



## Bulletin 5 of 3rd of August 2023

### Club Assembly Round table Discussions



### Club Meeting Around the Table

For a bit of a change we decided to arrange seating differently tonight for a meeting with a round table format. This was an excellent way to have an inclusive discussion. All directors shared some updates on their portfolios.

Treasurer Geoff advised of the club's sound financial position. Rotary district and Rotary International fees have been paid. The Hospital Garden Account has still funds of \$28,000 to be used as needed to finish this project. The regular contribution to Yacaaba Centre has also been paid this month.

The Bunnings BBQ last Saturday 5th, was particularly successful event as we had some 5kg of sausages donated which we used in addition to our normal packs, and on a fairly steady flow of customers, dealt with by supremely efficient teamwork, this led to an excellent profit. 45 % of takings were taken electronically using square.

Youth activities are busy toward the end of the month. There will be a need for a lot of support on the 31st of August for Science Discovery Day at Tomaree HS Multipurpose Centre. It includes the set up, and pack down, as well as some supervisors during the day. Club service director Ian has filled a number of dates remaining for this year. We plan to have another international night away from the club, probably in October. Other speakers are being sought on the dates available but if you have thoughts for speakers please advise Ian.

The club formally declined an offer to help Alesco School with their need of increasing drivers for their school bus service. We can help perhaps in other ways, at a later time.

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### Details for week following our next weeks meeting

#### Birthdays

Phil McIver on 18th of August

#### Anniversaries

None this week

Heads & Tails: David Clark

Raffle: Chris Barlett.  
Jackpot of \$330 still available with draw of the joker.

#### Next meeting

17th of August

Guest Speaker Tim McHarg  
European War History

Door: Geoff Diemar

Toast: Ian Brigden  
Grace: John Stuhmcke  
Introduce Speaker; Geoff Robinson

Thank Speaker Richard Turner

Bulletin Editor: John Cropley  
(Don to compile with notes)

Photos: Chris B. (of garden)

3 minute talk Chris Bartlett

#### Important Dates

18th of August Roadwhyz program at St Phillips auditorium

31 August: Science Discovery Day at Tomaree HS

9th of September: BBQ for Suicide Prevention Group.

The major work on this great community project moved a step closer to finalisation this week. Only a few finishing touches are required to have the project completed. Some smaller tasks were sorted out this week, including fixing a leak in the watering pipes, some edging, final native plants planted, a cleanup to remove surplus materials and a general tidy up. A thank you to Lesley for making her trailer available for the past month. Doug and Jenny have met Hunter Health regarding the opening, and will meet with President Ella and Secretary Don next week to finalise details.

**Date: Saturday 23rd of September**

Invitations are to be sent shortly. Hunter Health have requested us to install a "pool style" fence along the retaining wall. This will be paid for by Hunter Health. Once installed the security fence can be removed. Garden and lawn watering will continue, plus some other minor tasks. A few of the native plants are already starting to bloom adding colour to the garden.



Photos from work this week at the Tomaree Hospital Reflective Garden. Photos supplied by Chris Bartlett.

### 3 Minutes from Lesley - Koala Tales

Lesley who is a volunteer at the Koala Hospital Pt Stephens mentioned up to 250 volunteers provided hours which if were paid would cost up to \$3 million per year. Lesley provide us with a video of a special koala, Murphy, who is resident at the koala hospital. This strong willed girl has decide more than once, that living in the bush is not where she wants to be, and would rather have pampering in the comfort of a sheltered home, with choice leaves provided every day. She had first been cared for 15 years earlier, with her details recorded on a microchip. She came back for help after a long absence, was cared for a released, but then came back 2 weeks later. She came back again several times, and it was clear she wanted to stay long term. A licence was sought to allow her to stay. Murphy is 16 years old now, and has let the staff know she prefers being in air conditioned rooms during winter. The hospital has around 30 koalas at even given time, but at this time of year there may be an increase, because of the mating season a lot of roaming koalas will be hit on the roads. The new fence at Taylors beach may help reduce the numbers, as this site is the number one area for koala accidents, as they try to cross the road.

