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BACK TO ZOOM.

Unfortunately local cases of COVID-19 have caused us to revert to conducting our weekly meetings by Zoom till further notice. It was great to be able to meet in person at the Bowling Club two weeks ago even if for only one meeting.

Club Administration Director Phill has arranged for Andrew Lane from British Aerospace who was scheduled to speak to us on 23 July to reschedule his visit till a later date. This was done as Andrew's presentation was considered more appropriate as a live presentation. This week's Zoom meeting provided an opportunity to hold an open forum on a number of issues.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP SURVEY: Director Kathy has fine tuned the member's survey with the assistance of several members who completed the draft survey. This is now ready for completion by all members and may be accessed with this link: <https://forms.gle/XBDoQ7mkwgc5WvJb9>. It is preferred that this be completed electronically. Members are requested to complete the survey ASAP. Hard copies are available or may be printed and returned anonymously to Kathy. Please contact Kathy if you need assistance. Thank you to those who have already completed the task.

BUNNINGS BARBEQUES: At the time of the meeting we became quite excited at the prospect of conducting our first Sausage Sizzle in several months on Saturday 15 August. Unfortunately, this event is now in some doubt following the cancellation of the Salamander Bay Club's BBQ scheduled for this Saturday. Director Milton, Don, Chris, Doug Craike and Phill attended a briefing session held at Bunnings on Wednesday 21 July. We were informed of the variations necessary to conform to COVID-19 regulations. These include mandatory gloves and aprons for all workers; trained "captain" present at each session; preference for cashless operation; only server to handle condiments; inability to use bain marie; orders taken by "greeter"; use of Bunnings Cube Machine for accounting purposes where possible; square may be used for payments; "Captain" to possess a smart phone with data available and backup phone available. The location of the facility has been moved to the garden centre entrance of the store. Club members made comments and provided suggestions regarding these guidelines during the lively discussion following the report. Director Milton urged patience as observance of health regulations are critical to ensure safety to our members, customers and the Bunnings organisation.

SCHOLARSHIP TRUST: Trust Chair Ian collated documentation related to the operation of the scholarship which had been prepared by previous Boards of our club. This followed discussion at the July Board meeting and a desire to revitalise the Scholarship project. Unfortunately, there has not been an award for the past 3 years. Several good suggestions and comments were made by members and work will proceed to generate future interest in the award. Ian agreed to continue as Scholarship Chair and will lead a committee comprising Richard, Kathy, Arja and Helen Imienionek. President Liz is an ex-officio member. The committee will work autonomously similar to other sub committees such as the golf committee and will report to the Club Board. The possibility of having our scholarship promoted at the time of the Council awards was an excellent suggestion offered during discussion.

HONORARY MEMBERS: Secretary Don reported that Bill Brown, Ryan Palmer, John Shaw, Hugh Randall, Peter Buckley, Terry Fitzsimons, Murray Nichol and Ian Rolfe had accepted the invitation to honorary membership of our club. Don has been unable to make contact with Norm Costello at this time.

**Next meeting – by ZOOM – DG David Roach and Amanda – official visit.
No need for Apologies/Extras. Why not invite a fellow Rotarian to share the night?**



ATTENDEES AT ZOOM Meeting on 23 July 2020. John Stuhmcke and Ian McIver missing from screen shot.

CLUB SERVICE CONTINUES DESPITE THE SETBACKS.

SERVICE TO YOUTH.

SCHOOLS PROJECT COMPLETE (Report Courtesy Chris Bartlett)

Our no cost schools project distributing 18 boxes of school supplies, including maths aids, calculators, scissors, blocks and other useful items has been completed. Club Youth Director, Lesley Freeman, assisted by Chris Bartlett delivered seven boxes of supplies to both Shoal Bay and Anna Bay schools on Thursday morning. We had previously delivered, through Secretary Don, 4 boxes of mainly water-based products to the Tomaree Community College Out of School Care Centre about 10 days ago.

The supplies were kindly given to our Club by Waratah Rotary Club, organised by our friend Rotarian Chris McGrath, executive secretary of Waratah, and the President Deborah Holt. Waratah's great donation enabled 2 schools and one childcare centre to acquire much needed supplies. All three were delighted to receive the supplies and thanked our Club for thinking of them, especially in these tough times. Lesley's schoolteacher daughter helped us grade the supplies.

This project is a fine example of good communication and cooperation between two Rotary Clubs, that has enabled a good number of children to improve their basic skills. It shows Rotarians are people of action. Well done to all concerned. (See photos page 4).

SERVICE TO COMMUNITY.

Work on the Outdoor Conference and Meeting Place was completed at the Yaccaba Women's Refuge Centre today. Previously club members had levelled and paved the outdoor site with pavers sourced from the Salamander

Recycling Centre. Today's task was to secure the trellis at two sides of the slab to provide shelter and privacy during meeting sessions. Community Service Director Milton provided the support posts and quick set cement. The Yaccaba Centre Co-ordinator Petra Offen was very pleased with the finished product which now only awaits a coat of paint.

Petra has met several times with Milton for advice about gaining grants to finance additional projects at the Centre. Discussions have also taken place about our club becoming involved in providing future assistance to the Centre. Club members involved with this project have been greatly impressed with the wonderful work much of it voluntary being done by the centre. Many women and children have been supported at a very stressful time in their lives.



GAN GAN LOOKOUT.

Our binoculars continue to provide some revenue to our club during this time of limited fundraising. We were able to replace the binoculars prior to the school holidays. The popularity of this excellent tourist attraction was evident by the revenue from the binoculars during the two weeks.

Unfortunately, some damage to the Larry McGrath Memorial Sign has occurred with one destination sign broken from its frame. This may have been due to vandalism or possibly the strong wind experienced during the East Coast Low. We would like to assume it was the wind. A search of the location will be undertaken and arrangements are at hand for repairs to be completed.

BINOCULARS BULLETIN ROSTER: 3 August – R Turner and M Jenkins. 10 August – D and N Melhuish.

ZOOM MEETING 30 JULY – PDG ADRIAN ROACH – LEADERSHIP.

Last night's Zoom meeting featuring a presentation by PDG Adrian was very well attended. Adrian joined the Rotary Club of East Maitland in 1994 and was President in 1998-99. In early 2012, he worked with a small team of Rotarian's to develop the Rotary Club of Greenhills-Maitland chartered in 2012 with Adrian as the Charter President.

Adrian has been active in the D9670 Youth Exchange Program committee, he chaired Rotary Australia New Zealand Student Exchange program. He has also served as the District Chair of RAWCS 2011-2013,

Since 2009, Adrian has been the Project Manager RAWCS project in Nondugl, PNG. This project has seen significant improvement in the health, education and access to clean water for the local people. Both he and wife Christine have travelled to PNG with RAWCS on several occasions.

Adrian was born in Maitland and worked in Sydney as a Manager and Area Manager for Woolworths, supervising sixteen stores until moving back into the Maitland area. He is the owner and director of Valley Fresh Flowers, a retail florist business in the Hunter as well as Valley Fresh Entertainment, managing musical acts in Newcastle and the Hunter area.

Adrian was D9670 governor in 2015-16. After serving as Assistant Rotary Coordinator RI Zone 8 for four years Adrian is currently a Zone 8 coordinator.



Adrian’s presentation included an overview of his personal experience as a leader beginning with his boyhood membership of the scouts. His skills as a leader were quickly recognised during his employment as a 15 year old casual worker at Woolworths in Maitland. He quickly rose through the ranks to be appointed lead casual guiding his fellow employees in the performance of their roles.

Adrian’s leadership roles in Rotary are extensive including directorships in his club and presidency of both East Maitland and Greenhills-Maitland clubs. He is passionate about the work of RAWCS. The success of the many projects he has been associated with is testament to the hard work he has contributed and to the encouragement he has provided to fellow Rotarians and community members to participate.

Adrian and Christine are dedicated to improving the life opportunities for the residents of PNG. They have visited the country on many occasions to work on RAWCS projects. They have sponsored visits by young people from PNG to spend time in Maitland. Whilst here these young people have attended local schools and interacted with district Rotarians. Adrian and Christine have extended the experience of local year 12 graduates by arranging for them to travel to PNG as their “Schoolies” experience. Pictured is a group of Maitland school leavers who spent a week of service working in a PNG community.



Youth Director Lesley and Chris make school equipment deliveries at Shoal Bay and Anna Bay Schools.

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BIRTHDAYS: 1 Aug: Ian McIver, 2Aug: Liz Friend, 3 Aug: Doug Bairstow, 8Aug: Ann Randall, 11 Aug: Beryl Brown, 13 Aug: Arja Levonpera. **ANNIVERSARIES:** 14 Aug: Helen & Mike Ryan.