

Bulletin 40 of 2nd of June Guest Speaker Sarah Wylie on engineering projects in Hunter Public Works



Sarah has had a great career in engineering and is the Director of the Hunter New England Public Works. Sarah is truly a home grown talent having attended all of her schooling in the local area before completing a degree in Engineering in Newcastle University.

Sarah started with an overview of the role of Public works. It is one of the oldest branches of support to government agencies both local and state. The original Public works can be traced back to 1859. Offices of the Public works are widely distributed around the state and have local experts to deal with the local area issues. The Public works are not a part of government but act to connect the public sector with government requirements. A key role is project management of major infrastructure and also to have a major role in disaster management. Sarah lists as a highlight in her career as management of building a new special school in Gunnedah, the GS Kidd Memorial School, where a whole new site was created with great community support.

There have been a string of natural disasters in recent years. Whilst the flood crisis particularly in Northern N.S.W is in everyone's mind at present it was only 3 years ago major fires devastated large parts of the state. Sarah was the project manager for the clean up after fires in 2020 ran throughout the state, and being an engineer was able to provide figures to match to the devastating pictures. 3678 properties were cleared, 340,000 tonnes of waste were removed, more than 1000 people were employed in the work injecting \$300 million in to local communities. 30 different sites were used to manage the waste and at some points there were around 1000 trucks involved in transportation of materials per day.

Sarah mentions there is a business unit within the public works offices which looks to see how there can be involvement all sorts of projects. Hospitals, dams, water management, roads, bridges, heritage management, surveying, planning and environment issues are all aspects of the work. Sarah would like to see women follow her into engineering and project management roles. There are only 2 female directors currently in the public works in N.S.W. In many cases there are no female applicants for the position offered. However the path for women is now there, and the potential to be involved in a really challenging and interesting career. Public Works is an organisation which is still vital for our communities moving into the future.

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Heads and Tails
Spinner Doug spun out the players to claim the prize.
Lucky Number Winner:
Lesley Freeman won after announcing her number prior to the draw.

Birthdays Members

**Henk Tobbe 10th of June
Anniversaries
None this week.**

Next meeting Club Meeting with Directors reports.

**Door: Peter Mc Bean
Welcome Peter Page
Grace: Helen Ryan
Introduce Speaker NA
Thank speaker: NA
Bulletin: Dieter G.
Photos: Phill Smith**

Please advise your attendance to Rotary phone prior to Wednesday pm if you wish to change from your current attendance preferences 0401450239.



Tonight we had a Toast To Queen Elizabeth II on the 70th Anniversary of her reign. The queen has 8 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. She is now 96. She married Prince Phillip when she was 21 and he remained “her rock” until his death in April 2021. It is amazing how her energy has endured and her commitment to duty remains.

District News

The conference went ahead in an online format last week.

Those that were able to see it commented on how many excellent speakers presented during the conference. It would be good to have the conference highlights and speakers available to be viewed online at a later date.

There were many positive comments made which flowed back to the district and the consideration that with a larger geographical area in the new district, this format could be very helpful in allowing participation without physical attendance.

District Governor Amanda does extend the invitation to all members in the district to attend the Changeover. The details appear adjacent. I believe some of our membership are planning to be there.

**Rotary Districts
Changeover**

2021-2022 District Governors
D9650 David Mayne and D9670 Amanda Roach
together with 2022-2023 District Governor
D9660 Neville Parsons

*have great pleasure in inviting you to join them to celebrate the
last Changeover Dinner for your Districts
and to celebrate the commencement of District 9660*

*At Laurieton United Services Club (LUSC)
2 Seymour Street Laurieton
Saturday 25 June 2022
6:00pm arrival for 6:30pm Dinner
\$40 per person
Bookings and payment made direct to the LUSC
Phone: 6559 9110
Bookings close: 11 June 2022*

When booking please advise any special dietary requirements

Up Coming Events.

Board Meeting Next Week Wednesday 6pm

Next Club Meeting 9th of June
Club Night and some training with Kathy Rimmer

16th of June
Robin Oxborrow on Tomaree over 50's Fitness Group



23rd of June
Brian Comley on the Voluntary Assisting Dying Program
Brian has recently been through this situation with his father in W.A.

Other News

Yacaaba Centre.

2 members attended to clean the drive way recently which had become very slippery.

On the 27th of June the Yacaaba group is organising a clean up of the Trafalgar Street premises from 10am. Some more information will follow on this item.

Tomaree Community Hospital

President Doug has meet with the new Manager of the Clinic and explained the plans for the Garden. There is enthusiasm for this to go ahead but the hospital is currently undergoing an accreditation program.

Member Peter Page explained how he is going on the Trek for Kids Rally soon. Money goes to the Starlight Foundation and in past years tremendous amounts have been raised. We wish Peter all the best on the trip and President Doug donated our fine monies to the cause this week.

Kiva Program



We have been continuing to support this program as another idea in which to help in international destinations given we have been limited in what we can do directly.

This month we had 11 repayments and built up funds again to over \$US 35. Loans are made in lots of \$25, so we were able to lend again. This time I supported a lady in Indonesia who required funds in agriculture, but we have given to people in various avenues consistent with the values of Rotary.

We currently have recycled our US \$150 into about \$US 700 worth of loans.