



ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

The Waratah

January 2018



**The Rotary Club of Waratah meets on Mondays at 6:15pm Memories Function Centre,
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Happy New Year Everyone!
**Welcome back to another active year of
service above self!**

Thought for the Month
“Do not start 2018 with 2017 problems”

What’s been happening at Waratah Rotary?

Monday 15 January 2018 – Welcome Back Dinner and a night of Fellowship

This was our first meeting in 2018. President Madeleine welcomed members and wished everyone a happy and healthy 2018. It was wonderful to start our evening with “show and tell” about how members spent their Christmas, New Year break a couple of interesting stories!

Our agenda for the evening included:

1. Donation to Waratah and Newcastle Men’s Shed

Chris reported on the results of the giant Christmas stocking raffle held at Waratah Village and Aldi’s Hamilton. The raffle was very successful, helping the club raise funds to support the Waratah Men’s Shed in the amount of \$2,500. The members voted to hold the same raffle in November 2018.

2. Dravuni Island update

President Madeleine purchased school supplies with the \$100 donated by the Rotary Club of Singleton Sunrise, and has already started purchasing the final list of student supplies with funds from Waratah. She made further arrangements with Rotarian AG Laurie McGrath from Wallsend-Maryland Club to send the supplies to his Fiji Office, and to make arrangements with a colleague to have them transported via ship to Dravuni Island. Madeleine considered shipping costs, and packaging expenses available.

2017-2018 Executive

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Treasurer: Chris McGrath
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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”

3. Replacement shirts and polos options

Thank you, Chris and Helen for arranging samples of polo shirts for our members. It has been around 15 years since our last order of polos! Over the coming weeks we will have more details available. Members can then order new shirts if they wish.

4. Presentation of PHF three Sapphire pin to Ros Parton

Madeleine presented Roslyn Parton with another Paul Harris Fellowship badge for her donation of \$US1000.00 to the Rotary Foundation. Ros is now a Paul Harris Fellow three sapphire. A great effort Roslyn.



5. Light Up Newcastle update

President Madeleine is waiting for details from the Rotary Club of Newcastle to determine whether our members will be involved in Light Up Newcastle. It was decided that we would not be involved in any major infrastructure set-up and take-down.

6. District Conference registrations

At this stage Chris and Helen, Howard, David and Anne, and Brian and Madeleine have registered early. Madeleine is keen that members attend at least one session of the District Conference.

7. Madeleine discussed our program for the next two months. Another busy year ahead is planned already.

Monday 22 January 2018 – Guest Speaker President Kevin from Waratah and Newcastle Men's Shed

It was a wonderful evening of sharing with another volunteer organisation from our local community when members from the Newcastle and Waratah Men's Shed attended our club.



Our invitation was two-fold. Firstly, it was our opportunity of meeting their members and learning more about the Men's Shed, and it also gave us the opportunity of sharing Rotary with others.

Each guest introduced themselves with a brief description of their professions. Like Rotary, their members are made up of a broad array of career paths. We trust their members had an enjoyable evening and will come back soon to visit.

President Kevin from the Newcastle Men's Shed gave us a most interesting history of the Men's Shed in Australia, and the reason for the recent merging of the Newcastle and Waratah Sheds. Again, like Rotary, it appears finding a suitable meeting place is an issue. They are very happy with their arrangements at Waratah. Several of our members had a chance to exchange business cards and speak about subjects of joint interest, so I expect many ongoing plans are now in progress.



Our Vocational Director Bob C made arrangements to visit the Men's Shed on Wednesday 21 February for a site visit at 11:00am and BBQ lunch around noon to 12:30pm. This will replace our Monday evening meeting on 19 February.

The main reason for the get-together was the Waratah Men's Shed was the recipient of our recent Christmas Raffle. Chris and Helen were given the privilege of handing over a cheque in the amount of \$2,500 towards their facility and work in the community. President Kevin presented President Madeleine with a certificate of appreciation.



Presentation of PHF seven Sapphire (2 Ruby) pin to Ann Winkelmann

Madeleine presented Honorary Member Ann Winkelmann with another Paul Harris Fellowship recognition for the donation of \$US1000.00 to the Rotary Foundation from her partner David. Ann is now a Paul Harris Fellow two ruby. A great effort David and Ann.



This was a wonder night of Rotary sharing with the community. Thank you everyone.

Monday 29 January 2018 – Fellowship Night with Club Discussions

We had a surprise, and pleasant, visit from District Governor Helen Ryan who took the opportunity to speak to the members about the proposed redistricting with District 9650 to our north in 2021.



DG Helen is trying to visit as many clubs as possible, so members have the chance to ask questions prior to "voting on the merger" before 8 March. Our members listened intently and asked many questions of DG Helen. I am sure the evening was of great benefit.



DG Helen also brought with her these very stylist red socks. They are on sale for only \$15 a pair, and it is hoped all participants attending the District Conference will wear them with pride. The socks have been purchased by the Rotary Club of Charlestown with proceeds supporting Prostate Cancer Research.

President Madeleine has 12 pairs for sale and she will bring them each week to Rotary.

Our planned program for the night continued with the following discussions:

LIGHT UP NEWCASTLE – Involvement or not, or what level of involvement

Action: President Madeleine to contact Maree Gleeson and seek further clarification on setting up a sales station, and more details of the VIP parking area. A report will be circulated as soon as possible.

EASTER RAFFLE

Our members all seemed keen to tackle another raffle after the success of the giant Christmas stocking raffle. It was decided to have ticket sales on the following dates and venues.

Wednesday 21 March – Aldi Hamilton

Thursday 22 March – Waratah Village

Friday 23 March – Waratah Village

Saturday 24 March – Aldi Hamilton

Wednesday 28 March – Aldi Hamilton

Thursday 29 March – Waratah Village, with the raffle drawn at midday.

Action: Chris to price pre-printed and generic tickets and contact Aldi to see if a booking is possible.
 Madeleine to contact Waratah Village to see if the above dates are possible.
 Howard made several great suggestions on the display of a consumable Easter Hamper.
 Madeleine to seek further ideas and report back to the club.

MOTHERS’ DAY RAFFLE OR SALE OF FLOWERS

Action: The members decided to wait a decision until we have more information from Chris about the offer of assisting another Rotary club with selling flowers in lieu of another raffle for Mothers’ Day. Watch this space!



DRAVUNI ISLAND UPDATE

President Madeleine gave an update on shipping or air freight of our school supplies. The final decision to be made as soon as possible. The President of Morisset Club Mick Payze and Wallsend-Maryland club’s member

Laurie McGrath have been most helpful, and Madeleine is following their leads. All items are now waterproofed, packed and ready for shipment.

CALVARY MATER FOCUS GROUP

Action: Secretary Bob M to distribute an invitation from the Mater Hospital for the opportunity to participate in a focus group at the hospital in February.

The Jolly Joker is active again. Ros was the lucky member to try her luck this week. Bad luck Ros on selecting a King! Although we had many members away, it was a friendly informative meeting. Thank you everyone for your robust input into questions for the DG, and engagement in our decision-making.

Member’s Duty Roster February 2018

Date	Rotary Grace	Fellowship	Introduce Speaker	Thank Speaker	Celebrate a Rotary Club
5 February	Grant Pettigrew	David Winkelmann			
12 February	Doug Tudor	Bob Main			Michael Grant (or Gerry Davies) Pasadena California
Wednesday 21 February	No Roster – Mens Shed Vocational Visit				
26 February	Kevin Goodwin	Doug Tudor	Madeleine Atkins	Bob Cherry	

Plans at the Rotary Club of Waratah in February 2018

5 February	Rotary Information Night for prospective new members
12 February	Board Meeting and Club Assembly
Wednesday 21 February	Vocational Visit to Mens Shed and BBQ lunch with partners
26 February	Guest Speaker Jye Hollier, National Youth Science Forum student’s report
Check our website for all details	