

# The Waratah

## June 2019



### *Rotary Fellowships Month*

*Our club is renowned for its  
Friendship and Fellowship to others*

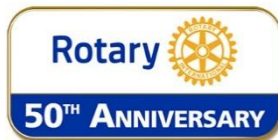


### **Monday 3 June 2019 – Joint Board Meeting and Club Assembly**

The joint Board meeting and Club Assembly was the opportunity to inform all members of our upcoming special events, community service project and fund-raising activities.

Funds have been set aside to cover the Waratah West Public School project, our MUNA team from Merewether High, the Newcastle Science and Engineering Challenge, our 50<sup>th</sup> Charter celebration expenses, the National Youth Science Forum, our Peace Pole project, Trivia Night for ShelterBox expenses and our commitment towards the Therapy Dog project.

Secretary Bob briefed the members on the interviews for NYSF with Jacob Carson and Lara Murphy from Lambton High.



Madeleine gave an update on the 50<sup>th</sup> Charter celebrations and handed out the new 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary badges to the members present.

President Howard shared the "new business", namely a donation for the Rotaractors from the Rotaract Club of the Hunter's trip to Cambodia, the Newcastle Unity in Diversity Festival on Saturday 22 June and investigating possible funding for Zara's House through the Margaret Illukol Trust fund.

The Board also had an input into the club's goals for 2019-2020 as did the members at the club assembly.

### **Saturday 15 June 2019 – Waratah West Public School Project**



A report from our friend "Bob the Builder" Chris McGrath. "This is our 3rd visit to Waratah West Public School and we have cut and joined the Sarlon mesh and covered both igloos. The team has almost completed securing the mesh to the first unit. This is a larger job than first thought."



Thank you to our young bloods Michael and Grant.

Michael had just come off night shift at 6.30am to turn up for work at 8.30am.

Well done Michael – service above self!



If you have not been able to attend yet, please give it some thought, as we can find something for you to do, or in lieu a financial contribution would be most helpful. Our repair costs already exceed our original outlay of 5 years ago!

Our very generous member Allan P has come forward and donated a very large

roll of Sarlon mesh which Helen and Chris collected last week. Thank you, Allan!!

Enjoy the photos and think about how you can contribute to the project's successful conclusion. Bob M and Chris hope that one more visit will complete the job."

The members were truly blessed with amazing winter weather. Well done team!



## Monday 17 June 2019 – Celebration of 50<sup>th</sup> Charter and Club Changeover

**50<sup>TH</sup> CHARTER:** What a very special night our members and friends enjoyed as we celebrated People of Action giving Service Above Self over 50 years at Waratah Rotary.

We had a warm, friendly night with fifty guests in attendance. The evening commenced with Chris and Helen McGrath distributing our 50<sup>th</sup> Charter Booklet.

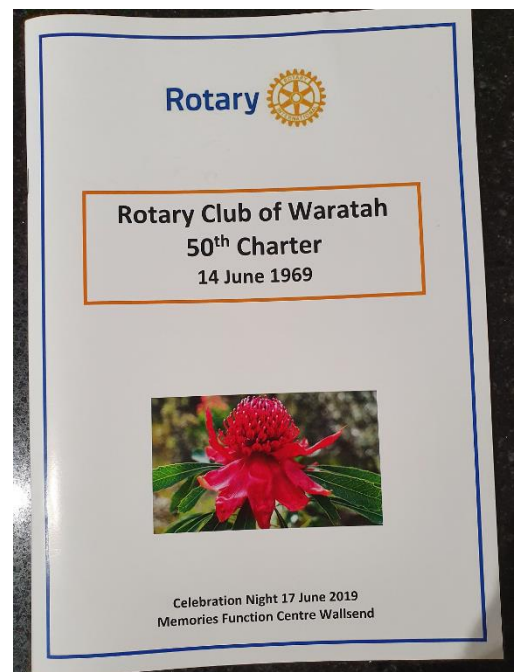
It certainly was an adventure preparing and publishing this amazing document.

The booklet was a history of the fine community work our club has undertaken since its charter on 14 June 1969.

Special thanks must go to Chris and Helen McGrath for their tireless work in supplying much of the required information for the booklet.

Our Toast to Rotary International was presented PDG Brian Atkins and ably responded to by DG Brian Coffey.

Madeleine Atkins prepared a club history visual presentation with the support of all the club members which was played during dinner. It was a talking point for our guests as we enjoyed seeing photos of our past community work and members' "fashions and hairdo's".







President Howard and Event Chair Madeleine decided it would be nice to have longest-standing member Kevin Goodwin together with Gerry Davies (who joined the club a few months after) and our special member Neville Chant cut the 50<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary cake.

We were fortunate enough to have charter member David Amos in attendance, so he was invited to be part of the official photo with President Howard and DG Brian. Each member of the club was wearing their 50<sup>th</sup> charter lapel pin.

**CLUB CHANGEOVER:** President Howard presented his report for 2018-2019 and 100% certificates of attendance to some members. The coveted "Stirrer's Spoon" was awarded to our newest member Clarice Hamling. Well done Clarice, it was most appropriate you should win this award. Victor looked very impressed!



Two surprise presentations were made by President Howard and DG Brian.

Firstly, a Paul Harris plus three sapphire to Madeleine Atkins, but more importantly, an honorary membership to Jan Davies for her support of Waratah Rotary Club since Gerry joined the club in 1970.

Congratulations to both members.



The official induction of Howard Mole as President 2019-2020 was conducted by DG Brian Coffey. Howard presented his executive and board before handing Bob Main the baton as Sergeant-at-Arms.



Our Webmaster has a special slideshow on our website of many photos taken from this special occasion. Please take the time to have a look.

I know our members will enjoy reading their 50<sup>th</sup> Charter Booklet at their leisure.

## Friday 21 June 2019 – Waratah West Public School Project

Bob M, Bob C, Neville, Chris and Helen were the outstanding crew for the day (8:30am until 12:20 pm), at Waratah West Public School to continue securing the Sarlon mesh to the pipe frames. As the team progressed this time, they came up with a few new ideas to make the mesh more secure.

Chris bought some clips for securing the mesh to timber, (he felt not a very good result), cable ties and a giant box of clips from Allan. These new clips were a larger design and were much easier to work with. Chris "spiked" his thumb a couple of times – service above self! Grant and Michael will know what Chris means, but all is well now.





Next Friday should see the extra sections front and rear secured, and the gates covered. Bob M is bringing some battens to help secure some sections and finish the job off.

A call from the team - if anyone has some spare timber battens, can you give Chris a call please? Note the school's chickens assisting the team while they were trying to work.

## **Saturday 22 June 2019 – Newcastle Unity in Diversity Festival at Gregson Park**

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### **Thank you, President Howard for this report:**

A beautiful morning with a big crowd who marched down Beaumont Street and then around the fire where Uncle Bill conducted the Welcome to Country.

There were about 12 food stalls from different cultures including the Lions club with the traditional Sausage Sanger.

Another 12 stalls from various charities and services promoting what they do.



A huge thank you to the three Rotarians (Howard, Grant and Bob Main) who were available throughout the day helping to set up marquees, manage tables, chairs, rubbish bins and even the fire so children didn't get burnt. They then helped with pack up and returned equipment to various homes throughout Newcastle. A great day of service and fulfilling our theme for this year of *Rotary Connecting the World*. Thank you, team.



## **Sunday 23 June 2019 – District Changeover Luncheon**

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PDG Brian Atkins and Madeleine attending the annual College of Governors meeting and morning tea prior to the District Changeover at Toronto Workers Club. It is the opportunity for the past District Governors to offer their sage advice to the incoming District Governor for 2019-2020.

AG and ShelterBox Ambassador Chris McGrath and Helen, incoming AG Clarice Hamling and Victor, and Brian and Madeleine Atkins attending the District Changeover Luncheon.

There were around 150 Rotarians and guests in attendance with the formal program being conducted by outgoing District Governor Brian Coffey and incoming Governor Graeme Hooper. Clarice performed the "divorce" ceremony (DG Brian from District Secretary Nicole). A very funny moment.

Chris McGrath was acknowledged with a framed certificate of appreciation for the past three year's work throughout the District. Congratulations Chris, it was well deserved.



## Monday 24 June 2019 – Guest Speaker Karen Wilson and Tania Harley from ZONTA Association

It was interesting to learn from our guest speaker Karen that Zonta was formed 100 years ago in 1919. Zonta means “honest and trustworthy” and is a female only club of businesswomen who have a vision of supporting and advocating women’s rights and anti-domestic violence. Karen also stated men are more than welcome to join however they are usually friends on Zonta.

Karen has been the President for a two-year term and was accompanied by Tania, their Fundraising Chair. The Newcastle Association was formed five years ago and already has 50 members. She told us proudly that two-thirds of all funds raised in Newcastle stay in the area to support the current issues they are addressing.

Karen told us these days more women are reporting domestic violence so there is a great deal of support required in the Hunter. At present their Zonta members are supporting five refugee women with practical items like courtesy bags, cash, women’s shed projects, making library bags for children, and a large range of women and children needs.

The Zonta Club of the Hunter is closely aligned with Rotary and the Men’s Shed at Swansea.

Karen expanded on the service-providers they work closely with, to support the women and children in their care. She spoke in glowing terms about the outstanding women she works with throughout Newcastle and Lake Macquarie.

Presently, they are also working on a Zonta International project of providing birthing kits at a cost of \$1,600 to mainly Africa. Each kit can be purchased for only \$5 each.

They have scholarships and STEMM awards available and are working on a fundraising Trivia Night in August and a Movie Night in September.

Their main focus is on advocacy and education.

Prior to the guest speaker, we had our first sergeant session this Rotary year. If the “costume” donned by Sergeant Bob and Corporal Kevin is anything to go by, we are in for a funny year!



## Friday 28 June 2019 – Waratah West Public School Project

The team has almost reached the end of the working bee at the school to complete the new greenhouses. There are great photos on the website of weeks 1, 2, 3 and 4. Chris tells me there is still quite a lot of work to do, so if you can help, please do. Remember, this is a club project, not just the "willing few" who turn up every time. The team have simple tasks like holding the screws, passing the hammer and even making coffee. Let’s all try and pitch in and get this wonderful project completed. Our fabulous 100-year old member Neville has been with the team every time to keep them on the right path.



I believe the front section and a door is yet to be completed with some minor painting, perhaps another four hours or so. Please ask Chris or Bob M when the final working bee is being held.

## **Sunday 30 June 2019 – Hunter Valley Bikers' Annual Memorial Ride and Service**

We trust President Howard had a most successful day riding from McDonald Jones Stadium in Broadmeadow to Mount Sugarloaf for this annual event. We were pleased to know the group were blessed with perfect weather.

### **Upcoming Waratah Meetings in July 2019 (Keep checking the website)**

**Monday 1 July** TBC

**Monday 8 July** Board Meeting and Club Assembly

**Monday 15 July** TBC

**Tuesday 23 July** Newcastle Science and Engineering Challenge Dinner and Presentation Night (no meeting on Monday 22 July)

**Monday 29 July** TBC

### **What the District and other Clubs have on offer: (check the District website)**

#### **July 2019**

**Friday 19 July** Invitation to Breakfast by Rotary Club of Newcastle Enterprise. Marina Views, 97 Hannell Street, Wickham Join the Rotary Club of Newcastle Sunrise for a fundraising event to assist Got Your Back Sista continue its work with women and children affected by domestic violence. Enjoy a tasty breakfast while hearing Got Your Back Sista Team Members respond to questions about their work. There will also be fabulous raffle prizes. \$50 per head or \$480 for a table of 10.

Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/BCBWT](http://www.trybooking.com/BCBWT)

**Friday 19 July** Cardiff Rotary's Dinner and Movie Night, 6.30pm at 9 David Place, Edgeworth. The movie feature will be "Hidden Figures" and cost \$25 per person.

#### **ROTARY LIVE CONCERT!**

If you missed the 2019 Rotary International Convention in Hamburg, we are happy to announce that you can still watch the inspiring general sessions and key breakout sessions from the 2019 convention on demand, whenever you have time, for up to three months after the convention ends.

Rotary Live Connect - On Demand - is available in English, French and German for \$35 (including all taxes). Check out the Rotary International Website for the link.

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