



BULLETIN 41 – 6 May 2021



Tonight's guest speaker Nigel Waters has had a close interest in environmental issues all his life. As a teenager in England he joined Greenpeace and was active in the UK environmental movement. An avid reader he gained an interest in ecology. Books, "Ecology" read in 1963 and the "Limits to Growth" read in 1972 had a profound influence on his thinking. The latter outlined a World running out of resources. Nigel joined the British Young Conservative Party completing a degree in Geography and later a Masters degree in City and Regional Planning. He completed a career in privacy legislation before his natural interests dragged him back to the environmental movement. Nigel moved to Port Stephens in 1999 and became involved in many local organisations with a focus on the environment. As a member of Tomaree Rate Payers Association he worked towards ensuring the local council was held accountable for environmental issues. Other groups included Eco Network Port Stephens, Landcare Groups, Mambo Wetlands, Port Stephens Koalas and most recently Climate Action Port Stephens. His work was recognised when he was awarded the inaugural Port Stephens Environmental Citizen of the Year in 2019. Environmental welfare focuses on four main issues, namely, pollution; habitat and species loss; water supply and quality; soil degradation. The aim is to ensure the positive involvement of individual, household, local community, state, national and international bodies. Care must be taken to ensure that the audience does not switch off at the mention of "Global Warming" and "Climate Control"

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LUCKY WINNERS.

H&T: Dieter Greiter
RAFFLE: Warwick
Mathieson

CELEBRATIONS: BIRTHDAYS:

None this week

ANNIVERSARIES:

15 May: Michael and
Maggie Jenkins
18 May: Richard and
Jenny Turner
19 May: John and
Jenny Shaw.

DUTIES 13 May:

Speaker: Peter Arena
– Behind the badge.

Board meeting report.

Door: Peter McBean

Welcome: Peter Page

Toast: Kathy
Rimmer

Introduce Speaker:

Helen Ryan

Thank Speaker:

Robert Mitchell

Bulletin: John
Cropley.

Photos: Phill Smith

Binoculars: Robert
Mitchell

Next meeting – Peter Arena – Behind the Badge – Board report.

Apologies/Extras to by noon on Wednesday!

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In the words of former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher:

Climate change?
.... A new threat or just
compounding all of the others?



- The evidence is there. The damage is being done. What do we, the international community, do about it? ... It is no good squabbling over who is responsible or who should pay. We have to look forward not backward, and we shall only succeed in dealing with the problems through a vast international, co-operative effort."

"I see the adoption of these policies as a sort of premium on insurance against fire, flood or other disaster" ... "It may be cheaper or more cost-effective to take action now than to wait and find we have to pay much more later."

"the need for more research should not be an excuse for delaying much needed action now ... there is already a clear case for precautionary action at an international level."

CENTENARY OF ROTARY IN AUSTRALIA CELEBRATION. TREE PLANTING – ROTARY CLUB OF NELSON BAY CARES FOR THE ENVIRONMENT.

Our Club's celebration of 100 Years of Rotary in Australia continues as we plant 100 trees along the boundaries (north and south) of Tom O'Dwyer Oval adjacent to the PCYC. The area was cleared three weeks ago during three working bees by our members. The planting was planned to take place on Wednesday but was postponed till next Wednesday 12 May 2021. Students from Shoal Bay, Tomaree and Anna Bay Public Schools will plant the trees in holes prepared by our members.

The planting ceremony will take place between 11.30am and 1.30pm under the supervision of teachers and Rotarians. The native trees up to 1 metre in height have been donated by Port Stephens Council. Fifteen members have volunteered to assist. Please wear safety clothes and covered footwear. Bring a narrow shovel, wheelbarrow and watering can if you are able.

COMING EVENTS.

Wednesday 12 May – Board meeting.

Thursday 13 May – Peter Arena – behind the badge and board meeting report and discussion.

Thursday 20 May – Guest speaker to be announced

Saturday 22 May – District Virtual Conference via Zoom- please celebrate with fellow members at Nelson Bay BC.

Sunday 23 May – Bunnings Barbeque

Thursday 27 May – Guest speaker to be announced.

Thursday 24 June – Club Change over at Nelson Bay Bowling Club

BUNNINGS BARBEQUE

Our club held a successful barbeque last Sunday grossing \$840 for a profit of \$600 which will assist the projects currently under planning. Thank you to Lesley Freeman, Robert Mitchell, Chris Bartlett and John Stuhmcke morning shift and to Dieter Greiter, Peter Page, Don Whatham and Erin Brinkley afternoon shift. Thanks to John Stuhmcke and Don Whatham for providing transport. Thanks to Doug Bairstow for ordering and delivering supplies. It was great to welcome Erin along to a Bunnings barbeque. We hope she enjoyed the experience. Erin quickly mastered the technique of adding sauce to the sausage sandwich. She had been briefed on the skill by Robert Mitchell.

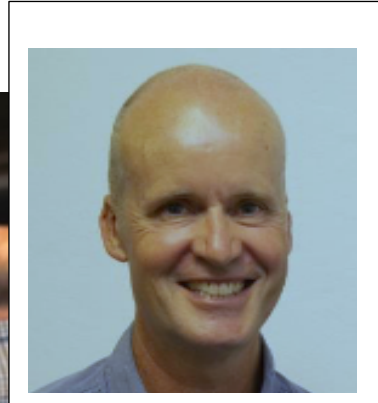
CHARITY GOLF DAY.

Golf chair Arja, presented her final report on this year’s very successful golf day. Arja thanked all members for their wonderful contribution towards the success of what she described as one of the most successful and enjoyable we have organised during the past 29 years. Arja said that reports from all sponsors and competitors were very complimentary of the efforts of our club in running such an enjoyable event. We have been thanked by Hunter Medical Research Institute for our support of the Dr Kelvin Kong project.

The profit from the day was \$21,442.26. Vice president Helen congratulated Arja on this outstanding result and thanked her for all her work and dedication to this excellent club project.



Tonight’s club guests were former members John Sully and John deRidder, John Fuller and our regular guests Erin and Craig pictured.



Rotary Opens Opportunities | 12-16 June 2021

This year’s [virtual convention](#) will be better than ever, opening more innovative opportunities to learn and to engage with the family of Rotary!

In the virtual convention space, you will be able to network in virtual lounges, meet new partners in service, and join fun activities with Rotary members from around the world.

There are twenty not-to-be-missed breakout sessions planned, covering topics including member engagement, developing leadership skills, Rotary’s new area of focus: the environment, and much more.

Exciting new activities this year include: meet and greets with leaders, virtual cooking classes, Rotary trivia contents, a virtual photo booth, a 5K walk, and a DJ dance party.

The Virtual House of Friendship will be your place to connect with fellow Rotarians about projects, chat with staff, shop, sign up for the 2022 Rotary International Convention and explore exhibitor booths.

LAST CHANCE! The special rate of \$49 extends only through 7 May, so [register today!](#) After 7 May 2021, you will pay \$65 to register.



Members of our club will join with Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Salamander Bay to enjoy a visual experience of the District Conference at Nelson Bay Bowling Club from 10am on Saturday 22 May 2021. Members are encouraged to complete the registration process online and let President Liz know that you will be attending. Registration cost is \$10 which will serve as a donation to the Rotary Foundation towards the END POLIO NOW project.