



## Bulletin 48 –29 June 2023

### CLUB CHANGEOVER.

Thirty-six members and friends met at the Nelson Way Restaurant at the Landmark Resort to celebrate as Don handed over the Presidency to Ella who will lead our club in its 67<sup>th</sup> year of Rotary service. The room had been nicely decorated for the occasion by Denise, Geoff, Ella, Warwick and Don. A continuous display of club highlights prepared by Henk ran in the background. Henk also provided the photos in this bulletin and on the club's Facebook Page. Area Governor Laurie Easter capably assisted by Assistant Area Governor Bruce Moy represented DG Neville at the Changeover. We were also pleased to welcome Mayor and Honorary member Ryan Palmer, Greg & Paula Flux, Lyn Moffitt, Val Morris, Harry Parker President of the Rotary Club of Salamander Bay and many partners to our changeover. We thank John Stuhmcke for setting up a P/A system and the Nelson Way for providing a great two course dinner which was enjoyed by all.

President Don presented the 2022-2023 Annual Report (previously forwarded to all members and published on dacDB and ClubRunner) prior to making several important presentations. President Don presented a Paul Harris Fellowship to Jenny Craike and PHF ruby to Geoff Diemar. Details of these awards are published below. An immortal badge representing a \$100 donation to the Rotary Foundation Endowment Fund was presented to Paula Flux by Henk Tobbe. Doug Craike passed on the symbolic Rip Van Winkle cup to Warwick Mathieson.

The following donations were announced: Port Stephens Suicide \$104.28; Tomaree Museum \$349.28; Local Schools Presentation Days \$1000; Yacaaba Centre \$6050; Ari Bennett \$500; J Kashan \$250; RAWCS Central West flood appeal \$2500; ShelterBox \$2000, Anzac Day books for schools \$125; Port Stephens Koala Hospital \$1046.65; Australian Rotary Health \$1000; Rotary Foundation \$500; Interplast \$500; ROMAC \$500; District Governor's Partner's project \$250. The list does not include the money spent to date on the construction of the Tomaree Hospital Garden.

We continued to support the Women's Refuge at the Yacaaba Centre with monthly donations of \$550 and regular garden and general maintenance.

The \$50K Tomaree Hospital Community Garden Project planned last year was completed with planting and finishing touches to be finalised. The project was assisted by \$20K Federal and \$6K PSC grants and community donations.

President Don inducted President Elect Ella who outlined her plans for the club during the next year. Ella's first goal is to seek to increase the membership of our club. She has proposed several themed dinners away from our usual venue which will be attractive to all. The new board has announced a significantly reduced club subscription which will also assist the membership drive. A major project to follow completion of the Hospital Garden will provide an excellent introduction to Rotary service to new members. Ella pledged to continue support to the Yacaaba Centre.

President Ella introduced her new Board. John Stuhmcke (Vice President), Lesley Freeman (Youth), Geoff Diemar (Treasurer), Don Whatham (Secretary), Jim Booth (Community), John Cropley (International), Geoff Robinson (Vocational) and Warwick Mathieson (Sargeant-at Arms).

**NEXT MEETING: 6 July – Camp Oven Dinner – Warwick's Home**

### COMING EVENTS.

**1 July** – Bunnings barbeque

**1 July** – District Changeover.

**6 July**– Camp Oven at Warwick's home. Please advise attendance for catering (Warwick 0418 635 095)

**12 July** – Board Meeting

**18 Aug** - RoadWhyz

**31 Aug** - Science Discovery Day - Tomaree HS.

### BIRTHDAYS:

8 July: Anjes Tobbe

### WINNERS:

H/T: N/A

RAFFLE: N/A

**Three Minute Talk:** (13 July) Richard Turner

### ANNIVERSARIES:

No Anniversaries

### MEMBER DUTIES – (6 July).

**Door:** Geoff Diemar

**Grace** – N/A

**Toast** – N/A

**Introduce Speaker:**

N/A

**Thank Speaker:** N/A

**Bulletin:** John Cropley

**Photos:** John Cropley

**Binoculars:** Geoff Diemar

### COMING EVENT:

**Camp Oven Dinner at Warwick Mathieson's home (44 Wallawa Road Nelson Bay) 6pm for 6.30pm cost \$25 partners most welcome. For catering purposes please advise Warwick of your attendance by ringing or texting Warwick on 0418 635 095**

## **CLUB NEWS.**

### **BUNNINGS BARBEQUE SATURDAY 1 JULY.**

A cold and blustery day for our first barbeque of the new year. Trade was steady during the day and we are pleased to report a profit of approximately \$880. Thank you to Chris, Peter McBean, Richard, Don, Doug, John Stuhmcke, Peter Page and Geoff Diemar for assisting to make the day a success. Don't forget to check the roster for 5 Aug, 2 Sept, 7 Oct, 4 Nov, 2 Dec. and make a swap if unavailable. Please advise Don and the event co-ordinator of any swap.

### **THIS WEEK'S GARDEN REPORT (COURTESY CHRIS).**

A quieter week with a meeting with local Hunter Health officials and some of the project managers. The meeting provided an update on progress and future activities. On Tuesday, Doug, Chris and Milton drove to East Maitland, after borrowing Lesley's trailer to pick up the garden water features. Milton has a wealth of experience with watering and sprinkler systems during his farming days and will commence installation of the system shortly. Warwick also spent several hours on site completing the installation of the seats.

Port Stephens Council formally approved our \$6,000 community grant at their meeting on Tuesday night. The money is now available in our account for the purchase of garden equipment.

Next week's activities include the arrival of the outdoor furniture for placement under the covered pergola, more work on the raised garden beds and work on the watering system. If you have skills in any of these areas please make an inquiry with Geoff or Warwick about the work schedule and come to the site if available.

### **NEWS FROM PHILL & CHRISTINE SMITH.**

Dear Nelson Bay Rotarians

An update on my and Christine's current status.

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for the fellowship we enjoyed over the twenty years as members of Nelson Bay Rotary and in particular the farewell at the Christmas party and the many personal well wishes we received.

It was an honour to serve with you and for you.

We are well and busily making ourselves comfortable in our new home. It has been a hectic time since moving here. After arriving in Brisbane, we spent a week with our daughter, 2 weeks travelling to, and staying with our son on Magnetic Island and then returning to Brisbane to prepare for our long planned overseas trip to New York and Europe. With absolutely no intentions to purchase, we attended a house auction 2 days before we were due to leave and bought it!

Lots of anxious moments followed, but 3 days after we returned from the trip we settled and moved in.

Thankfully we have no regrets and are extremely happy with our purchase.

Our address is 75 Rowland Ave Wakerley should anyone care to visit - and we invite you all.

We are slowly finding our way around and getting everything in order - insurance, medical, car regos, bank.

Some drawbacks (traffic, stop lights and Queenslander's lack of respect for amber lights (unless its red keep going).

Pluses include shopping, (and especially for me) at least 3 Bunnings within 15 minutes!!!

Haven't checked out Rotary Clubs yet but will do so in the new Rotary year. I've been so busy until the last few weeks and thought I would leave it until the Clubs get through their changeovers.

I've been following your activities through the Bulletin (which I would like to continue receiving) and really regret I was not available to assist with the construction of the Palliative Care Gardens.

It is a great project and one you should all be very proud of.

Congratulations Ella on taking on another term as President. We wish you and the Club every success. I was feeling quite melancholy flicking through Henk's photos from the changeover.

Best wishes to all.

## A MESSAGE FROM WARWICK

Meeting 6th July is at my place, 44 Wallawa Road, Nelson Bay in my back shed, walk down the driveway past the house to my shed.

The meeting will be at 6pm, a social event, three course meal, there will be a campfire to keep us warm, NO need to bring chairs just plate, knife and fork and beverage.

Please email [matho44@bigpond.com](mailto:matho44@bigpond.com) if you are attending for catering.

Look forward to meeting with everyone for the first event in Ella's year.

Regards Warwick.

## CHANGE OVER PHOTOS (COURTESY HENK).



ROTARY CLUB OF NELSON BAY BOARD 2023-2024.



PRESIDENT ELLA



PHF PRESENTATION JENNY CRAIKE



PHF RUBY GEOFF DIEMAR



## **PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP.**

The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$US1,000 to [The Rotary Foundation](#).

Our club makes the award of a Paul Harris Fellowship annually to members or community members who we believe have made a significant contribution to Rotary or who have made a difference and improvement to the lives of other people. Such recognition recognises Service Above Self.

### **JENNY CRAIKE PHF**

- Jenny the wife of PP Doug provided outstanding support during his year as president.
- Jenny assisted the planning, catering, entertainment, and decorations for our very successful enjoyable Christmas party in the CWA hall.
- Jenny also managed much of the organisation of the club changeover during Doug's year.
- This year Jenny has provided a great deal of assistance with our club's major project the Tomaree Hospital Community Garden. She has assisted with planning, suggesting inclusions, helped with ordering and transporting materials and assisted the paperwork including approvals and grants.
- Beyond Rotary, Jenny worked for many years as a volunteer with the local community radio station Port Stephens FM.
- As a member of Nelson Bay CWA, she provides community service and assistance to others.
- Jenny also works with Doug to help with the great work of the Yacaaba Centre.

### **GEOFF DIEMAR PHF RUBY**

- This is the second award we have made to Geoff, so this becomes a sapphire for his PHF.
- Geoff has been a member of our club since 1988 some 35 years.
- He has held all board director positions and was president in 1999-2000.
- Our first PHF was awarded to Geoff in 1997
- Geoff is probably the first to volunteer for any service project or task undertaken by our club.
- He and Denise have hosted exchange students and made their home available to home host GSE members, members of the friendship groups and this year hosted the nurse who assisted with the MERV van.
- Geoff was a member of the FAIM team to MAINOHANA. PNG in July 1999.
- Recently Geoff has served the club as treasurer saving the club considerable money by simplifying the bookkeeping system. His work as treasurer is meticulous.
- He has also taken a leading role in our current project, the Tomaree Hospital Garden. His technical and building expertise has ensured a quality product. He has generously donated the concrete retaining blocks which has saved the project considerable cost.
- A 100% genuine Rotarian and Great friend.

### **PAULA FLUX IMMORTAL PIN.**

The presentation of an immortal pin represents a \$100 donation to the Rotary Foundation Endowment Fund.

- This donation has been made by Henk Tobbe to Paula Flux.
- This donation has been made in lieu of payment for a photography job completed by Henk for Paula.
- Paula is the wife of Greg and both Paula and Greg have been associated with our club since 1998 and Greg was a member from that time to 2019.
- He was President in 2002 - 2003.
- Both Greg and Paula were wonderful workers for the Youth Exchange Program being members of the district committee for many years.
- Paula spent her working career as a schoolteacher where she was highly respected.