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## 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.



Save the Date 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021 Changeover Venue: Nelson Bay Bowling club

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 Medical Society of Research Medal for

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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 27<sup>th</sup> May Door: Lesley Freeman Grace: Arja Levonpera Intro Speaker: Bob Mitchell Thank Speaker: John Stumhcke Bulletin: Chris Bartlet Photos: John Cropley Binoculars: John Stumchke and Chris Bartlett (Maintenance)

Next meeting – John Evans Tin CityApologies/Extras to by noon on Wednesday!Ph 0401 450 239

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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 organsied 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 Rotary club of Sydney the 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 form 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 form Calgary and Layton Ralston form Halifax who were commissioned to introduce 'Rotary to the Antipodes in 1921'.

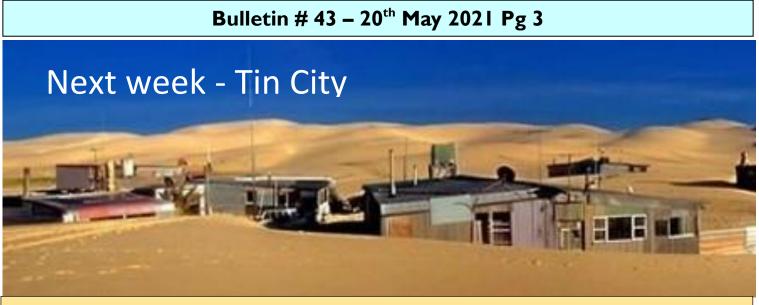
The typical description of a Rotarian in 1921 was a 'go getter and a practical idealist'. Along with this a quote from Paul Harris:

"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!



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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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.