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At this meeting we heard from another of our newer members Milton Williams.

A marine engineer, Milton spent much of his working career travelling the globe. Even when in Australia much of his time was spent interstate – either travelling or moving permanently to different states/cities. – Ten permanent moves in all.

His early days were spent on smaller ships but rapidly he moved to larger ships and moved from Newcastle to Tasmania and back as well as working in Asia, Europe and the Middle East. His all-round experience saw him involved in diverse roles ranging from auditing vessels to refurbishments to recovering vessels that had run aground, managing fleets and even managing the Port of Dubai.

His travels also saw him in the Gulf territory around the time of Gulf wars and necessitated a night-time escape.

At home Sue kept their farm going. The purchase of a second farm at Medowie introduced Milton to Rotary through PDG Howard Grigor who lived opposite. They would share driving to meetings.

Before moving to The Bay he and wife Sue lived on board their boat for several months along with their dog. *(Must have been very interesting living at such close quarters considering the freedom they had both previously enjoyed).*

Since joining our Club Milton (and Sue) has jumped in boots and all as a willing worker at BBQ's, the Conference and many other projects.

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Birthdays this coming week: 19 Apr – 26 Apr

Apr 20 Andrew Downey
Apr 21 Val Morris
Apr 22 Judi Priestley
Apr 23 Lyn Treble
Apr 25 Kathy Rimmer
Apr 25 Milton Williams

Anniversaries :

Apr 23 Henke & Agnes Tobbe

Member Duties 26 Apr Door:

Phillipa Marshall/Peter McBean

Meet/Greet: Warwick Mathieson

Ian McIver

Loyal Toast:

Bill Michel

Grace:

Peter Page

Intro Guest speaker:

Tricia Parnall

Thank Guest Speaker:

Judi Priestley

Bulletin: Chris Bartlett

Photos: ???

Next meeting - Special Surprise Guest Speaker

Apologies/Extras to John Crump by noon on Wednesday!

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Project Neighbour



The venue for this month's Project Neighbour was Barry Park at Fingal Bay. Guests enjoyed a chat, a cuppa and scrumptious eats in the sunshine and fresh air at Barry Park, with the backdrop of Fingal Spit, Cabbage Tree Island and Boobdelbah Island.

Peter McBean holds court with some of the project neighbour guests along with his joint co-ordinator wife Maryanne.

Along with Peter and Maryanne were Lynn Moffit, David Clarke, Gordon Treble, Bob and Judy Mitchell, Richard and Athlene Harris and Phill and Chris Smith .



Starlight for Kids

Members would be aware that Peter with his son, over many years, has been involved with raising money for "Starlight for Kids". Peter now has his own vehicle and his next rally we will be donating \$1000 to the cause.



Town Clock

It's been a long time coming and it's still on the way but....

The Town Clock is getting closer. President Kathy has confirmed that the money is in the bank and once the Yacaaba extension is complete, Council will turn their focus on the re-designing of the clocks location. (landscaping etc.)

The opening of the Yacaaba extension is set down for Amy 25th and we have been asked to provide a BBQ for the occasion..



Little Joshua Taylor was born with Cystic Fibrosis and despite a shakey beginning, at 4 months, he is now thriving. His parents are hoping to purchase a "Airway Clearance Vest" that helps Kids with CF with their daily physio. The vest vibrates and applies pressure to loosen the mucus that is in his lungs. The cost of \$15,000 is not covered by Medicare nor private health insurance and a fund raiser has been organised for 6th June. For more info go to facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/blownawayenterprise/> Dad William has just set up a high pressure cleaning business which has suffered due to the amount of time he has had to spend with his son. So if you have a need for such work you might like to consider him.

Possible new Community Project

Following the excellent presentation by Prof Kelvin Kong at the recent District Conference, Chris Bartlett has proposed to the Board that the Club consider funding a project through Kelvin to provide assistance with the work he currently undertakes with indigenous children.

The Club was asked to consider the proposal and "in principle" agreement was gained. At the conference Kelvin explained the many learning problems that result from poor hearing due to ear infections and consequent lack of the ability to concentrate. Often resulting in misconduct, truancy and delinquency.



In summary Chris believes that such a project would:

- Give young indigenous Australians the opportunity to break many lifetimes of missed opportunity through little or no hearing.
- Provide all members of Club with an active role in a project of this nature, help bridge the gap between cultures.
- Enhance the local connection with Kelvin and the many of our members who have followed Kelvin's career to date.
- Allow some of our newer members to showcase their skills with senior members acting in a mentoring capacity.
- Engage some of our long serving members in a project that may interest and excite them.
- Increase our membership with the potential of gaining like-minded people. Have the potential to make it an international project with other Rotary Clubs from around the world.



Time marches on. President Kathy last night announced the date for this year's changeover. Keep Thursday 21st June free. The changeover will be at Nelson Bay Bowling Club.

With Changeover comes PETS (President Elects Training Session). This is being held this weekend with President Kathy, Chris Bartlett, Arja Levonpera and Ian Brigden attending at Singleton.