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**ANZAC ISSUE –LEST WE FORGET**



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**WEEKLY WINNERS**

**Heads/Tails** Trish Parnell

**Raffle** Ian Brigden

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Birthdays**

April 22 Judi Priestley

April 23 Lyn Treble

April 25 Kathy Rimmer

April 29 Ian Faulkner

**Anniversaries**

April 23 Henk & Anges Tobbe

April 27 Phill & Chris Smith

**NEXT WEEK**

**Door** Chris B/ Trisha Parnell

**Meet/Greet** John Stuhmcke/John Shaw

**Toast** Doug Craike

**Grace** Bill Michel

**Introduce Guest Speaker**

Ian Faulkner

**Thank Guest Speaker**

Arja Levonpera

**Bulletin** Henk Tobbe



This week's attendance was not as high as usual with a good number of members away on travel and family commitments. An excellent evening of fellowship was enjoyed and the highlight of the night was an ANZAC requiem delivered by our very own Bart Richardson. Bart supplied the above table mats for the evening. He left on Friday morning for Borneo where he will take in special Anzac Day events.

After his Anzac day commitments, Bart will spend a few days in Singapore. His requiem on the fall of Singapore in World War 2, where he and his Battalion, the 2/20<sup>th</sup> were captured by the Japanese Army, which was followed by three long years as a POW. Club historian Richard Turner duly thanked Bart on behalf of the members. **LEST US NOT FORGET**

## **SHED EXTENSION ERECTED**



### **ROTARY SHED READY FOR LOCK UP**

A hard working team of members including site foreman Warwick Mathieson, his 2 I/C Geoff Diemar, Overseer Doug Bairstow, "hands on" Richard Turner, Project planner John Stuhmcke. Construction assistants Don Whatham and Phill Smith and gofer's apprentice Chris Bartlett spent a memorable 3 hours at the Community Shed finalising the Club's extension. As Council workers next door, were knocking off for the day, they stopped to admire the skilled Rotary Team handling this important erection. As the pictorial evidence shows the job was completed with "Hands On" Richard Turner finding some key brackets in his garage at home to enable us to reach "lock up" just as the sun was setting. The Extension, even has the "kitchen sink" and a "mouse escape hole" will provide much needed storage space and work areas. We are hoping for a Community Grant to enable us to purchase some new equipment including a fridge /freezer. In all a great afternoon's work and some good fellowship.

**APOLOGIES AND EXTRAS TO ROS CRIBB BY NOON WEDNESDAY PLEASE. PHONE OR SMS TO 0401 450 239. THANK YOU**

FUTURE MEETINGS AND CLUB PROGRAM.

28 April 2016: **Arthur Burns: The Hunter River**

30 April-1 May: **Presidents Elect Training Seminar & District Assembly - Singleton**

5 May 2016: **Peta Tehan: Podiatrist**

10 May 2016: **RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) at Nelson Bay**

12 May 2016: **Club Assembly & Peace Fellowship candidate, Shannon Longhurst.**

13-15 May 2016 - **RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) 14-17 years**

19 May 2016: **Kim Simpson, Education of Deaf and Blind children.**

9 June 2016 – **Our 60th Birthday & Club Changeover.**



**PROPOSED PEACE SCHOLAR CANDIDATE**

Shannon Longhurst from Sydney will be a guest speaker at our Club meeting on Thursday May 12. Her application has been submitted to the Club and we look forward to meeting Sharon. Thank you to Lorraine Nicol for her work.



**NEXT WEEK'S GUEST SPEAKER- ARTHUR BURNS**

Our Guest Speaker next week is Arthur Burns, the former President of the Hunter Valley Water Users Association and former schoolmate of our own Don Whatham- should be an interesting night

**DISTRICT EVENTS**

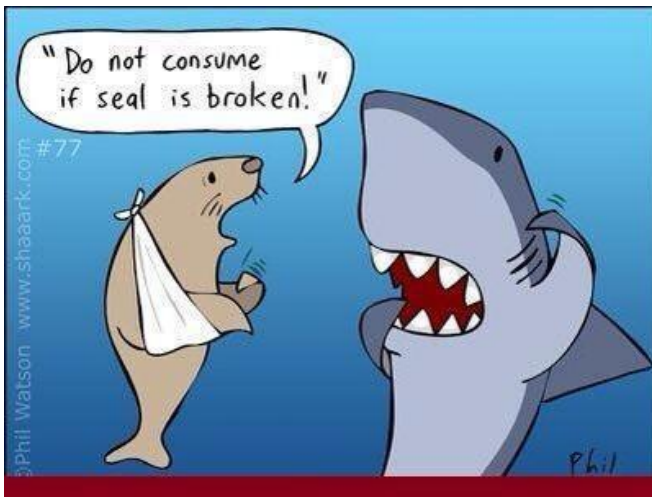
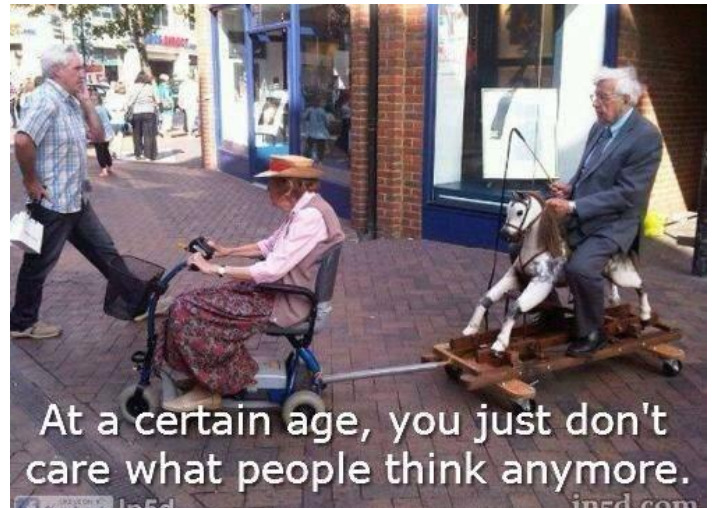
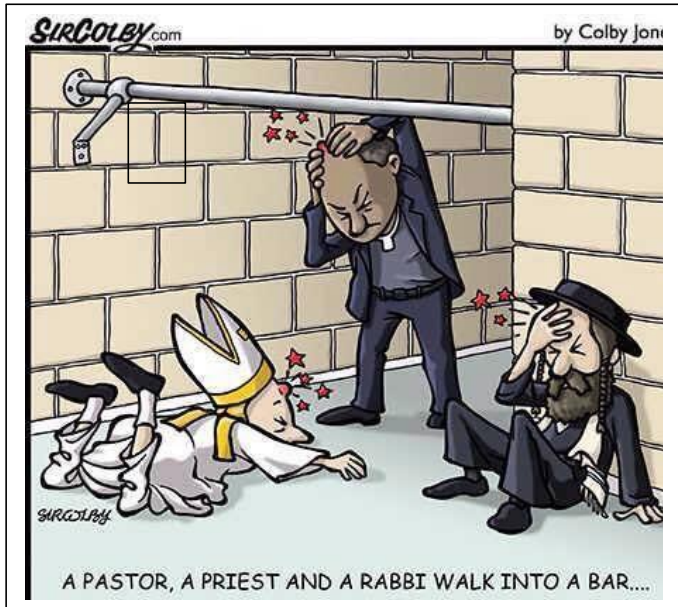
Members are advised the District 9670 Changeover will be held on Saturday night July 2 at Cessnock. District Governor Adrian will hand over to incoming District Governor Steve Jackson and his team.

PETS and District Assembly will be held at Singleton April 30, May 1,

**OUR 60<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY PARTY/CHANGEOVER –THURSDAY JUNE 9<sup>th</sup> 2016**

President Ann and the team met during the week to progress this fast approaching milestone in the Club's history. All is on track for a memorable evening for this celebration of 60 years Community Service, and of course handing over to the incoming Board under the capable guidance of Judy Mitchell. President Ann has asked any members who have a good story ( hopefully humorous) to tell to advise her over the next couple of weeks, prior to the completion of the programme for the night being held at Soldiers Point Bowling Club.

## A TOUCH OF HUMOUR



Both optimists and pessimists contribute to society. The optimist invents the aeroplane, the pessimist the parachute.

*George Bernard Shaw*

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## MY YEAR AS PRESIDENT- IAN BRIGDEN 1986-87

As we draw closer to our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Club Historian Richard Turner is highlighting some of our Past Presidents Achievements. Ian Brigden was President 30 years ago and is still an active member of our Club. Some of the Highlights of Ian's year are

- Hosted District Conference in Nelson Bay in 1987 with our own Bart Richardson as District Governor
- Completed the major project of levelling the land belonging to Nelson Bay Tennis Club
- Formation of the Ladies Probus Club in Nelson Bay in 1986 and Soldiers Point Probus Club in 1987
- Nelson Bay Rotary debating team won for the first time the annual debate with Nelson Bay High
- First Port Bottling and BBQ Night (still being talked about 30 years later)
- First Hobby Auction
- Past Presidents Loftus Chalmers and John Stuhmcke awarded Paul Harris Fellows. John is the club's longest serving active member.
- Raised over \$4000 extra funding for Polio Plus
- Total Donations \$7679.96. Major beneficiary was soon to be built Nelson Bay Polyclinic

### A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ANN

President Ann has received a number of suggestions from members of the Club regarding the dispersal of Club Service Account Funds. The Board is meeting a week earlier in May to discuss this matter and asks for any suggestions to be forwarded to her for the Board's consideration.

Directors are reminded of the change in dates, now **Wednesday May 4 at 5.45 pm at the Nelson Bay Bowling Club.**

Ann thanks you in advance, for your suggestions and comments.

### ROTARY YOUTH DRIVER AWARENESS UPDATE

RYDA co-ordinator Kathy Rimmer updated the Youth Committee and members on the status of this great event on Thursday evening.

RYDA is being held on Tuesday May 10 at the Elizabeth Waring Centre, Nelson Bay with some 230 students from Tomaree High and St Phillips Schools attending.

Setup for the day is Monday evening May 9<sup>th</sup> at 5.30pm. There are number of tasks been delegated out and a Roster will be issued in the next week or so.

Member participation looks to be strong this year and we look forward to another successful day.



### ROTARY WORLD CONVENTION- KOREA

**Two Club members, PDG Don Whatham and Fiona and DGN Helen Ryan and Mike will be attending the Rotary International World Convention in Korea at the end of May. Both Don and Helen are getting a bit of extra travel in before going to Korea and we wish them a safe and happy trip and trust they meet some old friends along the way.....**

### GOLF ENTRY FORMS NOW AVAILABLE

Entry forms in the Club's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Day are now printed. Golf Day Chair Ian Faulkner and his team have been working behind the scenes to ensure a successful day.

We are hoping for a large field for the golf at Nelson Bay Golf Club and also at the dinner and auction held at Nelson Bay Bowling Club

**The date of course is Friday October 7 2016, which also happens to be Hat Day.**

The Club appreciate the Gold Sponsorship of **Port Stephens Toyota** and to **WHO PRINTING** for supplying the brochures at no cost to the Club.

### ANZAC TRIBUTES TO LOCAL SCHOOLS

President Ann will make ANZAC Day tributes to local schools at the ANZAC Service at Nelson Bay on Monday, service commences 10.30 am. Our 2 local High Schools will receive a copy of Bart's Book "The Army as I Saw It

