



The Waratah

August 2019



Rotary's Membership and New Club Development Month. Let's embrace the challenge to retain and gain members!



Wally Waratah brings attention to PTSD

Thursday 1 August 2019 – NAIDOC Barbeque at Callaghan College Waratah Campus



We had perfect weather for a small community activity for the feeder primary schools attending their NAIDOC excursion to Callaghan College Waratah Campus.

The team of Howard, Neville, Chris and Madeleine manned one of the three barbeque stations at the school.

Neville was the head chef and did a sterling job with Howard's assistance, cooking over 250 sausages for a hungry team of students and teachers.

It was also a good opportunity to engage with the students and staff of several primary schools. Chris made a contact with the Liaison Officer for the Jesmond, Wallsend and Waratah campuses and has been invited to

Speak about Rotary and ShelterBox to the combined Principals' meeting over the coming months.

Thursday 1 and Friday 2 August 2019 – Newcastle Science and Engineering Challenge Days 5 and 6

What a week. The team were exhausted by Friday afternoon. The Challenge was a huge success, and the volunteers will be lining up again soon for the NSW State Final at the end of the month, not to mention next year's Challenge!

Again, we would like to acknowledge the support of Brian, Clarice, Bob M, Fred, Anne Pettigrew and David who worked tirelessly over the last two days of the Challenge. Thursday saw St Philip's Christian College Waratah Campus win the day with Newcastle Grammar School successful on Friday.



The support of volunteer Rotarians from many clubs over the six days of Challenge was outstanding.

District Governor Graeme Hooper and Sue even made time to spend two days working with the teams and presenting the winning certificates.



Monday 5 August 2019 – Board Meeting and Club Assembly



The Board members concentrated on putting plans in place for the upcoming official visit by District Governor Graeme Hooper and Sue, together with the Father's Day raffle at the end of the month. The other major event the Board discussed was the Shine for ShelterBox Trivia Night on Saturday 9 November. Plans are well underway with three tables booked already. Small donations of gifts would be appreciated by mid-October to assist the committee with their final arrangements.

Friday 9 August 2019 – Presidents, AG's and Chairs Committee Meeting

Madeleine represented our club in her role as District Chair of Interact. It was a well-attended meeting with around 25 Rotarians from the eastern side of the District. DG Graeme Hooper updated the Rotarians on relevant District news, PDG Brian Coffey gave us the latest update on re-districting, PDG Helen Ryan spoke on the Margaret Illukol Trust with several other speakers rounding up the meeting.



With relevance to our club, Patrick Healey presented the new 2019 Charitable Fundraising Guideline document. For donations less than \$10,000 we need to keep a record of raffle ticket numbers and stubs for 3 months only, and it would be a good idea to have a one-page flyer kept at the sales desk, so each seller has full information about the raffle proceeds etc. We must ask members first if they would like to take a raffle book as it is not permissible to give them to anyone without consent.

I also learned we must prepare a Club budget in November for presentation at our Club's AGM in December each year (Article 8 under Club Meetings).

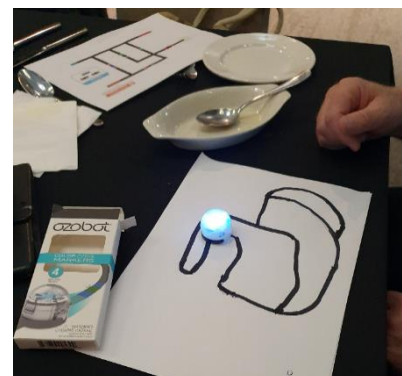
Monday 12 August 2019 – Surprise Night



Rotary tonight was a whole lot of laughter.

Fred started the conversation about Braye Park and Sergeant Bob Main finished it with a serious and profitable fining session.

We had several members away due to ill health and two with over-commitment, however the fellowship as always continued.



Our surprise for the night was the opportunity to “play” with tiny robots called Ozobots. Many thanks to Rebecca and Brian for allowing us to enjoy their equipment. The robots are pre-programmed with a colour sequence. The idea is to direct your robot around a designed track in pre-determined directions. Sometimes our members achieved this, and some others just had fun playing.

As you will see from the photo, the surprise was dessert waited on the table while the experiment and game continued. A good fun educational night.

Monday 19 August 2019 – District Governor Graeme Hooper and Sue’s Official Visit



This evening we had the pleasure of our District Governor Graeme Hooper and Sue, and our Assistant Governor Sharon Chambers for our club’s official visit.

Sharon, Graeme and Sue gave us a short insight into their respective backgrounds, and Sue spoke about her District



Governor’s Partners Project, “ISDA” (Integra Service Dogs Australia), a program transforming and enriching the lives of Veterans and First Responders. Sue gave the club our very own mascot, a Service Dog who has been named Wally Waratah. Wally will live at the Winkelmann’s and will visit our projects in the community whenever possible.

DG Graeme encouraged our members to become involved in the many Fellowship Groups that are now available in our District. It’s a great way to have fun and share with like-

minded Rotarians. He also reminded us to continue as “People of Action” and make sure the media are aware of our good deeds in our local community.

We have a great opportunity of spreading our wings into the Waratah, Broadmeadow and inner suburb areas to seek new membership. Graeme spoke of the different meeting styles we can now have, a Passport Club or a Satellite Club, all worth exploring for our club to continue to grow and leave a legacy. DG Graeme shared thoughts of where he saw Waratah Club going in the future. Some suggestions were to make sure we are attractive to new members, and look at classifications to identify potential new members; connect with the community and identify Rotary’s involvement; support the Foundation (DG Graeme acknowledged our Club’s impressive support); and the requirement to prepare a budget in November for our AGM in December in line with the new Rotary International rules.

DG Graeme concluded his presentation with information that Rotaract is now a full component of Rotary, his interest and support of everything from the “End Polio Now” campaign, and the merger with District 9650 in 2020. It was indeed pleasing to see all members and partners attend this special night, with the exception of one member celebrating a birthday!

A special thank you to David Winkelmann who prepared and displayed our impressive Honour Roll for our Club’s Paul Harris Fellows. Well done David and thank you.



Thursday 22, Saturday 24, Sunday 25 August 2019 – Father’s Day Raffle at Waratah Village Shopping Centre



Our Father's Day raffle commenced at Waratah Village Shopping Centre with Howard, Deborah and Bob setting up the display. We encouraged all our contacts to drop in and say hi and buy a ticket or two. Our team of Deborah, Howard, Bob M, Fred, Madeleine, Brian, Bob C, Chris, Helen McG, Doug, Neville, Roslyn, Clarice, Grant, David, Gerry and Jan were on sight as some stage from 9:00am until 4:00pm. President Howard was even prepared to mind a puppy for a prospective raffle buyer while she went shopping! We have some fabulous gifts to be won for dad or grandpa. It is great to be able to help our local community through these raffles. Thank you everyone for your support.

Monday 26 August 2019 – Guest Speakers Lianne Dean and Amanda Swan from Respectus



Respectus is a registered not-for-profit organisation working with the community to end homelessness of vulnerable women and children in the Hunter region. Their vision is that 'all women and their children are safe, supported and appropriately housed'.

Lianne works in the accounting field and Amanda is in real estate, so they have the ideal skills to be project managers of the Respectus programs. They both work very hard to offer self-sufficiency to the women and children who enter their program.

Our speaker Lianne told us about the challenges looking after and supporting their clients.

Respectus commenced out of community need with over 150 people attending their initial meeting in 2016 to assist young women and children sleeping rough and fleeing domestic violence. Their first project was at Trisha's House where they received a great deal of help from the members of the Rotary Club of Wallsend-Maryland, the Lions Club and several local tradesmen and women. This enable them to have 13 more beds available. They successfully partner with many support groups in the community. The volunteers support around 14 to 24-year old's, some with very small children and babies.

Respectus is closely aligned with the Dale School where the young women gain an education. They can attend school two or three days per week and have up to three years to complete their studies with very flexible study arrangements. They also work with several consultants from all facets of the support network available in the Hunter Region.

The organisation only has a hand-full of helpers, so they have a very impressive outcome for the women and children they support.

Tuesday 27 to Thursday 29 August 2019 – NSW State Final Science and Engineering Challenge in Newcastle



Many thanks to our members Brian (Newcastle Regional Chair), Bob M (Committee member), Clarice (Committee member), Neville Chant, Howard, Grant and Anne Pettigrew, Alan Palmer, Fred and David for putting their hands up again to volunteer over the three days at the State Final.

Schools travelled from all around the state including Armidale, Coonabarabran, Bathurst, Canberra and Tamworth.

Tuesday saw St Columba Anglican School Kempsey win the day, James Ruse Agricultural High School Sydney was successful on Wednesday, with St Philip's Christian College Waratah having the best outcome on Thursday. From the marks achieved James Ruse Agricultural High School will represent NSW at the National Final in Bunbury WA in October.



Congratulations to all the students, teachers and accompanying parents who gave their very best over the three days of competition.



Thursday 29, Friday 30, Saturday 31 August 2019 – Father's Day Raffle at Waratah Village Shopping Centre.



Our Father's Day raffle at Waratah Village Shopping Centre was a very busy time for everyone this year. Our team of Howard, Bob M, Fred, Madeleine, Bob C, Chris, Helen McG, Doug, Neville, Roslyn, Clarice, David and Gerry were on sight again during the final week.

Wally was very unhappy when he realised it was

raining and decided to stay home on Friday and not help with the raffle. We have given him a "rain-check".

We are pleased to announce the winner of the fabulous gifts for dad valued at over \$1,000 was won by ticket number 0913, Eleanor from Sandgate.

Thank you everyone for your support, especially Howard and Bob M who set up and packed up each day.



A Special ShelterBox (Abridged) Report.

ShelterBox has been confirmed as a Rotary partner for another 3 years.

Their target this year is to raise \$1.6 million to provide much needed aid.

Thank you, Ambassador Chris McGrath for sharing this information. The following article is certainly worth a read!

What is ShelterBox all about?

Posted (in part) on August 20, 2019 by rotaryservice

By Carla Sateriale, member of the Rotaract Clubs of Hampstead, Hendon and Golders Green in England and 2018-19 Communications Officer for Rotaract in Great Britain and Ireland



ShelterBox delivers boxes of aid in disaster zones, right? That's what I used to think. Since involved in Rotaract in 2014, I've heard various people sing the praises of ShelterBox, as it is a popular charity for clubs to fundraise for. It was not until I was invited to attend the "Understanding ShelterBox Operations" course in 2019 that I really started to appreciate what a truly remarkable organisation ShelterBox is. It's about supporting people with the tools they need to recover. And getting shelter can be the start of so much more – it can bring families back together, be a place to share meals and restart studies or work.

Thus, began my journey. In late April, I boarded an overnight train from London to Truro, the ShelterBox HQ. Our course group included a mix of ShelterBox staff and volunteers, a District Rotarian and a member of the international team of volunteers who travelled from Switzerland. We toured the headquarters before heading off to our training. We set up ShelterBox tents, which would be our home for two nights; two days of team building activities, situational tasks and classroom learning about how ShelterBox responds when a disaster strikes.



The course was genuinely eye-opening and has inspired me to be more vocal about the amazing work ShelterBox does. It's not just about delivering boxes—in fact, that doesn't even come close to describing their work.



For a Response Team volunteer arriving in a country hit by disaster, there are a myriad of challenges to overcome; physical barriers (maybe a flood washed road), language barriers, or even administrative issues.

ShelterBox Response Teams need to be adaptable, able to improvise, and ready for any situation.

Response Teams put families first – whether that's a ShelterKit to repair their house, a tent to call home, or water filters to keep them safe when supplies are contaminated. The amount of planning and patience that goes into a successful community assessment and distribution means SRTs also need to be empathetic, great negotiators and diplomats, logisticians and skilled communicators, whilst always being ambassadors for the charity.

I got a tiny taste of what it's like to be on deployment and started to appreciate what it takes to work in a team that is under pressure, working on tight deadlines, and without all the luxuries of home. I also learned about myself, and how I respond when put in those situations. On the final evening, our group listened to ShelterBox Response Team Volunteers share some of their experiences.

I was impressed to hear how local Rotary and Rotaract clubs have played such crucial parts in the success of previous ShelterBox responses. For me, that really underscored how the partnership that ShelterBox and Rotary share enables effective teamwork, problem solving and ultimately a real global impact.

If you or your club are excited by the idea of learning more or getting involved, I would strongly urge you to get in touch.

Visit the partnership Action Toolkit (www.shelterbox.org/actiontoolkit) or contact rotaryrequest@shelterbox.org.

The Rotary Club of Waratah Presents

SHINE FOR SHELTERBOX TRIVIA NIGHT?

Saturday November 9th 2019
West Wallsend Workers Club
 53 Carrington Street West Wallsend
 No BYO, Food can be bought from Reeds By the Creek, prior or during the night. Bar facilities available
 Tickets \$15 per person
 8 people per table
 To book contact:
 nathansb@outlook.com.au
 or 0417781340
 Raising money for ShelterBox: <https://www.shelterboxaustralia.org.au>

**DOORS OPEN AT 6PM,
TRIVIA STARTS AT 6.30PM**

**CASH PRIZE!
Raffles
Lucky Balloons
Auction
and lots more**

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SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 9 November 2019
West Wallsend Workers Club

6:00pm for 6:30pm Trivia start

Shine for ShelterBox Trivia Night
Book you seats or tables now!

**All donations for raffles, lucky balloon
Prizes and auction items to Bob Cherry
please by mid-October**

Lids4Kids Project

A picture tells a thousand words.

Save your plastic milk, water and soft drinks lids.

Let's aim for at least 500 lids from Waratah Club.

Bring them to Rotary, Deborah will collect them at the end of September and take them to the collection point in Stockton.

Check out the original story for more details:

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-06-27/lids-for-kids-canberra-collection-volunteer-envision-hands/11249628>

LIDS
4 LIDS

WHAT LIDS CAN WE COLLECT?

YES

MILK WATER SOFT DRINK

Check for recycle codes 2 and 4 under the lid.
We cannot accept numbers 1, 3, 5 or 7.
If there is NO number, still collect it.

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WHAT LIDS CAN'T WE COLLECT?

NO

COFFEE LIDS OR PODS SPREADS WINE SAUCE

Please only collect plastic lids with recycle code 2 or 4.
All lids must also be the same size as a milk lid or smaller so that they fit into the shredding machines.

500 lids

= this

Stockton Bowling Club
2 hrs ·

We are still collecting for this great cause, Bring your lids to the club and help a child in need

WHAT LIDS CAN WE USE?

UHT Milk
Water
Milk bottle
CLEAN LIDS ONLY Soft drink

LIDS4KIDS

WHY?

This type of plastic is best for repurposing into mobility aids.

Size matters as the lids will pass through a granulator to be broken up for processing.

Upcoming Waratah Events in September / October / November 2019 (Keep checking the website)

Saturday 14 September Waterway Cleanup from 9:20am Elizabeth Street Carrington at Entrance to the Boardwalk (at roundabout). Coffee afterwards. See Howard Mole for details

Monday 16 to Thursday 19 September Roster needed for Discovery Days Challenge at St Clemente HS Mayfield. Names to Bob Main please.

Saturday 28 September Living Smart Festival Speers Point. See Chris McGrath for details

Saturday 9 November Shine for ShelterBox Trivia Night

What the District and other Clubs have on offer: (check the District website or see Secretary Madeleine for more details)

September / October / November 2019

Friday 6 September Launch Dinner for Paint It Red for Polio Campaign –at 6:00pm Brown Sugar Restaurant Warners Bay

Saturday 7 September Deliver Your Message Marketing Seminar 9am-2pm in Maitland

Friday 20 September End Polio Movie Night at Glendale

Friday 20 to Sunday 22 September Pedalfest Weekend in Dungog. Join the fun on your bicycle.

Monday 23 September Dinner with RI President Mark Daniel Maloney. Rotarians and friends from D9670, 9675, 9685 joining for a special dinner in Woolwich Sydney.

Saturday 28 September ShelterBox at Living Smart Festival at Speers Point

Wednesday 9 November NSW Youth Summit Living with Draught

Thursday 24 October End Polio Now Campaign. All clubs encouraged to hold a major fundraiser in October to support the campaign. Be involved in a train journey from Newcastle Interchange to Berowra and meet Sydney Rotarians in the End Polio Now Campaign.

Saturday 26 October End Polio Now Walk from Nobbys to the Foreshore

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