glass of wine in hand to take on the important club role.

We are thrilled that Bob will be able to take on this position as he is ideal in this role being a great friend of all in the membership. Bob has commitments to visit his son in Thailand during the year but with our support we are sure this is something easily managed. Bob has some great ideas on a couple of social outings, which hopefully with less restrictions present, we might have the chance to make these dreams real.

### Reports from Secretary Chris.

Bunnings BBQ. ANZAC day was a busy 4 hour period for the BBQ team. Bunnings were not open until 1pm however the crowds started from 12.30 and looked hungry whilst waiting. Bunnings, in the style of Marie Antionette with supplying cake to the masses, agreed to provide free sausages to those waiting for that half hour. Bunnings also provided the club with \$300 of vouchers. The club can use these on our future projects.

Today as this is being written, we have members working at Bunnings to fill the void by another group pulling out.

On the 21st of May, the election day, we have agreed to do another BBQ. Please advise Chris if you can be involved.

Mention was made of the huge amount of work done behind the scenes to get things ready to BBQ. It is not just buying items but looking to get them when at the right price. Chris has done great work in the last few years to make this happen for the club and we thank him for that.

District Assemblies On the 15th of May there will be a District Assembly in Kurri Kurri at the High School.

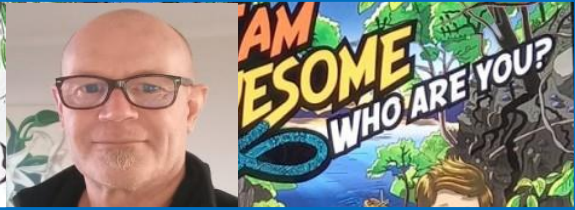
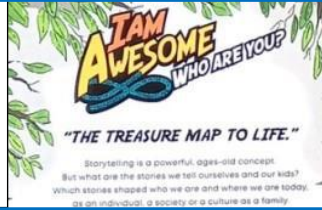
This is something incoming club officers may wish to attend. There are 3 other events in areas more remote to our Club to cover both districts. The other event on the 15th is going to be held at West Tamworth Leagues Club and the sessions will virtually connected during plenary sessions. There will be an opportunity to hear more on the amalgamation of districts, and to meet Area and Assistant Area governors. To assist with catering a response is required by the 8th of May. We need to respond by the meeting next week, so please give this your urgent consideration.

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### COMING UP

**May 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Damon McDonald** – author of “I Am Awesome” – Transforming from ordinary to extraordinary and the steps to take to make this happen.



**May 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Ladies Dinner in Marlins Bistro.**

Ladies are invited to join the meeting for Damon McDonalds Presentation.



**May 12<sup>th</sup>**

Club Meeting with Board Reports and General Discussion. Your opportunity to have your say.

**May 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Assoc Professor Kelvin Kong**

An update on eradicating “Otitis Media” (Middle Ear Disease) present in up to 70% of indigenous children in remote communities.

In 2019/20 Nelson Bay Rotary pledged \$20,000 (later increased to \$30,000) through Hunter Medical Research Institute to this cause.



**May 25<sup>th</sup>**

Area Governor Christine Walmsley will join us with an update on the merger of Districts 9670 and District 9650 into District 9660



**June 9<sup>th</sup>**

Club meeting with Board Reports and general Discussion. Your opportunity to have your say.



**June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Sarah Wylie, Director, Hunter New England Public Works Advisory. PWA supports local and state government agencies delivering critical infrastructure initiatives by providing expert advisory, planning, design, delivery and support services including to hospitals, dams, water treatment plants, high schools. Sarah was awarded a Public Service Medal in the 2021 Australia Day Awards for her role as director of the bushfire clean-up program, working with traumatised and fragile communities in the biggest bush fire clean-up in Australian history



**June 16<sup>th</sup>**

Robin Oxborrow – Tomaree Over Fifties Fitness Group.



### PROGRESS BEING MADE ON REFLECTION GARDEN

President Doug met with Reflection Garden designer Megan Cooper at Tomaree Hospital last Thursday morning to assist with the final measuring of the garden. It is hoped a plan will be available in the next couple of weeks, with final approval to follow and work to commence prior to the end of the Rotary year. Doug and his team of volunteers have been working quietly behind the scenes, arranging contractors, gaining support, and sponsorship. The garden located outside of the palliative care unit will provide an area for patients, family members and staff to enjoy. This is a great community project and I know Doug and his team, and designer Megan are looking forward to presenting the design to Club members, in the near future.



### PROUD DAD

Secretary Chris met his daughter Lauren who works for NZ government in London and her new fiancée Kieran McGillicuddy from Kurrajong in the Hunter Valley last week. Lauren was in Australia for a flying visit over the past few weeks. Spending her time at Kurrajong, and Melbourne. The happy couple plan to get married in the Paddington Town Hall London on June 16<sup>th</sup> with a few friends and some family members who live in London attending and enjoying a meal at their favourite French restaurant. They are looking to purchase a home in London where they will be based for the next few years at least.