



**Bulletin # 46 - 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018**



Anna Bay Scouts and Venturers thank us for our donation.



Karl Terpstra, a member from some years back dropped in to say G'day



Ventura Drew Fletcher presents a certificate of appreciation to Arja Levonpera.



Judi Priestley with Guests Gary and Julie Carey.



President Kathy with dad Alan and Brother Craig Plane

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Visitor Craig Plane

**Birthdays this coming week: 15<sup>th</sup> June – 21<sup>st</sup> June**

Nil this week

**Anniversaries:**

Nil this week

- Although not expected to be a busy night a large number attended our meeting this week including Anna Bay Scouts Group who wanted to thank us for our support in raising funds to send them to Lord Howe Island. 12 Scouts and 12 Venturers travelled to Lord Howe. Our donation of \$500 was of great assistance. Between them the group enjoyed many new experiences including flying, snorkelling and just enjoying the freedom of being away from home. They all enjoyed learning of the history of the island.
- Guests Julie and Gary Carey are interested in becoming involved with the Rotary Reading Program and came along to get a bit of an insight into Nelson Bay Rotary.
- A name from the past Karl Terpstra who enjoys legendary status among the "Myall Lake Crew" of a few years back, dropped in to say G'day. It was nice to see him again and we hope that he will return soon.
- Alan and Craig Plane (Pres Kathy's dad and brother) wanted to get away from the drought and dry heat of Broken Hill and jumped at the chance to attend a family wedding. Hope they brought their Wellies.
- Also, nice to see Peter North from the Rotary Club of Salamander Bay drop in. Hope you enjoyed your visit Peter

**Next Week: Changeover**

**Bulletin:** Chris Bartlett  
**28th June**

**Door:**

Ian McIver/Bill Michell

**Meet/Greet:** Judy and Bob Mitchell

**Loyal Toast:**

Peter Page

**Grace:**

Tricia Parnall

**Intro Guest speaker:**

Phill Smith

**Thank Guest Speaker:**

Judi Priestley

**Bulletin:** Don Whatham

**Photos:** Phill Smith

**Next meeting - Changeover**

**No need for apologies but if you haven't booked in or paid please do so ASAP**



Terry Fitzsimmons, David Clarke, Ian Rolfe, Pam Rolfe, Chris Smith, Phill Smith; Richard Turner, Peter McBean, Dieter Greiter, Lorraine Nichol and Kathy Rimmer.



### **Honorary Members get -together - Morning Tea**

Members caught up with honorary members at Eviva Café on Tuesday Morning. Not pictured Murray Nichol and Chris Bartlett. It is planned to be held as quarterly event and all members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### **TREE PLANTING AT ANNA BAY SCHOOL**

On Monday June 18, all members and their partners, and any family members who would like to attend a Rotary tree planting ceremony at Anna Bay Public School, Gan Gan Road Anna Bay. The ceremony will start at 2pm when President Kathy and School Principal Matt Freeman, along with the school captains will plant a Wollemi Pine next to the schools' Anzac Memorial, following recognition of our Club, Bunnings Taylor's Beach and other donors. Bunnings are supplying the trees, plants and bushes and will be represented by Lauren Dennison. It is envisaged all pupils will attend this part of the ceremony. At the completion of this task, we will move to the proposed sensory garden site, where a number of trees, bushes and plants will be planted to make this garden a reality. This area will be pre-prepared by Anna Bay School Staff. We will be assisted by year 1 and 2 class children, who are looking forward to this event. All year 1 and 2 students will receive a special colouring sheet, designed by Henk Tobbe, which describes the positive effect trees have on the environment. These colouring in forms will be returned to the school and the best work will be displayed on Bunnings notice board. The final part of the ceremony will be held near the Netball courts on the western side of the school where around a dozen trees will be planted on an banked area, again assisted by the year 1 & 2 students.

Members are asked to wear their "work shirts" ( polo's) and bring a spade, just in case. Henk will be taking photos which we hope to publish in the local press and in the RDU magazine. This a great community event for the school and our Club, meeting the World President Ian Riseley, request for every Rotarian to plant a tree during his year as World President. DG Helen has indicated a round 3000 trees have already been planted in District 9670, which is fantastic considering we have 1130 members!!! in the District. We are hoping to have a good attendance on Monday.

A second ceremony to plant trees and bushes donated by Port Stephens Council for our Gan Gan Lookout project is planned, for Sunday June 24. This will be confirmed next week, and means that the Club's 51 members and honorary members will have been recognised. Thank you to Liz Friend for organising the Gan Gan Lookout event and trees/plants with PS Council.

### MEMBER UPDATE ON MEETING WITH PORT STEPHENS COUNCIL

During the week, Secretary Don Whatham, VP John Stuhmcke and Community Service Director Chris Bartlett met with Port Stephens Council Mayor Ryan Palmer and Chief Engineer John Matuich at Raymond Terrace. Three matters of importance to our Club were discussed and edited report is as follows, following a verbal report offered by Chris & Don at our meeting this week.



#### TOWN CLOCK

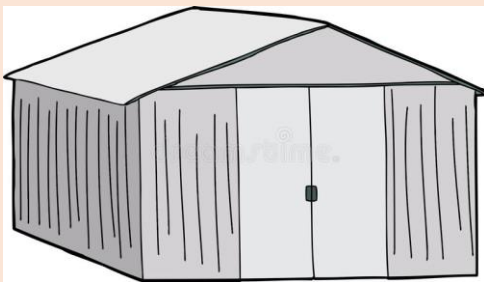
Chris outlined this project was first mooted in 2013 and since then progress has always been behind time, to the point where recent correspondence between our Club and Council resulted in Wednesday's meeting. Prior to the meeting, long term Rotary Richard Turner accepted the role as Town Clock Chair and has formed a small committee to assist him with this. Much information was prepared for Council prior to the meeting, which indicated we had \$12,000 in a Nelson Bay Rotary Club Service Account ready to be spent. (More background information is available on request).

Mayor Ryan and Engineer John were aware of the Club's position. Mayor Ryan also outlined he is chasing millions of dollars for the Nelson Bay Town Centre Beautification and upgrade and the Funds if secured would not be available until the 2019/20 financial year. Bearing this in mind, four options were discussed at the meeting as outlined by Chris

1. Move the Clock to Apex Park, along with other things like the Community Notice Board. Commencement date 2/3 years. The meeting felt this would not be a good option.
2. Place the Town Clock on the Roundabout near Nelson Bay Bowling Club. The safety issues excluded this option.
3. Remain with the status quo, place the Clock outside the Post Office (our preferred option). The time frame for commencement unfortunately would be 3 to 4 years.
4. Move the project to the Yacaaba Street Extension site, work to commence immediately and if requested the Clock to be moved back to the Post Office site in say 4 years.

The Club Board felt Option 4 was the best solution as we want to deliver on this project, after a 5 year hiatus. Secretary Don will be writing to PSC Chief Engineer informing of the Club's choice and asking for a site meeting with himself and Richard Turner and team to discuss the way forward. It might be noted the Chief Engineer is an enthusiastic town clock fan, so hopefully we can use his knowledge to assist us progress this project.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE SHED & SPORTING OVALS NELSON BAY



Don and Chris gave a report on discussions regarding the proposed sporting complex and ovals upgrade plan currently being mooted by PS Council. Part of the proposal would see the Council Depot relocated to another site, probably near the recycling centre at Salamander Bay. The current site is on Crown Land. The Community service shed and containers service 6 community volunteer groups, including our Club, Soldiers Point Lions, Salamander Bay Rotary, the Action Club, Graffiti Removal group and the Historical Society.

All would be affected with the relocation. The PSC Depot is on Crown Land and Council will have to move at some point of time. However, this is not envisaged in the near future.

Don highlighted that our Club is now registered as an interested party in any Development applications for the Sporting complex, or relocation of the Council's depot, and we will be involved (along with the other Community groups) should this occur. If you require any further information on either matter, please contact Don, VP John or Chris.

**Secretary Don will be writing to Council confirming the discussions held with them and the Board's and member's decisions regarding the Town Clock - with the intent of moving the project forward and continuing our great working relationship with Port Stephens Council.**

## LARRY MCGRATH BEQUEST



As members will know we have a bequest from our late member Larry McGrath, which involves a directional sign proposed for Gan Gan Lookout and an environmental project for school children, should we be able to organise one.

New member Chelsea has been working quietly for the last couple of months with the Directional sign project where it is hoped to have some of the places around the world visited by Larry will be highlighted on the signs. This matter was raised at our meeting with Council this week. We received an enthusiastic response and now only

require permission from our PS Council Parks Supervisor Brad Priestley as to the site selected at Gan Gan lookout before we can proceed.

We also will be meeting with PS Council Environmental Officer Charlene Wellard following our Changeover to investigate being involved with PS Council in the local schools environmental projects they currently conduct.

We felt the meeting with Mayor Ryan and Chief Engineer John was productive and members will be updated regularly on progress.



Rotary and its partners in the **Global Polio Eradication Initiative** are strengthening the lines of communication by giving mobile phones to health workers in Pakistan and Nigeria, where a single text message could save a life.

In Pakistan, Rotary has been working to replace traditional paper-based reporting of maternal and child health information, including polio immunization data, with mobile phone and e-monitoring technology.

Community health workers across the nation have received more than 800 phones through a partnership with Rotary, the Pakistani government; Telenor, the country's communications provider; and Eycon, a data monitoring and

evaluation specialist. Organizers plan to **distribute a total of 5,000 mobile phones** by the end of 2018.

For more go to. <https://www.rotary.org/en/cellphones-help-disease-eradication>

## Parliamentary Commendations

Recently Premier Gladys Berejiklian in conjunction with Port Stephens Council presented 13 voluntary Groups with Parliamentary Commendations. The organisations were recognised in State Parliament acknowledging their outstanding service to the Community. District Rotarians featured in four of the thirteen commendations.

Pictured with the Premier are John Chambers RC Raymond Terrace (*Wahroonga Corporation*), Phill Smith RC Nelson Bay (*Port Stephens Community Transport*), DG Helen Ryan (*recognised for her involvement and achievements in Rotary*), Jordan Fallon RC Kurri Kurri (*Kearsley Community Dawn Service Committee*), and Sam Norris RC Rutherford-Telarah (*Port Stephens Examiner*)



**Membership Fees now due.** Members are reminded that the Club must pay fees to Rotary International for all members who are shown in the list of members on 1<sup>st</sup> July. The fees must be paid by 1<sup>st</sup> July and no refund is paid to the Club by RI for anyone who fails to renew membership.

That is why you are asked to pay your fees before 1<sup>st</sup> July.

As well as the usual methods, Membership can be paid directly into the Club account: BSB 637000 A/C 781017418 \$280 per annum or \$140 now and \$140 On 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2019