

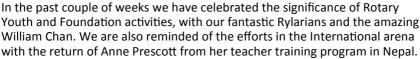
The Wahroongler



Bulletin of The Rotary Club of WAHROONGA

Chartered 1975 and Meeting at 7.15 am Wednesdays, at Warrawee Bowling Club Rotary Australia's first Breakfast Club 6th February 2019, Vol 44, No 29

Stuart's Scribblings





This week it is the turn of our Vocational Committee to take centre stage. When we describe the objects of Rotary to other people, in terms of Community, International and Youth activities, they readily understand the type of work we do. However "Vocational" is somewhat harder to explain. To us, it is clearly described in the "Objects of Rotary", the words of which you will all hear when we induct another new member this week.

The second objective states that we will encourage and foster; "high ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society". As part of this objective, we choose to recognise people in our local community who demonstrate these standards and who encourage others to do the same. That forms the basis of the Vocational Excellence Awards to be presented at our meeting this week.

The next major activity for our Club falls under the "Community" banner. The annual Bobbin Head Cycle Classic - The "Bobbo", will take place on Sunday March 24th. The key requirement on the day is to provide marshals along the route. This year we have volunteered to manage an additional team of marshals, so we will be responsible for all of the route from Terry Hills, right out to West Head and back. This is going to require around 130 marshals. Christine Biddle is our fearless volunteer co-ordinator for the event, and she is depending upon us all to put our hands up. We will of course get support from our beneficiaries, The Women's Shelter and Hornsby Connect, but we will also need to recruit friends and family. We need to "wake up" everyone who supported us last year, plus round up a few more volunteers. Hopefully we may have a few new recruits from the creation of our new Rotaract Club. We will know more about that following the Rotaract interest meetings to be held later this month. Prior to the day, all volunteer marshals (particularly those who have not volunteered in previous years) need to attend a briefing. The briefing for our Club will be at our breakfast meeting on 13th March. Please put that in your diaries.

Before the Bobbo is out of the way, we will also have to start gearing up for the Novus Dinner, but more about that next week....

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Last Week @ WBC

President Stuart welcomed Speaker, William Chan and RYLArians Malachy Smith with mum Louise and sister Veronica, and Joshua

McKenna. The meeting will be somewhat different today.

John Cameron introduced our speaker.

William Chan is an urbanist and design strategist with a passion to create resilient and inclusive places for people. Educated in Australia and Italy, William graduated with the University Medal in Architecture and Convocation Medal from the University of Sydney, while his Dottore Magistrale thesis on smart cities was awarded cum laude.

With architecture and design experience in both the private and public sector, William is a World Economic Forum Global Shaper and Fellow in sustain-

able cities with the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN). He is in New York as a Research Affiliate with the Center for Sustainable Urban Development (CSUD) at Columbia University's Earth Institute.

William's personal work has been exhibited globally across 40 cities. An advocate for city futures, he co-authored the UN-Habitat World Urban Youth Declaration and as a World Design Organization signatory, helped launch the new World Design Agenda that champions the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

William Chan Thank you everyone. In 2015 it was a great honour to get the Global Grant Scholarship. He had the distinction of being in the new program that replaced the Global Ambassador Scholarship that sends you overseas through the Global Grant Scholarship funded by the Rotary Foundation.

His Rotary journey began when he was 11 when he helped the local RC as a volunteer with community service activities. Then in High School he was in the Interact Club and its president in Yr 11. In his uni years he went to RYLA and the Rotary Conference.

His journey through Rotary has been very exciting—to show him and help him be able to understand and appreciate the support and generosity from Rotarians.

His opportunity in Italy was for two and half years doing his Masters in Architecture. His specialisation was in water and sanitation.

His undergraduate degree and work in Sydney was with slum dwellers in India and South Africa and sanitation where they have no proper access to toilets.

In his interview for the Global Grant Scholarship he was able to point out that Rotary started in the US to raise money to build a local public toilet and it shows that sanitation is still a priority for local Rotary clubs.

People in developing countries still have no drinkable water and sanitation.

From Milan he went to England. He wanted to study more of the technical side of water and sanitation works. His degree at Sydney Uni focused more on design, innovation and solutions. He wanted some new experience with sanitation and to focus more on water. In Europe there is great importance of water in the environment. In his first year he went to Venice and the Biennale the most prestigious event. That year architecture focused on the design of great resilient cities. The theme was 'Resilience and Environments'.

People and cities can live and inhabit a natural environment. How you mitigate the current situations to achieve a more natural environment, with sea levels and flooding is the challenge.

The Amsterdam Conference focused on design changes in the world. The Dutch have done a lot to manage flooding in cities and the countryside. They have found that you can work with nature and the environment and that flooding is part of the natural environment so

they have parks and reserves where they let the water in and not block it out. By working with the environment they can achieve better environmental care together.

Other areas pushing research include understanding new ways to capture water and the infrastructure.

- * There are <u>Christo's "Floating Piers" on Iseo Lake in north Italy</u>. They are large walkways covered in gold. He was invited by the uni to be amongst the first 4,000 people to walk on it to the island.
- * Another team is looking at green algae in a lake and using technology to harvest it for energy. If you stir it up it gets excited and with more oxygen it produces heat and using a bioreactor this can be converted to energy.
- * Other people use and collect algae to put on the façade of buildings. With sunlight it gets excited and this can be converted to energy to heat water for the building, or energy for power, or to send the excess back to the grid.

We need to work with the community. Bioreactors were voted the # 1 solution to create renewable energy. But they are incredibly expensive now and we need to learn how people re-imagine and experience the natural landscape to help the community.

They need to look at water for communities that have no clean, safe water and help to build the much needed infrastructure, especially for those people on islands across communities near the equator.

* There is a system for fog harvesting. Fog is humid. If you capture it you can transfer the moisture to liquid. The question is what material to use. Fine netting is the most efficient to capture it from the atmosphere.

Fog capture nets can go onto urban furniture in streets that gives the public access. The textures and textiles that generate water when there is no liquid water is a key research area.

William's overseas experience was quite incredible. It was taught in English. Half the students were from Italy and the others were international students, mostly from the Middle East and eastern Europe. There were language barriers, but he pushed himself outside his comfort zone. He chose a non-English speaking country for his studies as Rotary is also about cultural experience, not just doing academic study.

He took Italian lessons for one semester and can get around with the basics. Getting used to the bureaucracy took some time though.

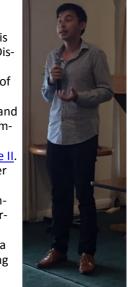
He could not have done it without his host RC in Milan. William did his own research as to which club would be suitable for him and which District. He emailed them directly to approach them. It turned out they had strong relations with the uni he was to attend and also had a lot of architects in this RC who worked across Milan.

There were camps and socialising too to help raise social awareness and this does make a difference to the experience. Understanding the community and their ways of doing things also helped.

He had a RC breakfast at the Duomo in the <u>Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II</u>. Everyone was in suits and ties and very fancy dresses. He had a dinner in a <u>former castle</u>, where the paintings went up to the ceiling.

Their RC has very formal meetings each week and they are as passionate about Rotary as you are. This was a wonderful experience of International Rotary.

Back home he has been applying for something in Australia. There is a lot of innovation in Europe, but less here in Australia. William is seeing where his skills sets can lie and where he can use his knowledge.



He wants to look at waste repurposing, For now he will continue to work on his own social initiatives, especially in Greece with waste water, sewerage & single use plastics. He's looking at upcycling to have a circular economy where you can recycle goods in some way.

He has been to Greece twice last year and is looking at plastic waste in refugee camps. A lot of architects are doing work with refugees, where they can set up 3D printing labs and can fabricate labs for young people to learn about design and to make things in 3D, then print their own objects. They can learn to program and this has been William's Education Project to teach young people how to re-use the plastic waste in the camps. They can build their own machines that then produce 3D printing so refugees in the camp context can build things with the help of Unicef. Waste and young people can have an influential role in Australia or overseas. It can make a huge difference to marginalised communities to be able to make stuff.

In <u>Colombia</u> water sanitation is the focus for slum dwellers and this is part of the solution to meet UN sustainable goals.

John Cameron this is not possible without the generosity of everyone in the District that is an incredible effort. There are no local grants for scholars to go on with their studies. Thank you for the investment you have made.

Q&A *Jim Verco* more a comment—most would wonder what did we do with our lives ... At 23 William, what do you plan to do with yours?

William how you build other people to empower them to build capacity. A lot of people build their own capacity, not just like him with opportunities.

In Greece he's worked with refugee communities and making a sense of work empowers young people to make their own differences. Lot of charities still function in this area.

He'd like to do more with refugees from Afghanistan and Iraq.

It is inspiring to hear of local young people in Australia taking on their own start ups.

As a new architect he wants to explore his career and be able to do work that makes an impact in his career now that the degree is out of the way.

Bob Howe wondered if it was possible to fund him as a lead person in an overall project with money from clubs and the District, eg. with the <u>Rohingya</u> in Bangladesh. How many clubs could be involved to employ him to do this?

William his work is in its infancy stage and he has worked very hard to get this far. He also currently works full time with an architectural firm in the city.

He wants to make sure any help is meaningful to the beneficiaries of the work with young people and children, so he will continue the conversation as he builds up with scale and works with other refugee communities.



In local high schools students interested in science can learn how to turn plastics in Australia by designing printers from 3D machines that can benefit people across the board.

Marg Sachs thanked William for his academic career, scholarship and career overseas and what you do for Rotary to give back for the future, whether in your local job or what you take on to help people in cities whose water is not as clean and fresh as it is here.



Phill Comfort with his experience of RYLA—today the last two of four RYLArians will tell us about their experience of the RYLA week. Malachy and Joshua have recovered after 2-3 weeks since it finished.

Joshua McKenna is a Dubbo boy who came to Sydney to Knox to live and work and to help young boys.

Thank you for the opportunity—it was good.

They told us about the styles of leadership—he always thought leaders think forward and think fast. He's found that leadership is taking a step back and helping people that helps him more.

They gave the Bird analogy of leadership —The <u>DOPE Model</u> for Doves, Owls, Peacocks and Eagles. He thought of himself as an eagle, but found he is more of a dove, as he is caring and not just task oriented.

If you are always in your comfort zone you never step outside it. At 23 he could've learnt a lot more.

Leadership is not that you have to have all the ideas as other people can come up with effective leadership.

Each committee or concert gave them a chance to be outside their comfort zone and be encouraged to try new things and have fun.

There are quotes that resonate with him from the camp —

- * You put your own glass ceilings in place.
- * You can have it all, but its more how you get it.

Communications and psychology are big business now and leads on to then. If you are more comfortable you'll be happy. You can take more then 10%, not the 90% because if you can be a friend when someone needs one, you end up with more in life.

Since the camp and going outside his comfort zone, he has joined a dance club at Willoughby. Five years ago if you'd have said he'd join a dance club, he'd have laughed at you, but now he's in one.

He plans on joining the Rotaract Club and is on the committee setting it up to bring value to more people.

He also supports the Knox Junior School's Interact Club, that is due to start in 1-2 weeks. He wants to give back and show you how much you guys have changed his life.

Malachy Smith he'd like to add to everything Joshua said. He thought a leader was a big strong man with shoulders back and there was a special way to be a leader. He was keen to learn the multiple ways to be a leader.

He was confronted as he was not the best at everything. You see where you are and the challenges. Despite their different experiences the great reflection groups they went through were humbling.

* You are not here to be someone, you are here to be you, and a better you.

This broke down the layers in seconds.

They looked at how they work and how to work better; know who you are and how you use your skills and talents to help others.

He graduated from high school last year and to finish this program was really humbling. He is most thankful to RYLA, as he is off to uni this year and it has helped







what he's learned in dance moves he asked Barbara to

join him.



She's having fun, left and he's having fun, below and **John Cameron** returned to tell us more about the Scholarship awards and the Global Grant Scholarship and to get them in more perspective.

There are two programs—Rotary Peace Fellowships with two options -

The first is at a Masters level for 15-24 mths, including 2-3 mths of field study It is run in five different Peace Centres around the world: Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA; The International Christian University in Tokyo, in Japan; the University of Bradford, Bradford, UK; University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia and Uppsala University,

Uppsala, Sweden. This program is valued at \$US75K and 50 scholars undertake their Masters study in these programs each year.

The second program is shorter and is a Professional Development Certificate for 3 mths and includes 2-3 weeks of field study. It is run at the University of Chulalongkorn in Bangkok, Thailand and another 50 scholars attend this one each year.

These are funded by Rotary International through the Foundation.

The Global Grant Scholarship we have 4-5 under way at present. They have \$15K from the District which your money provides and it is matched by the Rotary Foundation 100%.

Bob Howe was a recipient of the previous Global Ambassador Scholarship.

On the question of how it relates to us—whatever your imagination can do.

Kopanang is seeking a Global Grant. Jo Karaolis and Sr Sheila are seeking a pilot for it that will go on to a Global Grant for South Arica. Not all goes exactly though.

William and others come back to Australia. Some others are overseas. South African Peace Fellow could work for Kopanang and this could be organised locally, or from overseas. PCYC had a Business Grant Award and was cross matched with us a few years ago.



Sgt Jo called for **Announcements** She reminded us of the Golf Day on 1st March supporting StreetWork. Get your teams together and register. There's a BBQ Lunch and family and friends can join in for Dinner at the Golf Club.

Christine Biddle is **Mrs Bobbo** again this year on 24th March. We've been allocated three areas to marshal this year so will need more volunteers than before.



Novus is on and she and Ann are on the Committee and want you to think of prizes, the date and what to wear. Talk more later.

Neil McWhannell sent a puzzle for last week's Wahroongler. He thought Rochelle Wiley had won, but you need an eye for detail, so the prize is still open—look at the detail.

Hs&Ts Rob Hamilton won today.

Fines Rochelle Wiley announced her mother turned 100 and really enjoyed her celebrations— with letters from The Queen, PM, Premier and pollies. She donated \$100.

Her claim to fame was she was the first person to take a sexual harassment case to court against her boss in 1937. She was working as a typist and her boss kissed her. She ran out into the street and told a policeman and because he still had her lipstick evidence on his lips he was fined twenty pounds.

Peter Smith has two rabbits in his front garden. They ate his succulents and he stayed up all night watching them. He received a double fine as there were 2 rabbits.

Ian Faulks with a Dorothy Dixer—each of our Rotary scholars at RYLA, all referred to their comfort zone. Could Phill Comfort please explain what it is, as he is obviously the most qualified to answer this and why is it so comforting.

Phill Comfort was in his comfort zone then. Not many people know that Ian Faulks is related to <u>Guy Fawkes</u> who focused in the Gunpowder Plot of 1605 to blow up Parliament.





President Stuart wow—mayhem and confusion!

Jim Verco X-F Neil McWhannell for wasting so many people's time.

Peter Kirkwood welcome back from Vanuatu where he was with five grandchildren and their parents. He'd phoned his son to find that the score was 3:2 Fulham—vital for a lifelong supporter.

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Anne Prescott is just back from Nepal, not 100% in health. It was an exceptional trip and the students were fantastic.

Ross and Kelly Emsley helped to rebuild Bairubi last year and came again this year. It was fantastic with the teachers, as she knows so many of them, which helped make it very, very successful.

Each January for a long time, she has taken a group of teachers and anyone else to Nepal. They train teachers in Maths, English and Science Teaching. They work with primary teachers who get no teacher education at all. They generally have left school after Yr 8. This time we concentrated on classroom management.

One fellow had skills in First Aid and worked with St John Ambulance, so he did some First Aid training.

We aim to teach teachers how to teach. They teach as they were taught, but not her students, and its not necessarily the best way. This program has been really successful over the years and it is usually in January.

There is one warning if you want to come - it is camping with squat toilets and the weather is usually 16°-18°. In Kathmandu it is generally 11° a little cooler.

President Stuart with other matters -

Rhada Simhadri had a birthday two days ago.

Thank you to our guests.

Next week Ken will be hosting the Vocational Awards and February is for you to invite a friend.



ANNIVERSARY

Ann Davidson – 1 year!! 24th Jan Our ace raffle seller









BREAKFAST MEETINGS WELCOME FOR SENIORS -ROTARY CLUB ON WAHROONGA

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All welcome. Enjoy breakfast, hear from our wonderful speakers, learn about our community service, make new friends and connections. We help support local and overseas projects such as ARI, Streetwork, KYDS, Hornsby Ku-ring-gai PCYC, Hornsby Ku-ring-gai, Women's Shelter, BOBBO Ride, Lifeline H2H, San Run for Life, Salvos Red Shield Appeal, Cancer Council Daffodil Day, St Lucy's and St Edmund's Special Schools, Hornsby Connect, Nepal Bansanta Foundation.



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President John Zhang and the **Chinese New Year Committee Cordially Invite you** To Celebrate our 9th Anniversary &The Year of the Earth Pig







Chinese New Year

To bring awareness to Mental Health, please wear your favourite hat to participate in our Hat Competition. Funds raised proceed to Australian Rotary Health, Mental Health

Tuesday, 12TH Feb. 2019, 6.30pm for 7pm Venue: King Dynasty Chinese Restaurant Level 6, Chatswood Westfield Shopping Centre

Cost: \$80 pp RSVP: 1st February **Event Chair. PP Maria Chan** mariamichiko8@gmail.com



Community Service Chair, Agnes Yiu agneshviu@gmail.com





Seniors' Festival is on the Ku-ring-gai Council website.

http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/ Things to do/For/Seniors/Seniors events The video booklet shows pages of participants and we are in for two of our meetings in February.

Dates are 13th Feb and 20th Feb if people want to book in for a meeting. NB, they only get one for free.

Ku-ring-gai Council event - Senior's Festival

The Senior's Festival is an annual festival running February-March this year, that offers a range of fun and sociable events catering for seniors of all interests.

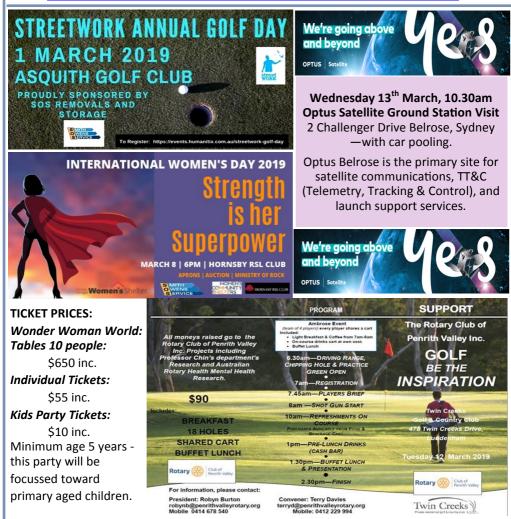
The aim is to encourage seniors to find new interests, meet new people and learn about the wide range of local services and resources available in the community.

Everything for Senior's Day - Tuesday 19 February St Ives Village Green Community Hall

This free community event will provide seniors and their families with everything they need to know about local activities and services.

Community organisations, clubs and groups will showcase all the fun and caring services and activities that they provide for seniors. There will be information stalls where home support services staff will chat about how to access services, as well as presentations, musical performances and talks on topics of interest.

Link: http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/Services facilities/For/Seniors/Seniors events



6th Feb - Club Meeting, Ken Broadhead— Vocational & Community Service Awards

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Rotaract Club



Join us at our interest meeting 13th Feb 6pm and / or 16th Feb 11am

Conference Room, PCYC Waitara (by Waitara Station) Light refreshments provided

For further information check out our Facebook page @wahroongarotar email rotaract@wahroongarotary.org or scan the QR code below





Apology: to William Chan for mixing up his introduction as Richard last week



Read more about Rotaract:

Regards, Ian Cameron,
District 9685 Cluster 2 COTA Representative

https://wahroongarotary.org/sitepage/proposed-rotaract-club-of-hornsby-ku-ring-gai/

LINKS What is Rotary? VIP Dates for 2018-2019

Rotary Rocks 29-31.3.2019 Novus 2019 announcement

Bobbo Sponsorship Prospectus Bobbo 2019

Rotary International's Hamburg Conference 2019

Carlingford RC Youth Exchange Welcome Home Dinner 8 Feb

Chatswood RC's Invitation Chinese New Year & Hat Day, 12 Feb

Chatswood RC Flyer for CNY, 12 Feb

Rotary Public Image Newsletter to read before 17 Feb

Hills Kellyville RC Invitation to Bollywood Dinner, 2 March

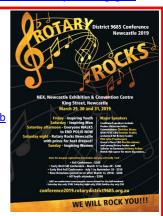
Golf Day 12 Mar with Penrith Valley RC

Optus Satellite Ground Station 13 March with RCoW

<u>Dementia Café Flyer</u> <u>Dementia Café in February</u> <u>Rotary District Conference</u>

<u>Judith O'Connor's 100th Birthday</u>—thanks to Rochelle for these pics of her mother's 100th

<u>Phone Scam</u> <u>Coffee Shop Ad</u> <u>Video on Australia</u>



The Rotary Club of Wahroonga Link for Stuart's Saints: 2018-2019 Board & Committees

ATTENDANCE AT THE LAST MEETING AT WBC

Attendance: 45/63 members, 71.43% or 73.02% with 1 applied Make-up

Apologies: James Edmundson, Karen Gair, Terrence Hodge, Stephen McGregor, Richard

Pitt, Sandra van Dijk

Visiting Rotarians: Rob Ferguson (Hon Life Member)

Visitors: William Chan - Speaker (Stuart Armstrong), Malachy Smith and Joshua McKenna RYLArians (Phillip Comfort), Louise Smith - Malachy's Mum and Veronica Smith -

Malachy's sister (Philip Comfort), Emma Collinge (Helen Clarke)

Applied Make-up Applied Credit for: Sue Owen (RYLA Dinner on Jan 15)

RECEPTION & HOSPITALITY ROSTER, from Club's Website for the year

If you are unable to attend any day please arrange a substitute and inform **Len Stanley** at **len.stanley29@gmail.com** or 0420 849 017, or 9144 4049

Date	Set up & Put away	Hospitality	Reception (2 Rotarians)
6 th Feb	Rob Giacometti	Brett Goods	Ross Grant, Colin Grundy
13 th Feb	Brett Goods	Rob Giacometti	Colin Grundy, Ross Grant
20 th Feb	Ross Grant	Colin Grundy	Rob Giacometti, Brett Goods

CLUB & DISTRICT DIARY for 2019

- 8 Feb RC Carlingford Welcome Home Youth Exchange Students Dinner \$40pp RSVP 1 Feb
- 12 Feb at 6.30pm RC Chatswood International, Chinese NY + Hat Day, \$80pp RSVP 1 Feb
- 13 Feb at 6pm &/or 16 Feb at 11am at PCYC for Rotaract Meeting
- 17 Feb 10am-4pm at Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club, Promoting Rotary's Public Image
- 19 Feb at St Ives Village Green, Everything for Senior's Day
- 1 Mar Asquith Golf Club, StreetWork Annual Golf Day & BBQ—needs teams of players TICKETS: https://events.humanitix.com.au/streetwork-golf-day
- 2 Mar at 6.30pm RC Hills Kellyville, Bollywood 3 course Sub-continent Dinner, \$50pp
- 8 Mar HKWS Super Capes, Hornsby RSL 6 pm
- 12 Mar at 8.30am RC Penrith Valley Inc B/fast, 18 holes Golf & Buffet Lunch, \$90pp
- 13 Mar 10.30 after Bobbo Briefing at meeting, Visit to Optus Satellite Ground Station, Belrose
- 16 Mar PETS—President Elect Training Seminar—compulsory for 2019-20 Presidents
- 24 Mar BOBBO Cycle Classic—more volunteers needed—see Christine Biddle
- 29-31 Mar 2019 Rotary Rocks, Rotary District Conference, Newcastle
- 14 Apr District Assembly Training for all 2019-20 Board Members & executives
- 25 May 2019—Novus 2019, please pop it in your Diary for 2019
- 1-5 June 2019—Rotary International Conference Hamburg & 29 June—District Changeover

SPEAKERS' PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY-MARCH 2019

- 13 Feb Club Meeting, Richard Dougan BCEF Handover of cheque+Senior's Festival Guests
- 20 Feb Club Meeting, Louise Azzopardi + Senior's Festival Guests
- 27 Feb Club Meeting NYSF Attendees (3) National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) plus RYPEN (TBC) Sue Owen
- 6 Mar Club Meeting International Women's Day Marking IWD Lucy Dahill & Club Service Doug Reid Club Service C'mttee Meeting