

BULLETIN 46 – 10 June 2021

Tonight’s meeting, a club night provided an opportunity for members to celebrate and enjoy the company of fellow Rotarians whilst receiving news of our past, current and future activities. We were pleased to welcome visitors Craig Paroissien, shortly to be inducted as a member and to welcome back for the second time Don Saville enjoying Port Stephens whilst on a break from snow covered Orange.

Sergeant Warwick conducted his popular sergeant’s session extracting record fine revenue from members with the sale of Mark Hughes beanies which had been donated to the club by HMRI following the recent golf day. Our members were very generous in snapping up the bargain buys on the coldest day so far this year. No doubt many tested the effectiveness of the product immediately they moved outside of the comfortably warm bowling club.



President Liz presented Narelle Melhuish with a fifth sapphire for her Paul Harris Fellowship during our Board meeting on Wednesday. Narelle is a member of the Paul Harris Society.

The Paul Harris Society recognizes Rotary members and friends of The Rotary Foundation who elect to contribute \$US1,000 or more each year to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus Fund, or approved global grants.

The purpose of the Paul Harris Society is to honour and thank individuals for their generous, ongoing support of The Rotary Foundation.

Examples of how donating to the Rotary Foundation helps change lives are providing water filters, toilets and hygiene training to prevent disease; supply treated mosquito nets and medical services to prevent malaria; train teachers and educators in developing countries; conduct peace building seminars and university peace study to promote world peace and continue PolioPlus to help eradicate polio.

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LUCKY WINNERS.

H&T: John Sully
 RAFFLE: Liz Friend

CELEBRATIONS:

BIRTHDAYS:

None this week

ANNIVERSARIES:

None this week

DUTIES 17 June:

Speaker: Michael Reid – Nelson Bay Skin Cancer Clinic

Door: Arja Levonpera

Welcome: Warwick Mathieson

Toast: Kathy Rimmer

Introduce Speaker: Peter McBean

Thank Speaker: Robert Mitchell

Bulletin: John Cropley.

Photos: John Cropley
Binoculars: Dieter Greiter

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

The final Board meeting of the 2020-21 Rotary year was held on Wednesday night. During the meeting members of the current Board worked together with those from the incoming Board to ensure a smooth hand over and continuity of the fine achievements of the current year.

It was pleasing to approve the membership of new members Erin Brinkley and Craig Paroissien. Erin and Craig will be inducted as members of our club at changeover. Sadly, we received news that due to changed working conditions Andrew Downey, Narelle and Doug Melhuish will not be in a position to continue their Rotary membership next year. All are thanked for their contribution to Rotary. Fellow Board members thanked Narelle for the outstanding work she has done as club treasurer during the year. It was a pleasure to work with her and she will be sadly missed.

We had reports of the continuing success of the KIVA project. For a very small investment our club has been able to fund start up businesses and small projects for a number of people in overseas countries. Each is provided a small loan and as the project becomes operational the loan is paid back. This money is then lent to another person for another project. Chelsea has been managing this project on our behalf for three years.

More pleasing news from Youth Director Lesley was that ROADWHYS is to recommence after last year's cancellation due to COVID. Sessions will be held at Tomaree High and St Phillips College in coming months. Pleasing news also that the primary school reading program has recommenced at Shoal Bay and Tomaree and will shortly do so at Anna Bay.

Proof that a small but frequent donation can add up was provided by the announcement by Director Kathy reported that our \$2.50 weekly dinner donations had added to a total of \$1497.50 to the Rotary Foundation. This was despite not being able to conduct meetings for several months due to COVID. This club initiative will commence its 25th year of operation in the coming year and has raised over \$65,000.

A donation of \$1000 was made to D9670 Science and Engineering Challenge to assist the event which promotes the study of science, technology, engineering and maths subjects at secondary and university level. We will also support the local Science Discovery Day for primary schools. We also made a \$1000 donation to Hope Cottage which operates at the Nelson Bay Anglican Church. The program assists those who are homeless and experiencing a difficult period in their life.

Our club's Centenary of Rotary in Australia celebration has been a wonderful event. Locally Rotarians have participated in the planting of 100 trees at Tom O'Dwyer Oval. This event highlighted Rotary's most recent goal of caring for our environment, particularly with an emphasis of sharing this with youth. Local school children and our local Port Stephen Council joined our club members in this initiative. We plan to place a plaque on site acknowledging Rotary's contribution during the past 100 years. The End Trachoma raffle raised considerable funds to assist the eradication of this eye disease which particularly affects indigenous children in remote communities. Sanitary and care packages will be provided together with education packages guiding their usage. The goal is to promote improved health outcomes, less disease particularly ocular and less disruption to schooling. The Centenary celebration provided an opportunity for local Rotarians to celebrate collectively. The gathering at Murrays of over 100 Rotarians and friends from our club, the Rotary Clubs of Salamander Bay, Raymond Terrace and Medowie - Williamstown was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and enjoy the spirit of Rotary whilst demonstrating very clearly what Rotary is about, namely Service Above Self.

COMING EVENTS.

Monday 14 June – Assist Horse Haven with Bunnings barbeque. Doug Craike will deliver the trailer and equipment in the AM, Chris Bartlett will supervise the AM shift, Lesley Freeman the PM shift and Milton Williams will return the trailer.

Thursday 17 June – Michael Reid – Nelson Bay Skin Cancer Clinic.

Thursday 24 June – Club Changeover in the Crows Nest Room

Saturday 26 June – Bunnings Barbeque

Thursday 1 July – Guest speaker to be announced.

Thursday 8 July – Guest speaker to be announced.

Wednesday 14 July – Board meeting.

BUNNINGS BARBEQUE

Our club held a successful barbeque last Sunday grossing \$1000 for a profit of \$650 which will assist the projects currently under planning. Thank you to Doug Craike, Chris Bartlett, Verella Hobbs, and Peter McBean morning shift and to Milton Williams, Helen Ryan, Lesley Freeman and Chris Bartlett afternoon shift. Thanks to Doug Craike and Milton Williams for providing transport. Thanks to Doug Bairstow for ordering and delivering supplies. Special mention to Chris Bartlett who filled in during the afternoon when an unexpected vacancy occurred. Chris completed both AM and PM shifts as well as ordering stock, cutting onions and loading the trailer prior to the barbeque.

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED TO KEEP AN EYE ON THE PUBLISHED BUNNINGS BARBEQUE ROSTER WHICH HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR ALL KNOWN FUTURE BARBEQUES. IF YOU BECOME UNAVAILABLE PLEASE ARRANGE YOUR OWN SWAP AND INFORM MILTON

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Members are reminded that the Rotary subscription for the 2021-22 Rotary year is now due for payment prior to 30 June. The \$280 payment may also be paid in two instalments, the first \$140 payable prior to 30 June and the second prior to 31 December. Invoices have been issued with payment details. BSB: 637000, A/C; 781017418 (state "Name & Sub")

Rotary Club of Nelson Bay Change Over Dinner

Thursday 24 June 2021 - 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm

Nelson Bay Bowling Club - Crows Nest Room

\$40.00 per person – incl. 2 course dinner

Payment may be made via Direct Deposit to BSB 637000 A/C 781017418

(Please state Name & "Changeover") EFTPOS, Cheque or Cash.