

Bulletin 4 - 25 July 2019



Rotary Friendship Exchange is an international self-funded exchange program for Rotary members and friends that allows participants to take turns hosting one another in their homes and clubs.

Visitors enjoy warm hospitality and an international travel experience unlike any other, while hosts are rewarded with new friendships and cultural exchanges whilst showing their part of the world to visitors.

Trish Moore our guest speaker and husband Pat both members of Newcastle Enterprise Rotary Club were members of the friendship exchange travelling to South Dakota and across the border to Iowa and Minnesota during May and June this year. They joined eight other D9670 Rotarians for the journey.

District 5610 encompasses all of South Dakota and is a rich agricultural region featuring tourism, healthcare universities, manufacturing and business with a well-rounded diversity of industries. With the Missouri river flowing through the state, Badlands National Park and the iconic Mt Rushmore and Crazy Horse Mountain the state is a mecca for tourists.

The group was hosted by six Rotary clubs and attended meetings at many of the 43 Rotary clubs throughout the district. The hospitality was warm and generous and many new friends were made.

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Birthdays this coming week:

1 Aug: Ian McIver

2 Aug: Liz Friend

3 Aug: Doug Bairstow
Anniversaries

Nil

Raffle- Heads & Tails:

H&T: Bob Mitchell,
Raffle: President Arja

Member Duties

1 August 2019

Door:

Milton Williams, Jim
Booth

Meet/Greet:

Ella Clarke

Loyal Toast:

Doug Craike

Grace:

John Cropley

Intro Guest speaker:

John Crump

Thank Guest

Speaker:

Chelsea Ellul

Bulletin:

Phill Smith

Photos:

Next meeting – Barry Elliott – Behavioural Change Psychologist – Psychology & Road Safety. Dinner Ladies – Club Bistro 6pm.

Apologies/Extras to John Crump by noon on Wednesday!

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During club visits each team member outlined their club activities and the team leader provided a brief summary of D9670 District Projects. PDG Brian Coffey's wonderful video from his District Conference was a feature of each presentation. Clubs provided transport to the next set of hosts with the meeting at a half way point. The two way exchange of information and cultures provided visitors and hosts with a good understanding of life in each other's homeland.

We will be privileged to serve as a host club during the return trip of our South Dakotan visitors in October. The group will visit Nelson Bay for three days and PDG Helen Ryan is planning an exciting itinerary for them. Our club is seeking six home hosts. At this time Helen has three volunteers. Please let Helen know if you can assist.



New signage has been placed at our Gan Gan Lookout. Updated signage has been placed on both sets of binoculars and at the upper and lower lookouts. This will provide better guidance to visitors wishing to access the facilities.

The Larry McGrath Memorial Directional sign is also ready for placement at the upper lookout. This sign will highlight many of the world locations which were significant to our past member Larry.

Thank you to Director Chelsea for her effort in designing the signage and managing its acquisition.

COMING EVENTS.

Thursday 1 August: Barry Elliott – Psychology & Road Safety. Dinner Ladies - Bistro.

Wednesday 14 August: Board Meeting.

Wednesday 14 August: Project Neighbour

Thursday 15 August: Club Assembly

Wednesday 21 August: Members Past & Present Morning Tea – Evviva Restaurant

Thursday 22 August: John Mitchell-Adams – Saving Rhinos & Elephants in Africa.

Thursday 12 September: Official Visit – DG Graeme Hooper and Sue.

REGULAR EVENTS.

First Thursday of each Month: Dinner Ladies in the Bistro.

Second Wednesday of each Month: Project Neighbour at selected locations.

Third Wednesday of Each Month: Past & Present Members Morning tea at EVVIVA restaurant.



Peter Page has his 1992 Holden Statesman tuned and ready to participate in the 2019 Starlight Children's Foundation "Trek for Kids" Rally. Peter and his son have participated in this rally for several of the past years assisting to raise many thousand dollars for this outstanding cause. The board resolved that club support to this and similar causes would be provided by encouraging members to make individual contributions.

The collection box pictured was circulated during the meeting and Peter was very pleased with the response of members present. If you were absent last night and would like to contribute please see Peter. You may also donate by credit card using the Club's Square and the donation will be transferred to Peter.

CLUB NEWS AND EVENTS.

- VP John reported that the Tomaree Youth Community Action Group Charity Day held at Robinson Reserve Anna Bay had been a resounding success. The event was well attended and those present were most appreciative of the excellent barbeque provided by our club. Proceeds from the event were \$500 of which \$100 was returned as a donation to the Youth group.
- Community Director Milton reported that the Bunning's barbeque held on Sunday had been most successful with a steady stream of customers all day. As a result of the catering events held Saturday and Sunday \$1035 was raised for club funds. This will be available for community donations during the year. A \$100 was made to the Tomaree Youth Group following the Saturday event. Catering is a very significant part of our club fund raising as well as providing exposure to the work of Rotary in our community. Of interest is the number of members of the public who make a donation to Rotary without making a purchase.
- It was wonderful to welcome Bob Mitchell back to our club. Bob has recently celebrated his 80th birthday thus becoming an OBE. Bob extended his sincere appreciation to members who had been so supportive of him and extended their sympathy following the passing of his dear wife and our esteemed member Judy.
- Club Director Liz reported that the Bowling Club had changed caterers. She will be meeting with club management to ensure our future catering arrangements are secure.
- The Science and Engineering Challenge is currently in progress at the University of Newcastle with many of our members volunteering their services during the week long event.
- The club Board is considering participation in the National Polio Plus fundraiser film night featuring the film "Ride Like a Girl" which highlights the winning ride of Michelle Payne in the Melbourne Cup. We have ideas of combining this with DG Graeme and Sue's "Paint the Town Red" appeal. It has been suggested this may be a combined event with the Salamander Bay Club. International Director Chelsea is following up this proposal.
- ARH District Representative Chris Bartlett has proposed a Hat Day Community event to coincide with Mental Health Week. Chris has suggested that the facilities of our Club's Exercise Trail be featured during the event which will culminate with a picnic lunch or dinner at a venue like Fly Point or Little Beach.
- Tomaree Learning Community which includes Tomaree High and all the local public schools will celebrate Education Week with a celebratory event on Thursday 8 August at the Tomaree Education Centre MPC at 6.00pm. Youth Director Lesley will represent our club and members are invited to attend. The Education Week theme is "Every Student, Every Voice".
- Tomaree High School will hold a "Thank You Breakfast for Community Volunteer Groups" on Wednesday 4 September. The event being hosted by the SRC will provide an opportunity for Volunteer Groups including service clubs to set up displays to promote their community work.
- Former members John Shaw, Murray Nichol, Terry Fitzsimon, Ian Rolfe, Peter Buckley, Bill Brown, Hugh Randall and Mayor Ryan Palmer have been invited to be Honorary members during the Rotary year.
- David Clark and the MND Fundraising committee are seeking quotes for the fundraising dinner.