

**Bulletin 4 – 19 July 2022**

**DG NEVILLE PARSON'S VISIT.**



DG Neville and President Robert

A combined meeting of the Rotary Clubs of Nelson Bay and Salamander Bay provided an excellent setting for DG Neville Parsons and Patti to address members from both clubs and the many interested club friends attending our meeting. Neville the first governor of our recently amalgamated district 9660 provided an overview of our newly formed district and plans for the Rotary year. During his introduction PP Richard Turner stated that Neville was born and educated in Wauchope and later graduated in Economics and law from the University of Sydney. He worked as a solicitor and General Manager of Holiday Coast Credit Union and a Director of the Regional Australia Bank. He continues his law practice

currently as principal of Donovan, Oats and Hanaford Law practice in Port Macquarie. Neville joined Wauchope Rotary Club in 1981 and has served his club and Rotary in many roles including GSE team leader and district Governor D9650.

Neville began by conveying the special message delivered by RI President Jennifer Jones: “We all have dreams but acting on them is a choice” – You don’t imagine yesterday. You imagine tomorrow. Imagine a world without polio. Imagine a world with clean water for everyone. Imagine a world free of disease. A world where every child learns to read. Imagine kindness and hope and peace.



The Rotary theme graphic was designed by Australian Indigenous artist Riki Salam. The circle represents our connections to one another, the dots around it our people. There are 7 dots representing the areas of focus. The circle plus the dots around it represent a navigation star, our guiding light. The green solid line underneath is a digging stick. A tool for getting things done. Rotarians are people of action. The colours purple, green and white celebrate diversity, equity and inclusion.

Neville’s vision for D9660 is that “Together, we see a District where people unite and take action to create lasting change- in our communities, in our region, across the globe and in ourselves. He hopes to form four new clubs, support the Rotary Foundation including End Polio Now and to pursue each of the RI plan 4 priority pillars: Increase our impact, Expand our Reach, Enhanced participant Engagement & Increase our ability to Adapt.

**ROTARY’S CORE VALUES.**

**Fellowship**

**Integrity**

**Diversity**

**Service**

**Leadership**

**Keep your Thoughts positive** – because your thoughts become your Words

**Keep your Words positive** – because your Words become your Actions

**Keep your Actions positive** – because your Actions become your Habits

**Keep your Habits positive** – because your Habits become your Values

**Keep your Values positive** – because your Values become your Destiny

## PATTI'S PARTNERS PROJECT.



Patti encouraged Rotarians to “Pay it Forward” as a means of completing a good and thoughtful action to another. An example might be to pay for an extra cup of coffee when next at your favourite coffee shop and to request the server to pass on this kind deed to another deserving patron such as a health worker, volunteer or emergency worker.

Patti’s major project is the Tutu Desk for Africa. The simple lap-desk provides an answer to the classroom desk shortage. Many children across northern Africa have no access to a classroom desk. The ability to read and write is almost impossible without access to a desk. The Tutu desk provides a unique portable solution, offering a sense of worth, dignity and ownership.

The cost of a Tutu desk is \$US20 and Patti is encouraging Rotarians and clubs to purchase desks. The purchase can be arranged through the district account.

We were pleased to welcome Rotarians from Salamander Bay who joined us for the District Governor’s visit. President Harry Parker thanked DG Neville, Area Governor Laurie Easter (Rotary Club of Lower Mid Coast) and Assistant Area Governor Bruce Moy (Rotary Club of Taree) for travelling down to attend. Harry was accompanied by fellow members from the Salamander Bay Club IPP Peter North and PE Rita Murray. Rita spoke about the motor home full of goods she and fellow club members recently delivered to flood victims from the Northern Rivers. Distribution of the goods was facilitated by Lismore Rotarians.

We also welcomed Agnes, Yvonne, Fiona, Christine, Denise, Lynn Moffitt, Geoff Robinson and Jan and Liz Friend to the meeting.

The raffle was won by Geoff Diemar and we look forward to hearing his three minute speech at next week’s meeting. Happy dollar is proving a popular addition to our meetings. For the privilege of donating a dollar, members are able to relate a happy or other incident from the past week.

**NEXT MEETING** – Surprise - Apologies/ Extras to 0401 450 239 by 12 Noon Wednesday.

**Door:** Jim Booth. **Meet & Greet:** David Clark. **Grace:** Ian Brigden. **Photos:** Phill Smith. **Bulletin:** John Cropley. **Binoculars:** John Stuhmcke.

**BIRTHDAYS:** 18 July – Ian Rolfe, 20 July - Robert Mitchell, 23 July – Hugh Randall & Jessica Palmer.

**MEETING THURSDAY 5 AUGUST** – TBA. Ladies Dinner in the Bistro.

**WEDNESDAY 10 AUGUST** – Board meeting in the Bay Room.



## BUNNINGS BARBEQUE – SUNDAY 24 JULY 2020.

**ROSTER: CO-ORDINATOR & TRANSPORT** – Don Whatham

**AM SHIFT 8am to 12 Noon:** W Mathieson, J Priestley, R Mitchell, B Comley.

**PM SHIFT 12 Noon to 4pm:** P Page, J Cropley, R Turner, J Booth.

## VINEYARDS & LUSKINTYRE AIRPORT EXCURSION. (See photos Page 4).

Our busload of 21 Rotarians, friends and members of Probus enjoyed a full day excursion to the Hunter vineyards and to the Luskintyre Airfield and Aviation Museum. Luskintyre Airfield was established in 1977 on a 92ha site. Its aim is the preservation and operation of vintage aircraft, particularly the Tiger Moth. The property has numerous hangars including the aircraft restoration hangar. We were able to observe several vintage aircraft in various stages of restoration. The workmanship, mainly manual we were able to observe showed the care and skill of the workers. An open weekend is held every 2 months. Congratulations and thanks President Bob for your organisation.



President Robert invited DG Neville to present Emeritus Member Awards to PP Henk Tobbe, PP Peter Page and Hugh Randall to acknowledge their many years of service to Rotary. Henk usually behind the camera is pictured with DG Neville. Henk joined Rotary in the Netherlands prior to his membership at Nelson Bay whilst Peter joined Rotary as a member of the Tamworth Calala Club.



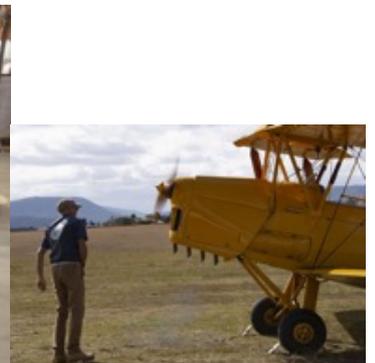
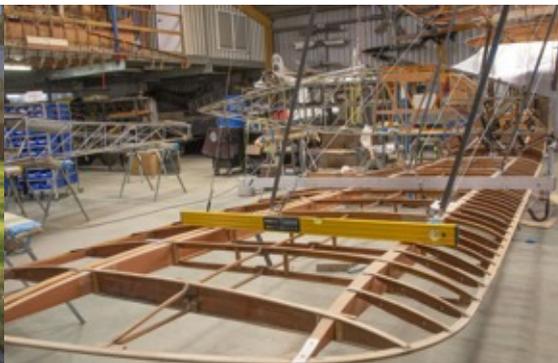
Area Governor Laurie Easter Rotary Club of Lower Mid Coast (centre) with President Harry Parker and PP Peter North from the Rotary Club of Salamander Bay at our combined club meeting.



Hard working cashier Brian collecting our dinner fees. Thank you to Brian for assisting Treasurer Geoff to set up the club Square.

Christine, Patti and Fiona enjoy drinks and conversation prior so our meeting.

VINEYARDS & LUSKINTYRE AIRPORT EXCURSION PHOTOS. (Thank you Phill).



This link will take you to Phill's Flickr page which has many more photos from the day: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/104496746@N06/album/s/72177720300702481>  
Thanks Phill for the photos and Robert for organising a wonderful excursion.