



# The Waratah

## February 2018



**The Rotary Club of Waratah meets on Mondays at 6:15pm Memories Function Centre,  
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### Thought for the Month

**"Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud"**

### What's been happening at Waratah Rotary?

#### Monday 5 February 2018 – Rotary Information Night

The planned Rotary Information Night changed when we were only able to attract one guest who was already a Rotarian.



Rev Allan Palmer from Rotary Club of The Entrance was delightful company, and a guest of Allan Pettigrew.

We still talked about all the wonderful things Rotary does around the world, and closer to home, how our club is making a difference in the community. We touched on Light Up Newcastle update, and started selling our red socks supplied by the Rotary Club of Charlestown through DG Helen with funds going to Prostate Cancer research.

Chris brought the sample polo shirts along, so everyone could place their orders.

#### Monday 12 February 2018 – Board Meeting and Club Assembly



Thank you again to all Board members who offer support and guidance during our meetings each month.

For a small club we always seem to have so much to discuss.

We attended to all items on our agenda before briefing the members of all outstanding issues at our Club Assembly.

Our topics included: (Finance) Full report for December 2017, January 2018 from Treasurer Chris; (Club Service) signage; (Community Service) Light Up Newcastle,

#### 2017-2018 Executive

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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 all our programs with full involvement whenever possible.

**Truly "Service Above Self"**

Easter Raffle and Mothers' Day Flower Sales; (International Service) Dravuni Island School; (Vocational Service) Newcastle and Waratah Men's Shed visit and luncheon; (Youth Services) Interact update; (General Business) District Management Committee Nomination, Redistricting, Youth, Marketing Seminar, Presidents, AGs and Chair meeting, District Conference speakers, RAWCS Easter Conference, YEP Hosting, The Rotary Foundation raffle tickets.

### **Wednesday 21 February 2018 – Vocational Visit to Waratah and Newcastle Men's Shed**

Our members had a most rewarding visit to the Waratah and Newcastle Men's Shed in lieu of our usual Monday night meeting.

Bob Cherry made sure everyone had directions to their site between Callaghan College Waratah and the Hunter Multicultural Centre.

Wednesday is a very busy day at the Men's Shed with many volunteers working on a variety of projects which made our visit more enjoyable. We saw white cedar carving, model plane making, bench seats and bike racks completed ready for distribution, and several other interesting ventures. Some of their projects are commissioned, others are used as raffles and auctions to secure funding to pay for the products they use.

The volunteers provided a very impressive hot lunch for everyone which also allowed us time to sit and chat. We will be most certainly continuing our association with the Waratah Men's Shed.



### **Saturday 24 February 2018 – Dravuni Island Cartons shipped**

It is with great delight that President Madeleine informed us that the school products had been received in Sydney by the shipping company and were dispatched on Saturday 24 February to President Joe Taoi of the Rotary Club of Suva. President Joe is arranging for the goods to be delivered to Dravuni Island and will try and get a photo of the teachers and students receiving their surprise gifts.



### **Saturday 24 February 2018 – Light Up Newcastle**

Reports from John Bennetts and AG Chris McGrath assures us the event was an outstanding success. Congratulations to the team involved, and for all the Rotarians who attended and lent a hand on the day. We believe Morisset Rotary were very pleased to have sold so many Fortune Cookies this year. It was great to know they had good weather as well. Unfortunately, David had his name down as a volunteer, but the committee did not contact him. Fred could not make it through the traffic to get into the site, so this year we didn't have a presence.

### **Monday 26 February 2018 – Guest Speaker Jye Hollier National Youth Science Forum**

Thank you to Jye Hollier and mother Kylie for attending our meeting. Jye was invited to speak about his recent experience at the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra. He had quite a variety of experiences to share, from a tour around Parliament House, a visit to the telescope, many outstanding guest speakers and being part of a 14-person focus group for engineering.

It appears Jye particularly enjoyed learning about life on campus. The Australian National University certainly made a huge impression. Jye seems to have many more choices now after leaving school and is a little confused about which career path to follow. I think this is a good thing.



Jye and Kylie both thanked the members of our club for their encouragement and support of Jye in this venture and appreciated experiences like this without Rotary would not be possible.

Jye was thanked by Bob C after several questions from the floor.

AG Chris gave us a brief report on Light Up Newcastle and the weekend District Training Seminar for Assistant Governors and District Chairs. Fred and Doug gave us an update on the Rotary Firewheel tree that was removed from Civic Park some time ago following a storm. Fred and Doug will keep us up to date on the progress of a replacement tree which is in the hands of Newcastle Rotary Club.



AG Sharon Chambers was also in attendance at this meeting and was welcomed by President Madeleine. Sharon thanked the club for their work with the Dravuni Island project and our recent successful Christmas raffle. She encourages us to continue to advertise our good works and reminded the members about the upcoming District Conference. Chris was proudly wearing his "red socks" for Rotary. Remember President Madeleine has them for sale at only \$15 a pair.

## Member's Duty Roster March 2018

Date	Rotary Grace	Fellowship	Introduce Speaker	Thank Speaker	Celebrate a Rotary Club
5 March	Neville Chant	Howard Mole	Gerry Davies	Allan Pettigrew	
12 March	Ros Parton	Fred Neal			Michael Grant Pasadena California
19 March	No Roster – In lieu of District Conference				
26 March	Chris McGrath	Grant Pettigrew	Bob Cherry	Madeleine Atkins	

## Plans at the Rotary Club of Waratah in February 2018

5 March	Guest Speaker Michelle McDonell Home Start Australia
12 March	Board Meeting and Club Assembly
16, 17, 18 March	District 9670 Conference Nelson Bay
19 March	No Rotary In lieu of District Conference or social night
26 March	Peter Trist This is your Life and Newcastle Library Volunteer
Check our website for all details	

**Members of the Rotary Club of Waratah**  
**Giving Service Above Self .... And Making a Difference**

