



Bulletin # 43 – 20th May 2021

This week we just enjoyed each other's company



Although not planned, this week we had no guest speaker and it was interesting to see that members stayed back longer than usual at the close of the meeting, just chatting and enjoying each other's company.



Members would be aware of the Club's association with Professor Kelvin Kong ENT Surgeon and Newcastle's 2021 Citizen of the Year.

News has come through that Kelvin has been honoured with the bestowing of the Australian Society of Medical Research Medal for 2020/21.

Save the Date 24th June 2021
Changeover
Venue: Nelson Bay Bowling club

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Visitors this week:

Brian Comely
Craig Paroissien

Birthdays 6/11 - 12/11

None this week

Anniversaries

27 May: Hugh and Anne Randall

Heads and Tails

Phill Smith

Raffle:

Kathy Rimmer

Next meeting

27th May

Door: Lesley Freeman

Grace: Arja Levonpera

Intro Speaker: Bob Mitchell

Thank Speaker: John Stumhcke

Bulletin: Chris Bartlett

Photos: John Cropley

Binoculars: John

Stumhcke and Chris

Bartlett (Maintenance)

Next meeting – John Evans Tin City

Apologies/Extras to by noon on Wednesday!

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Helen Ryan represented the Club at a Rotary Centenary luncheon in Sydney and reported back to the Club this week. Her report is published here in full.



Mike and I were privileged to represent the Rotary Club of Nelson Bay and attend the Centenary luncheon in Sydney organised by the Rotary Club of Sydney as part of the Centenary celebrations. Interestingly the Rotary Club of Sydney in its 100 years has had 98 Presidents and only 1 has served two terms; he was Sir Henry Braddon and 100 years ago to the day the Rotary club of Sydney was chartered.

This was a wonderful experience. The Guest of Honour was the Governor General, His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd) and his wife Linda; there were 450 attendees from many parts of the country, Adelaide, Melbourne, Darwin and obviously Sydney and various parts of N.S.W.

The Consul General of Canada, who is a member of the Rotary Club of Sydney spoke noting the instigation of Rotary in Australia, headed by 2 Canadians, James Davidson from Calgary and Layton Ralston from Halifax who were commissioned to introduce 'Rotary to the Antipodes in 1921'.

The typical description of a Rotarian in 1921 was a 'go getter and a practical idealist'. Along with this a quote from Paul Harris:

"Rotarians are much more favourably disposed towards actions rather than words" was written on the screen and referred to by many of the speakers, in their reflection of work done over the Century.

The Governor General noted specifically the work that we have done but now it is time to look forward, be progressive in our thinking and actions and focus on what's next. Much applause and agreement for this statement. He also noted that Rotarians are people who have a positive attitude, think big, are not afraid to tackle tasks and prepared to see it to the end, citing Polio as a case in point.

The Rotary Club of Sydney has a strong association with UTS and as the Vice Chancellor of the UTS said; you are committed to service, you have compassion for others and do it because you care; this referred to the donation and ongoing association that the Rotary Club of Sydney has given to the UTS to assist with the construction of the First Nations College, an accommodation block for Indigenous students and the ongoing provision of support, both academically and mentally as they do their studies.

All in all, a very inspiring day with excellent speakers, great fellowship and very good fare!

Next week - Tin City



Our speaker next week will be John Evans who until recently led tours to “Tin City” in the Stockton Sand Dunes.



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VIRTUAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE 9670

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10.30am until 4.00pm

Saturday, 22nd May, 2021

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100 trees for 100 Rotary years.



Tom O'Dwyer Oval this week minus the Bitou Bush and Lantana removed by our members, plus the newly planted Eucalypts and native shrubs including Grevilleas and Callistemons also planted by our members.