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JAMIE MASLEM – “DIGGING DEEP”.

Digging Deep for Myanmar is a charity committed to supporting the vulnerable and disadvantaged communities of Myanmar (formerly Burma). Focus is placed on the strengths of the community in supporting them to establish and build practical skills enabling long term self-sufficiency. The charity has no political or religious affiliation and every dollar donated is spent on the ground.

Established in 2012 the focus was on building toilets and improving sanitation. The scope of assistance has now expanded to projects such as housing, health, hygiene and dental care training. In 2015 the Digging Deep team added a little fun and laughter for the children with the games day on the beach.

Members of the public can participate by raising funds, making a donation (donations exceeding \$2 are tax deductible) or volunteering to join an annual trip to Myanmar to participate in a project. To find out more go to the website: diggingdeep.org.au.



Richard Turner has just returned from a two week visit to Thailand. Richard's visit coincided with Anzac Day with Richard able to visit the Anzac Ceremony on the banks of the River Kwai at Kanchanaburi. 12,000 visitors from across the world attended the hour-long service. A former Prisoner of War who worked under the atrocious conditions imposed by the Japanese Army read the Ode at the service. The 415Km of rail line planned to take 5 years to complete was finished in just 15 months. 62,000 POWs including 13,000 Australians were involved in the construction. 12,621 including 2,802 Australians died during the construction of the infamous Thai- Burma (Death) Railway.

Richard described the visit as an inspiring and emotional experience. He was able to speak with many of the participants following the ceremony. After the service Richard drove to Hellfire pass, visited the war museum and war graves.

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Heads & Tails

Lucky winner coin tosser
Doug Bairstow.

Birthdays:

None this week

Anniversaries :

5 May: Bill & Beryl Brown

15 May: Michael &
Maggie Jenkins

Member Duties

9 May 2019

Door: David Clark, Ella Clarke

Meet/Greet: Doug Craike

Loyal Toast:
John Cropley

Grace:

John Crump

Intro Guest speaker:

Andrew Downey

Thank Guest Speaker:

Geoff Diemar

Bulletin:

Dieter Greiter

Binoculars:

Doug Craike & Milton Williams

Photos:

Phill Smith

Next week – President Kathy – May 50K for MS. Kissing MS goodbye.

COMING EVENTS.

Friday-Sunday 3-5 May: RYPEN at Tea Gardens. Our club is sponsoring Zephyr Avenell. Thanks Phill Smith for transport to Tea Gardens for Zephyr on Friday afternoon.

Sunday 5 May: District Assembly at Singleton members attending Kathy Rimmer, John Stuhmcke, Don Whatham, Lesley Freeman, Milton Williams.

Wednesday 8 May: Board meeting.

Thursday 9 May: Club meeting – President Kathy Rimmer– Kissing Goodbye to Multiple Sclerosis.

Thursday 9 May: Bunnings Evening Mother's Day BBQ. John & Yvonne Stuhmcke, Judi Priestley, Liz friend, Sue Williams, Fiona Whatham

Friday 10 May: Roadwhyz – Hosting Tomaree High, St Phillips College, Medowie Christian College at St Phillips. Richard, Don, John, Lesley, Judi, Fiona, Yvonne.

Thursday 16 May: Club meeting – Speaker Sheree Gemmell – CEO Port Stephens Veterans & Citizens Retirement.

Thursday 23 May: Vocational visit to Salamander Bay Medical Centre – speaker Dr Tony Plummer – followed by dinner 7.15pm at Li'l Buddah Chinese restaurant at Salamander Bay. Acceptances ASAP to Liz friend.

Thursday 30 May: Port Stephens Council Volunteer Training at 5pm. Crows Nest.

Thursday 6 June: Tracey Tickle – currently Mrs Australia International – “Every Child & Young Person Deserves to be Heard”

Thursday 27 June: Club Changeover night at Nelson Bay Bowling Club. Cost \$35 members (including one drink)

Next meeting – President Kathy

Apologies/Extras to John Crump by noon on Wednesday!

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CLUB NEWS.

ALESCO SENIOR COLLEGE OLYMPIC GAMES.

On Wednesday 26 June our local ALESCO Senior College which operates at the PCYC will host the inaugural “Olympic Games” for ALESCO College Hunter students. This will be a fun day for the students to participate in some healthy competition and build team skills. Our club has a good working relationship with this very worthy organisation and our board did not hesitate in accepting the request to cater a BBQ lunch for the students. Our club will provide food and drinks for the students. We will seek helpers to set up and cater during the day at our future meetings.

ANNA BAY SCOUTS.

Members will recall that our club donated \$2000 to help Anna Scouts visit to Samoa.

This donation was in return for the wonderful assistance provided by the scouts and leaders on Australia Day.

Youth Director Arja has received the report from Scout Leader Louise Healey.

Hello Arja, I would like to thank you all for your sponsorship for our trip to Samoa. We have just returned and the trip was just brilliant. The Scouts swam in an ocean trench, fresh water cave pool, snorkelled along the coastline, slept in fales and had to manage the Samoan currency. They also met the Samoan Scout group at the dawn Anzac service and then attended the Friday night meeting and played games with them. The Scouts went and visited a local school and donated pencils, sharpeners, etc plus played a game with them. The trip was just outstanding not only for the children but for the adults that attended. I have done a lot of travelling overseas, but this trip has been outstanding, thanks to the local support of organisations and their generosity. I have attached some photos of some of the activities the Scouts participated in. Once again thank you for your support for our Scouts at Anna Bay. You have made a huge difference in their lives. We would love to come and speak to Rotary about our trip. Louise Healy. (Scout Leader).

BUNNINGS BARBEQUE – FRIDAY 26 APRIL 2019.

Thank you to volunteers Judi, John, Doug, Phill, Milton, Dieter and Don we had a surprisingly good day for a Friday taking \$609.30 with most of this being profit as we were able to reduce the stock from our freezer.

THE RAFFLE RETURNS.

Following the price increase of our meals to \$25 and \$8 for those not eating and a request by some members to reintroduce the weekly raffle the board has made a positive response.

As from our meeting on 9 May 2018 the weekly raffle will be reintroduced. A free ticket will be issued on payment of the dinner fee. The weekly prize will be \$10 and Heads and Tails prize will be reduced to \$10.



Change Over Dinner - Thursday 27th June 2019



Outgoing
President
Kathy Rimmer
2018-19



Incoming
President
Arja Levonpera
2019-20



Bookings may be made via the trybooking website, cash, cheque, square of payment into the club account.



ARH Director PDG Brian Beesley spoke recently at the Rotary Club of Salamander Bay. Brian provided the club with an overview of the wonderful work of ARH. He was accompanied to the meeting by DG Brian Coffey. Members will be aware that Brian's wife Carol has set her District Partner's project as fund raising for Mental Health Lifting the Lid. Brian also entertained the club with a session on his didgeridoo.



President Kathy will be our guest speaker next week. Kathy will speak about multiple sclerosis and her plans to walk 50K during the month of May.

Kathy recently celebrated her 40th birthday which coincided with the celebration of five successful years in business with her firm Yin Yang Consulting. Congratulations Kathy!