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PRESIDENT ANN'S PARTY



Nelson Bay Rotary Club President 2015-16 Ann Evans officially clocked off at our last meeting for 2015/16. Some 40 members and their partners, plus a Rotarian visitor from Tamworth Sunrise enjoyed a night of friendship and reflected on another stellar year for our Club.

Ann was thrilled to announce that a further \$9,000 had been received this week in Grant Funds, including \$5,000 Community Grant for equipment for the Nelson Bay Rotary Fitness/ Multi Gym Trail, \$2,000 for the promotion and brochures for this project and \$2000 Grant for our Charity Golf Day. The grants were awarded by Port Stephens Council. This takes the total to over \$50,000 in grants obtained by now immediate Past President Ann in the last 12 months, a truly outstanding effort.

Ann also thanked her Board for their contribution in supporting her throughout the year. She handed the "chains of office" to our new President Judy Mitchell and wished her every success for this Rotary year.

The picture shows the incoming Board from Left.. Judy Mitchell, Ann Evans, John Stuhmcke, Chris Bartlett, Arja Levonpera, Kathy Rimmer, Phill Smith, Bob Mitchell and Don Whatham ready for the year ahead. Directors John DeRidder and John Cropley were absent.

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WEEKLY WINNERS

Heads/Tails Young Bart
(again)

Raffle Fiona Whatham

CONGRATULATIONS

Birthdays July 8 Agnes Tobbe

July 9 Murray Nichol

Anniversaries John & Lynn
DeRidder 44 years July 1

NEXT WEEK

Door Bart & John Crump

Meet/Greet Trish Parnell

Toast Warwick Mathieson

Grace Peter McBean

Guest Speaker Club meeting

Introduce Speaker

Thank Guest Speaker

Bulletin Dieter Greiter

Photographer

Phill Smith

SAPPHIRE PIN FOR DOUG BAIRSTOW



Our Popular Supply Officer Doug Bairstow was presented with his second Paul Harris Fellow by President Ann and our Assistant Governor Earl Heckman on Thursday night. Doug is our second eldest member, who provides a wonderful service at all our Club catering events, plus prepares hundreds of kilos of onions for the catering team each year. Doug has nearly 40 years of service in Rotary, most of them with our Club, the rest at Tamworth Rotary Club. He is a thoroughly a good bloke.

AG Earl was awarded a PHF at his Club Maitland on Wednesday night and is Maitland Club President this year, plus doing year 4 as our AG. Congratulations to both Doug and Earl on their PHF Awards. The final picture shows Yvonne Stuhmcke, wife of VP John who received a PHF at our 60th Birthday celebrations on June 9, with Chris Smith, and Marg Bairstow at our Club meeting on Thursday night.

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

PCYC UPDATE

As Club members are aware, we provide three members of the Club to sit on the Port Stephens PCYC Board (Committee). Chris Bartlett, Dieter Greiter and Tim Ireland attend regular meetings.

At this week meeting, Club General Manager announced a \$9000 grant had been secured to improve the office and interview room on Police Youth Liaison officer Snr Const. Tim Smith. The Police Local Area Command are currently interviewing with the view of providing a second officer to assist Tim.

The new commercial kitchen, the bulk of the funds sourced through a grant from the Newcastle Permanent Trust, will be opened in the near future.

One negative to emerge was a discrepancy in the number of members of the Club, which showed at 1900 but due to a computer glitch should have shown 1400. The Club is still doing great work with our local young people.



Incoming Community Services Director Chris Bartlett had pleasure in delivering our Rotary Sign to Port Stephens PCYC General Manager Matt Brierly last Tuesday night. The sign will be placed above the entrance to the Auditorium.

AUDITORIUM BEING WELL UTILISED

The PCYC Auditorium which our Club provided the necessary funds to resurface the floor some 12 months ago is being well utilised. Basketball is on the increase under the guidance of Dan Howard, who received a scholarship from our Club to complete his Fitness Training Certificates. There are also many other activities taking place. The PCYC has already scheduled maintenance on the new floor in the next 12 months as part of their commitment to sustaining the improvements, a key element in the funding process.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday July 2 - District Changeover at Cessnock Leagues. The Club will be well represented

Sunday July 3 - "Human Whale" BBQ for Port Stephens Council Event at Shoal Bay

Wednesday July 6 – First Board Meeting for 2016/17 Board at Nelson Bay Bowling Club at 6.30pm

Thursday July 7- Club night with new Directors to inform members of activities. Also ladies night downstairs at the Bowling Club.



Pictured above at our last meeting for the Rotary year are Left... Our night's raffle winner Fiona Whatham and Anne Randall enjoying the evening. Right is outgoing Youth Director Geoff Diemar and wife Denise. Geoff is always keen to lend a helping hand on any Rotary Activity.



Chair of the Club's Australia Day Committee and retiring Community Services Director Doug Craike and wife Jenny chat with our new President Judy Mitchell and husband Robert, who is our new membership Director on Thursday night. Doug a first time Director, did a sterling job in a very busy portfolio and provided some excellent homemade pizzas from his wood fired oven after Committee meetings. Love your work Doug

EDITOR'S NOTE.

On behalf of this year's Editorial team of Phill Smith, Henk Tobbe, John Cropley, John deRidder, Dieter Greiter, Don Whatham and myself would say thank you for providing us with some memorable moments during the year. A special thank you to Henk and Phill for providing the bulk of the photos for 52 editions.

Chris Bartlett, this week's editor.



Visitor Rotarian Brian Coleman from Tamworth Sunrise Rotary Club enjoyed his night on the "red wine" table on Thursday night.



Our very popular Assistant Governor Earl Heckman and lovely wife Barbara helped us celebrate our final meeting of 2015/16. Earl will our AG for the fourth successive year this year and is also President of the Maitland Club. Always enjoy your company, Earl and Barbara

THEY ARE HISTORY- 2015/16 BOARD CELEBRATE



It was smiles all round on Thursday night after President Ann handed the reins over to Judy Mitchell. Ann presented her Board with a small gift to finish her year as President. The Club had another very successful year of serving our community.

CHUCKLE CORNER- ROTARY SHOULD BE FUN

Men's helpline

"Hello, You have reached the 'Men's Help Line.' My name is Larry. How can I help you?"

"Hi Larry, I really need your advice on a serious problem. I have suspected for some time now that my wife has been cheating on me. You know, just the usual signs; the phone rings and when I answer, the caller hangs up. Plus, she goes out with 'the girls' a lot. I usually try to stay awake to look out for her when she comes home, but I always fall asleep. Anyway, last night about midnight, I woke up and she was not home. So I hid in the garage behind my boat and waited for her.

When she came home, she got out of someone's car, buttoning her blouse, then she took her panties out of her purse and slipped them on.

It was at that moment, while crouched behind the boat, that I noticed a hairline crack in the outboard motor mounting bracket. Is that something I can weld, or do I need to replace the whole bracket?"

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS FROM RICHARD TURNER

SOME ROTARY FIRSTS.

- **The first Rotary Club meeting was in Chicago Illinois on February 23 1906**
- **The first regular luncheon meetings were in Oakland California, chartered in 1909**
- **The first convention was in Chicago in 1910**
- **The first Rotary Club outside the US was chartered in Winnipeg Canada in 1910**
- **The first Rotary Club outside of North America was chartered in Dublin Ireland in 1911**
- **The first Rotary Club in South America was chartered in Montevideo in 1918**
- **The first Rotary Club in Asia was chartered in Manilla, Phillipines in 1919**
- **The first Rotary Club Africa was chartered in Johannesburg in 1921**
- **The first Rotary Club in Australia was chartered in Melbourne in 1921**

Nelson Bay Rotary Club was chartered in May 1956 and our 59th Changeover was held a fortnight ago.

Thank you for your weekly presentation Richard, your weekly spotlight is always well presented and received by the members.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2016-17



PRESIDENT

Judy Mitchell



VICE PRESIDENT

John Stuhmcke



SECRETARY

Don Whatham



TREASURER/Pres Elect

Kathy Rimmer



COMMUNITY SERVICE/PR

Chris Bartlett



YOUTH

Arja Levonpera



CLUB ADMINISTRATION/VOCATIONAL

John de Ridder



MEMBERSHIP

Robert Mitchell



INTERNATIONAL

John Cropley



**ROTARY
FOUNDATION**

Phill Smith



**IMMEDIATE PAST
PRESIDENT**

Ann Evans

DID YOU KNOW?

This year's Board has seven Past Presidents as Directors, including 6 Past Presidents, of the Club, and 1 x Past District Governor Certainly a wealth of experience