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Jeannie Lawson & Brian Hodges from OCCI

(Ocean & Coastal Care Initiatives)



Brian Hodges recently joined OCCI after attending a Coastal Habitat awareness seminar by PSC. The group was founded 17 years ago on initiative of Jeannie Lawson. www.occicom.au



Their mission statement is to conserve through education, awareness, restoration & protection the beautiful coastal landscape, rock pools & marine environment from the Central Coast to Port Stephens. The aim is to educate, promote & implement programs that engage the community on marine and coastal environment issues that are increasingly threatened by pollution and waste.

They meet every 3rd Tue of the month in NBBC everyone is welcome to attend their meetings that feature high quality guest speakers on marine topics.

Jeannie Lawson founder of OCCI gave us a virtual rock pool tour (ramble). With the shells in hand she pointed out what resilient creatures they must be to survive such a hostile environment.

Tides twice a day have to be survived by sitting in a rock pool or hermetically close the operculum or door. Heat, salinity, water ph-levels, waves are other conditions it needs to survive. Shells once no longer needed become habitat or mobile home for other marine creatures or the shells broken down calcium carbonate controls the ph level of the oceans and keeps it in balance.



Another area of concern highlighted by Jeannie is marine litter. The "Tangler-bins" (r/h) located at or near boat ramps help to dispose fishing lines and hooks from sport fishermen that cause horrible injuries to marine life and birds is an initiative from Jeannie with Councils.



One of the biggest threats to our environment in the 21st Century is marine debris. Every piece of plastic ever made is still somewhere on the planet. Plastics NEVER degrade completely - they just break up into smaller and smaller pieces, thus making them more accessible to smaller and smaller organisms in the environment.

Remember, when we throw it away Plastics go on forever



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Historian Richard Turner

Visitors:

Dough Cross Chairman
OzDay Committee
Chairman
Lyn DeRidder
Zach Rimmer

Heads and Tails:

John Sully

Raffle:

Doug Craike

Birthdays:

Ian Brigden 2nd April

Anniversaries: none

Door:

Bart Richardson/Mike
Mobbs

Meet/Greet

Judi Priestly/Richard Harris

Loyal Toast

John Stuhmcke

Grace

Chris Bartlett

Intro Guest speaker

John Crump

Thank Guest Speaker-

Greg Flux

Bulletin

John Cropley

Next Week: Andrew Trout & Rotary Ladies Dinner

Apologies/Extras to Ros Cribb by noon on Wednesday! Ph.: 0401 450 239



Doug Cross Chairman of Australia Day Committee thanked the club for its involvement in the food-court on the day and presented President Ann with a cheque of \$640.- He also offered their assistance to the Rotary Flypoint Improvement & Maintenance Program.

Ann also reports that the grant of \$16k was approved by the Dep. of Infrastructure in addition to \$20k from the Rotary Foundation for the 2 station multi-gym equipment to complement the 3 station fitness parcour already installed along the foreshore.

She also reminds members to mark the 9th June as the Change-Over and 60th Rotary Birthday bash at Soldier Point Bowling Club



Kathy Rimmer with Zach, a welcome helper to the meetings, he didn't want to spend "Home Alone".

Kathy provided us the good news that she is now free of MS.



Lynne deRidder guest at the meeting

Our resident historian **Richard Tuner** provided us with some interesting Rotary History.

The Rotary Club of Cuba/Havana was the 1st club outside an English-speaking country established on 29th April 1916. During 1923 RC Havana celebrated its 7th year and sponsored a carnival attended by >1,500 children, won a prohibition against bullfighting in Cuba, worked to get the city's water sanitized & purified, and obtained pavement repairs in certain areas.

By Oct. 1957 we saw some 60 chartered Rotary clubs.

All clubs in Cuba were terminated by 31st Jan.1979.

We need to remember that it was RI who shut down the RC Clubs in Cuba and not the government there. The grounds used were that all countries that "restrict" free speech and freedom of assembly could not have clubs. So, either Cuba must change or RI must change before Rotary Clubs will reappear in Cuba. Since Rotary is back in E-Europe, China & Russia there is reason to hope.

Trivial Question:

Which is the largest Rotary Club in the world?

Answer: Oklahoma City with 615 full-time & 22 honorary members

Joke du jour:

Ever wondered why earrings became popular with Men?

A man is at work one day when he notices that a colleague is wearing an earring. The man knows his colleague to be a normally conservative person and is curious about his sudden change in "fashion sense" and says, "I didn't know you were into earrings.

"It's not such a big deal, it's only an earring" he replies sheepishly". His friend falls silent for a few minutes, but then curiously asks, "so how long have you been wearing one?

"Ever since my wife found it in my car". --This is how the trend started--

Richard Tuner is completing the 4th Club History Book. He includes in this issue lists of positions held by members at District level i.e members who held a position as an officer or member of District Committees, Fellowship Groups etc.

Unfortunately, this information has not been recorded each year and he's discovering many omissions from information available.

For inclusion he asks that all members who have served in any District role or capacity to forward it to him in writing a.s.a.p.

Please list the position held along with the Rotary year in which they held this position.

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