

## Bulletin CHANGEOVER EDITION 2018-19

### BE THE INSPIRATION FOR 2018-19



#### 80 members, partners and guests gathered at the Nelson Bay Bowling Club for our 62 Annual Changeover Dinner on Thursday night.

The evening was highly successful, with plenty of smiles, lots of laughter, some business conducted, Awards presented, Bob Marley reincarnated, our current President starting Year 2 and the evening concluding with members and guests showing their moves on the dance floor. The general consensus was "it was a good night". We have moved from "making a difference" to "being the inspiration"

Retiring Director John Cropley, was MC for the evening and he kept things running smoothly all night. After a good meal, Richard Harris proposed a well thought out Toast to Rotary International, his farewell appearance at our Club before moving to Morpeth. District Governor Helen responded, commenting our Club (and her home Club) had met all the aims set out in Richard's toast.

President Kathy then presented her annual report, highlighting the outstanding year our Club has had (See Page 3 of this Bulletin). She also thanked Treasurer Ian Brigden for overseeing our finances, placing the Club in a strong financial position.

PHF Awards were presented (see Page 2) and other awards made to the Directors stepping down this year. They are PP Judy Mitchell, John Cropley, Geoff Diemar and Dieter Greiter.

Kathy was assisted by District Governor Helen with these tasks.

Kathy was then "re inducted" as President by 2018/19 District Governor, Brian Coffey who also handed out Director's Badges to the new Board. Brian, then gave a very humorous overview of this year's theme banner **Be the Inspiration**, bringing back memories of Bob "The Whaler" Marley.

The evening is covered in this special edition of the Bulletin, mainly through Pages 1 to 5, with a special story on Page 6. I am sure you will notice that in the wonderful array of photos provided by Henk, there were miles of smiles during the evening. What a terrific Club we have and we are heading for an inspirational year, after making a difference in 2017/18.

**Late Note** Gumboots are appropriate for tree planting on Monday

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Photos, stories, news from Changeover, Dan Howard, success story, upcoming events, tree planting & more.....

#### Birthdays this coming

**week:** None Listed

**Anniversaries** Andrew & Deb Downey 29 years.

**Heads and Tails:** None this week

#### Member Duties: June 28 2018

Ian McIver, Judy Mitchell

**Meet/Greet:** Bob Mitchell

**Loyal Toast:** Peter Page

**Grace:**

Tricia Parnell

**Intro Guest speaker:**

Phil Smith

**Thank Guest Speaker:**

Judi Priestley

**Bulletin:**

Don Whatham

**Photos:**

Phill Smith

**Meeting-** Club planning night, plus RYPEN attendees. Partners are especially welcome.

**Next meeting -**

**Apologies/Extras to John Crump by noon on Wednesday!**

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## 2018 PAUL HARRIS AWARDS

### ARJA LEVONPERA- PRESIDENT ELECT/YOUTH DIRECTOR

Arja is our hard working Youth Director, President Elect and Chair of our Charity Golf day Committee. She was a vital team member in this year's District Conference Committee, handling the registration and payment area with skill, her efforts assisting in the successful running of the conference. Arja has a great eye for detail and she handles all challenges in a calm and friendly way. A well deserved honour for a surprised Arja....

### MARIANNE McBEAN- BEHIND THE SCENES.

The second surprised PHF recipient was Marianne. Her efforts in supporting husband, long serving Rotarian Peter have been outstanding over the years. Marianne plays a key role in the successful running of Project Neighbour, is a strong supporter of our Ladies monthly Dinner evenings, has made her home available for fund raising events and generally supporting Peter. Congratulations Marianne

### IAN BRIGDEN-TREASURER CO CHAIR CONFERENCE

Ian, received a Sapphire Pin for his first PHF received in 1995. Ian is the current Treasurer and has streamlined processes to make the Treasurer's role easier. He has been either Chair or Co Chair of the 3 District Conferences held in Nelson Bay in the past 23 years. Ian is a strong supporter of our Charity Golf Day, both as a sponsor and player. WELL DONE

### Rotary Club of Nelson Bay Board

2018 – 2019

President	Kathy Rimmer
President Elect	Arja Levonpera
Vice President	John Stuhmcke
Secretary	Don Whatham
Treasurer	Ian Brigden
Club Administration	Liz Friend
Community Services/PR	Chris Bartlett
International	Chelsea Ellul
Membership	John Sully
Rotary Foundation	Chelsea Ellul
Vocational	Liz Friend
Youth	Arja Levonpera



Popular member Richard Harris proposing the Toast to Rotary International on Thursday night. Richard has been a member of our Club for 20 years, after service at Denman and Queanbeyan Clubs. He and Athlene are moving to Morpeth next week. They will be missed, but remembered



### WHAT'S COMING UP

**Monday June 25** Tree planting at Anna Bay School at 2pm.

**Thursday June 28** Club Planning meeting and Rypen students visit. Partners most welcome

**Thursday July 5** Club meeting – Guest speaker Ron Land Koala Rescue Secretary including update on Koala Hospital

**Saturday July 7** District Changeover at Maitland City Bowling Club- Bookings still available

**Wednesday July 11** Board Meeting

**Saturday July 21** Bunnings BBQ

**Thursday August 2** District Governor Brian Coffey's & Carol's visit- Partners Night Please

### HENK TO STAY ON

Our popular Club & District photographer Henk Tobbe had originally decided to step down after a long career with our Club. Henk, pictured here, with wife Anges, on the dance floor, a rare photo indeed, gave us some good news at Changeover on Thursday night, deciding to spend another year assisting the Club in our community activities and maintain his membership. The news was enthusiastically received by President Kathy, the Board and our members. A terrific end to a great night. And thanks for the great photos

## PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

Rotary International President Ian H.S. Riseley announced that in 2017-18, we'll answer the question "What is Rotary?" with the theme, Rotary: Making a Difference. "Whether we're building a new playground or a new school, improving medical care or sanitation, training conflict mediators or midwives, we know that the work we do will change people's lives — in ways large and small — for the better."

I have been honoured and humbled to hold the position of President of the Rotary Club of Nelson Bay this year. As you read on you will see that we have had a very 'eventful year' with a focus on retention and engagement of club members. The diversity, teamwork and fellowship are evident in the director's reports.

Paul Harris was 36 years of age when he started Rotary in 1905. Our Club has made a difference this year in showing that Rotary is for all ages and vocations. Members and friends of Rotary can do as much or as little as they can to help. Which has seen our club s build stronger relationships with the local community.

Some Highlights include:

- Rotary International President's request to see 1.2M trees planted worldwide, one for every member of Rotary. We will meet this quota at both Anna Bay Public School and Gan Gan look out.
- Support of our very own club member District Governor Helen Ryan. The District Conference took 22 months of planning and was a success not only for Rotary, but for the local community.
- We have connected to the community and built stronger relationships. In particular with Bunnings whilst showing we do much more than just sausages, it was Bunnings that highlights Baby Josh Taylor to us.
  - In June Raised \$15,000 for Baby Josh Taylor who needed a special vest for CF. With 63 in attendance of all ages. This showcased Rotary Australian Benevolent Society (RABS) and Dick Smiths Grant of \$1M to assist Australians in need. The Dick Smith Fund has seen a dollar for dollar match, meaning we only needed to raise \$7,500 with donations being able to obtain a tax-deductible receipt.
- 26th Annual Golf Day was again a success. We changed the format to start earlier, sausage sandwiches on the course and finger food in the afternoon. We have already prepared the Entry forms for 12 October 2018, ready to see sponsors and prizes which will include silent auction items.
- Surf NSW hosted the last selection finals of the Worlds Women's Pro Surfing. We were instrumental in traffic control and parking. This was the first time this event was hosted in our area. It was such a success that the event will return 2019.
- Australia Day was change to format to make it easier to ease the physical workload on our membership.

Nelson Bay Touch Football Association required assistance at the Elizabeth Waring Centre Canteen. We were able to assist with hot food this year and support the club with the purchase of \$1,600 for new balls.

- Hosted Brunch on the Beach for 380 WRANS reunion. The weather was kind and we were complimented on 'military' precision the week before the District Conference.
- Successfully navigating around government and council 'red tape' to be granted permission to maintain the Gan Gan Look Out Project. Very shortly to have a directional signpost erected.
- The Rotary Foundation (Rotary's official Charity) received a combined donation from our club members \$4,000. The past 7 years has seen our \$2.50 per member per meeting contribute toward the Foundation. Giving to this foundation has seen funds come back to better our local community. One example is the Multi-gym equipment.
- The Anna Bay Public School opened the new playground. Many members were able to attend.
- The Rotary Reading program is still vibrant with 20 plus community volunteers working across 3 school alongside Rotary Volunteers.
- Assisted Williamtown Club in fundraising event at the Salt Ash Horse Riding Events.
- The Club has taken a consultative approach to club decisions and how to share the workload. This supports the board decision making process.
- With some ageing member 'retiring' from Rotary we have introduced an offer of honorary member status and hosting quarterly Honorary Members morning teas. This is being a great success and will certainly be continued with all members and partner of the club invited to attend.
  - Project Neighbour is going strong. We have a passionate and motivated coordinator with the support of his wife and an assistant co-ordinator this program is sure to continue to be enjoyed by guest and Rotarians alike for the foreseeable future.

The clubs proudest achievement is successfully increasing the diversity of our club and reducing the average age. The decision was made last Rotary year that instead of creating a new younger club or satellite club we integrated new members with awareness that 100% attendance to dinner meetings is not essential. Members can assist in projects and other ways behind the scenes as much or as little as they can. The new members have been instrumental is two of the major events this year. Engagement of the new members has been key.

Thank you to the Board and member for the contribution of many hours in a voluntary capacity. Please read the director's reports and you will see how much commitment and support was given. Thank you to the 3 directors that are stepping down. Judy Mitchell, John Cropley, Geoff Diemar and Dieter Grieter. Your contribution through the year has been invaluable.

I look forward to taking on the role of President for 2018-2019 and continuing the great work of the Rotary Club of Nelson Bay.



Kathy Rimmer  
President 2017/18







### KIND DONATION

Bunnings were unable to source a Wollomi Pine for our tree planting ceremony at Anna Bay School, however they have provided nearly 50 trees, plants and bushes. Our Vice President John Stuhmcke and his wife Yvonne have kindly donated a very healthy Wollomi pine, valued at close to \$500 for Monday's planting. This is a gift to the school on behalf of the Club and John and Yvonne's family. Yvonne worked in the office & their granddaughter Jacky is a former pupil of Anna Bay School. Fiona Whatham taught at Anna Bay School to round off our strong connection.



Treasurer Ian Brigden and Attendance Officer John Crump reflect on another busy year. Both Ian and John do a great job for our Club



Yvonne & Vice President John Stuhmcke and Debbie Brigden enjoying fellowship prior to the commencement of Thursday night's very successful Changeover Dinner.

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS 2017-2018

#### CHANGE OVER DINNER

**Raised \$33,957:** BBQs \$19,297, Golf Day \$10,160, Binoculars \$4,500  
**Donations \$29,699:** Baby Josh Appeal \$7909, Rotary Foundation (Official Charity) \$4620, Immortal Fund \$2600, Nelson Bay Touch Footy \$1600, Australian Rotary Health \$1500, Tomaree Primary School \$1100, RoadWhyZ \$1000, Marine Rescue \$1000, Starlight Foundation \$1000, Shelter Box \$1000, Scholarship Fund \$1000, ROMAC \$1000, Model United Nations Assembly – St Phillips \$690 x 2 teams, Rotary Youth Enrichment Program \$690, Chance to Dance \$600, Heaven Can Wait Yacht Club \$500, End Trachoma Now \$500, 1st Anna Bay Scouts \$500, Rotary Club of Williamstown \$300, Youth Insearch Foundation \$280, Tomaree High School \$100, Shoal Bay Primary School \$100, Anna Bay Primary School \$100, Bobs Farm Primary School \$100, St Phillips (Junior School) \$100

### TREE PLANTING AT ANNA BAY SCHOOL –NOW THIS MONDAY JUNE 25 AT 2PM

On Monday June 25, all members and their partners, and any family members who would like to attend a Rotary tree planting ceremony at Anna Bay Public School, Gan Gan Road Anna Bay. The ceremony will start at 2pm when President Kathy and School Principal Matt Freeman, along with the school captains will plant a Wollomi Pine next to the school's Anzac Memorial, following recognition of our Club, Bunnings Taylor's Beach and other donors. Bunnings are supplying the trees, plants and bushes and will be represented by Lauren Dennison. It is envisaged all pupils will attend this part of the ceremony. At the completion of this task, we will move to the proposed sensory garden site, where a number of trees, bushes and plants will be planted to make this garden a reality. This area will be pre-prepared by Anna Bay School Staff. We will be assisted by year 1 and 2 class children, who are looking forward to this event.

All year 1 and 2 students will receive a special colouring sheet, designed by Henk Tobbe, which describes the positive effect trees have on the environment. These colouring in forms will be returned to the school and the best work will be displayed on Bunnings notice board. The final part of the ceremony will be held near the Netball courts on the western side of the school where around a dozen trees will be planted on a banked area, again assisted by the year 1 & 2 students.

Members are asked to wear their "work shirts" ( polo's) and bring a spade, just in case. Henk will be taking photos which we hope to publish in the local press and in the RDU magazine. This a great community event for the school and our Club, meeting the World President Ian Riseley, request for every Rotarian to plant a tree during his year as World President. DG Helen has indicated a round 3000 trees have already been planted in District 9670, which is fantastic considering we have 1130 members!!! in the District. We are hoping to have a good attendance on Monday, after wet weather caused last week's postponement.

A second ceremony to plant trees and bushes donated by Port Stephens Council for our Gan Gan Lookout project is planned, shortly. This will be confirmed next week, and means that the Club's 51 members and honorary members will have been recognised. Thank you to Liz Friend for organising the Gan Gan Lookout event and trees/plants with PS Council.



### **DAN HOWARD- SUCCESS STORY**

Dan Howard, Port Stephens PCYC Basketball Coach and Coordinator has been selected to attend the Youth United Nations Assembly to be held in The Hague in the Netherlands in October/November 2018. The Conference will see some 1500 young people from around the World, making recommendations to the United Nations.

He has been selected as an Australian representative after being nominated by PCYC Australia/ It is an outstanding honour for Dan who is highly respected for his outstanding work with young people through his involvement with Basketball. Nelson Bay Rotary's association with Dan extends back to 2014, when our then Club Treasurer Ann Evans identified Dan as a potential candidate for a Nelson Bay Rotary Centennial Scholarship Grant.

In 2015 our Club provided funds from the Club's Centennial Scholarship Fund for Dan to complete his Level III and Level IV in Sports Fitness from the Institute of Sport, which he completed in 2017.

Dan also attended a RYLA course, funded by our Club, and from this point of time his hard work, commitment and diligence has been rewarded many times over.

The Centennial Scholarship Fund is much underutilised at the moment and it is hoped we can find more applicants like Dan. to apply for a scholarship. Members, attending this year's Conference, will recall keynote speaker Marcus Akuhtu-Brown's story, including his attending the same Conference Dan will be attending, which lead to him becoming a World Youth Leader.

Dan is also currently serving on the NSW PCYC Youth Board. As a Club we congratulate Dan, who acknowledges without Rotary's assistance, his life could have taken a different path. What a great success story this is. Well done Dan

Assistant Governor Chris Bartlett received a cheque for \$500 from the Williamstown Rotary Club President Richard Byrne for the Baby Joshua Appeal at the Williamstown Changeover on Wednesday night. Our Friends at Williamstown do a wonderful job in their local community. See story below.



### **GIFT FROM WILLIAMTOWN ROTARY FOR YOUNG JOSHUA**

Williamstown Rotary Club, which we have strong bonds, held their changeover dinner on Wednesday night where they presented their Assistant Governor Chris Bartlett with a cheque for \$500 for the Bay Josh Appeal.

President Kathy recognised this donation, which has turned into \$1000 with matching dollars being added through the Dick Smith Charitable Trust and the Rotary Australia Benevolnet Society (RABS). This account remains open for 3 years with a total of \$30000 available for medical treatment for Joshua for 3 years. His life changing vest should be delivered in the very near future. A big thank you to our friends and fellow Rotarians at Williamstown Rotary Club.

### **GREAT SLIDE SHOW**

We enjoyed such a great Changeover Night, with a terrific Slide Show running throughout the evening, showing our Club members, working, laughing, having fun and doing what Rotarians do, working in the local community. The slide show was put together by Henk Tobbe, with additional photos supplied by Henk's 2 i/c Phil Smith and part time amateur Chris B. The end result were great images, well prepared and well received by the 80 guests attending the night. Thank you Henk

### **THANK YOU PHIL**

One of our Bulletin editors, Phil Smith saved this week's Editor a truck load of work by putting together our new Bulletin header page. We had a wonderful year "making a difference" and now move into 'Being the Inspiration'. On behalf of the other Editors we say thank you Phil

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