

Bulletin 44&45 May 21/28 2020

MEETING MAY 28 ZOOM MEETING



Our guest speaker at this week's zoom meeting was Sayyed Ali Qasim, 22 members and friends logged in including our Ag Clarice and our new area governor Chris Walmsley. Sayyed originally from Pakistan, has been living with members Douf and Narelle Melhuish in Salamander Bay for the past 6 weeks. He is a friend of Hayley Melhuish.

Born and raised in Pakistan, lived his childhood and young adult life in Dubai, Qatar and Malaysia and now dreaming to be an Australian Citizen.

Qasim moved to Australia in April 2017 to complete his business degree at Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School, however this did not come about without challenges along the way." He found in a hotel, just before Covid 19 struck, unfortunately he was made redundant and has been with the Melhuish's since. He is a very good cook by all reports, with Doug and Narelle giving a very high rating. He has made many friends on his Australian journey and is looking forward to becoming a "dinkydi aussie". He says he will support our cricket team. Longer term he wants to work in Hotels in Canberra, before deciding on his longterm career. Sayyed was very enthusiastic about his newly adopted country judging from his presentation

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Binos Doug Craike, Milton Williams, Chris B. Dieter

Bulletin Don Whatham

Meeting Facilitator
President Arja

EDITORIAL

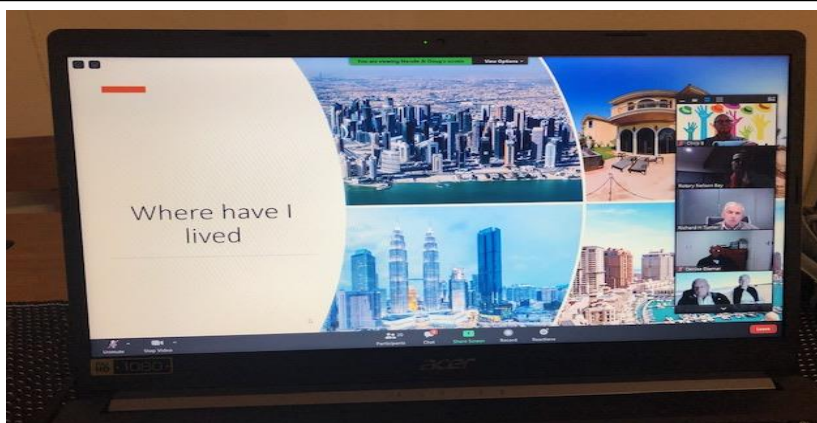
As this my last Bulletin for this Rotary year, I thought it apt to record a couple of observations. Our President Arj has done a fantastic job this year, a very different one for her, commencing with serious injuries to her brother in an accident in Canberra, then followed by the Covid 19 crisis. The Club have had to adapt to a new way of doing things and Arja has led the way. Our Board have been extremely supportive, constantly looking after our members welfare and providing support to all plus using technology to maintain contact. The service provided to the Club by our Board over the past decade or so, have ensured great continuity and solid management, to ensure the future of Nelson Bay Rotary. The effects of Covid 19 are far from over, and the next 6 months will see many changes in our daily lives. How we handle the changes will affect the future of our Club. - Chris B

Next meeting -

Zoom meetings start at 5.45 for a 6pm start. Make sure your wine glass is full



Some more screen shots from this week's meeting and presentation by Saleem Ali Qasim, It was a nice relaxed presentation.



CLUB CHANGEOVER FAST APPROACHING

Its not long now to our Club Changeover on Thursday June 25 via Zoom. Members are asked to 'dress up accordingly' and take part in the meeting where President Arja will hand the reigns over to President Elect Liz..

HEALTH UPDATES

Sheila Sully now home in John's tender loving care and looking forward to regaining her strength

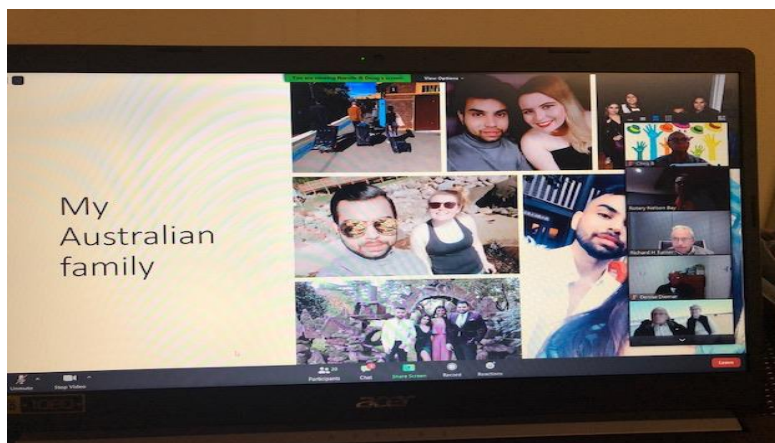
Terry Fitzsimmons still in Newcastle Private Hospital and slowly recovering from recent surgery. Always appreciates a call

Ian McIver and Ian Rolfe recovering from recent accidents

Bill Michel not enjoying the best of health at the moment

Former member from the 1980's **Roger Shoesmith** not to well in Rehab at Toronto Hospital..

In these current times, please remember to be in touch with your family and your fellow members, a call or kind word can a big difference.



AMCAL CHEMISTS COMMUNITY PACKS AVAILABLE

Amcal Chemists Salamander Bay has asked our Club for assistance in identifying Community workers who have gone the extra mile during the Covid 19 crisis. They have prepared some excellent hampers to give to those recipients who have been working under difficult conditions. If many members know of anyone to nominate please contact president Arja.

Passing of Community Volunteer Ken Windeyer

A well known community Volunteer and Current Port Stephens Volunteer of the year Ken Windeyer passed away suddenly at home recently. He was 76. Ken is well known to many members of club, being a recent past member of the Salamander Bay Rotary Club for many years, working on many projects during his time at the Club. He was also a Founding member of Port Stephens Suicide Prevention Network, being the Treasurer since its inception over 10 years ago. He was also a very keen golfer, a regular competitor in the Nelson Bay Golf Club Vets Tournaments. A number of our Club members are members and played with Ken on occasion. On the 10th anniversary of the Suicide Prevention network, Mr Windeyer said the network had achieved what it had set out do in its first decade, by promoting a stronger awareness of the suicide prevention skills and support mechanisms available to the community of Port Stephens.. He was instrumental in supporting several PSSPN initiatives including suicide prevention training for community members and welfare staff, and raising suicide awareness and promoting community connections. He is survived by wife Jo , 5 children and 4 grandchildren





GREAT NEWS FOR KELVIN KONG PROJECT

President Arja has received the following information from HRMI (Hunter Medical Research Institute) Rebekah Wilson

I hope you are well and that everyone at Rotary Nelson Bay is managing social distancing etc. in such a lovely place. We recently got the news that Dr Kong was successful in a federal government grant which he can use 2021 or 2022 onwards- excitingly this is based on the research project underway- he still must complete it etc. but now has the funds for scale it up based on the findings. It won't necessarily fund his outreach work but will allow for larger scale analysis for health districts to use- still based on the current project underway.

The NHMRC is how the government allocates monies for medical research (issued via the university which is a federal institution). With over 1600 researchers here- all whom apply, as well as everyone around the country it is exciting he was selected along with 5 other projects.

At present all Indigenous outreach clinics are closed to prevent potential transmission of COVID-19, but once things resume his project which the club is supporting will continue. I thought I would share this (and the herald article was much nicer than our official internal advices) with you as it is because he had commenced and was able to be doing the project that he got this grant.

“Surgeon and Associate Professor Kelvin Kong will receive more than \$1 million to examine a telehealth model for ear, nose and throat treatment to give Aboriginal children in rural, regional and metropolitan areas greater access to specialist care.”

<https://www.newcastleherald.com.au/story/6764661/six-university-of-newcastle-researchers-to-share-10m-in-grants/>

I will of course keep you updated as to how his project progresses- we anticipate once restrictions ease that clinics and other outpatient services will resume and the face to face part of his research as well.

As a Club we have supported this project to the tune of \$20,000 for data analysis and have committed and have committed a further \$10,000 for the financial analysis. Unfortunately Covid 19 has played a hand. Hopefully we can hold our delayed Golf Day when Covid restrictions are lifted. Our picture above shows Kelvin with president Arja and Past President Kathy at the launch of Kelvin's project held last year.

GAN GAN LOOKOUT REOPENS- BINOS REINSTALLED

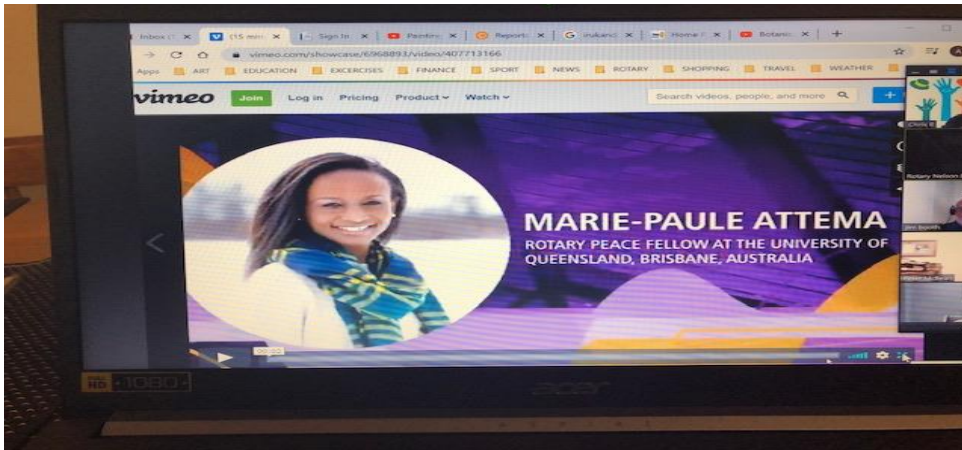


Our ever giving binoculars have been reinstalled at their home on Gan Gan Lookout last week, after the lookout was reopened. They were reinstalled by Geoff Diemar and Warwick Mathieson and are already returning us some much needed revenue. Geoff added some bearings to make it easier to rotate the binos, plus a good dab of grease and a service. Thank you for that great job.

Doug Craike has the keys currently and has undertaken to collect the coins over the next fortnight with assistance from Milton, Chris B and Dieter G. On a brighter note, we understand tourist bookings have been ever strong for the Bay especially for the upcoming weekend. Some maintenance work at the lookout will be required and Liz and Milton will no doubt organise a working team for this task. Thanks to Warwick for the photos

ZOOM MEETING HELD MAY 21 2020

ROTARY PEACE
SCHOLAR VIDEO

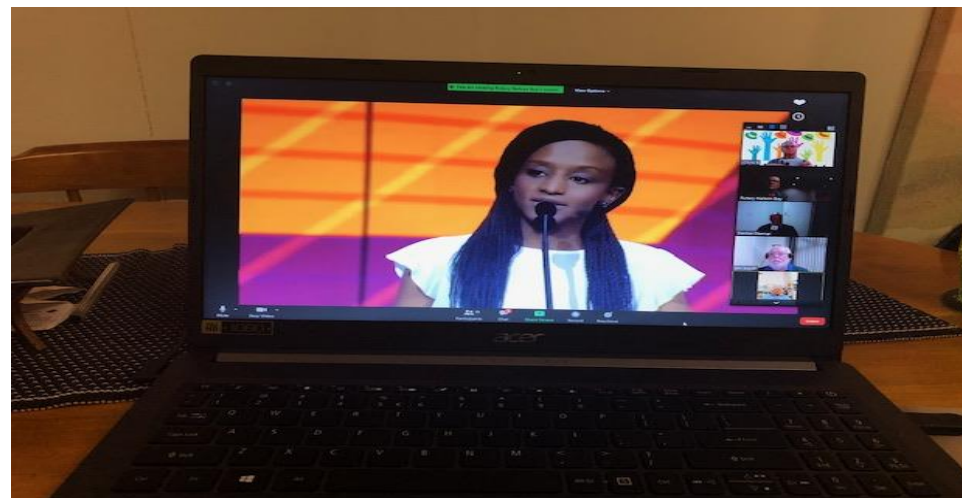


Tonight we viewed a short presentation from Peace Fellow Marie-Paule Attema, on Peace Building and Conflict Prevention. The presentation was delivered at the 2018 International Convention.

Marie-Paule shared her personal life story of becoming a refugee during the 1994 Rwanda genocide and journey to Peace Fellow studies at the University of Queensland and beyond. Below are some extracts from the presentation

After months of anticipation I finally arrived in Brisbane, Australia, where I will be for the next 18 months while I pursue the Masters of Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Queensland Rotary Peace Centre. I quickly felt at home after being picked up by our Australian parents who have been extremely helpful in our transition. I have enjoyed the pros and cons of Australian living as I have quickly adapted to hot weather in March and traveling on ferry that feels more like the vacation than public transit.

I have also survived Cyclone Debbie (experiencing my first ever rain day) and have been sure to watch my step for snakes and spiders. I have also learned to stay out of the Brisbane River. Bull Sharks are everywhere!! excited to be a part of a seminar for Class The staff at the [University of Queensland Peace Center](#) have been incredibly welcoming and helpful. I was rather anxious returning to studying after six years, but after only one month I feel inspired and prepared to undertake my program. I'm both honored and intimidated to be on this journey with nine amazing Peace Fellows from all over the globe. Each [Peace Fellow](#) brings vast knowledge and life experience. This semester I'm enrolled in four peace and conflict related courses. The course work is both challenging and exciting'. I'm excited to learn not only about peace and conflict theories but also practical skills including meditation. Furthermore, I was 14 this past week. field experience). **Note our club nominated our District's only Peace scholar, Shannon Longhurst who studied in Carolina USA.**



FEES DUE SOON

Treasurer Ian announced this week that our annual fees invoices will be sent out this week. The Board have decided not to make any increases for the 2020/21 year remaining .at \$280. These can be paid in two \$140 installments.

President Arja suggested at the meeting of May 21 that members may like to contribute \$25 to cover our weekly \$2.50 collected from attending members for the Rotary Foundation. It is hoped all members would consider making this contribution which can be paid into our Club Account. We have been solid supporters of the otary Foundation