



## Bulletin # 9, 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023

### TOMAREE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Our meeting this week was held at Tomaree Community College an institution that owes its existence to Nelson Bay Rotary Club.

Nelson Bay Primary School was originally established at Fly Point in 1886.

In 1893 Captain John Dalton donated 2 acres of land to the Education Department for educational purposes.

A building was constructed that year and the school moved to the current College site where it remained until 1984 when it moved to Wahgunyah Road. The site was operated by TAFE until 1988 when Tafe moved to the new Tomaree Education Centre at Salamander Bay.

The buildings were donated to Tomaree Community College with the proviso that they be moved to a new site. As no site could be found the College "squatted" for some years.

In 1998 the Education Department decided to sell the site meaning the College would be without a home.

Fortunately, the Departments plans were thwarted when it was determined that the site had to remain as an educational facility (as per Captain Dalton's caveat in the Title Document). This meant that the land had no alternate commercial value.

In 2013 the College came to an agreement with the state Government to purchase the site and the College now hold the Freehold Title.

Over the years the management of the College has vested in Boards consisting primarily of Nelson Bay Rotarians including: Sam Snape, Gordon Treble, Warwick Mathieson, Doug Bairstow, Peter Buckley, Don Whatham, John Stumchke, Henk Tobbe and Helen Ryan. Ella Clarke was CEO until her retirement in 2014.

*The original Bell from the Fly Point School was souvenired for posterity and safe keeping by Rtn Danny Carroll and was refurbished by Warwick Mathieson and returned to the college in 2000*



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23 Aug Yvonne Stumchke

28 Aug Margaret Bairstow

### Anniversaries

None

### Member Duties 1 Sep

#### Door

Richard Turner

#### Meet and Greet

Peter McBean

#### Grace

Geoff Robinson

#### Intro Speaker

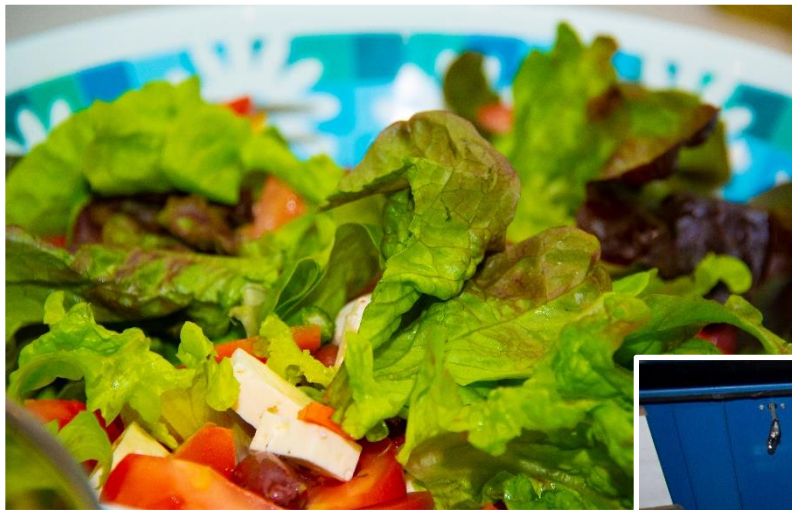
Ian Brigden

#### Thank speaker

Ella Clarke

**Next meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> September**  
**Speaker Keith Hobbs - Port Stephens Friendship Club**

# What's a Rotary Meeting without Fellowship..... and a feed?





Thanks to Warwick Mathieson and Helen Ryan for organizing the food, our cooks Doug Craike and Dieter Greiter and Host Linda Drake.

### **More about the College:**

Following dinner CEO Linda Drake filled us in on some of the more recent achievements and future plans for the College:

The College offers Accredited Courses in such things as Aged Care, Child Care, Information Technology and Hospitality.

Other work-related courses include, WH&S Construction for the Building Industry, First Aid, Small Business, Bookkeeping, RSA, RCG, Massage.

Reading Writing, Spelling and Maths for adults including non-English speaking Adults is also a large part of the local provision.

In 2014 plans for a childcare centre were prepared but until now there were no funds available. However in 2022 a \$900,000 State Government Grant was approved for the construction of a preschool facility.

In the meantime, Out Of School Hours care (OOSH) has been provided since 2018.

Like everything Covid has had a lasting effect on the College resulting in an increase in online learning.

***For a more detailed look at the College's history please see the attached document prepared by Don Whatham.***



Don and Fiona Whatham visited Bill and Mary Michel at Elmore Vale recently. Don suggests that they would enjoy a visit. Contact the office prior to visiting:  
Koombahla Uniting Care  
138 Lake Road, Elmore Vale.  
Phone 49798900

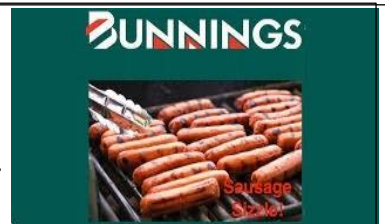
Following Board resignations by Bob Mitchell and Helen Ryan it was resolved at a special board meeting held Wednesday night that VP Don would undertake both Presidential and Secretarial duties on behalf of the club until the board appoints permanent replacements in both positions at the September Board meeting. District IT co-ordinator Colin Shanks has been requested to adjust DACdb settings to ensure correspondence and business matters related to the club are transferred to VP Don until substantive appointments are complete.

This Thursday September 1  
Ladies dinner in Marlins Bistro.  
Contact Fiona Whatham



Next BBQ

Saturday  
3<sup>rd</sup> September



**1<sup>st</sup> September**  
**Keith Hobbs**  
**Port Stephens Friendship Group**

**8<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Club Assembly**  
**Board Reports and**  
**Your chance to have your say**



**15<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Scott Elsegood**  
**Terry White Chemmart**  
**Pharmacy Services beyond the sticker**