

Bulletin 36 – 30 March & 6 April 2023

EASTER FAMILY NIGHT AT BUNNINGS.

Members and partners met at Bunnings Port Stephens to celebrate Easter at the annual Family night sponsored by Bunnings. As usual our members worked in the barbeque shelter demonstrating our catering skills with the service of gourmet sausage sandwiches and drinks provided by Bunnings. Our members were suitably dressed for Easter with Easter Bunny ears. Stalls were also conducted by the CWA, Port Stephens Koala Hospital, Anna Bay Scouts with face painting and a visit by Buzz Lightyear and the Princess kept the young ones entertained.

We are pleased to be able to assist Bunnings at their family nights in return for the support they provide to our club throughout the year. The company allows at least one fund raising barbeque per month and is always supportive of our club projects such as the Yacaaba Centre and Tomaree Hospital Garden project.

The Tomaree Community Band provided outstanding entertainment to those who had gathered in the carpark area. Denise Diemar was amongst the many local people who perform regularly with the band at community functions.



COMING EVENTS.

6 April: No Meeting (Easter Break)

12 Apr: Board meeting

13 Apr: Club Assembly

20 Apr: Guest speaker
TBA. 5pm – Hospital
Garden meeting

22-23 Apr: PETS &
District Assembly –
Therry Centre East
Maitland

27 Apr: Tim McHarg
Tomaree Walking Track.

WINNERS (23 Mar).

H/T: Geoff Robinson

Raffle: John Cropley
(Three Minute talk)

BIRTHDAYS.

2 Apr: Ian Brigden

15 Apr: Denise Diemar

22 Apr: Judi Priestley

ANNIVERSARIES:

5 Apr: Bill & Mary
Michel (65 Years)

14 Apr: Doug & Jenny
Craike

23: Apr: Henk & Agnes
Tobbe (60 years).

MEMBER DUTIES.

**Next Week: Board
meeting reports. Child
Protection Review.**

Door: Geoff Diemar

Toast: David Clark

Grace: Doug Craike,

CLUB ASSEMBLY:

Bulletin: John Cropley

Photos: Don Whatham

Binoculars: Geoff
Diemar.

COMING EVENT:

**Tim McHarg – the new
Tomaree Walk**

CLUB NEWS.

TOMAREE HOSPITAL GARDEN: Donations continue to be received. The fence will be erected, and work will commence immediately after Easter. Please offer your assistance to Geoff Robinson in contacting sponsors.

CHILD PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS: To satisfy the conditions of our club insurance it is mandatory for each member to complete the Child Protection training Module. This is a simple task involving viewing a PowerPoint of ten slides and reading the accompanying notes and documentation. I will email this presentation to members to observe at their leisure on their personal computer. The requirements will be reviewed at our meeting on 13 April 2023.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS: The annual fee is the responsibility of the combined boards at the June Board meeting. However, Treasurer Geoff and Director Warwick are undertaking a preliminary study to see if this fee can be minimised. It is felt by some that the fee can act as a deterrent to gaining new members. The district component of this fee was set at \$100 at a general meeting held during the District Conference.

PETS & District Assembly: The President Elect Training will be held at the Therry Centre East Maitland on Saturday 22 April. The District Assembly for all Board members will be held Sunday 23 April at the same venue. Next year's board members please note these dates and attend if possible. Pre event preparation will be emailed to all incoming board members.

CLUB PRESIDENT: Ella Clarke is our president elect for 2024-25. The position of President for 2025-6 remained vacant at our AGM and the position is now to be filled by Board appointment. The board seeks expressions of interest.

CLUB CHANGEOVER: The changeover date is the last Thursday in June Thursday 29 June 2023.

CENTENARY SCHOLARSHIP: The board is concerned that this has been in abeyance for the last two years. Admittedly COVID was a consideration, but it is time now to proceed with this important club project. Notice was given at our meeting that we must work on allocating future scholarships as a matter of urgency. Member input is sought as to how we should proceed.

ROTARY CLUB OF NEWCASTLE CENTENARY CELEBRATION.



The Rotary Club of Newcastle turns 100 in May. The club was chartered in 1923 and was the second chartered in NSW. The Rotary Club of Sydney is the oldest in NSW and was chartered on 1 May 2021. Rotary began in Australia with the charter of the Rotary Club of Melbourne on 21 April 2021. Over the past 100 years the Rotary Club of Newcastle has provided outstanding Rotary service and has been directly or indirectly responsible for the charter of the majority of our Hunter and Newcastle clubs. PLEASE CONSIDER - RSVP 1 May 2023.



MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM PHILL & CHRISTINE.

Hi Don,

Trust you and Fiona are well. Hard to believe we have been here a month. Back in Brisbane after nearly 2 weeks on Magnetic Island. Preparing now for our trip to New York and cruise to Venice. After that we will start seriously looking for somewhere to live.

Reputation apparently preceded me. Roped into Bunning's BBQ for granddaughter's school sports aerobics group. Wow! They turn them over in the "Big Smoke". Was cooking 60 snags at a time non-stop and had a hard time keeping up. Don't know how I managed a smile. Would love to know how much they took. Went through (at least) 4 X 20 kg boxes of snags in my 2-hour shift.

Please pass on our regards to all.

Phill and Chris