

The Waratah

January 2019



Rotary Awareness Month

We shared Rotary this month with great friends and the members of our local community.



Monday 14 January 2019 – Welcome Back Dinner and Fellowship Night

What a warm friendly start to the year.

As always President Howard inspired us all, Allan P had a twist to the fellowship gift-giving and Sergeant Fred had us all laughing.

President Howard extended an invitation to all members and their families to attend the Friday Chill **FREE** concerts being held every Friday night at 6:30pm-8:30pm in Pacific Park.



Please contact President Howard for more information



Request from Alan Palmer

A friendly reminder Alan and Judy are saving postage stamps for their church, so if you have any mail, please save your stamps for them. Stamps need to be intact.

Monday 21 January 2019 – Vocational Visit to Zara's House

Nineteen members spent an outstanding, educational evening at Zara's House with Sister Di and four fellow volunteers at the Centre.





As Rotary's "Awareness Month" this was an ideal visit where we learned of the amazing work being carried out in our local community to assist refugee women and children.

The Centre offers everything from English classes to hair and makeup sessions. More importantly the former St Margaret's Anglican Church has been set up as an early learning centre to prepare the children for entry into their new "Australian" school.



The former Church hall has been transformed into meeting rooms, offices and counselling rooms for the families.

Sister Di spoke about the support they have received through crowd-funding and private donations that enabled the Board to purchase the Church, hall and land from the Anglican Church. Community volunteers are continually assisting with painting, fitting out bathroom facilities, laying carpet and install partition interior walls to make the space more usable for their special needs.

At this stage Sister Di and her team are working closely with the local Uniting Church on a proposed program to support and mentor the refugee men. We await more information as the plan progresses throughout the year.

We were honoured to enjoy a beautiful two-course meal prepared by the volunteers which included some very special, tasty, international fare.





Saturday 26 January – Australia Day Honours

Brian Keith Atkins OAM

Our member and friend Brian Atkins was honoured with an **Order of Australia Medal (General Division)** on Australia Day.

He was recognised "for service to the community through a range of organisations."

Brian would like to thank everyone who has been involved with him in his work with Rotary, the Science and Engineering Challenge and Young People's Theatre. A true example of teamwork over many years.

A huge thank you to the person who nominated Brian, and to the referees who supported the application.

Brian and Madeleine celebrated with a small group of family and friends representing each of the organisations he has been involved in.

Brian wishes to thank all the well-wishers and he says, "Let's all keep doing what we do best - serving our local community."

Monday 28 January 2019 – Australia Day Public Holiday – no Meeting

Upcoming Events in February 2019

Rotary's World Understanding Month

4 February Board Meeting and Club Assembly

11 February Guest Speaker Matt Schultz TBC

18 February Guest Speaker Dennis Overton – Colour Blindness Awareness

25 February Social night out with partners

What the District has on offer:

February 2019

Friday 8 February – Presidents, AG's and Chair Meeting

Sunday 10 February – Membership Seminar

(Please contact Chris McGrath for details)

Sunday 17 February – Public Relations Seminar

Saturday 23 February – Rotary's 114th Birthday

ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE TO AMERICA FROM 29 May 2019.

For more information contact Rotarian Trish Moore, Rotary Club of Newcastle Enterprise on 0417 407 130.

ROTARY DISTRICT 9670



DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR

Unfortunately, our District 9670 membership continues to slowly slide (December losses are typical), despite many new members being inducted – let's hope we can turn things around as these members sense the pride, value and friendship afforded by being a Rotarian.

"The big news for February is that we are having a 'Plug the Leak' membership seminar with a difference."

This is not a training day; it will be deliberately thought provoking; maybe even confrontational as highly recommended speaker Mark Huddleston from SA will give a wakeup call to clubs. Our high performing Clubs in membership retention will be invited to share their reasons for success, while others have agreed to highlight failings that have led to membership loss.

Various members will be asked to share why they joined, why they stay, or what would make them leave. We believe the format will be interesting, challenging and provoking with a very diverse group of members asked to share their thoughts.

The event will take place at Kurri Kurri Bowling Club on Sunday 10 February from 9.30am – 12.30pm with lunch afterwards. **See Chris McGrath for details and registration.**

A Pre-Christmas advice to all Clubs in the District:

Members of our RFE tour to the US leaving 29 May 2019, are getting excited:

Those travelling so far:

Peter & Lee Judd	Rotary Club of Dubbo
Michael Tams	Rotary Club of East Maitland
Ian & Judy Klein	Rotary Club of Warners Bay
Joy Adams	Rotary Club of Mudgee Sunrise
Pat & Trish Moore	Rotary Club of Newcastle Enterprise

COME AND JOIN US ON THIS EXCITING ADVENTURE

Please contact
Trish Moore—0417 407 130
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District 5610 have 11 very excited Rotarians coming to Australia in October 2019

Clubs and/or families to host these visitors would be most welcome



DISTRICT 9670 CONFERENCE
If you haven't already booked
– it's not too late.
15 – 17 March 2019
Club Forster, Strand Street, Forster
All welcome

<https://www.rotary9670conference.com.au>



This Christmas

*My wish for 2018
DAD was there*

Our member Deborah Holt Smith has a special message to share with us:

Our Christmas wish at SHINE for Kids is to give the gift of family to children with a parent in prison - all year round.

Your kindness during 2018 has meant the world to us and we would like to say a **huge thank you** for helping us work towards our wish. So many people and organisations have supported our work this year in so many different ways - from our generous donors, to our fantastic volunteers and service clubs, and corporate, philanthropic and government program partners.

2018 has been a busy year for SHINE for Kids and we remain passionate about improving the futures of children and young people who have contact with the criminal justice system.

This year, we supported over **18,000 young people** and almost **5,000 families**. Our 360 volunteers have given over **6,640 hours of their time** and we couldn't do it without them.

Our **2017-18 Annual Review** is available to download from our website. We hope you enjoy reading the stories of our work together - changing the lives of young people, one future at a time.

On behalf of the children, and the Board and Staff of SHINE for Kids, we thank you and look forward to your support in 2019.

For more information or to make a donation, please speak with Deborah at our next meeting.



SHINE for Kids recognises the Traditional Custodians of Australia and the local Aboriginal communities where SHINE for Kids provides services.

What other Rotary clubs have on offer for our consideration: February 2019

The **Rotary Club of Maitland** is inviting members to attend their event "Our Chic Retro Chick" on **Saturday 23 February**, starting at 7pm, at Hinton School of Arts, Morpeth. The event showcases music from the 40s, 50s, and 60s, from musicians Bev Brooker and 2 Shades of Grey, Graeme Brooker and Ian Wilson. Cost is \$30 per person, which includes a light supper, and tea and coffee. For tickets, please see the flyer attached.

2018-2019 Executive

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Vocational Service Director: Michael Grant

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International Service Director: Roslyn Parton

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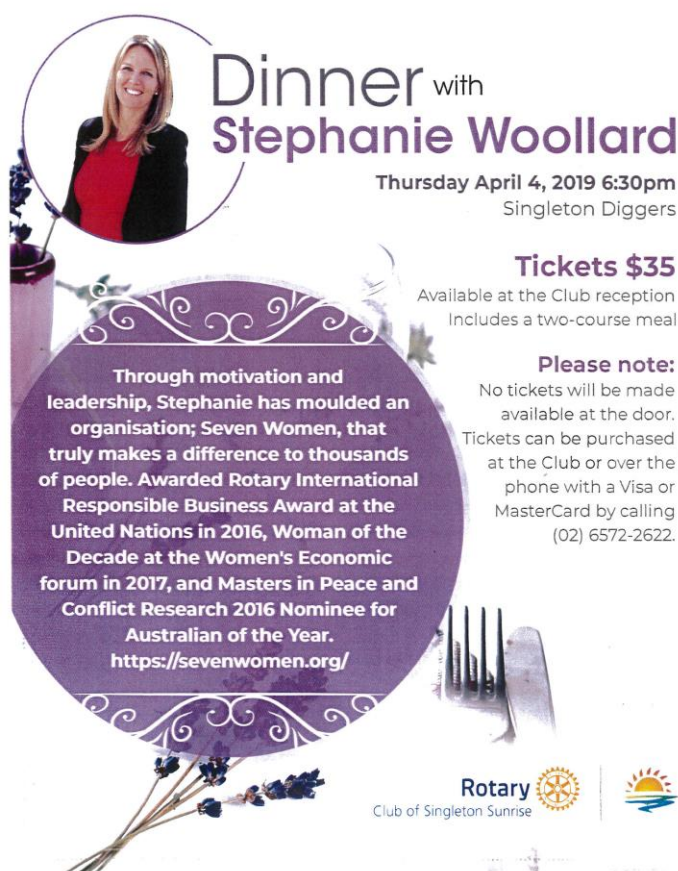
The **Rotary Club of Singleton Sunrise** invites our members to hear an inspiring guest speaker Stephanie Woollard – a Rotary Peace Scholar.

Her topic will be her outstanding work in Nepal.

This event is certainly worth our consideration at 6:30pm on **Thursday 4 April.**

We would need to car pool to Singleton.

Stephanie has been just acknowledged as an OAM in the Australia Day honours.



Dinner with Stephanie Woollard

Thursday April 4, 2019 6:30pm
Singleton Diggers

Tickets \$35
Available at the Club reception
Includes a two-course meal

Please note:
No tickets will be made available at the door. Tickets can be purchased at the Club or over the phone with a Visa or MasterCard by calling (02) 6572-2622.

Through motivation and leadership, Stephanie has moulded an organisation; Seven Women, that truly makes a difference to thousands of people. Awarded Rotary International Responsible Business Award at the United Nations in 2016, Woman of the Decade at the Women's Economic forum in 2017, and Masters in Peace and Conflict Research 2016 Nominee for Australian of the Year.
<https://sevenwomen.org/>

Rotary Club of Singleton Sunrise

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Website: <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/10174> Facebook: www.facebook.com/rotaryclubofwaratah

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