



Bulletin 41 – 11 May 2023

CLUB BOARD MEETING.

Members were appreciative of the opportunity to see our club's governance in motion when a board meeting was conducted as part of this week's regular dinner meeting. This was appropriate as much of the business required member input and support.

President Don's report included an update of all our ongoing projects including the Yacaaba Centre where our \$550 per month and property maintenance continues, successful fund raiser at Bunnings in June with over \$1000 raised for Rotary service projects and another barbeque planned for Mother's Day. Don also thanked PE Ella for attending the 40th Anniversary Dinner of the Probus Club of Port Stephens. Ella reported that this was a most enjoyable night of celebration during which the achievements of 40 years of support for retirees and older residents was recognised. The work in setting up many Probus clubs by Rotary under the supervision of PDG Bart Richardson was acknowledged. Treasurer Geoff presented his financial report for the month which showed a very healthy balance in all accounts. The Hospital Garden account has been bolstered by the weekend announcement that our application for a "Commonwealth Better Communities Grant" has been successful and the money will be shortly added to the account. Geoff indicated that the project is on schedule with work ready to recommence after the settling of the groundwork, earth filling and path concreting.

Lesley's youth committee report included information of her visit to all primary schools to present Anzac Day cheques and to survey schools about their interest in participation in a Science Discovery Day. All responded positively and it is hoped the event can be conducted in week 7 of term 3 if the Tomaree High School MPC is available. Lesley also reported that planning for the ROADWHYS project involving St Phillips, Tomaree High and Medowie Christian School is progressing well. International Director VP John reported on the KIVA Project. John indicated the possible expansion of this very successful lending project.

Members had input into the general business segment contributing ideas to PE Ella's proposal to conduct our changeover on 29 June at the Nelson Way Restaurant at Landmark. Ella is negotiating a private area with a two-course meal for approximately \$40. Five members indicated they were attending the Pride in Workmanship Dinner at the Golf Club arranged by the Rotary Club of Salamander Bay. This is a transfer meeting for our club. Members were thankful to Lesley for assisting them make their dinner fee payments via TryBooking.

Treasurer Geoff sought input from members regarding his suggested strategies to reduce annual membership subscriptions. Some very helpful issues were suggested. Annual dues will be decided at the combined board meeting in June. Members were requested to nominate names for consideration for PHF Awards. These are to be submitted to Secretary Ella ASAP. Ella also took the opportunity of conducting a short survey about member satisfaction about the current system for ordering meals.

COMING EVENTS.

17 May (Wednesday):
Combined meeting with Salamander Bay – Pride of Workmanship.

25 May – Richard Turner – tourism in Cessnock & Hunter.

1 June – Nigel Dique – Sister Cities.

8 June: John Clarke – 161 years of Fingal Bay lighthouse. Pizza night at Fingal Bay Cellars.

14 June - Combined Board Meeting.

15 June – Club assembly

22 June – Heather Noonan – Forgotten Fingal

29 June: Changeover

WINNERS

H/T: Peter Page

Raffle: Dieter Greiter (3 Minute talk 25 May)

ANNIVERSARIES:

18 May: Richard & Jenny Turner (**55 years**).

MEMBER DUTIES – (25 May).

Door: Geoff Diemar

Toast: David Clark

Grace: Doug Craike,

Introduce Speaker:

Peter McBean

Thank Speaker: Ella Clarke

Bulletin: Dieter Greiter

Photos: Don Whatham

Binoculars: Geoff Diemar

COMING EVENT:

Wednesday 17 May
Pride of Workmanship
joint meeting with
Salamander Bay at
Golf Club

CLUB NEWS.

BUNNINGS BARBEQUE.



Another successful event was held on Mothers's Day Sunday 14 May. Though not a busy as usual we still managed to make a profit of \$742, with some stock available for our next barbeque on Saturday 3 June. Thank you to Dieter, Chris, Ella, Jim, Geoff Diemar, Peter Page, John Stuhmcke and co-ordinator Don who gave up time on Mother's Day to assist.

BUNNINGS PLANNING JULY TO DECEMBER.

Our club has once again been allocated a barbeque on the first Saturday in each month July to December. Dates: 1 July, 5 Aug, 2 Sept, 7 Oct, 4 Nov, 2 Dec. A call for a volunteer roster manager and monthly co-ordinators has disappointedly resulted in no volunteers. In this circumstance, I am again prepared to serve as roster manager and a co-ordinator will be rostered for each month, instead of three members having to co-ordinate two events in the period.

The co-ordinator's role includes: Week prior assessment of available stock. Wednesday prior purchase necessary non-perishables (drinks, serviettes, sauces, gloves), order sausages and bread at Aldi and purchase and cut onions. Friday prior pick up sausages & bread from Aldi, pack trailer (place drinks in eskies, break up ice, place sausages in refrigerator and bread in a cool place). Saturday 7.15am load sausages & sauces into large esky and onions into smaller esky, ice down drinks, load bread, transport trailer to Bunnings unload and set up. Saturday 3.30pm return to Bunnings and supervise pack up and loading of trailer, transport trailer back to shed, unload drinks and place left over sausages in freezer. Clean up utensils and lock up the shed. In addition, the co-ordinator should monitor the availability of those rostered for the day and ensure that the float and square is available.

Please check the dates above and indicate to Don by email by **22 May 2023 any shift AM or PM on any day** you will be **UNAVAILABLE**. ALL members will be rostered to three shifts during the six-month period.

THURSDAY NIGHT MEETING WITH BUNNINGS.

Chris, Doug and Dieter will attend a brief meeting with Lan at Bunnings on Thursday. This will be an opportunity to obtain the latest information on barbeques. We hope to raise the difficulty with wi-fi connection for our square. Light refreshments will be served and any member is welcome to attend.

ROTARY SHED IMPROVEMENTS



Members accessing the Rotary shed during the rain events earlier in the year will recall the difficulty caused to access due to the poor drainage. Port Stephens Council has made a great improvement by the installation of the drainage system and laying of road base shown in these pictures kindly provided by Dieter.