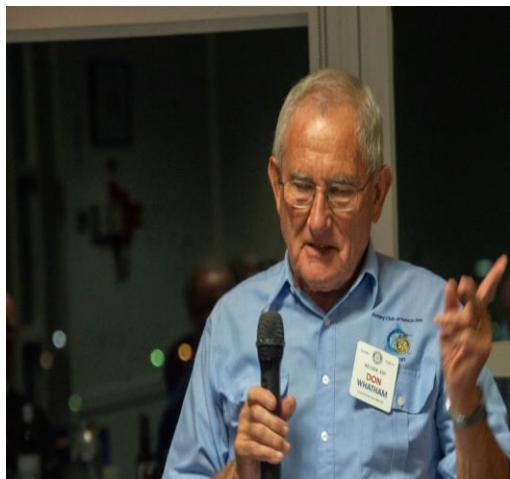


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DON WHATHAM ALL THE RAGE



Our members were treated to an entertaining Behind the Badge presentation by one of our long standing members, Past District Governor and current Club Secretary Don Whatham on Thursday night.

Don had five sections to his presentation- Growing up & School, Working Career, Family Life, Rotary Life and Retired Life. He concluded his presentation with a short video and a highly humorous story from 1995 when he appeared on the ABC's nationally broadcast Music programme RAGE.

Don managed to make local headlines and gained National publicity for his stance against any form of physical contact at Tomaree High School, where he was Principal.

The RAGE team attended the school and a very humorous video resulted which was broadcast nationally

Some other highlights of Don's presentation were

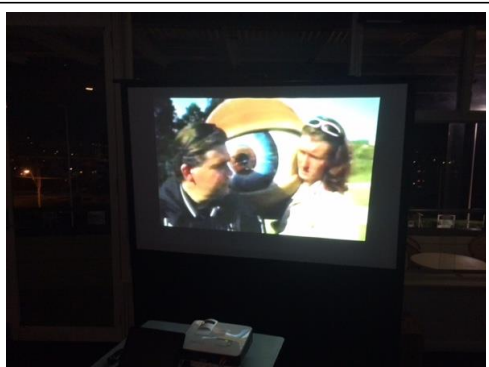
GROWING UP & SCHOOL

Born in Singleton, educated at Mitchell's Flat and Singleton High where highlights included missing one month's school in 1955 due the Hunter floods. Don was School captain and represented the school in Rugby League and cricket.

WORKING LIFE HIGHLIGHTS

- Completed teacher training at Newcastle Tech in 1959
- Commenced teaching at Blacktown High in 1960
- Teaching service at Granville, Lithgow, Bass Hill, Strathfield and Miller High Schools in Sydney
- Returned to part time University in 1964 travelling 5 nights for 6 years finally graduating in Science in 1970 majoring in Mathematics and Physics
- 1979 seconded to Dept of Defence and taught at RAAF School in Penang Malaysia. for 3 years
- 1985 Principal Leeton High School
- 1992 Appointed Principal of Nelson Bay High serving for 8 years. Don was heavily involved in the planning of the Tomaree Education Centre.
- Retired in 2000 after 1 year as Principal of Tomaree High School

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday May 26 Hash House Harriers BBQ lunch

Sunday May 27 Community BBQ- Nelson Bay Clean up Volunteers

Thursday May 31 Dave Harasti-NSW DPI Port Stephens Aquatic Environment

Thursday June 7 –Professor Martin Jeggo Also Ladies Dinner Night-at Tails

Friday June 8 Fund Raiser for little Joshua Taylor, Little Beach Boat House

Tuesday June 12 Past/Honorary members morning tea-all welcome

Wednesday June 13-Board Meeting

Thursday June 14- Louise Healy Scouts

Monday June 18 Tree Planting Anna Bay School.

Thursday June 21 Club Changeover at Nelson Bay Bowling Club

Saturday July 7 District Changeover at Maitland City Bowling Club

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Birthdays coming up

None this week

Anniversaries

May 27 Hugh & Anne Randall

May 29 Dieter & Helga Greiter – 47 years

Heads and Tails David Clark

Member Duties May 3 2018

Door Doug Craike/John Crump

Meet/Greet: David Clark/Ella Clarke

Loyal Toast Chelsea Ellul

Grace: Liz Friend

Intro Guest speaker:

Geoff Diemar

Thank Guest Speaker:

Dieter Greiter

Bulletin Editor: Don

Whatham

Photographer Phil Smith

Guest Speaker –Dave

Harasti- NSW DPI-

speaking on Sport Stephens aquatic environment, guests welcome.

Meal- Steak and vegies.

GAN GAN LOOKOUT PROJECT –The clean up continues...



We had 8 volunteers working at Gan Gan Lookout last Friday in near perfect conditions, Plenty of clearing and weeding as carried out and much weed spraying skilfully handled by Milton, under the watchful of Chris B. Our picture shows Project manager Liz highlighting the impressive work of our volunteers to President Kathy



As members can see from the above pictures our working conditions are very hard to take, with spectacular views hindering progress at times. It is very interesting to see a large number of visitors enjoying the vistas, with the occasional question directed to our clean up crew.

Our hard working volunteers took a brief break from their labours to assist this week's Bulletin Editor to record the moment. From left Liz, Judi P, Dieter, President Kathy, Don W, Peter McBean and Milton. Port Stephens Council have agreed to supply some native bushes and plants for this project and a big thank to Liz, for the great job she is doing with PSC.



**APOLOGIES & EXTRAS TO JOHN CRUMP BY NOON WEDNESDAY'S
PLEASE –PHONE OR SMS 0401 450 239- THANK YOU**

TREE PLANTING AT ANNA BAY UPDATE

Liz Friend and Chris B met with Lauren Denison of Bunnings on Friday to discuss the purchase of trees and bushes for our Club's tree planting day on Monday June 18, 2018 at Anna Bay Public School at 2pm. We are striving to get 30 members and their partners to attend this event, in order to participate in World President, Ian Riseley request to plant a tree for every Rotary worldwide. The remainder of our trees will be planted at Gan Gan Lookout. Bunnings will be supporting our event with the supply of some of the trees and bushes, with Lauren also attending the event. The remainder of the plants will be paid for via Bunnings Vouchers we have earned for our labour at Bunnings Family night BBQ's. The trees and bushes for planting at Gan Gan Lookout will hopefully be supplied by Port Stephens Council, as part of our Gan Gan Lookout beautification programme, currently underway. It is hoped all our members, including our honorary members, will be involved.



KELVIN KONG UPDATE

Director Geoff Diemar has had an initial meeting with Kelvin, who is extremely enthusiastic with regards to a programme being initiated by our Club to assist young indigenous children. A followed up meeting is planned in Nelson Bay in the near future.

ASSISTANT GOVERNORS AT WORK IN SCONE

Incoming District Governor, Brian Coffey held a working weekend at Middlebrook Farm, Scone, last Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, for his Assistant Governors. Much was discussed in an informal manner with plenty of bonding occurring on Saturday evening. The AG's partners were treated to a visit to Alabama Horse Stud with Carol Coffey while work was being carried out. Picture from left DG Brian Coffey, Amanda Roach, Tim Vail, Sharon Chambers, Grant Jupe and in the front Chris McGrath, Brian Oakley, our own Chris Bartlett and our club's AG Phil Gorton



REGULAR EVENTS COMING UP

A reminder of a few of the regular events coming up

Ladies/Partners Night

This is always held on the first Thursday of the month at Nelson Bay Bowling, downstairs in Tails Restaurant. All partners welcome.

Honorary/Past members Morning tea

Held on the 2nd Tuesday of each quarter at Evviva Café at 10 am. Next event on Tuesday June 12. All members welcome to join in for coffee.

Project Neighbour

This is held on third Wednesday of each month where afternoon tea is enjoyed with senior members of our community. Next Project Neighbour is Wednesday June 20. Contact Peter McBean for more info.

'MR BUNNINGS'- TONY TODD

Our Club is extremely fortunate to have Tony Todd as our Bunnings coordinator. While Tony is multi skilled he has responsibility for all our Bunnings activities and is doing a great job. Tony presented President Kathy with 2 Bunnings vouchers from a recent family night. These vouchers (\$150 value) will be used in the purchase of trees and plants for Anna Bay School



On top of Don's many other talents highlighted on Thursday night, he had a brief recording career with Sun Studios in Memphis USA.



NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER- DAVE HARASTI FROM FISHERMAN'S BAY

David Harasti is a Senior Research Scientist based at the [Port Stephens Fisheries Institute](#). He is a marine biologist with over 15 years experience working on threatened marine species and marine biodiversity. David previously worked in threatened species management, focusing on recovery plans for species such as grey nurse, great white sharks and black cod, before commencing research on evaluation of [Marine Protected Areas](#) (MPAs) in 2008. David also co-supervises several Honours and PhD students.

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Invitation



Rotarians and Friends
are invited to the
Change Over
of
Rotary Club of Nelson Bay
Thursday 21st June 2018
6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m.
Nelson Bay Bowling Club
Stockton St, Nelson Bay NSW 2315
\$35.00 per person – incl. 2 course dinner

Register: Try Booking -

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=385951>

or email : info@yinyangconsulting.com.au

mobile: 0409 070 622 (manual booking)

Payment can be made via Direct Deposit to
BSB 637000 A/C 781017418

(Please state Name & "Changeover")

RSVP: 1st June 2018



Continued Don Whatham All the Rage from Front Page- FAMILY LIFE ...

- Married Fiona in 1964 and they have 3 children, Lara, Alison and Andrew.
- Have 6 grandsons and 3 grand daughters

ROTARY LIFE

- Joined Rotary in 1985 in Leeton
- Joined Nelson Bay Rotary in 1992
- President 1996-7
- Has been awarded Paul Harris Fellow with Sapphire Pin
- District Committee and Chairman National Youth Science Forum (4 years)
- District Governor 2005-6
- ARH Regional Coordinator 2006-08
- Vice Chair of ARH 2009-13
- Life member and ARH Ambassador.
- District Chair (New Generations 2010-14)
- 1996 Member of Nelson Bay FAIM team to PNG (Kokoda Hospital)
- 2007 FAIM team to Vanuatu (Port Vila Hospital)
- District Mentor linking Newcastle Uni and District 9670 for Science and Engineering Challenge for 5 years
- 2009 Member of Zone 8 Rotary Institute organising committee
- Nelson Bay Rotary Club Secretary 2015-
- 2018 District 9670 Conference Secretary

RETIRED LIFE

- Formerly active cricketer, now golfer and part time bowls player
- Served as Vice Chair of Tomaree Community College since 1993
- Voluntary Director at Harbourside Haven from 2002-05
- Featured in the Stamp Series Face of Australia in 2000
- Is a Justice of the Peace
- Enjoys travelling to see family in both Leeton and the Sunshine Coast in Queensland.

Terrific presentation Don...

HASH HARRIERS HUNGRY TO HELP



HASH HOUSE HARRIERS LUNCH AT HALIFAX PARK

Around 50 Hash House Harriers Runners, gathered at Halifax Park on Saturday to following their 900 run event. Nelson Bay Rotary and HHH member Greg Flux asked our Club to cook a hamburger lunch after the run, which we were delighted to do. After a shaky start, with a major gas injection issue with Clive's Cooker, our back up BBQ was fired up and a delicious lunch was served to the hungry Harriers right on time. A collection bucket was passed around and \$145 raised for Little Joshua's Vest Appeal and Greg will make another presentation to President Kathy on Thursday. Despite a few technical issues it was a great day. Thank you to the following members... VP John S, Geoff & Denise Diemar, Richard Turner, Phil Smith, Tony Todd and Chris B, for maintaining our usual levels of service, and of course Greg for organising this event.

LAST CHANCE TO NOMINATE

President Kathy reminded our members to nominate any person who they feel would merit a Paul Harris Fellow Award. Kathy also asked members for any particular worthy cause that could be considered for a donation from our Club. Please put your suggestions to Kathy or Secretary Don, as our Annual Changeover Dinner is not far away and the Board needs to consider the nominations prior to Changeover.

Joshua Taylor's Cystic Fibrosis Fundraiser @ Little Beach Boathouse, Friday 8th June 2018 at 6:30pm

Alicia Cameron of Little Beach Boathouse with Anita Marshall of Advanced Finance Solutions is organising a fundraiser event to raise the min. required \$7,500 to be matched by the Dick Smith Trust. RC Nelson Bay has already donated \$1,000 towards this event. It is hoped that \$3,000+ can be raised and we are confident that the required amount can be reached. Tickets can be purchased on line or direct from Little Beach Boathouse. **Note A link to the Rotary Australia Benevolent Society (RABS) will be provided by President Kathy soon.**

OUR PEACE SCHOLAR



Our Club's and District 9670 first Peace Scholar Shannon Longhurst has been working and studying hard. Lorrainer Nichol provided the following update for this edition of the Bulletin

Just a little news on Shannon Longhurst our Peace Scholarship. Shannon has been very busy. She took an extra subject last Semester for a certificate in Public Policy to go with her Master's Degree. She has just returned from a week-long program which she was offered in London. Shannon has just accepted a summer internship in Washington DC working with a group called Talent Beyond Boundaries – International Employment Pathways for skilled refugees, which will open many pathways

Thank you Lorraine for keeping us informed. To follow Shannon's progress by following the LinkedIn profiles.

Sharon is studying at Duke University in the USA.

Hopefully Shannon will be a speaker at our Club next time she has a break in Australia.....

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