

20 February 2020



Rotary Club of Sawtell

Sawtell Sun

Board Matters

Club members gathered for a Board meeting on Monday evening. All our members are welcome to attend and participate in these meetings.

Back in the hands of President Warren, following VP Rob Alford stepping up to chair the January Board meeting, members promptly dealt with the items on the agenda, including

- Proceeding with the purchase of readers for the literacy project. This project has attracted a District grant for 50% of the expenditure
- Treasurer Ray Baldwin reported the collection box at the Airport now has a working lock reinstated
- Secretary Alan reminded members of the upcoming District Conference to be held at South West Rocks March 20-22, and encouraged online registration
- In the Youth Service report it was noted that Emily Buckle's family is now hosting Adam Leskovjansky from Slovaki

(See page 3 for Emily's first report from Germany).

Under general business members discussed next week's meeting and decided to continue with the practise of eschewing a fines session during partners' evenings.

Ellis Nicholson, Vocational Service Director, was thanked for his work on last week's Pride of Workmanship event. President Warren noted that the Club can be proud of the calibre of the award's recipients. Compliments were also extended to the Sawtell RSL for the catering at the event.

Along the way, members noted the improved acoustics in the room, thanks to installation of carpet. Denis Gleeson, who is next week's sergeant, requested assistance with the pack up after the meeting, which is to be held upstairs.

Among the evening's good hearted banter, there was some debate about renaming these meetings to Bored Meetings, but that seems a tad harsh.

Below: Secretary Alan Freedman and President Warren Hollyman.





Mana & Roger Atwal

22 February

Phil and Jenny Makinson

22 February



Shane Della

Best wishes
for your treatment



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Account Name:

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BSB: 721-000 Account No: 500143137

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Monthly Rotary Themes

February 2020: Peace & Conflict Prevention

March 2020: Water & Sanitation

April 2020: Maternal & Child Health

May 2020: Youth Service

June 2020: Rotary Fellowships

Rotary International District 9650 Conference 2020 - March 20 to 22 South West Rocks Country Club

**Diarise Now for
a great Rotary
weekend**



**Rotary Fun &
Learning**



Emily Buckle

To Germany

2020



Well January came around a lot quicker than I was expecting... after saying goodbyes to family and friends at Coffs Harbour, I got on my flight alone and was on my way. The flight from Sydney to Singapore went pretty quick. But from Singapore to Frankfurt definitely felt like it was too long. Finally, after a day of travelling we made it to Frankfurt!!! This is where my host family would pick me up and I got met by my host dad and brother Maurizio and Loris and we drove home to our town, Ottersheim.

I tried my best to stay up all day on Saturday, but it got to 5 o'clock and I couldn't stay up any longer. I slept for the next 15 hours and was still so tired the next day. For my first day in Germany my family took me bowling and I went to my first German shop and took the dogs for a walk around my town.

On Thursday I had my first day at school at Max Slevogt Gymnasium where I'm in class 10B. My school is in Landau which means that I leave my house at 7 each morning to ride to the bus stop, which is definitely a big change from getting up at 8 each day last year. On my first day I met three girls (the only girls in my class) and they were super friendly and showed me around the school. The next day we had last hour free, so they

showed me around Landau, and we went and got lunch.

It hasn't snowed yet where I live, but my host family took me to Madenburg where we walked about 2km to a castle and along the way we saw remnants of snow, which was probably just ice. I also got to see my first Handball game, which was really good but definitely more intense than what I was expecting.

This week I met up with some other exchange students in my district. They've all been here for 5 months so they showed me around Mannheim, which is an hour from where I live. It was my second time going there and it is definitely different from the small village I'm living in. So far I'm loving Germany and have loved getting to know so many new people and especially the kids at my school. Although Germany isn't as cold as other countries right now, I am definitely not used to it but I'm slowly getting there.



Upcoming Events



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24 February 6.30 for 7pm	Charley Della, 2019 Exchange Student Partners' evening, \$20 p.p., upstairs
2 March	Ashleigh Geddes, President of Coffs Interact Club
8 March	PETS (President Elects Training) @ Pt. Macquarie (Peter & Roslyn attending)
9 March	Clayton Sippel, CEO Open Arms
16 March	Jennifer Downs, Westpac Rescue Helicopter
20-22 March	District Conference @ SW Rocks Register online at: https://php.rotary9650.org.au/ conf_2020/registration.php
23 March	Vocational visit to Community Transport
28 March	Coffs Rotary Bookfest sale starts
30 March	Dinner & Board meeting
6 April	Uniting Church Soup Place
19 April	District Assembly @ Pt. Macquarie for all of next year's Board Members, registration paid by the club.

Date	Sergeant	Affirmation	International Toast
24/2/20	Denis Gleeson	Bruce Hall	Steve Kassulke
2/3/20	Shayne Long	Shane Della	Phil Makinson
9/3/20	Paul Newton	Peter Paff	Ellis Nicholson
16/3/20	John Underwood	Warren Hollyman	Alison Williams

Sergeant in Charge: John Underwood

Duties: arrange for the back door to be open, take out and place in designated spots the name badges, President's Chain of Office, Sergeant's equipment, Fellowship equipment.

If you're not available, please arrange to change with another member, or if not successful, contact John Underwood.