



The Waratah

November 2018



Thursday 1 November 2018 – Corpus Christi Primary School Public Speaking Competition



Our Club was invited again this year to take on the role as the adjudication panel at the Corpus Christi Maitland Newcastle Catholic Primary School North Region public speaking competition after the success of last year's event.

Helen McGrath and Bob and Helen Main represented our Club on the day, which was most successful for the students, but a very long day for our Rotarians. Service Above Self again!

Monday 5 November 2018 – Melbourne Cup Fellowship Night

Our annual Melbourne Cup fellowship night was again a huge success. We enjoyed the company of some of our friends from Wallsend-Maryland together with partners and friends.

Gerry, Howard, Doug and Bob M handled a very busy sweep table extremely well. Purchasing of sweep-stake tickets was fast and furious.

The lucky winners will be surprised at next week's meeting.

Brian and Madeleine conducted a unique "Melbourne Cup race" which was full of fun and laughter.



The "horses" did their best ... some better than others. Some horses didn't even get out of the gates!

The overall winner was Grant Pettigrew who took home the prize of a box of chocolates.

Madeleine had everyone enjoy a guess-the-hat game. Again, loads of fun.

Several of our members and guests dressed up in a Melbourne Cup hat, however everyone decided Fred Neal was by far the best dressed on the night.

He went to a huge effort. Well done Fred.

Monday 12 November 2018 – Board Meeting and Club Assembly

Howard chaired the meeting and briefed all Board members on the updates. It was a very full Board meeting this month with planning underway for our Waratah - Mayfield Men's Shed open day, the Waratah West public school 2019 project, and our upcoming Christmas raffle.



It was decided to commence our Christmas raffle tickets sales at the Waratah - Mayfield Men's Shed open day. Bob Main will be handling the rosters over the next two weeks.

We look forward to a most successful November / December working in our local community.

We also had the pleasure of presenting Sister Di from Zara's House with the proceeds of our Trivia Night. Sister Di expressed very sincere appreciation for all our efforts and spoke warmly about the work undertaken at Zara's House. We look forward to a long association with the Zara's House team of volunteers and friends.



Saturday 17 November 2018 – Final Shopping at Waratah Village for Christmas

President Howard and Madeleine spent an hour purchasing the final gifts on behalf of the club for the Christmas raffle crates. Gifts now total over \$800. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed. We are confident of a successful raffle which will commence on Saturday 24 November at the Waratah-Mayfield Men's Shed open day.

Monday 19 November 2018 – Callaghan College Waratah Campus Interact Club presentation at the School Assembly



Madeleine attended the school assembly at Callaghan College Waratah Campus to support the Interact Club member as they addressed the students about their Guessing Competition.

They displayed a short ShelterBox slide presentation, who will be the recipient of the Interact Club's fundraising adventure – a Teachers Baby Photograph guessing competition.

First prize is two Charlestown Square Entertainment Passes. Thank you to all the teachers who agreed to be involved in this fun activity to raise funds towards a ShelterBox.

Monday 19 November 2018 – Guest Speaker Matt Schultz

Guest speaker Matt Schultz has recently been named a Humanitarian Affairs Peace Ambassador at an upcoming Peace Summit for Emerging Leaders with the United Nations in Bangkok. Matt is a history teacher at St Phillip's Christian College Waratah and has been a member of the Rotary Club of Warners Bay for the past two years. He began his presentation with his favourite powerful word "Shalom" and shared several stories about studying in Israel promoting peace through his work with Rotary, and on a more personal note, his journey with his own inner peace.

Matt shared his passion of studying peace through the ages and how it influences his teaching.

He received a Youth Citizenship Award in 2000 when he was in year 10, presented by the Rotary Club of Belmont. This was his beginning of wanting to learn more about Rotary, community service and how he could influence others once he left school.

Matt spent twelve months in Japan on a scholarship and visited the Hiroshima Peace Memorial in 2004. In 2014, as a second-year teacher, he attended a Gandel Holocaust Studies Program, being inspired by a Jewish teacher he had when he was in year nine.

St Phillip's Waratah entered a team in this year's MUNA with Matt as the supervising teacher. He encouraged the students to speak on behalf of Israel, and they were successful at District level before going on to win the national competition.

Following MUNA, the school nominated to take a group of students to Yale in January. They are raising \$11,000 to cover expenses through GoFundMe.



Matt has been involved in a leadership program *Burn Bright* for many years, and his connection with the organisers resulted in his successful application to attend the United Nations Peace Summit in Bangkok from 28-30 November. The inaugural summit is titled "Together for Peace" and includes some outstanding speakers from around the world. Only 500 delegates have been accepted to attend. Matt completed his presentation by reminding us that we are all custodians of peace.

An outstanding, inspiring guest speaker.

President Howard presented Matt with a donation of \$300 towards his expenses. We look forward to hearing from Matt again in the New Year.

Saturday 24 November 2018 – Waratah Rotary Display at Waratah-Mayfield Men's Shed Open Day



Waratah members set up an impressive stand at the open day in a prime shady position to take advantage of sharing Rotary with our local community and selling raffle tickets in our Christmas raffle.

A huge thank you to everyone who made some time to cover the roster. This time we had more volunteers than we needed. The crowds were a little low (perhaps the Supercars?) but the people who attended were very generous with their donations.



Our Christmas raffle is off to a great start. We also gained several guest speakers for the future by speaking with the community members we met on the day.

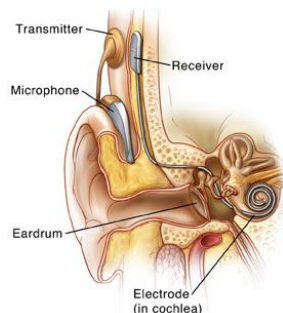


Monday 26 November 2018 – Fellowship Night with Jye Hollier



Jye Hollier and his mother Kylie attended our meeting following Jye's completion of the Higher School Certificate. Jye spoke to the club about his final exams, his experience in his recent trip to a few universities in Sydney and his hopes for the future.

Jye did extremely well in his trial HSC, completed his final exams two weeks ago and eagerly awaits his HSC results



in a month's time.

Our club sponsored Jye on his Sydney trip where he had the opportunity of touring Macquarie University and learning about their science degrees. He toured a sustainable new building on campus, spoke with several scientists, attended a workshop on biology and global warming of the ocean.

Jye was very impressed with the facilities and research being undertaken at the Cochlear Faculty at Macquarie Uni. He spoke at length about this interest in all aspect of science.

As part of his experience Jye also visited a few engineering companies and the University of NSW where he attended a workshop on solar engineering, powering solar cars followed by a tour of the campus. This gave him many options for future study. Jye has already been accepted into an engineering degree at Newcastle University and has applied for several scholarships at universities in Sydney and Canberra. He is interested in mechanical and electrical engineering, and renewable energy engineering. We wish Jye all the best for his future.

The rest of the evening was spend enjoying a brief slideshow of Brian and Madeleine's recent trip to China.

Upcoming Events in December 2018

3 December	Board Meeting, Club Assembly and Annual General Meeting
6-7 December	Christmas Raffle Sales Aldi Hamilton
8-9 December	Christmas Raffle Sales Waratah Village
10 December	Celebration Night
13 December	Christmas Raffle Sales Aldi Hamilton
15-16 December	Christmas Raffle Sales Waratah Village
17 December	Casual Drinks at Atkins' Home

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