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HAT NIGHT & BOWLS FOR EASTER

Forty members and friends celebrated the start of Easter with a game of bowls and raising funds for Australian Rotary Health. Wonderful imagination was shown with the hat design with styles from many countries, for various climates and a great deal of flair. The winning hat was worn by Ruth Gorton, wife of our incoming Assistant Governor, second by 'Like an Egyptian' Ed Parker and third by our most junior visitor Taylor Rimmer. A real mixture of age and beauty.

The bowlers demonstrated a wide variety of talent. They were briefed by Commonwealth Games and World Champion bowler Richard Girvan with assistance from Denis McCann. There were "touchers" galore a pity some occurred on the adjacent rink to where the bowl was played. A winning margin of 16 -1 determined the star team of the night. The team comprising Phill, Trish and Jonathan demonstrated ruthless tenacity, accuracy and great vocal skills.

Following bowls we were treated to a nice barbeque meal prepared by Richard and Bill Gainsford. The meal accompanied by refreshments and award presentations took place at the club's outdoor function area. It was good to see Director Chris Bartlett who planned the evening back on board after his recent spell in the Mater Hospital. Chris the ARH District representative briefly mentioned the \$1.113M mental health research grants funded in 2015-6 and the range of other ARH programs including indigenous and rural health making up the total \$2.7M ARH funding. Chris indicated that D9670 is currently the highest contributing district this year. The proceeds of tonight and our next Bunnings BBQ will be allocated to ARH.



Congratulations:

Birthdays:

14 Apr: Josh Rimmer
14 Apr: John deRidder
15 Apr: Denise Diemar
21 Apr: Val Morris
22 Apr: Judi Priestley

Anniversaries.

14 Apr: Doug & Jenny Craike.
14 Apr: Richard & Athleen Harris
23 Apr: Henk & Agnes Tobbe.

Next Week:

Door:

Greg Flux
Liz Friend

Meet & Greet:

Dieter Greiter
Richard Harris

Toast;

Mike Jenkins

Grace:

Arja Levonpera

Introduce Speaker:

Peter McBean

Thank Speaker:

Ian McIver

Bulletin:

Don Whatham

Photos:

Henk Tobbe.

**APOLOGIES AND EXTRAS TO JOHN CRUMP BY NOON WEDNESDAY PLEASE
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Planning Strategies.



The Champion Bowlers

The Runner up Hat



Chris Returns – fit & well



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Prospective Rotarians, young people interested in becoming part of our proposed satellite club met at Little Beach Boathouse last Tuesday. There was lots of lively discussion and keen interest shown in Rotary projects. There was special interest in our youth programs. Membership Director Robert Mitchell and PE Kathy have done an excellent job in creating interest and organizing events for possible future Rotarians. PDG Adrian Roach and several Rotarians were present to add support and provide information.

Notes from the board Meeting.....

- A \$400 donation was made to the Tomaree High School senior Vocational Education class towards a training day excursion at the Crowne Plaza Newcastle. These young people did a wonderful job at the Rotary Long lunch held last year.
- Planning for the Town Clock is progressing well. With a \$5000 grant from the council, \$5000 allocated by our club and \$2000 donations at PDG Bart's funeral the clock surrounds will be enhanced. PP Ann Evans and Tony Todd have prepared plans and drawings and are liaising site and design with council. Some slight delay is anticipated whilst realignment of Stockton Street and traffic direction flow takes place.
- Plans for Roadwhys for senior students of the two local high schools to be conducted at St Phillips on 16 May are well advanced. Director Arja will be looking for assistance catering morning teas for the event.
- A team of students from St Phillips will be entered in Model United Nations Assembly.
- Project neighbor is in desperate need of supporters. If you can spare approximately 2 hours and a plate of goodies once per month Director Robert Mitchell would like to hear from you. The next outing is Wednesday 19 April.
- President Judy will represent our club at the Anzac Day Ceremony. She will make a book donation to each of the eight local schools on behalf of the club.
- Foundation Director Phill Smith has Foundation raffle books for members. Please see him if you have not received yours.
- PCYC has invited Rotary to prepare a Rotary promotional display. Director Chris will organize this with plenty of focus on youth.

Financial Report Summary

DESCRIPTION	BALANCE	ALLOC FUNDS	AVAILABLE FUNDS
Access Visa	\$182.35		\$182.35
Service TD 6 mths	\$7,196.13		\$7,196.13
Service	\$9,654.96	\$3,239.94	\$6,415.02
Scholarship	\$3,722.14		\$3,722.14
Club Trading	\$5,756.15	\$6,750.00	(\$993.85)
Scholarship TD	\$11,381.15		\$11,381.15
Town Clock	\$12,021.00	\$10,000.00	\$2,021.00
Golf Day	\$26,023.02	\$26,022.02	\$1.00
Exercise Trail	\$1,517.70	\$1,107.50	\$410.20
PSWICS Long Lunch	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$0.00



Retiring assistant Governor Earl Heckman and Barbara were welcome visitors along with Phil Gorton and Ruth. Phil will take over the role as our assistant Governor from 1 July this year. Earl has been a wonderful friend and support to our club during his three years as Assistant Governor. He and Barbara have visited us many times and made many friends amongst our members. Ruth made an excellent first impression by wearing the winning hat on the night.

VALE PDG HOWARD GRIGOR OAM PHF



He was born with the ability to change people's lives and he lived his life with that thought in mind through Rotary. Today, our Howard was released from his recent pain and suffering, he passed away peacefully at the Mater. Our thoughts are with Lyn and his family. He was able to join us briefly by teleconference at our last Rotary meeting, his presence and friendship to everyone, his capacity to help others and his compassion will be sadly missed but will live on in our memory of Howard Brian Grigor, OAM, PHF.

Courtesy Rotary Club of Salamander Bay Facebook Page

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

Thursday 20 April – Judy Hicks - Interplast.

Thursday 27 April – Kurt Purkiss - Superannuation.

Thursday 4 May – Club meeting at Bowling Club and NeuRA Mental Health Seminar at Wests.

Saturday 6 May: Bunnings BBQ – proceeds to ARH

Thursday 25 May – Launch of our 60 Year History Book

Saturday 27 May – Winery tour – Make booking now \$25 to Club account or see P Smith

Saturday 1 June – Club & District Changeover