



The Waratah

April 2018



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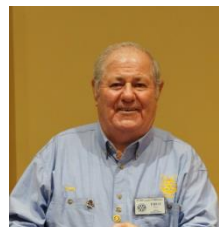
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Thought for the Month “The first of April is the day we remember what we are for the other 364 days of the year” – Mark Twain

What’s been happening at Waratah Rotary?

Monday 9 April 2018 – Board Meeting and Club Assembly

Membership is not about the number of hours we spend as a Rotarian, or even how often we attend meetings, but our statistics in March of 92.18% attendance is testimony of our enjoyment of each other’s company and how much we enjoy being part of a Rotary club. Congratulations everyone!



Thank you to Past President Fred for standing in while the President was on holidays. The Board handled any decisions required with non-urgent items held over until our May meeting. Thank you, Board members.

Monday 16 April 2018 – Fellowship Night



Some Rotary nights you have members away on holidays, members in hospital, family events on, ill health or committed to a work roster. This night was one of those with many members away.

It is fair to say the members who could attend appreciated the Memories staff looking after them. Thanks to Sharon and the staff. As always, fellowship was the key to a pleasant evening.

2017-2018 Executive

President: Madeleine Atkins
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President-Elect: Howard Mole
Secretary: Bob Main
Treasurer: Chris McGrath
Public Officer and WWC: David Winkelmann
Sergeant-at-Arms: Allan Pettigrew

Directors:
Club Service: Fred Neal
Community Service: Grant Pettigrew
Youth Services: Michael Grant
Vocational Service: Bob Cherry
International Service: Gerry Davies

We acknowledge every member of our Club is committed to our programs with full involvement whenever possible.

Truly “Service Above Self”

Monday 23 April 2018 – Guest Speaker Chloe Bachelard and friend Amelie

Thank you to French Exchange students Chloe Bachelard and her friend Amelie for attending our meeting. Chloe was invited to speak about her interesting experience in studying at Newcastle University for six months and the travel both women have been able to do since arriving in Australia. Unfortunately, Chloe's laptop and our projector were not compatible, however we will play her PowerPoint at our next club meeting.

Chloe told us that Australia is twelve times the size of France, the business school she attends in Dijon is a private school which is three hours by train from her home.

She is very committed to her studies and attends class for 20 hours per week with eight final exams.

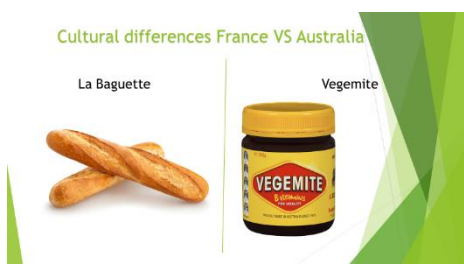


She expanded on the differences between Australia and France.

This gave our members a laugh;

They kiss on each cheek, we hug!

Their Rues are very dirty, and our streets have the tick of approval being very clean.



The women like baguettes for breakfast and cannot enjoy our toast and vegemite, as much as they tried. Chloe was very complementary about the friendliness of Australians, but very disappointed in our public transport system.

Whilst at home Chloe has travelled to Spain and the United Kingdom.

Chloe and Amelie have just returned from a holiday in New Caledonia in the Uni break.

Our meeting was enhanced with the company of Brian Oakley from the Rotary Club of Newcastle Enterprise and his partner Bev together with Rev Alan Palmer from the Rotary Club of The Entrance. We look forward to welcoming Alan back next month.

Thursday 26 April 2018 – Site visit to St Philip's Christian College Waratah

President Madeleine and AG Chris met Rotarian Matt Schultz on site at the school for a coffee and chat. As you know our club is sponsoring the St Philip's Waratah team to MUNA this year and Matt was keen to meet and discuss other opportunities for our club to be involved in their school community.



As a Rotarian from Warners Bay club, Matt is very aware of the advantage of having the local Rotary club involved in school activities.

We discussed our youth work with the Interact Club at Callaghan College Waratah and St Philip's leadership programs, comparing notes.

We discussed community service, their comprehensive arts program, and the amazing school facilities we were able to see.

Madeleine and Chris were introduced to Principal Pam, "The Barracks" canteen Manager Deb, and Year 7 and Year 8 teacher Kristy.

We came away with many ideas on how we can engage with St Philips Waratah. A worthwhile morning indeed.



Monday 30 April 2018 – Social Night out with Partners at South Leagues Club



Another very enjoyable social night out with our partners. We had eleven enjoy the “Monday night steak special”. This was a most convenient location for Gerry this time! The meal was delightful and the company outstanding. It was very nice to catch up with Paul Marshall again, and we look forward to seeing him more often. Thanks everyone for another pleasant evening.

Member's Duty Roster May and June 2018

Date	Rotary Grace	Fellowship	Introduce Speaker	Thank Speaker	Celebrate a Rotary Club
7 May	Kevin Goodwin	Chris McGrath			
14 May	Michael Grant	Bob Cherry			Bob Main Rotary Club of Dijon Ducs de Bourgogne
21 May	Howard Mole	Gerry Davies	Grant Pettigrew	Fred Neal	
28 May	Brian Atkins	Roslyn Parton	David Winkelmann	Bob Cherry	
4 June	Fred Neal	Doug Tudor			Madeleine Atkins Rotary Club of Seoul South Korea
18 June	Neville Chant	Roster to be confirmed with official program			

Plans at the Rotary Club of Waratah in May 2018

4 May	Assistant Governors, Presidents and Chairs of Committee Meeting at Rutherford
7 May	Chloe Bachelard, Commonwealth Games PowerPoint and Website update by Chris McGrath
14 May	Board Meeting and Club Assembly
21 May	Guest Speaker Jason Scriven and Annette from Hunter Multicultural Communities
28 May	Guest Speakers Merewether High School MUNA team members
4 June	Joint Board Meeting and Club Assembly
11 June	No Rotary – public holiday
18 June	Club Changeover Night
Check our website for all details	

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