

Shannon Longhurst – Peace Scholarship Candidate



Lorraine Nicol encouraged Shannon to apply for a Rotary Peace Fellowship. After paying her respects to the Worimi people on whose land we are, Shannon told us of her long interest in social justice. At age 11 she advocated abolishing the death penalty. At Sydney University, she studied social legal studies and history. While there she was President of the local chapter of Amnesty International; and continues her involvement with the NSW Board of that organisation. She has also worked for ACOSS, the top social issues organisation in Australia. Much of her work has been with indigenous people in the north.

More on Peace Scholarships

Paul Hardwick is on the Rotary Foundation Committee for District 9670 and responsible for the Peace Scholarships. He noted that Shannon is our Rotary District's first nomination for a Rotary Peace Fellowship – and a very worthy one!

Shannon's application must be approved by our club and sent to his committee by 31 May for endorsement. Shannon must apply separately to the universities in the USA and Sweden that can offer the courses that she wants to do. Good luck, Shannon!



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Birthdays

None this week

Anniversaries

Michael/Maggie Jenkins
Mike/Sandra Mobbs
Richard/Jennifer Turner
John/Jenny Shaw

Heads/Tails: Peter McB

Raffle : Athleen Harris

Next Week:

Kim Simpson

Door:

Bart R & Kathy Rimmer

Greeters:

R. Turner & John Shaw

Loyal Toast: C. Bartlett

Grace: Doug Craike

Introduce Speaker:

Mike Mobbs

Thank Speaker:

Geoff Diemar

Photos: Henk Tobbe

Bulletin: Dieter Greiter



Next Week: Kim Simpson

Working with deaf & blind children

The Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children is a charity providing education, therapy and cochlear implant services to children and adults with vision or hearing loss.

Kim Simpson, is the RIDBC Relationships Executive for the Hunter region. Kim's background includes tourism, marketing, sales and not for profit fundraising. She has an extensive history in the Hunter Region and is well known for her drive to make the Hunter a better place to live.

Kim is married to her childhood sweetheart and best friend David, and is in her 'pre-Nana stage' so working at a preschool has taken considerable pressure off their 3 children.



Other visitors this week

Clockwise from above:

- Past District Governor (2012-2-13), Peter Raynor
- Andrias Okun, President of Nondugl Rotary Club in Papua New Guinea
- Frank Goi, Rotary Treasurer in PNG. Both Andrias and Frank were here for the PETS conference last weekend
- Jake, partner of our special guest Shannon
- Plus Marianne McBean, Lorraine Nicol and Athleen Harris





Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA)

Around 230 students from Tomaree High School and St Phillips Christian College took part on Tuesday this week. Kathy Rimmer led the organisation ably assisted by many others – with a special thanks to Lorraine for the catering! Geoff Diemar's crash dummy did its job and seems to have a few lives left: the sports car loaned by Toyota has very good brakes!



This year the Rotary Club of Nelson Bay will celebrate 60 years of service to the Local, National and International Communities.

To celebrate, a birthday party will be held in conjunction with the 2016/2017 changeover night. The night will be held at the Soldiers Point Bowling Club on 9th June – 6:00 to 6:30 start. Cost of \$45:00 per person will include a two course meal and two complimentary drinks.

Payments can be made to our bank account:

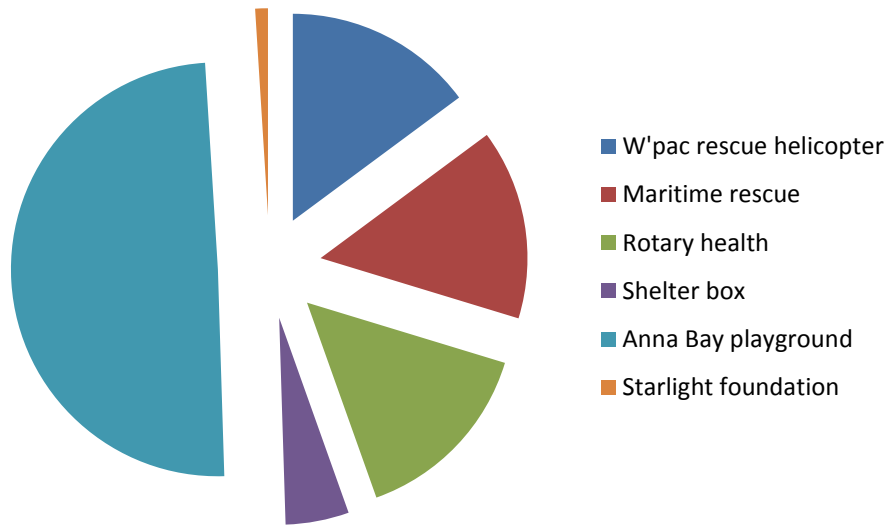
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President's report:

President Ann thanked all those who had helped her through her year as President. She noted the success of RYDA earlier in the week (see page 3) and also that RYPEN is on this weekend and RLI starts next week. We have refused to assist the Triathlon (a lot of work for little reward) but will do a BBQ for the "human whale" project on 3rd July. Three lots of Council grants worth \$3,000 each have been applied for. The allocation of \$20,000 in final disbursements is shown in the chart below.

Volunteers needed

Project Neighbour needs drivers from about 2-4pm on Wednesday, 18th May. If you can help, call Judy/Bob Mitchell on 0408 659 605



First – it is your duty to let Ros Cribb know if you are not attending. It could cost the club (or you in future!)



Second – read the Bulletin! We go to a lot of trouble to make sure you are alerted to your duties and events.

	Speaker	Topic
19 May	Kim Simpson	Teaching deaf and blind children
26 May	Pennie Kearney	CEO of Mai-Wel disability services
2 June	McQueen	Video – Part 1