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SANDY COLOMBO - Courageous Conversations



Sandy travelled from Melbourne to conduct a training session with 15 local business groups today and tonight kindly donated her time to inform us about her role in training business operators.

There are many occasions when not so pleasant information needs to be conveyed and the manner in which this is approached and carried out is most important both for the receiver and deliverer.

The basic rules are to make a decision about the conversation; be clear on an outcome; plan who, what and where help can change things; choose words

carefully; test you are being clear by having a conversation with someone else; be flexible, look and listen; be calm and just do it.

There are many times when courageous conversations are necessary and not just in the work place. These may range from a frank but courageous conversation with a terminally ill friend or loved one, counseling session with a teenage son or daughter or perhaps just dealing with many day to day situations.

DGE Helen thanked Sandy for her presentation which members really enjoyed and based on the number of follow up questions found very thought provoking.

BOARD MEETING.

The club's board and incoming board met on Wednesday night and were joined by two members of the group of prospective Rotarians who have been meeting regularly. One of the important decisions made by the board and incoming board was the membership fee structure for the coming Rotary year. The fee was set at \$270 a \$10 increase due to a slight increase in RI and district levies and to enable employment of a bookkeeper to assist the ever increasing complexity of club accounts. Invoices will be issued shortly so that payment to RI and District can be made when due on 1 July Payment of dues promptly on receipt of the invoice will be appreciated.

On other Pages.

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Lady Luck

Raffle winner

Warwick Mathieson

and Heads & Tails

Judi Priestley

Congratulations:

Birthdays:

1 Jun: Richard Turner

10 Jun: Henk Tobbe

Anniversaries.

27 May: Hugh & Anne Randall

29 May: Dieter & Helga Greiter

Next Week:

Door:

Bill Michel

Ian McIver

Meet & Greet:

Robert Mitchell

Peter Page

Toast;

Ed Parker

Grace:

Tricia Parnell

Introduce Speaker:

Judi Priestley

Thank Speaker:

Hugh Randall

Bulletin:

Henk Tobbe

Photos:

Henk Tobbe.

**APOLOGIES AND EXTRAS TO JOHN CRUMP BY NOON WEDNESDAY PLEASE
PHONE OR TEXT 0401 450 289.**



Lauren Chircop lives in Corlette and is a local businesswoman. Last night she spoke to us about the volunteer work in which she is passionately involved in Africa. Lauren and her family first became involved wanting to help African children and their communities after a talk at her church.

After attending a mission trip to Arusha visiting sponsored children Lauren and her daughter Gemma have plans for the establishment of an orphanage in Arusha.

Lauren spoke about a horrific bus accident in which 30 people were killed returning from a school excursion. The victims were mainly aged 12 to 14 and only 3 survived. Funding will also assist the grief stricken community and medical expenses of the surviving children. Widows of teachers killed in the accident will be assisted to set up a business or learn a trade to help with the support of surviving family members. Any member wishing to assist the work Lauren is undertaking may

donate via <https://www.gofundme.com/rally-for-arusha>.

COMING EVENTS

8 June – Neil Hansford – Deputy Commander Marine rescue.

15 June – Club night – Moving Forward – Plans for the Future – Discussion Forum.

26 June – Raymond Terrace Changeover

27 June – Salamander Bay Changeover

28 June – Williamtown Changeover

1 July – Bunning's Barbeque – Can you assist – Please see Chris Bartlett

1 July – Club and District changeover at Nelson Bay Bowling Club 6.30pm for 7pm

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

31 July to 4 August 2017

Program Description

- *The Science and Engineering Challenge aims to enrich school perceptions of Science and Engineering.*
- *Through the Challenge, students experience aspects of science and engineering which they would not usually see in their school environment.*
- *The Challenge runs a range of programs but focuses on inspiring students in year 10 to consider a future career in science and engineering by choosing to study the enabling sciences and math in years 11 and 12.*

We need ACTIVITY ASSISTANTS

We seek activity assistants to work with our event coordinators on each of the five Challenge days held at the University of Newcastle. Support our local students.

Publicise Rotary's commitment to youth. Free morning tea. Free lunch.

Service Above Self.

BILL BROWN AWARDED A PAUL HARRIS SAPPHIRE PIN.



We were pleased to welcome Bill Brown and Beryl to last night's meeting. Bill and Beryl were unable to attend last week for the release of our latest book of club history "Three Score Years" as they were in Sydney with family celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. Bill was a Rotarian for 36 years first as a charter member of the Rotary Club of Newcastle North and from 1991 with our club. Bill was presented with a PHF by the Newcastle North Club and last night we honoured him with the presentation of a PHF

sapphire pin.

Bill Brown's contribution in recording of our Club's history.

In 1999 President Geoff Diemar asked Bill to compile the club's history from 1956 to 2000 being the Millennium year. This meant bringing together the first forty-four years of the club's history. Whilst the first twenty-five years' history had already been written it had been lost and forgotten. This presented a huge challenge to Bill. Fortunately however it transpired that Rotarian Norm McLeod did in fact have a loose leaf typed copy of Lofty Chalmers original "25 years of Club History", which much to the relief of Bill lessened his research considerably. Having said this Bill was still confronted with having to bring together the remaining nineteen years of history up to 2000. With few written records Bill spent almost two years researching and bringing together the history from 1981 to 2000. This involved visits to the local historical society, the library and meetings with past Rotarians and Rotaryannes. With the help of members Bill was also able to obtain copies of all Club Bulletins between 1981 and 2000. Bill's efforts were rewarded with the publication of:-

"Towards the Next Millennium": The History of the Rotary Club of Nelson Bay from 1956 to 2000.

Following this Bill continued to compile the history of the club and wrote the next six years of the history up to 2006 by combining this with previous publications he produced the next history book entitled: -

"Fifty Golden Years": The History of the Rotary Club of Nelson Bay Inc - 1956-2006

In addition, Bill then produced the first three years of the book being released tonight entitled "Three Score Years".

The club is indeed greatly in debt to Bill Brown for both writing and bringing together twenty-eight years of the club's history.

Pay your dues and special dinner fees by EFT:

Account name: Rotary Club of Nelson Bay Inc. - BSB: 637000 Account #: 781017418 (please, mention your name and what you are paying for.



UPDATE ON CLUB RESTRUCTURE DISCUSSION.

Extract from Board Meeting Minutes. (31 May 2017).

The proposed new member group has met several times and at the last meeting resolved that they would like to become full Rotarians and not Satellite Club members. Their preference is to meet fortnightly possibly at the Boathouse Restaurant. Tuesday is their preferred night. At this time there are 8 possible members.

Indications from our club meeting of 2 weeks ago were that Tuesday was also suitable for the original club but we would prefer to continue the more traditional meeting.

The revised model needs considerable discussion. A committee consisting of Robert Mitchell, Liz Friend, Tammy Kelly and Chelsea Elluk would lead the discussion. The basis for discussion is: A weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Nelson Bay will be held. Each alternate week will be a formal meeting at the Bowling Club as at present. On the alternate weeks the meeting will be shorter, less formal with no meal and be held at a venue to be decided (likely Boathouse).

Robert and Liz will work with current members to keep all fully informed. They will assess current members views and where possible include their recommendations in the final model. Chelsea and Tammy will work in a similar fashion with prospective members. The four will meet regularly as a group to blend all ideas and devise a final model agreeable to both groups.

It is hoped that this process will be concluded in July. Many issues remain to be decided such as what happens in months with five Tuesday's, fees for non-dinner meetings (including TRF donation), starting time of meetings and duration. All members will be free to make a decision which meeting they wish to attend. Hopefully most will attempt to attend all meetings.

Once the final model has been resolved the new Rotarians will be prepared for induction. Briefing on Rotary protocol and other briefing matters related to new members will proceed the goal being that induction of the group of new members of the Rotary Club of Nelson Bay take place in July. The prospective members are already aware of financial commitments, insurance and some legal requirements. President Elect Kathy will monitor progress of the process and provide advice and support.



Pictures- Above Lauren all dressed up for the Garden party, and top right, the official invitation from the Queen and Lord Chamberlain

Proud Dad and Club member Chris Bartlett received the above photos after his daughter Lauren, attended the Queen's Garden party at Buckingham Palace recently. Lauren works for the New Zealand Government as their Europe Trade and Industry representative, based in London. Until recently she held a similar position in Singapore for eight years, as the T&I representative for Asia. The New Zealand Government Group held a ballot for attendance at the Garden party and Lauren was the lucky winner of the ballot. Lauren informed her dad that all members of the Royal family were present and it was certainly a memorable experience for her. A second ballot was held to attend the Queen's Birthday celebrations in June and with her luck still in, Lauren won this ballot as well and is looking forward to her second visit to Buckingham Palace in a month.