

Bulletin 47 of 15th of June 2017

Club Night – New Ideas on the club meetings

The meeting night discussed some possible changes to the current meeting format. The introduction of some younger members to the club and a review of ways to encourage our membership to grow is the reason for this discussion.

Matters discussed followed on from a survey provided to all members to fill out with their preferences.

Discussions at the meeting discussed factors such as

- meeting day
- frequency of meetings
- venue or venues
- Meeting format with options such as a dinner meeting, a business only meeting, or business followed by social activity.

The point was made that we are not changing the ideals of our club.

Moving the meeting night to a Tuesday seemed to have support but is subject to the availability of the meeting rooms at the NBBC. Also the current venue at the NBBC was considered to be one which is excellent for our clubs purposes. Some different style meetings could also be trialled, but would alternate with our current dinner style meeting.

Youth Director Arja discussed the Newcastle Science and Engineering Programme and the primary school program Discovery Day held at Tomaree HS later in the year. The flyers with information about both are included in the Bulletin. Volunteers are sought to assist in running these days.

Community Director Chris covered a few of the many things happening with club projects. Brochures on the exercise trail are now available and have distributed to various businesses. Telescopes at Gan Gan Lookout continue to do well, and the area itself is always busy. The club trailer has some additional fasteners added to increase the carrying capacity.

The PCYC will have a board detailing Rotary Programs for youth placed up soon.

Do not forget to book for the Club and District Changeover. The details are opposite. The closing date is 20th of June. There will not be a Thursday meeting on the 29th.



Rotary   
INVITATION
2017 - 2018
Rotary Club of Nelson Bay and District 9670
Change Over

When: Saturday, 1st July 2017 - 6:30 pm for 7 pm

Where: Nelson Bay Bowling & Recreation Club
Stockton Street - Nelson Bay 2315

Cost: \$ 30 pp. (Two course meal)

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/276366 or
email: grapes28@bigpond.com
phone: 0408 659 605

RSVP by 20-6-2017

Inside:

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Congratulations

Member's birthdays:

None this week

Partners Birthdays

None this week

Wedding anniversaries:

Two members this week

Chris Bartlett & Judi Priestley
on 30th of June

Winners

H& T: Bob Walcott Visitor
from Beecroft

Raffle: Warwick Mathieson

Duties next Meeting

Door: Richard Turner

Chris Bartlett

Loyal Toast:

Ian Brigden

Grace:

Ella Clarke

Meet and Greet:

Doug Craike

Introduce Guest Speaker:

John Cropley

Thank Speaker:

John Crump

Bulletin

Phil Smith

Next Week

Club Meeting

Geoff Washington TRRA

Tomaree Residents and Rate
payers Association.

27 June- Salamander Bay Rotary
Club Changeover

Apologies or Extras should be notified to John Crump the Attendance Officer on 0401 450239 by noon on Wednesday



Doug Bairstow has been doing a terrific job tossing the coins and drawing the weekly raffle in a very entertaining manner in recent weeks.



A regular visitor to the Club, Rotarian David Walcott from the Beecroft Club enjoyed the fellowship at Thursday night's meeting. David has a property in Nelson Bay to which he makes regular visits



One of our newer members Tony Todd returned from a 3 month extended UK visit with wife Gini, (pictured). Tony attended a number of meetings while he was away and presented President Judy with a banner from the Coloden Rotary Club Scotland, one of his most enjoyable visits. Welcome back Tony....

2017 NEWCASTLE SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE PROGRAM



**WE NEED
YOUR
ASSISTANCE**

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. Support our local students. Publicise Rotary's commitment to youth.

Free morning tea. Free lunch. Service Above Self.

We need SPONSORSHIP

To enable our committee to offer this experience to students FREE OF CHARGE we need to gain sponsorship to cover the full expense of running the event including venue hire.



Newcastle Science and Engineering Challenge 31 July to 4 August

Newcastle region high schools challenge held over five days at The University of Newcastle's Forum Sports and Aquatic Centre, Callaghan with 40 confirmed high schools competing.

THIS IS A FULL ALLOCATION.

NSW Super Challenge (in Newcastle) 15 to 17 August during National Science Week

27 winning highest scoring high schools from Regional NSW will compete over 3

For more information please contact:

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/ScienceandEngineeringChallenge

YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/user/SciEngChallenge>



DISCOVERY DAYS FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS
SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING DISCOVERY DAY CHALLENGES
AT MAITLAND, LAKE MACQUARIE,
NEWCASTLE, PORT STEPHENS AND CESSNOCK



The Newcastle Science and Engineering Challenge Discovery Day program is an innovative, capacity building and inspiring outreach program designed to promote science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) for year 6 primary school students.

MAITLAND DISCOVERY DAYS: Maitland Grossmann High School

Monday 7 to Friday 11 August 2017

LAKE MACQUARIE DISCOVERY DAYS: Avondale School, Cooranbong

Wednesday 16, Thursday 17 August 2017

NEWCASTLE DISCOVERY DAYS: St There's Primary School, New Lambton

Monday 4 to Friday 8 September 2017

PORT STEPHENS DISCOVERY DAYS: Tomaree High School

Thursday 21 September 2017

NEWCASTLE DISCOVERY DAYS: St Mary's Catholic College, Gateshead

Monday 16 to Wednesday 18 October 2017

CESSNOCK DISCOVERY DAYS: Mount View High School, Cessnock

Tuesday 24 to Thursday 26 October 2017

We need your help with our Year 6 students

We seek activity assistants to work with our high school coordinators on each of the above days. Support our local primary students. Publicise Rotary's commitment to youth. BBQ sausage sandwich for lunch provided for all helpers. Service Above Self.

For more information please contact:

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Website: www.newcastle.edu.au/challenge

BULLETIN EDITOR REPORTS FROM WORLD CONFERENCE IN ATLANTA

Our Club Secretary, Past District Governor Don Whatham and wife Fiona are currently in Atlanta, Georgia attending the Rotary Centenary Conference. Please enjoy Don's report.

We left Nelson Bay in pouring June rain and drove to Salt Ash from where Alison drove us to Broadmeadow where we caught the train to Sydney. After a wet journey in the train and wet night at the Great Southern Hotel we travelled next morning to the airport.

Our 15 hour direct flight to Dallas Texas was pleasant and on time. After a two hour stopover we boarded our AA flight to Atlanta. The Dallas Fort Worth Airport is massive but nothing to Atlanta the World's busiest. Here there is a continuous movement of aircraft with take offs and landings interchanging on the 4 runways. Unfortunately we had to collect our luggage and clear customs at Dallas before reboarding for the Atlanta flight. This process was quite stressful with the increased security measures in place since the USA elections and recent terrorist incidents.

At Atlanta we were met by Rotarian Convention volunteers who assisted us to complete our Convention registration and find our hotel shuttle to the Airport Hyatt where we had booked overnight. This proved a great decision as we reached the excellent hotel in 10 minutes and after a quick snack and drink we headed for a well-earned sleep.

We woke quite refreshed and had an excellent buffet breakfast before heading back to the airport where we took the airport train to within 500m of our hotel home for the next 6 nights. The hotel is very convenient and a convention bus takes us the 1.5km daily to and from the immense Georgia World Convention Centre. The complex caters with ease with the 40,000 Rotarians attending the Convention. There are 2 halls larger than four football fields each, one where the displays in the House of Friendship are located and the other for the Convention sessions. Yesterday we attended the opening of the House of Friendship with its 300 display booths and later a reunion of Past District Governors from our 2005-6 year. About 30 of the original 560 world wide were present as well as President of the year Carl Wilhelm-Stenhammer from Sweden. It was a pleasant afternoon at the Hilton Hotel.

Following the reunion we walked to the adjacent Olympic Park complex to attend the Bluegrass and Bluejeans concert which was headed by Ricky Skaggs and The Blue Thunder Band. A great event for country music fans.

The Official opening today of the Convention featured a massive flag display with youth exchange students from throughout the World. A keynote speaker from India concluded her presentation with the donation of a \$1M cheque to assist the Polio Plus polio eradication program. The opening session finished with a performance by the Georgia pop orchestra. During the afternoon we travelled on the Marta train system to the major Atlanta Shopping complex for lunch and a look at the local retail industry (shops). Not vastly different to what exists in Australia.

Today's convention program featured the Rotary Foundation and in particular the Polio Plus program which has practically eliminated polio from the world. Except for a few cases in 3 countries the task is complete. But these countries are proving very difficult because of poverty, war, culture and remoteness. Rotary began the project in 1985 and with the help of funds raised and providing 2 drops of serum to over 1 billion children in all countries has almost reached success. In later years the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation joined Rotary to provide funding. The Gates Foundation has donated almost \$1B. Today Bill Gates addressed the 40,000 Rotarians present pledging up to \$300M more. This will be supplemented by Rotary.

Today, also, the Canadian Government pledged \$100M and pledges were made by India, Europe and several other countries bringing today's total to \$1.2B. Confidence was expressed that this would enable completion of the task. Today's session concluded with a forum about human slavery. This is not something we as Australians have close familiarity, however it does exist remotely in Australia and significantly in many countries of the world. Efforts are being made to address the problem which has flourished surprisingly with the internet being a contributor.

We are looking forward to tomorrow's session which amongst many other speakers, is legendary golfer Jack Nicholas

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Club Secretary, PDG Don Whatham and Fiona are currently at the 100th Anniversary of the Rotary Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

During some quieter moments Don took time to visit the House of Friendship where some 300 Rotary Exhibitors have stands.

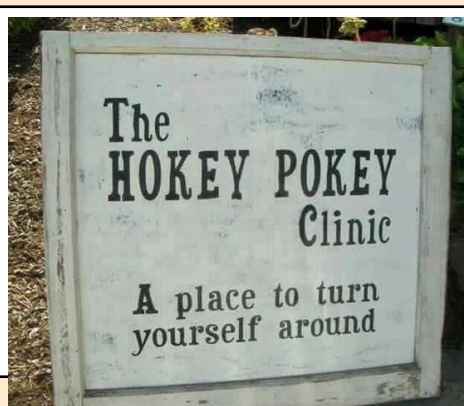
Strange as it may seem Don was drawn to the Beers exhibit, where hopefully he received some free samples....

BULLETIN EDITOR ABROAD CONTINUED

We are enjoying Atlanta which is a modern, large and prosperous city. The city's mayor (an impressive African American) spoke today of the many outstanding achievements of recent years. These include many social programs which have practically eliminated homelessness and unemployment. The city is the home of Martin Luther King and a significant memorial exists in his honour. The Georgia Convention Centre is located beside Olympic Park where the 1992 Olympics were held. Also adjacent is the Coca Cola museum. Atlanta is the city of origin of Coca Cola and company headquarters. Also nearby is the home ground of the Atlanta Falcons (basketball). This massive stadium is being demolished and replaced by an even more modern and larger facility. The College Football Hall of Fame and Aquarium are within walking distance. Public transport which includes the Marta transit train system is fast, efficient, clean and non stop. Multi lane roads and expressways criss cross the city.

We have two more days in Atlanta before we depart for Orlando, Miami and the Cruise.

20 years later and
all of these things
fit in your pocket.



Raised by
penguins,
Domino was
always a
little
"different".

