



Bulletin # 38, 11th April 2019



A bit light on tonight with four members out at the Bunnings BBQ night and several members travelling. President Kathy presented a report on Wednesday night's Board meeting including:

- Meeting with Rebekah Wilson to discuss Club's involvement with the Hunter Medical Research Institute (HMRI). Although unable to give specific information at present, President Kathy's excitement was obvious and we await the details to come.
- President Kathy attended an ANZAC Memorial at Tomaree Public School during the week and commented on the positive feedback she received in relation to our donation of a new PA System that is now in operation.
- Despite not being intended as fund raiser the Golf Day was a great success with \$6000 being raised. Many compliments were received for the events organisation and a big thanks go to all who assisted on the day and congratulations and thanks to Arja for her many hours of organising.
- Chelsea Illul reported that the installation of directional sign at Gan Gan was well advanced, (including the "World Distances" sign recognising Larry McGrath's Rotary involvement), and is expected to be installed by 30th May.
- Chelsea also advised that the Club again intended to hold an "Immortals" night to recognise Community members who reflect the current Rotary theme of "Be The Inspiration".



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Birthdays: 12 Apr–2 May (no meeting 25 April)

15/4 Denise Diemar
17/4 Sue Williams
20/4 Andrew Downey
22/4 Judi Priestley
23/4 Lynne Treble
25/4 Kathy Rimmer
25/4 Milton Williams

Anniversaries:

13/4 Milton & Sue Williams
14/4 Alicia & Luke Cameron
14/4 Doug & Jenny Craike
23/4 Henk & Agnes Tobbe
27/4 Phill & Chris Smith

Heads and Tails:

Judi Priestley

Member Duties 18 Apr

Door: Phill Smith/ John Stumchke

Meet/Greet: John Sully

Loyal Toast: Gordon Treble

Grace: Don Whatham

Bulletin: Chris Bartlett

Photos: Phill Smith

Binoculars

15/4 Doug & Jenny Craike
22/4 Phill Smith John Sully

Next week: ANZAC Day Memorial - hosted by Peter McBean

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



Town Clock:

Richard Turner recently met with Mayor Ryan Palmer and a design (Mk5 or was it 6), for the Clock was agreed on, only to be thwarted by the Council boffins.

However, an alternative has been found and Richard has now signed off on the project. Stay tuned for further updates.

Thanks again to those who helped out at the Golf Day. Your efforts resulted in the following takings (approx).

Collection by Travel Agents	100
Raffle	500
2 X nearest pin	680
Hole in one	350
Win a Holiday	370
Drinks Cart	500



A post-mortum discussion will be held next Thursday evening prior to the regular meeting to discuss issues/suggestions for the Golf Day. All welcome.



Project Neighbour this week hosted afternoon tea for 8 at the Corlette Hall. There was lots of laughter, and plenty of food enjoyed by the guests and Rotarians alike.,

BUNNINGS



While the rest of us were having a quiet night in, Fellow Rotarians John Stumchke, Lesley Freeman Milton Williams and Geoff Diemar were working hard at the Bunnings Easter Family night BBQ.

For their efforts the Club will benefit to the sum of approx. \$300 in vouchers, donations and left-over stock (provided by Bunnings).

Coming up:

Wednesday 17th April 10:00AM: Morning tea get-together. An opportunity to catch up with Honorary Members and others at **Evviva Café** in Stockton Street. **All** welcome.

Friday 19th April: Bunnings BBQ

Thursday 2nd May Meeting: Guest speaker Jamie Maslem – “Digging Deep” – a charity supporting the vulnerable and disadvantaged in Myanmar.

Trivia Night: to be run by Andrew and Deb Downey. **Date TBA.**



ANZAC Day - No Meeting Thursday 25th April.

Kiva : Loans that change lives.

At its meeting this week the Board agreed to contribute \$200 to this organisation.

Chelsea Ellul and John Cropley are looking further into this organisation and will at a later date report to members more comprehensively on this organisation.

In the meantime the following summary has been taken from their web site:

'More than 1.7 billion people around the world are unbanked and can't access the financial services they need. Kiva is an international non-profit, founded in 2005 in San Francisco, with a mission to expand financial access to help underserved communities thrive.

They do this by crowdfunding loans and unlocking capital for the underserved, improving the quality and cost of financial services, and addressing the underlying barriers to financial access around the world. Through Kiva's work, students can pay for tuition, women can start businesses, farmers are able to invest in equipment and families can afford needed emergency care.

By lending as little as \$25 on Kiva, you can be part of the solution and make a real difference in someone's life.

100% of every dollar lent on Kiva goes to funding loans'.

For more information go to <https://www.kiva.org/>

A distraught Rotarian phoned his doctor's office.

"Is it true Doc, that I have to take the medication you prescribed, for the rest of my life?"

"Yes, I'm afraid so," said the Doc.

There was a moment of silence before the fellow demanded:

"Just how serious is my condition? The prescription says 'NO REPEATS!!'"

The same Rotarian was on the operating table awaiting surgery and he insisted that his son, a renowned surgeon, perform the operation. As he was about to go under, he asked to speak to his son. "Yes, Dad, what is it?" "Don't be nervous, son; Do your best, and just remember. If it doesn't go well. If something happens to me. Your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife...."

And finally:

First you forget names, then you forget faces. Then you forget to pull up your zipper...

Then it gets worse..... you forget to pull it down.