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## **DAVE HARASTI – PORT STEPHENS FISHERIES INSTITUTE.**

Dr. David Harasti is a senior research scientist based at Port Stephens Fisheries Institute. David lives locally at Fisherman's Bay and is a marine



biologist with over 15 years experience. David's research interests include marine biodiversity and threatened and protected species. His current projects associated with the local research station include changes in fish behaviours in response to marine national parks, assessment of the growth and population abundance of juvenile white sharks, movement of snapper within the marine park, effects of habitat degradation on seahorse populations and the abundance and distribution of estuarine soft coral habitats.

David is a keen scuba diver and he describes the Fly Point section of the Port Stephens – Great Lakes Marine Park as the best diving area on the East Coast of Australia. Check <u>www.daveharasti.com/nelsonbay/</u> to view some of the outstanding ocean habitat in the area. The site contains images of fish, seahorses, coral and the abundant species of sea residents of the area.

David 's presentation showed how a baited camera can be used to study the myriad of sea life of the marine park. His work includes the tagging of many

species of sharks and turtles to study their migratory and residual habits.

The most detrimental feature affecting the health of the marine national park is illegal fishermen encroaching the sanctuary zone. Plastic bags and plastic objects are detrimental to sea living creatures.

We were privileged to hear David's outstanding presentation. I recommend you research his website for more detail.



Apologies/Extras to John Crump by 12noon on Wednesday Phone 0401 450 239. We are charged for all meals based on the numbers submitted. Failure to apologise will result in the cost being passed on to the offending member.

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Weekly Winner:

Heads and Tails was won by Chris Bartlett

**Congratulations:** 

**Birthdays**:

1 Jun: Richard Turner

Anniversaries: None this week

#### **Next Week:**

Door: Arja Levonpera, Peter McBean Meet & Greet: David Clark Toast; **Michael Jenkins** Grace: Ian McIver **Introduce Speaker: Dieter Greiter Thank Speaker: Robert Mitchell Bulletin**: Dieter Greiter **Photos:** Phill Smith

#### **Program:**

Professor Martin Jeggo whose topic will be the eradication of tropical diseases. Dinner Ladies will hold their monthly meeting in Tails Restaurant. All welcome.

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# NELSON BAY CIVIC PRIDE



The Nelson Bay Civic Pride Group initiative, which was strongly supported by Port Stephens Council, saw more than 80 volunteers and Council staff turn up on Sunday morning to lend a hand with a general clean up, painting and garden plantings in the town centre. Our club was on hand as usual to feed the hungry volunteers at the end of their hard work. A letter expressing the gratitude of council was read to the meeting by President Kathy.

Meeting with Mayor Ryan Palmer on the day, Community Services Director Chris Bartlett was able to check on progress with the proposed town clock. Secretary Don has written to Ryan to request a formal meeting to discuss the clock project and also the provisions that council will incorporate into the proposed sporting fields upgrade to accommodate the needs of service organisations if the sporting field development includes the area currently occupied by the combined services shed and historical society and graffiti removals storage containers.

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# **CLUB NEWS**

- Our club is supporting fund raising towards the purchase of a special breathing assistance vest for 4 months old Joshua Taylor. Joshua suffers from Cystic Fibrosis and the vest will allow him to breathe efficiently. As Joshua grows the company supplying the vest will make progressive replacements to allow for his growth. The cost is \$15,000. A fund raising dinner will be held at Little Beach Boat House Restaurant on Friday 8 June. The cost is \$60 of which \$30 will be a direct donation to the appeal. There are 110 places available at the dinner and members are urged to book ASAP via the Boathouse website. See advertisement below. Please invite your friends and if a member of Probus invite fellow members. If you cannot attend please consider making a donation to the appeal. Please pass your donation to President Kathy.
- A letter of thanks was received from Anna Bay Public School following our donation of books on Anzac Day.
- Bunnings will kindly donate all the trees to be planted by Rotarians as part of Rotary International President Ian Riseley's initiative for each Rotarian to plant a tree this Rotary year. The tree planting will take place on Monday 18 June 2018 and all members and partners are invited to attend to plant their tree.
- Progress with the Kelvin Kong proposed project continues. Director Geoff Diemar has arranged a meeting locally with Kelvin. Details will be available shortly. We will explore the involvement of RAWCS, ARH and D9670, set goals, timelines and develop concise financial plans before final approval to the project's commencement.
- Don't forget to sell your Rotary Foundation raffle tickets. There are some great prizes which will be drawn at the District Changeover. **Please return books sold or unsold to John Cropley ASAP.**
- Club dress shirts with the new club logo may be ordered and paid for at Totally Work Wear at Salamander Bay. The cost with pockets and members name embroidered is \$49.95. Work polo shirts are also available. To ensure the correct fitting of the work shirt go to Totally Work Wear to try on and order. Payment (\$20) for the work shirt must be made through the club account.



#### FAREWELL RICHARD AND ATHLEEN.

Members of the club's Project Neighbour team gathered on Wednesday afternoon to farewell Richard Harris and Athleen who will leave our club at the end of June. Richard and Athleen will settle into their new home at Morpeth. Thank you to Peter and Maryanne McBean for the delicious afternoon tea. Richard and Athleen have been strong supporters of Project Neighbour since they joined our club and Richard has led the program on occasions when regular coordinators Peter McBean and Robert Mitchell have been unavailable.

Richard and Athleen have been hard workers with involvement in all club activities, Richard has served terms on the board as director and secretary. Richard joined our club in 1998 after previous service as a Rotarian in Denman and Queanbeyan.

We all extend our best wishes to Richard and Athleen.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS**

Thursday 7 June – Professor Martin Jeggo and Dinner Ladies in Tails Restaurant. Friday 8 June – Fund raising dinner for Joshua Taylor Appeal – Little Beach Boat House Tuesday 12 June – Past/Honorary members morning tea at Evviva- all welcome Wednesday 13 June – Board meeting.

Thursday 14 June – Louise Healy – Anna Bay Scouts.

Monday 18 June – Tree planting Anna Bay PS – all members and partners please attend.

21 June – Club Changeover - Nelson Bay Bowling Club

Saturday 7 July - District Changeover - Maitland City Bowling Club - Rutherford

#### **HASH HOUSE HARRIERS**

Greg Flux thanked members of the club for their assistance in providing lunch to Hash House Harriers during their annual celebratory Hash Run last Saturday. Greg presented President Kathy with a cheque for \$650 in appreciation. Greg also presented the \$155 collected in donations by Hash members for the Baby Joshua Vest Appeal.



Hash House Harriers Nelson Bay Club is one of a number of clubs operating both in Australia and internationally. Hash House Harriers dates back to Malaysia in the 1930's when British service personnel based in Kuala Lumpur met socially and commenced a

weekly run for exercise. Harriers for Australians began in Butterworth

Malaysia 50 years

ago when groups of RAAF servicemen based at the Australian Butterworth base met socially and decided to undertake a weekly run through the streets of Butterworth, Georgetown and suburbs on Penang Island. Many RAAF personel on returning home set up branches in their local area. Such is the case with Nelson Bay. Greg and Paula are members of Nelson Bay Club which has 60 to 80 members running through the streets of Nelson Bay each Monday evening.



There are many who recognize Rotarians as just cooking "sausages". In our case Nelson Bay Rotary's activities at Bunnings provide the following:

- In excess of \$10,000 net income per annum
- The opportunity to work with other Community groups
- Provide our Club with new members
- Work with Bunnings on other Community Projects
- Provide the opportunity for all Club members and partners to participate
- The chance for our newer members and their partners to get to know their fellow Club members a little better.

"It is certainly much more than just cooking sausages."

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"It is my hope that the result of that effort will be far greater than the environmental benefit that those 1.2 million new trees will bring," International President Riseley said. "I believe the greater result will be a Rotary that recognises our responsibility not only to the people on our planet, but to the planet itself."

> Thank you Anna Bay Public School for helping Rotary 'Make a Difference'

Student colouring competition in association with the planting of a tree by each Rotarian and partner at Anna Bay Public School on Monday 18 June at 2.00pm.