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# THE WARATAH



**The Rotary Club of Waratah meets on Mondays at 6:15pm Memories Function Centre,  
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## What's been happening at the Waratah Rotary?

### Tuesday 15 August 2017 – SRC Interact Meeting



President Madeleine met with the students from Callaghan College Waratah Campus. Again, it was a well-attended meeting with support from Teacher Anne Grieve. The group outlined the progress of their four chosen projects, and introduced their ideas for their next project, collecting and distributing used clothing for the needy and homeless. Madeleine updated the students on her recent meeting with the School Executive.

### Tuesday 15 to Thursday 16 August 2017 – NSW Science and Engineering Super Challenge



Club members Brian Atkins, Bob Main, David Winkelmann, Chris and Helen McGrath, and Neville Chant were involved as Regional Chair, Activity Supervisors and Assistants at the University of Newcastle's Forum Sports and Aquatic Centre.

The Challenge was a huge success and is a fine example of Rotarians at Work.

Wow, our team is building up volunteer hours again this month. Thank you everyone for your commitment to our youth.

### Friday 18 August 2017 – District Leadership and Presidents Meeting

AG Chris McGrath and President Madeleine attended and reported back to the club on the information available.

These nights (only two hours of your time) are extremely beneficial. It is an opportunity to not only meet and speak with the District Leadership Team, but exchange ideas with other Presidents.

### 2017-2018 Executive

**President:** Madeleine Atkins  
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**President-Elect:** TBC  
**Secretary:** Bob Main  
**Treasurer:** Chris McGrath  
**Public Officer and WWC:** David Winkelmann  
**Sergeant-at-Arms:** Allan Pettigrew

**Directors:**  
**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"



## Monday 21 August 2017 – Fun and Games Night

That's right .... our club members know how to relax and have a good time in between our Rotary commitments. After a hearty meal, and Gerry Davies winning the Jolly Joker, we got out the cards, Dominos Tri-Ominous, Poker Chips (without the gambling) and challenged each other.



Bob Main brought his granddaughter's "hammer game" that was well received, some members took their activity quite seriously, and no-one solved the Rubik's Cube.

A whole lot of fun.

Thanks everyone.

## Thursday 24 August 2017 – Rotary Information Night Planning Meeting

President Madeleine met with Secretary Bob Main and Helen, Treasurer Chris McGrath and Brian Atkins to fine-tune the program for the following Monday night. A very productive few hours. Thank you everyone.

## Monday 28 August 2017 – Rotary Information Night



Our club held a night of information for members and their guests about the amazing work of Rotary, locally, nationally and internationally.

Our invited guests for the evening were Helen Ellis and Mary Ringstad from the Mater Calvary Hospital, Paul Marshall, a 3-year student at the University of Newcastle, and Rick Prosser and Bryan Blissett from RUSH Mentoring Services.

We welcome them all as Friends of Rotary.

President Madeleine Atkins gave a presentation about Rotary International, Rotary myths, and about our Club and its work in the community.

The presentation included vision on The Rotary Foundation, the End Polio Now Campaign and ShelterBox. We touched on all the programs that our club has been involved in over the past three years.



The focus of the evening was the objects of our club of "fun, friendship and service".

It was beneficial to be able to share our Rotary stories of placing people on the ground in disasters with the ShelterBox team, funding humanitarian projects wherever required, and eradicating Polio throughout the World.



President Madeleine also prepared a PowerPoint about the service that our club achieves in our local community.



After the meeting, each guest was presented with some comprehensive information on the work of Rotary International.

## Wednesday 30 August 2017 – SRC Interact Meeting



President Madeleine met with the students again Callaghan College Waratah Campus. The group were keen to discuss the skills required for their next project, collecting and distributing used clothing for the needy and homeless.

A timeline was set, and the students were going to meet the following week to prepare a report for the next meeting with President Madeleine.

## **Monday 4 to Friday 8 September 2017 – Discovery Days Science and Engineering Challenge**

Thank you again to Bob Main for taking the lead on calling for volunteers to assist at St Therese's Primary School New Lambton. It was very fortunate that David Winkelmann and Bob Cherry could assist. This is an exciting program for year 6 students. Next time the opportunity arises, you should go along.

Another way we are "Making a Difference" for Rotary.



## **Monday 4 September 2017 – Board Meeting and Club Assembly**

These evenings are always welcome so we can celebrate our achievements over the past month, and put of plans into place for the future. We had a report on the recent District Youth Summit attended by President Madeleine and PDG Brian Atkins. It was David Winkelmann's turn to celebrate another Rotary Club. He shared some knowledge about the Rotary Club of Kingston, Jamaica. Well done David!

## **Monday 11 September 2017 – Board Meeting and Official Visit by District Governor Helen Ryan**



Waratah Club members welcomed DG Helen Ryan and Mike, and AG Sharon Chambers and Steve Merritt with their usually friendliness. Although we have six members away for varying health issues, it was a productive and informative night.

DG Helen and AG Sharon met with the Board first, and then addressed the attending members and their partners with her thoughts and expectations of a strong Rotary into the future.

Mike Ryan introduced his District Governor's Partners Project of The Rotary Foundation's Endowment Fund through the purchase and presentation of Immortal Badges.



It was our pleasure to present two of our members with Immortal Badges on this special occasion.

Howard Mole received his as recognition of his commitment to serving others, both through his work and Rotary service.

Neville Chant was acknowledged for his ongoing commitment to Rotary as he strongly supports the ideals of Rotary service. Congratulations.

## **Wednesday 13 September 2017 – National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) Orientation Evening**

President Madeleine attending this exciting and special event with our NYSF student Jye Hollier and his mother Kylie Jane. The orientation was held in the Science Theatre at the University of Newcastle with District Governor Helen Ryan and NYSF Chair Howard Bridgman making the introductions.



The special presentation for the students was by Professor Paul Dastoor, who spoke about the research into sustainability of the environment that his Department is undertaking. The orientation was presented by two young people who returned from NYSF this January. It was a great opportunity for Jye to meet and speak with his fellow classmates.

## Member's Duty Roster

Date	Rotary Grace	Fellowship	Introduce Speaker	Thank Speaker	Celebrate a Rotary Club
18 September	No Roster – Social night out at Lambton Park Hotel				
25 September	Ros Parton	David Winkelmann	Howard Mole	Bob Main	
2 October	No meeting – Public Holiday				
9 October	Madeleine Atkins	Doug Tudor			Bob Cherry Kampala North, Uganda

## Plans at the Rotary Club of Waratah over next few months

17 September 2017 (Sunday)	District Membership Summit at Kurri Kurri
18 September	Social Night out with partners at Lambton Park Hotel at 6:15pm
23 September (Saturday)	Living Smart Festival at Speers Point Park. Volunteers needed. Please contact Chris McGrath
25 September	Guest Speaker Sister Diana Santleben from Zara's House. Partners Welcome
2 October	Public Holiday – no meeting
7 October (Saturday)	Rotary Club of Wallsend-Maryland Trivia Night. Table of 8 booked. The team so far Madeleine, Chris, Helen, Bob, Helen, Fred, Ros, Gerry. \$10 each next week please – payment in advance required
9 October	Board Meeting (5:15pm) and Club Assembly. Wear Hats please for Rotary Hay Day (Tuesday 10)
16 October	Guest Speaker Susi Stewart from Hunter Life Education
23 October	Guest Speaker Brad Dunn from Bright Minds Project
29 October (Sunday)	Graffiti Removal Day
30 October	Guest Speaker Allan Pettigrew and Staff from Pettigrew's Topic: Then and Now in the Business
6 November	Melbourne Cup Night with friends from the Rotary Club of Wallsend-Maryland and Newcastle Enterprise (TBC). Partners welcome.
10 November (Friday)	District Leadership Team and Presidents Meeting at Rutherford
13 November	Board Meeting (5:15pm) and Club Assembly.
18 November	The Rotary Foundation's Million Dollar Dinner. Keynote Speaker RI Vice President Jennifer Jones at Port Macquarie
20 November	Video Night on Paul Harris and the history of The Rotary Foundation
27 November	Guest Speaker to be confirmed
Check our website for all details	

**Members of the Rotary Club of Waratah**  
**Giving Service Above Self .... And Making a Difference**

