



Bulletin # 46, 13th June 2019



Our speaker this evening was Reverend Doctor Bishop (Anglican Church of India) James Jacob. Visiting from India whilst in Australia Pastor Jacobs has been promoting his ministry which focuses on rural villages with the aim of “Lifting the Poor and Downtrodden”.

He reminded us of the great poverty that still exists in India which stems from the 3000-year-old “Caste” system. The system divides Hindus into rigid hierarchal groups based on their karma (work) and dharma (religion or duty). At the top are the priests and teachers; below are rulers and warriors; then farmers and merchants; laborers; and finally, the likes of street sweepers and latrine cleaners (aka untouchables). There are some 225 castes and mixing is frowned upon - even banned.

[See more at: https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-india-35650616](https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-india-35650616)

A country of 1.3 billion people, India has over 1600 languages and the Hindu religion has 33 million Gods! The cow, of course, is most sacred. 70% of Indians live in rural areas and the majority are uneducated which contributes to their poverty.

One way his ministry attempts to improve the lot of the poor is by providing goats to families. A family will be given 10 goats which are capable of producing 40 more goats over a year. 30 of these goats are then taken and given to 3 more families – and so the process goes on.

Another is the provision of sewing machines which enable families to earn an income and provide clothing for themselves.

There is a high need for bore wells in Indian rural areas and each village being a different caste cannot take water from another village. A high caste person will not allow an untouchable to draw from his well. There is therefore a need for bore wells in each village and again Pastor Jacob’s ministry strives to provide wells.

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Birthdays: 14 - 20 June

Nil

Anniversaries:

Nil

Raffle:

Tricia Parnell

Heads and Tails:

David Clark

Member Duties 2 May

Door: Lesley Freeman/Mike Jenkins
Meet/Greet: Arja Levonperra/Peter McBean

Loyal Toast: Ian McIver

Grace: Peter Page

Introduce Speaker: Tricia Parnell

Thank Speaker: Judi Priestley

Bulletin: Don Watham

Photos: Phill Smith

Binoculars

29/4 John Stumchke/Dieter Greiter

Next Meeting: 20th June

Apologies/Extras to John Crump by noon on Wednesday!

Ph 0401 450 239



Changeover

Thursday week. 27th June.

Nelson Bay Bowling Club, 6:00 for 6:30

Members and partners \$35 hd. Others \$40 hd.

Please make payment via direct deposit at:

BSB 637000 781017418

Please quote your name and "Changeover"

Menu:

Crusty Bread roll

MAIN

(Served with Chef's style vegetables and potatoes)

Alternate drop of

- Mustard Crusted Lamb Rack, Caramelised Onion Jam, Rosemary Sauce

OR

- Atlantic Salmon Char-grilled, Fresh Asparagus, Olive Tapenade, Sauce Messine

Alternate drop of

- Sticky Date Pudding with Butterscotch Sauce

OR

- Citrus Tart served with a Raspberry Salad and Double Cream

Beverages: Coffee and Tea Selection.

****Please let Liz Friend or Kathy Rimmer know of any special dietary needs.***

Membership fees due:

Members should have received an invoice for their fees by now.

Fees are \$280 for the year and can be paid in full or in 2 instalments - \$140 by 30 June and balance of \$140 by 31st December.

Direct deposit can be made to BSB 637000 Account 781017418

Please quote invoice number or your Name and "Subs".

Next week's Speaker:

Narelle Melhuish - Holiday World Travel

"More than a transaction"





Tricia Parnell collects the Changeover early bird prize won by partner Jonathon Cincotta.



Visiting tonight were Peter and Elena. They have expressed an interest in joining

Friday 21st June

Morning Transport
Milton Williams

AM Shift 8.30am to 12.15pm

Judi Priestley

Phill Smith

Liz Friend

Milton Williams

PM Shift 12.15pm to 4pm

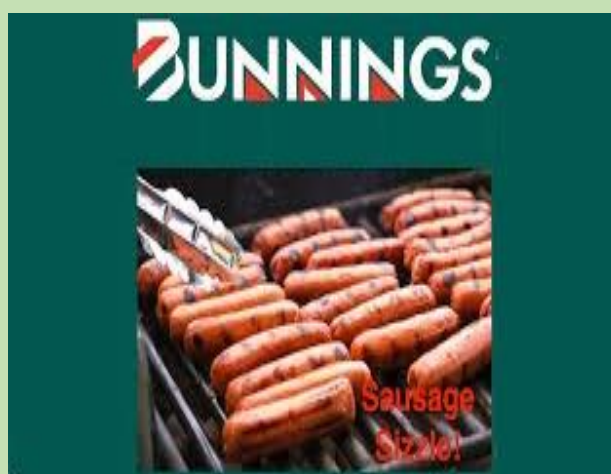
Leslie Freeman

Dieter Greiter

Peter page

Afternoon: Don Whatham

Dieter Greiter



**Science and Engineering Challenge
July /August 2019**



Vice President John Stuhmcke advised that at the last Board meeting \$1000 was given to this year's Science and Engineering Challenge and will allow 2 schools from the area to attend. John encourages all members to become involved and says that it is one of the best Rotary youth programs he has been involved in. Details on how to become involved will be published in later Bulletins.

*Its not too late (but you're cutting it fine.).
If you want to attend the District Changeover shake a leg
12:00 noon for 12:30pm, Sunday 23 June 2019
Auditorium, Toronto Workers Club, James Street, Toronto
\$40.00pp ~ 2 course lunch
To register ~ www.trybooking.com/490892*



RSVP ~ Friday 14 June 2019

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