



## Bulletin # 44 – 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015

### Australian Wildlife Conservancy



**AWC:**

A new model for conservation, Australian Wildlife Conservancy (AWC) was established more than 10 years ago because Australia has the worst mammal extinction rate in the world - and a very high proportion of our surviving animals and plants (over 1,700 species) are listed as threatened with extinction.

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**Visitors:** John Crump  
Nelson Bay, Sue White from  
Walcha and partners Joy  
Faulkner and Lynne Treble

**Lady Luck:**  
**Heads and Tails:**  
Richard Harris

**Raffle:**  
Ian Faulkner

**Congratulations Birthdays:**  
Henk Tobbe                      10<sup>th</sup> Jun

**Members' Duties 11<sup>th</sup> June Door:**  
Bart Richardson/ Doug  
Bairstow  
Meet/Greet  
Ian McIver/ Bob Mitchell  
Thank Guest Speaker-  
Chris Bartlett  
Loyal Toast  
Richard Turner  
Grace  
John Cropley

Our speaker this week was Leah Royle Development Executive with AWC.

After completing a Bachelor of Animal and Veterinary Bioscience (Hons), Leah worked in the NFP sector for two years before finding her dream job at AWC. AWC's strategy is to establish sanctuaries by acquiring land, and through partnerships with landholders the implementation of practical land management including feral animal control and fire management.

As well as the obvious feral animals like cats and foxes feral herbivores such as donkeys, horses and camels are a big problem too - denuding the habitat of vegetation. Controlling feral animals and performing controlled burn offs (thereby preventing mass destruction of habitat) are a large part of the organisation's strategy.

One fact I found interesting - and disturbing - is the number of native animals killed each day in Australia by feral cats - \$75,000,000 – yes 75 million!!

It was clear from Leah's presentation that her organisation is making a difference.

It is funded in a small part by government funding, as well as by corporate funding. But the main source of funding is though individual donations.

For more information go to:

<http://www.australianwildlife.org/about/about.aspx#sthash.Sev2Al3B.dpuf>

**Next week - Larry McGrath 43 years a Rotarian**

**Apologies/Extras To Ros Cribb by noon on Wednesday!**

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### Exercise Trail

Exercise Parks are popular in major cities but not often found outside them. But, thanks to the initiative of our own Ian Faulkner the Nelson Bay area will soon boast its own.

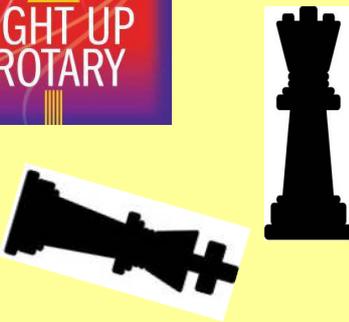
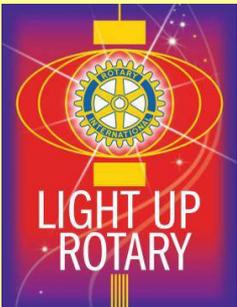
Following a meeting with Port Stephens Council this week it has been agreed to move forward on the construction of an exercise trail along the Nelson Bay/Corlette waterfront. A joint venture with Port Stephens Council the project will provide 4 exercise clusters with a total of 12 stations. These will be at Dutchies Beach East and West, Bagnall Beach and Conroy Park.

Cost is in the order of \$31,000. Rotary's contribution will be \$17,000 (\$10,000 from our community funds and balance from a Rotary Foundation Grant).

Installation will commence soon with the main hold-up being the selection of the equipment supplier.

Coming soon to our waterfront

## Change over



## Rotary Changeover Night Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2015



Cost is \$40 per person

### Includes:

- a two course meal and table wines and soft drink

### Payment:

- Payment can be made by 16<sup>th</sup> June in the following ways:
  - Paid into the Rotary Club of Nelson Bay Bank account and the details are :
    - Greater Building Society-Nelson Bay
    - BSB : 637000
    - Account number: 781017418
    - Reference: Changeover Dinner and your name

OR

- Cheque in favour of Rotary Club of Nelson Bay Inc



Nardine's time in Australia is coming to an end. Last week she travelled to Mudgee where she caught up with a Polish Exchange Student that she has become friendly with. On her way back she dropped in at the Dubbo Zoo where she was delighted by the antics of the meerkats, lion cubs and rhinos along with the other animals.

A farewell breakfast is being held at Fly Point on Sunday 14 June at 10:00AM. All you need bring is yourself and a chair and maybe a picnic table – everything else will be provided.

### COMBINED BOARD MEETING

**10 JUNE 2015** This will be a working Dinner Meeting to be held at Nelson Bay Bowling Club at 6.30pm on Wednesday 10 June 2015. Members of the current and new boards should attend.



### Rotary wins prestigious Silver Telly for AIDS documentary

A documentary film produced by Rotary's broadcast media department that features Rotary member Marion Bunch and her work to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS in underprivileged African communities won two 2015 Telly Awards.

The prestigious awards are given annually to the most innovative and video productions. Rotary's documentary, "Rotary Family Health Days" received a Silver Telly, the highest honor, in the online video-documentary category, and a Bronze Telly in the online video-branded content and entertainment category. The documentary was shown by the South African Broadcasting Corporation and throughout Africa.

For the full story and to watch the video go to:

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/news-media/news-features/rotary-wins-prestigious-silver-telly-aids-documentary>

### Rotary Day at the United Nations highlights the strength of partnerships

To strengthen their **69-year-old partnership**, leaders from Rotary and the United Nations met this month in New York City for Rotary Day at the United Nations. The two organizations began working together with the aim of maintaining peace after World War II. Today, the relationship has evolved to include humanitarian work in areas like gender equality, child and maternal health, and disease treatment and prevention.

### Australian Wildlife Conservancy - Update

The day after Leah Royle spoke at our meeting news has been received that Bilbies, Numbats and other mammal species which have not been recorded in NSW for over 100 years are set to be returned to the State's National Parks under an historic partnership between Australian Wildlife Conservancy (AWC) and the NSW Government. For more info go to: <http://www.australianwildlife.org/field-updates/2015/awc-to-partner-nsw-government-in-returning-extinct-mammals-to-nsw-national-parks.aspx>