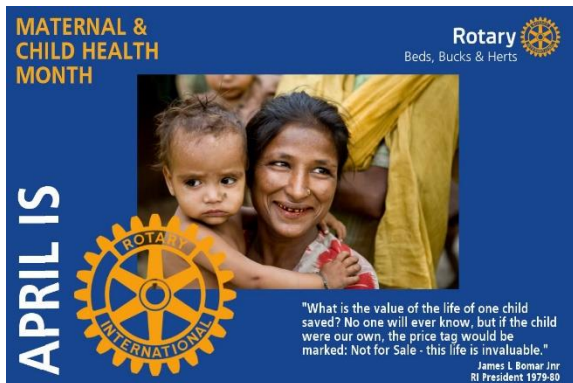


The Waratah

April 2019



Rotary's Maternal and Child Health Month

Tuesday 4 April 2019 – Joint Meeting with Singleton Sunrise Club



Our club was represented by President Howard Mole, Chris and Helen McGrath, Brian and Madeleine Atkins, Doug Tudor, Ros Parton and Gerry Davies at an outstanding night in Singleton.

Some nights at Rotary you are really blessed to be in the company of an outstanding guest speaker, and Stephanie Woollard OAM was just that.

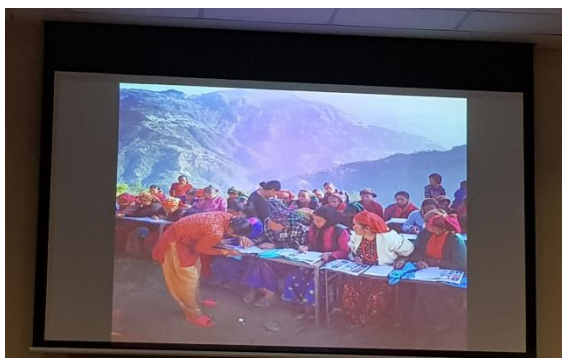
A young woman from Melbourne, she has packed a life-time of experiences into her first 34 years. Stephanie began "Seven Women" at age 22 after meeting seven disabled women working in a tin shed in Kathmandu, Nepal. These seven women were struggling to make a living in the face of harsh discrimination. With her last \$200, Stephanie paid for trainers to teach the

women how to produce products for sale locally and eventually abroad – and Seven Women was born.

Her training continued over the years to now include literacy and many more life-skills for the women involved.

Over 3,000 people have learned about their social enterprise and how to create real and lasting change through a visit to the Seven Women Headquarters. Over 5,000 women in Nepal have been educated, trained and employed by Seven Women, providing the tools to lift themselves out of poverty. Speaking opportunities allow Seven Women's Founder, Stephanie, to spread the word that everyone of us can make a difference with over 15,000 people impacted.

Our very own Rotarians Wilma Simmons and Pam Wellham will be joining Stephanie in August on a tour to Nepal. We look forward to hearing from them about their experience. A huge thank you to PDG Gerard McMillan, Singleton Sunrise Rotarians and Singleton Diggers Club for making the night possible.



Monday 8 April 2019 – Board Meeting and Club Assembly

President Howard chaired a brief but effective Board meeting prior to the club assembly.

The highlight of the evening was Chris McGrath taking updated photos of all members for the 50th Charter Booklet. He will “snap” the few members who were away tonight over the coming weeks.

Howard told the members about guest speaker Peace Scholar Stephanie Woollard and assured them they had missed a great night in Singleton. Secretary Bob gave an update on the Waratah West Public School project.

Chris McGrath is following through with the Peace Bell project with the assistance of Kevin, Clarice and Deborah contacting local schools.

The update of our next Trivia Night was discussed with President Howard and Chair Bob Cherry working out the details with Nathan Brown and Jenna Ridgway. A committee will be formed when the venue is in place. The date set was Saturday 9 November.

No applications have been received to date for NYSF.

Our club will man a Rotary display stand at the Hunter Multicultural Communities Centre and Men’s Shed Open Day on Saturday 25 May. Bob Main is asking for names for the roster.



Madeleine gave an update on the 50th Charter Celebrations which includes the booklet, a visual presentation and a table display. The venue has confirmed all arrangements with Helen Main and Ann Winkelmann in charge of table decorations. The Therapy Dog at Broadmeadow Children’s Court was discussed with Madeleine preparing a letter to be sent to all local Rotary clubs seeking assistance to cover the \$3,190 one-year commitment for a training therapy dog and handler.

It was noted RYPEN has moved from Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre due to its closure to Tea Gardens.

Chris reported on a ShelterBox update including donations, their current stock and the need for Shelter Kits. The Catalina Festival is on again at Rathmines on 17 May.

Gerry Davies brought to the members’ attention the current need for a small speaker system so everyone can enjoy the guest speakers and general conversation. Several members offered to look into the options available.

Friday 12 April 2019 – Waratah West Public School Project



A huge thank you to Bob Main (Coordinator), Chris McGrath, Bob Cherry, Neville Chant (looking very dapper I hear) and Howard Mole for starting the groundworks at the primary school. Gerry Davies contributed with his building expertise, so we know the project will reach a successful conclusion. Next working bee – Bob Main will keep us in the loop after the school holidays.

Monday 15 April 2019 – Alan Abrahamsen and Bridget Gunn from Rotaract Club of the Hunter



Novocastrian Bridget Gunn, the daughter of Charlestown Rotarian Bruce, and Alan Abrahamsen originally from Wollongong, moving to Newcastle March 2018, were the representatives from the Rotaract Club of the Hunter.

Alan is a Graduate Engineer (Metallurgy) and Bridget works in the travel industry. Bridget became interested in Rotaract after her trip to Austria as a Rotary Youth Exchange student. Alan was introduced to the Hunter club by a work colleague.

Their thirteen members are quite active, having attended the District 9670 Conference in Forster last month, last week held a most successful “Drag Queen Bingo” fundraising night raising over \$2,500, supported Ronald McDonald House for the past three years as volunteers, had a stall at the Newcastle Pride community festival, volunteered at Loop The Lake for Warners Bay Rotary, assisted Newcastle Rotary with the China Week Festival and attended the national Rotaract Conference in South Australia. Some of their members attended the Asia-Pacific Rotaract Conference in Thailand, noting that Asia has many Rotaractors and clubs in the region.

The club prides themselves on their support of each other, working on members personal development and meaningful friendships.

The Rotaractors are keen to engage more with Rotarians to strengthen their numbers and commitment.

Alan and Bridget shared the plans of ten members and friends as they prepare for their upcoming trip to Cambodia in July. They are raising funds for a safe house for students studying in Cambodia.

While they are there on the two-week visit the team will be working in schools, painting community buildings, holding health classes and making a little time for sightseeing.

The group meet twice a month at the Adamstown Bowling Club. They do have a meal, however, will often stay after the meeting to share fellowship and a meal. Rotaractors can be from 18 to 30 year-olds with the Hunter club having an average age of 24. They have an active Facebook profile.

Our members asked many questions of Alan and Bridget.



Monday 22 April 2019 – We trust you had a very special Easter with your family and friends



Monday 29 April 2019 – Nathan Brown and Jenna Ridgway on ‘Shine for ShelterBox’ Trivia Night

Our meeting commenced with our condolences to Alan Palmer’s partner Judy on the sudden passing of her brother in Queensland. We also noted the passing of past member Allan Wells.

President Howard and Secretary Bob had notices of being involved in visiting older people through a community service group, Newcastle Science and Engineering Challenge roster dates and a request for funding. Bob encouraged us to read PDG Don Stephens’ report from the Council of Legislation. 50th Charter pins for members have been purchased and the therapy dog project is coming along well.

We welcomed Alan Palmer back from his cruise and he presented the club with his certificate of participation at a service club gathering on board the Majestic Princess including 10 Rotarians and one Lion’s member.

What a wonderful night of Rotary with 5-month old baby Quinn available for a cuddle between dinner and a presentation by parents Nathan Brown and Jenna Ridgway. Quinn is the ShelterBox “mascot” after his attendance at the District Conference in Forster.



Jenna spoke of our club’s financial involvement with the Shine for ShelterBox Trivia night with the **choice of three venues** – Club Maitland City at Rutherford, West Wallsend Workers Club or the Pioneer Hall Wallsend. President Howard and Trivia Chair Bob Cherry will attend the Trivia meetings on behalf of our club with our choice being West Wallsend Workers club (18 tables of 8; 144 guests) or Pioneer Hall (15 tables of 8; 120 guests).

West Wallsend supply all tables, set up etc including refreshments available on site. Wallsend would mean our members would need to handle set-up and take down with guests bringing their own refreshments.

Chris McGrath is the ShelterBox representative and will handle the displays on the night.

Decisions discussed to take to the committee:



Cash and/or vouchers prizes for Trivia winner's \$400 (approx.) first prize, 8 bottles of wine 2nd, chocolates 3rd. Centre pieces to include ShelterBox information. May need to outlay for framing cost of donated jerseys for the auction. Will need to cover cost of printing i.e. trivia sheets, flyers etc and purchase of balloons etc if required.

President Howard to supply a letter of authorization to Nathan and Jenna to cover license to fundraise and friends of Rotary insurance cover.

\$15 admission for guests to include 5 rounds of trivia (10 questions per round), 2 "picture" rounds and tie breaker if required, guessing competition, live or silent auction, raffle, heads and tail games. Event date Saturday 9 November with target audience Rotarians and friends of Rotary. Room decoration to be based on a ShelterBox theme.

Seek sponsorship on gold, silver and bronze level with as many donations of prizes as possible. The committee to apply for online applications for donations, email to be sent to Rotary clubs, businesses, store "walk-through" with flyers seeking support with donations (lollies, balloons, alcohol, pens, notepads).

Nathan and Jenna are very experienced in trivia attending weekly trivia competitions. Jenna will be responsible to supply the questions and answers with an experienced trivia friend. The goal is between \$2,500 and \$5,000. Chris McGrath asked for more details on how money taken prior and money received on the night will be handled. The committee to report back.

Gerry Davies reported on the progress of a new portable microphone and speaker for the club. Jaycar can supply a suitable kit for \$200. He will visit Scion Audio over the coming days for an alternative up to \$400.

Upcoming Waratah Meetings in May 2019

Monday 6 May Fellowship night with one of Madeleine's "challenges".

Monday 13 May Board Meeting and Club Assembly

Friday 17 May Film Night with Cardiff Rotary – refer Chris McGrath

Monday 20 May Slide Night (50th Charter presentation) and special Fellowship activity with Allan Pettigrew

Saturday 25 May – Men's Shed Market Day Hunter Multicultural Communities Centre Open Day
Rotary Display Stand

Monday 27 May Guest speaker Dave Kiernan from Bonsai Association – **Partners Night**

**What the District and other Clubs have on offer: (check the District website)
May, June and July 2019**

Saturday 4 May District AG's and Presidents Training Seminar (PETS) at Singleton

Sunday 5 May Club Executive and Directors Training Seminar (District Assembly) at Singleton

Sunday 19 May Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)

Sunday 23 June District Changeover

Friday 31 May – Saturday 1 June Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) at Muswellbrook

Friday 19 July Invitation to Breakfast by Rotary Club of Newcastle Enterprise. Marina Views, 97 Hannell Street, Wickham Join the Rotary Club of Newcastle Sunrise for a fundraising event to assist Got Your Back Sista continue its work with women and children affected by domestic violence. Enjoy a tasty breakfast while hearing Got Your Back Sista Team Members respond to questions about their work. There will also be fabulous raffle prizes. \$50 per head or \$480 for a table of 10.

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BCBWT

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