



# The Waratah

June 2018



## Sunday 3 June – Freeman of the City Howard Mole

It was with the greatest of pleasure President Madeleine, Secretary Bob and Helen attending the Lord Mayoral afternoon tea at which time Howard Mole was made a FREEMAN OF THE CITY.

Rick Prosser from Life Church (known to us through RUSH Mentoring Services) spoke of Howard's dedication to the city of Newcastle and its people. He shared many stories about how Howard has helped so many people over so many years.



The Lord Mayor Nuatali Nemes spoke equally glowingly of Howard's profile in Newcastle through the Bikers Toy Run, his charity and Rotary work.



Howard was also supported by his family and many friends.

Over 50 people shared the special event at the Soul Café in Newcastle with the staff serving refreshments.

Howard gave a moving speech about his dedication to his fellow-man which was received with a standing ovation.



As well as the Lord Mayor, attending the ceremony was Councillors and several prominent Novocastrians. This photo (left to right) is of Rick Prosser, Nuatali Nemes, Howard Mole, Jenny Castles (2016 Newcastle City Council Citizen of the Year), Warren Smith (Freeman of the City for Co-founder of Surfest).

Congratulations Howard on this outstanding recognition.

## **Monday 4 June 2018 – Joint Board Meeting and Club Assembly**

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It was most enjoyable to hold a joint Board meeting as we merge seamlessly from one Rotary year to another.

Thank you to the 2017-2018 Board members for your attendance at so many Board meetings throughout the year.

To Howard and his new Board of Directors, we wish you a successful year of “Service Above Self”.

## **Monday 11 June 2018 – Public Holiday**

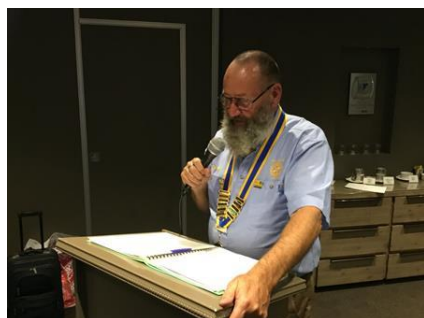
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No meeting was held due to the public holiday.

## **Monday 18 May 2018 – Changeover Night**

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We had a full member turn-up at the Changeover Dinner this except Gerry who was still in hospital. DGE Brian Coffey and Carol stood in for PDG Gerard McMillan who was away due to a health issue.



The highlight of the evening was Howard Mole being inducted into the Chair for our 49<sup>th</sup> changeover. The members wish Howard a most successful and rewarding year ahead.



We also had the privilege of inducting Alan Palmer into the Club as he transferred his membership from the Rotary Club of The Entrance.

The joint Board members from 2017-2018 honoured Helen Main with an Honorary membership which was presented to her on the night.

DGE Brian Coffey assisted in the presentation of 15 Immortal Badges to the members who had not received one previously in support of the District Governor's Partners Project. Brian Atkins made a personal donation when the Immortal Badge first came into being in this District through PDG Alex McHarg. September last year the Club presented Neville Chant and Howard Mole with their Immortal Badges. Congratulations to these members for their service to Rotary.

David and Ann Winkelmann made a personal donation to The Rotary Foundation and presented Sharon White and Holly Charlish with a PHF for their serve to our club over many years working at Memories Function Centre. It was our way of saying thank you for looking after us at our weekly meetings.



In Gerry's absent Madeleine prepared our club history video presentation for the last twelve months at the Club. Madeleine shared the photos with Gerry during the week. The Stirrer's Spoon award was handed from Allan Pettigrew to Bob Main. Bob earned this accolade for his wit, the one-liners and his cheeky smile. The Sergeant's baton was handed willingly over to Fred Neal by Allan Pettigrew.

We look forward to an exciting year in Rotary.

## **Saturday 23 June 2018 – Unity in Diversity Festival at Gregson Park Hamilton**

The members from our club were invited by Sister Diana Santleben from Zara's House to assist the organising committee with the Festival set-up.

We had a great roster of Howard, Bob M, Bob C, Neville, Chris and Helen, Doug, Madeleine, Alan Palmer and Fred. It was a lovely sunny day with a diversity of Newcastle residents enjoying the multicultural food and entertainment. Thank you everyone.

## **Monday 25 June 2018 – Friendship Night**

Saw the first of our meetings under President Howard's leadership. Essentially this was a Club Assembly to discuss the year ahead and some immediate projects.

Currently we are working on a Father's Day Raffle as well as making plans for a Trivia night in October. This will be discussed at our first Board meeting on July 16th. We will also investigate the possibility of replacing the shade cloth over the vegetable garden at Waratah West Primary School.

It was agreed at this meeting to further sponsor Jye Hollier in the second phase of the NYSF.

We received an invitation from Lynne Thorpe to help provide sewing materials for the Homes for Hope Fiji. President Howard suggested that the Interact club may take this on as a project and we could help by providing whatever materials we had.

## **Tuesday 26 June 2018 – Callaghan College Waratah Campus Interact Club**

This month commences the semester two sessions with Madeleine Atkins and the Interactors. The focus on the first day was about identifying a community project to be completed by the end of November and continuing the exercises in public speaking, with a difference.

The students came up with several suggestions for a community project together with two in-school projects they would like to explore.

Each student has until July 24 to investigate their ideas and speak to the group. A vote will be taken amongst the students for an order of priority to be taken to the school executive.

Madeleine has every confidence in a successful community project for the Interact club in 2018.

The difference in the students' self-confidence when addressing the group was very noticeable following the 2017 and semester one 2018 training programs.



### **2018-2019 Executive**

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<b>Sergeant-at-Arms:</b> Fred Neal		
<b>Directors:</b>	<b>Club Service:</b> Grant Pettigrew	<b>Community Service:</b> Kevin Goodwin
<b>Youth Services:</b> Howard Mole	<b>Vocational Service:</b> Michael Grant	
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