

7 April 2019



Rotary Club of Sawtell

Sawtell Sun

No rows of desks

Nicholas told us that Bishop Druit College is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. In this time it has grown from 55 students to almost 1100, teaching pupils from kindergarten through to senior years. The college now ranks first among all the local regional high schools and colleges for results of its graduating senior students.

While the above was mentioned in passing, Nick focused his address on what is termed the Walker Learning Approach, a teaching and learning approach that personalizes learning in the early stages of education. The basic tenets of this is that the students and teachers form a Community Circle to set expectations both social and academic and then discuss and communicate their plans. Each

child in a class of about 16 becomes the 'focus' about once each fortnight when the teacher individually personalizes and extends the learning process using provocations and high interest area (could be dinosaurs). There is a reporter and photographer and parents are able to monitor the progress of their child via the computer if they wish. The classrooms differ quite radically from what we know as a classroom with everyday sensory and tactile areas (mini shops, plant nurseries, carpentry, electronic areas etc.)

This approach has seen a 25% improvement in BDC NAPLAN results.

Ellis Nicholson

Principal Nick Johnstone pictured with two award winning Bishop Druit students Kali Rouillon and Sophie Cross. (Apologies to Peter Paff—I mislaid your photograph.)



Vale Jack Brain



It is with regret that the Club has received the news of the death of Jack Brain of Toormina, aged 91 on 30th March.

Jack was one of the very early members of our Club and joined not long after Charter night. Jack was Club Service Director in 1978/79 and 1980/81. It was Jack who was mainly responsible for building of 'Casey Jones', the miniature train that the Club used to run on festive occasions. This train was very popular with the public and it was run by the Club until insurance became too costly. Our condolences to Jack's family.

DUTY ROSTER	8th April	15th April
Attendance	Ray Baldwin Alan Freedman	Ray Baldwin Alan Freedman
Affirmation	Phil Makinson	John Underwood
International toast	Bruce Hall	Warren Hollyman
Introduction & Vote of Thanks	n/a	Ellis Nicholson

Past President Drew

Past President Drew Bogema has been in the Base hospital for nearly the past fortnight. He suffered an aneurism in his lower leg. Amputation of the lower leg has been a possible outcome.

The latest news is that amputation has been deferred and he is on a 'wait and watch' in hope of saving his foot. Drew, we are with you all the way, hoping for the very best possible outcome.

To Jenny, our best wishes are with you as you go through this difficult period. If any of our members/partners can help you in any way, please do not hesitate to ask.



Upcoming Events

8/4/19	Board Meeting following the dinner meeting.
15/4/19	Madeleine & Ken Fussell—Soldier On
22/4/19	Easter Monday—No meeting
4/5/19	Mad Hatters' Cocktail Party \$30 p.p. 6pm CH Leagues Club Coffs Harbour Daybreak
17/5/19	TRIVIA NIGHT @ Sawtell RSL, \$15 p.p. , Tables of eight. See the back page for more details.
19/5/19	District 9650 Assembly, Port Macquarie for next year's Board Members.
November 2019	Club weekend away at Wooli Date to be confirmed
27-31 May 2023	Rotary International Convention, Melbourne



Bruce Hall

11 April



Debi & Bruce Gleeson

14 April

Lyn & Warren Hollyman

19 April

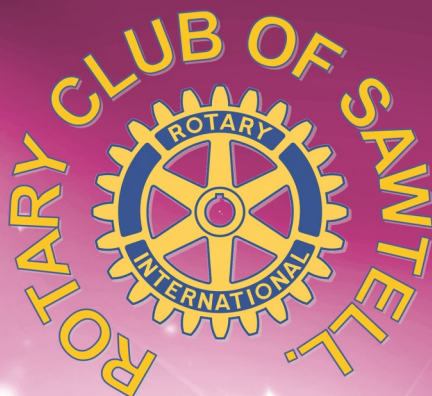
Sue & Peter Paff

24 April

Apologies

Apologies and Guests by Monday by 12 noon. Contact Alan Freedman PHONE 66 531888, MOBILE 0419 357864, E-MAIL alan.l.freedman@bigpond.com

Any late apologies (after 12 noon) should be to Alan's mobile number.



FRI MAY 17TH, 2019

TRIVIA FUNDRAISER

7.30PM ARRIVAL FOR 8PM SHARP START

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SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

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