



KINCUMBER

January News Sheet

MEETS: 9:30am. Fourth Tuesday each month at Kincumber Uniting Church.

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Notes for your 2014 Diary



February	4th	2.30 pm	Committee meeting
	11th	TBA	Visit to the Lucy Osburn Museum
	25th	9.30 am	Monthly meeting
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March	11th	11.00 am	Inter-Club Friendship Lunch
	18th	TBA	Bushwalk
	25th	9.30 am	Monthly meeting

All contributors please note:

DEADLINE for the next News Sheet is Friday 14th February 2014, but early reports are always most welcome.

Note: reports should be sent to - wtuffs34@optusnet.com.au

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28th January, 2014

President's Message

When I reflect back over the past year I have a sense of the fellowship and caring that permeates our Club. There has been some sadness and loss but overall we have had a year when we enjoyed our various activities and met in true friendship.

Just before Christmas, John Sutton, Marie Riley, Yvonne Chandler and I attended an information luncheon attended by Gary Blackler of PSPL. It was interesting to gain a greater understanding of how PSPL operates and since then we have received communication that our fees will rise. This will be a subject of discussion at the next committee meeting.

At the December committee meeting, it was decided to create a new non-committee position, that of Inter-club Liaison Officer, for a trial period of one year starting in March. I agreed to serve in that position and hope to promote better communication between Clubs in our area so that we can enjoy a wider range of outings and activities.

I am pleased to be able to say that there is a candidate for every position at the March AGM. Thank you to all who have put up their hands, especially the newer members. March will indeed be a busy month as we have the Inter-Club Friendship trivia and lunch event; and a group of 18 will be going to Lord Howe Island for a week. It will also be the 30th anniversary of our Club and plans are afoot to mark the occasion.

May 2014 keep you in good health and bring you many enjoyable days ahead.

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From November 2013 General Meeting

Profile talk: Gerry Turner spoke about her involvement with Toastmasters. Her husband John had been a long-standing member of a Toastmasters club in Sydney. When they moved to Perth 46 years ago, he started a Toastmasters club there. Gerry, who had been instrumental in convincing many men to join his club, then decided to start a Toastmistresses club for women. Their first meeting in an open restaurant next to a bar had been disastrous! They subsequently moved to more friendly accommodation in a Salvation Army conference room. Her club supported the Freedom from Hunger cause by speaking many times to groups about it. After moving back to Sydney, John went back to this old Club and Gerry joined a Toastmistresses club. Gerry continued in her club for many years. However, John only lasted one meeting after he discovered that his old club had become mixed. Gerry concluded by remarking that, once you join Toastmasters, you never stop talking.

Guest Speakers: Our speakers were Sue Watson (daughter of Gerry Turner) and Sue's daughter-in-law Heather Watson. They spoke about Project Futures – a Sydney-based non-profit organisation that is working to rescue young girls from sex trafficking. Heather said that sex trafficking is the largest form of modern day slavery, with over 2 million children exploited each year. The problem exists in Australia, but is far worse overseas. In Cambodia, parents can obtain enough money to support their family for a year by selling a daughter into sex slavery. Poverty and lack of education are often key factors in forcing girls into this industry. Attempting to combat this terrible problem is extremely difficult and dangerous. The enormous amount of money involved attracts organised crime, and police corruption is rife. Project Futures was established in 2009 by Stephanie Lorenzo. Its aim is to give girls in sex slavery the opportunity to be rehabilitated. The funds that they raise are used to provide shelter, education including learning English, and job skills. They also provide a crèche for minding the girls' babies. AIDS is prevalent in Cambodia and, in the absence of retroviral drugs, many of the girls that they are attempting to save die from this disease. Sue told how her son Tom had undertaken a bike ride across Vietnam and Cambodia to raise funds to fight sex trafficking. She made a visit to Cambodia to see him, and during this trip she met Sue. This eventually led to Sue and Tom's marriage.

What's On

The Woy Woy Little Theatre has released the programme for 2014

– Four Plays – details below

There are 2 subscription packages available:

- 1) Choose 4 plays for the subscription package - concession \$72.00
- 2) Choose 3 plays - concession \$55.00. If you choose the 3 play option then please nominate the 3 performances you would like to see.

The Theatre Group will be attending

- 1) STRAIGHT & NARROW – on Sunday 2 March 2014 at 2.00 pm
- 2) A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE – on Sunday 25 May at 2.00 pm
- 3) INSIGNIFICANCE – on Sunday 10 August at 2.00 pm
- 4) THE ODD COUPLE – on Sunday 9 November at 2.00 pm

The seating at the Woy Woy Little Theatre is allocated in order of payment of subscriptions so it's a good idea to book early. If you would like further information please let me know.

If you would like to join the group then please email jnborme@bigpond.com or phone 43810027

Best wishes,

Barbara Orme

More One Liners

1. If we aren't supposed to eat animals, why are they made with meat?
2. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
3. Out of my mind. Back in five minutes.
4. A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
5. As long as there are tests, there will be prayer in public schools.
6. Laugh alone and the world thinks you're an idiot.
7. Sometimes I wake up grumpy; other times I let her sleep.
8. The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the ability to reach it.
9. Be nice to your kids. They'll choose your nursing home.
10. I took an IQ test and the results were negative.
11. Okay, who stopped the payment on my reality check?

Two 90 year old men, Mike and Joe , have been friends all of their lives. When it's clear that Joe is dying, Mike visits him every day. One day Mike says, " Joe , we both loved rugby all our lives, and we played rugby on Saturdays together for so many years. Please do me one favour, when you get to Heaven, somehow you must let me know if there's rugby there."

Joe looks up at Mike from his death bed, " Mike, you've been my best friend for many years. If it's at all possible, I'll do this favour for you." Shortly after that, Joe passes on.

At midnight a couple of nights later, Mike is awakened from a sound sleep by a blinding flash of white light and a voice calling out to him, "Mike--Mike."

"Who is it?" asks Mike sitting up suddenly. "Who is it?"

"Mike--it's me, Joe ."

"You're not Joe . Joe just died."

"I'm telling you, it's me, Joe ," insists the voice.

"Joe ! Where are you?"

"In heaven", replies Joe . "I have some really good news and a little bad news."

"Tell me the good news first," says Mike.

"The good news," Joe says," is that there's rugby in heaven. Better yet, all of our old friends who died before us are here, too. Better than that, we're all young again. Better still, it's always spring time and it never rains or snows. And best of all, we can play rugby all we want, and we never get tired."

That's fantastic," says Mike. "It's beyond my wildest dreams! So what's the bad news?"

"You're in the team for this Saturday."



Bushwalking

As previously advised, the Bushwalking Group is in recess for the summer months. The first walk for the year will be on Tuesday 18th of March, and full details will be in the February

John Sutton.

Election of President and Committee for the year 2014-2015 – Rule 5(c)

Your attention is drawn to the Annual General Meeting to be held on 25 March 2014 and the election of a President and Committee members for the ensuing year.

Nomination forms are now available from me and should be returned no later than the February General Meeting.

Richard Collins
Secretary

February Birthdays

Congratulations to those members who are celebrating their birthdays in February.

Roy Bird Colin Laybutt Rhoda Roberts
Isabelle Drew Arthur Adeney



February Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following couple who are celebrating their anniversary in February.



Ruth and Reg Charlesworth

Today's Debate

Instead of the normal guest speaker at today's meeting, we will have a debate between members of the Club. The Topic will be "That professionalism is ruining sport". The Affirmative team will be Diane Rudd, John Mulford and Michael Ryan, while the Negative case will be argued by Rhoda Roberts, John Orme and Richard Collins. The debate will be adjudicated by Paul White – a teacher recently retired from Erina High School. Paul has visited the Club on several occasions at our August Debates as the accompanying teacher for the Erina High School team.



Golf Report

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Our 2013 Championship was completed on 6 December with the winner for the third year in a row being Diane Rudd.

Diane had two very good nine hole rounds of 49 during the Championship giving her an 18 hole total of 98 and a net score of 60 (6 under par) beating the field by 3 strokes.

Wally Tuffs had the lowest 18 hole score off the stick of 83 highlighted by his first round nine hole score of 39.

The golf course is in terrific condition but not much is happening at the moment for various reasons and I hope we are all soon back in the swing of things.

John Rudd

Social Events

Tuesday 11th February, 2014 Visit the Lucy Osburn Museum,
Sydney Hospital, Macquarie Street, Sydney

Travel: Train (Travel information available today)

Cost: \$5.00 per person. Pay on day.

Lunch: (Optional) Numerous places nearby.

Numbers required TODAY, please.

**Tuesday 11th March, 2014 INTER-CLUB FRIENDSHIP LUNCH
and TRIVIA**

Venue: Breakers Country Club, 64 Dover Rd, Terrigal. UBD Map 89, L5

Time: 11.00 am

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Numbers and payment required by February meeting, please.

Tuesday 8th April, 2014 Newcastle Tram Tour

Travel: Train (Travel information available at March meeting)

Cost: \$15.00 per person. Pay on the day.

Numbers required by March meeting, please.

Ruth Charlesworth

Treasurer's Report

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Cheque account

	Balance at March 1, 2013	\$312.58	
	<i>Year to date</i>		<i>December</i>
Income	\$3,080.00		nil
Expenses	\$3,009.21		nil
		Balance	\$383.37



Savings account

	Balance at March 1, 2013	\$1,006.14	
	<i>Year to date</i>		<i>December</i>
Deposits	\$500.00		nil
Interest	\$32.33		\$2.28
Withdrawals	\$500.00		nil
		Balance	\$1,038.47

Combined net balance at December 31, 2013 \$1,421.84

Barry Riley

Welfare Report

Our members are doing well as we start the new year.

Lorraine Southgate has finished her chemotherapy earlier than originally expected and is now undertaking radiotherapy treatment. All being well she should now be finished treatment in time to join the Probus trip to Lord Howe Island in March.

We were delighted to see George Costigan recovering well and able to join the group at the Recovery Picnic following his successful surgery early in January.

Patrick Leonard has also had successful surgery and he and Thelma should be back home again during the week before the January Probus meeting.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2014

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