

**OUR 60<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY- CHANGEOVER**



**Our Long awaited 60<sup>th</sup> birthday party and changeover celebrations were held on Thursday night with some 125 members and guests attending- and what a night it was with great fellowship enjoyed- More inside**

**EDITOR'S NOTE-** It was a real pleasure to put this special edition of the Bulletin together. I hope you all enjoy- CB

**A NIGHT TO REMEMBER**

**Pictured top are President Ann and Vice President John Stuhmcke & above President Ann and incoming President Judy Mitchell enjoying the evening**

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**WEEKLY WINNERS**

**Heads/Tails**

**Raffle 9 Winners overall**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Birthdays**

**Anniversaries None**

**NEXT WEEK**

**Door Bart & Arja**

**Meet/Greet Helen Ryan**

**Toast Doug Craike**

**Grace Mike Jenkins**

**Guest Speaker Isla Doyle-Ronald McDonald House**

**Introduce Speaker Kathy Rimmer**

**Thank Guest Speaker Geoff Diemar**

**Bulletin Dieter Greiter**

**Photographer**

**Phill Smith**

## 60 YEARS OF SERVING OUR COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

### 60 YEARS OF SERVICE

- 26 years of providing a “Holiday at the Bay” for handicap children from around the state.
- Fit out a vehicle for a handicapped child
- Special purpose vehicle for Community Transport group and Harbourside Village
- Outfitting two intensive care ambulances
- Oxy-viva respirators and hydraulic shears for Nelson Bay Fire Brigade
- Communications system for Nelson Bay Fire Brigade
- Trees for Survival program and extensive waterfront improvements
- 4 Wheel drive vehicle for Fingal Beach SLSC
- Development and ongoing assistance to Adult Education Centre
- Instigator of Police Citizens Youth Club
- Neill Carroll Memorial Rotary Park at Fly Point
- Annual Boating “Day on the Bay” for hearing impaired children, since 1997
- Equipped two wards at Harbourside Haven Nursing Home
- Catering for Annual Australia Day Celebrations since 1991
- Drive alive past 25 – U turn the Wheel – RYDA programs
- Sponsored Salamander Bay Rotary Club
- Established the Rotary Centennial Scholarship Trust
- Long term running of the Schools Literacy Program
- Monthly outings for elderly members of the Community – Project Neighbour
- Work teams to overseas projects – school and hospital construction
- Large contributions to Polio Plus
- Gan Gan Lookout upgrade
- Nelson Bay Rotary Exercise Trail – Stage 1
- Youth projects including RYPEN, RYLA, MUNA and National Science Forum
- Hosting Youth Exchange Students from various countries
- Hosting GSE teams from various countries
- Adopt-a-road
- Donations to Shelterbox, Bowelscan
- Pride of Workmanship and Local Heroes Awards
- Sponsored 5 Probus Clubs on the Tomaree Peninsula
- Continued support of Port Stephens PCYC.
- AND NOT TO MENTION BBQ'S - AND LOTS OF THEM

**APOLOGIES AND EXTRAS TO ROS CRIBB BY NOON WEDNESDAY PLEASE. PHONE OR SMS TO 0401 450 239. THANK YOU**

## PAUL HARRIS FELLOW RECIPIENTS



Top Picture shows President Ann presents John and Yvonne Stuhmcke with their Paul Harris awards. John received his 3<sup>rd</sup> PHF after 40 years unbroken service to our Club and a number of other community organisations and Yvonne was a new PHF member for 40 years of Community Service.

Our Club Historian Richard Turner responds to his second PHF after 43 years unbroken Rotary Service at two Clubs, Cessnock and Nelson Bay. Richard's family including grandkids were present..brilliant!!!

Club legend Bart Richardson received his 4<sup>th</sup> PHF and a surprised President Ann her first. As a new Rotarian Ann has made a difference after only 4 years of service to Rotary. CONGRATULATIONS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday June 12. Bunnings BBQ**

**Thursday June 16 Isha Doyle – Ronald McDonald House**

**Thursday June 23 – Inspector Brian Tracey and Chris Craner Port Stephens Area Police Command**

**Thursday June 30 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS and 2015/16 PRESIDENT ANN'S 'clock off' – PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A PARTNERS' NIGHT. PLEASE ADVISE ROS CRIBB ACCORDINGLY**





Top Left Young Bart (centre) chatting with past members Ted Brown and John Fanning

Centre Left Past President Ian Brigden catches up with Past President Fred O'Toole & wife June

Bottom Left DGND Brian Coffey PDG Greg Beavan and MC, Phill Smith. Top Right "The Birthday Cake"

Centre Right New PHF Yvonne Stuhmcke and Noaline Fitzsimmons, wife of Honorary member Terry

Bottom right PP John Stuhmcke (1981/82) catches up with PP Maurice Keenan (1988/89)



## GIVING BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY

Some very special guests were present at our 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday/Changeover celebrations at Soldiers Point Bowling Club on Thursday night.

President Ann was delighted to hand over \$16,000 in donations to 3 very worthy causes during the evening.

A cheque for \$10,000 was presented to the Anna Bay Primary School to P&C Chair Renee Thompson for the year 3-6 playground equipment. Renee has worked tirelessly to find funds for this equipment and our Club are delighted to give them a helping hand.

A cheque for \$3,000 was presented to Commander Colin Cahill of Port Stephens Marine Rescue to enable them to continue their wonderful work.

Chairman of the Local Westpac Rescue Helicopter Fund Raising Group, Garry Troon received a cheque for \$3000 for this much appreciated organisation...

### Top Left

President Ann and Renee Thompson.

### Top Right

President Ann and Colin Cahill

### Above right

President Ann and Garry Troon

## DISTRICT EVENTS

Members are advised the District 9670 Changeover will be held on Saturday night July 2 at Cessnock. District Governor Adrian will hand over to incoming District Governor Steve Jackson and his team.

The cost will be \$45.00 per head and more details to follow.

## FOUNDATION RAFFLE BOOKS

Foundation Director and President 2016/17 Judy Mitchell reminds all members to please return your District Rotary Foundation Raffle Books to her on Thursday June 16<sup>th</sup> 2016 please. If you haven't sold the tickets, please return the books... Thanking you all



President Ann (2015/16) Our State member Kate Washington and President Judy (2016/17) maintain our community connection.



Above Club Historian Richard Turner with wife Jenny and daughters after receiving his PHF Sapphire Pin on Thursday night.

### HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

Three of the Clubs long standing members provided the 125 guests on Thursday night with some historical and some hysterical moments.

Honorary member Ian Rolfe (President 75-76) and member for 49 years highlighted the Club's first Community project, giving crippled children and their carers (usually Mum) a holiday in Port Stephens. Many activities were planned for the kids including horse rides, boat rides, a visit to the Air Force base at Williamtown, housie nights at the Country Club Hotel and much more. Ian highlighted some of the great community work of previous members of the Club. This project continued for nearly 30 years. Everyone "won" with this project with Ian suggesting Rotarians usually had more fun than the kids, while the Carers had a well earned two week break.

This wonderful event established Nelson Bay Rotary's Club's tradition of "SERVING OUR COMMUNITY". That tradition continues today with 60 years of giving under our belts.

Ian Brigden (President 86-87) a member of 35 years highlighted some of the other great Community projects we have been involved with and listed on Page 2 of this Bulletin. Ian did highlight the friendships established through Rotary and the fellowship, including the often talked about Port Bottling nights established in the 1980's.

Current Vice President John Stuhmcke (President 81-82) with 40 years unbroken service, rounded off the highlights with a few hysterical moments over the years. The Tamboi Queen figured prominently, as did Xmas Parties, visits to the Doctors at 1 am in the morning, the memorable Port Bottling evenings and tales of Fire Engines, Fire Stations and strange as it may seem more PORT. It certainly was a walk down memory lane and thank you to the two Ian's and John for a very entertaining presentation. Our Club's future certainly comes from our past with such a rich vein of giving providing the pedigree.

### WHAT OUR GUESTS THOUGHT

The Club received many great compliments on our Celebrations however the Editor has chosen PD Governor & District Foundation Chair Peter Raynor's comment- "If you only attended two changeovers a year, Nelson Bay Rotary Club's would be one of them". Right on the money as usual Peter and Thank You.

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

This year's Board has seven Past Presidents as Directors, including 6 Past Presidents of the Club. Certainly a wealth of experience



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