

The Essence of Life



Alison Perrott
President

possible; record some of it for prosperity!

My sincere thanks to Tiron Manning and the committee for stepping in for me whilst I took some time out with my family. Members should be pleased to know that the committee is very strong, filled with very capable and motivated individuals.

Our local speaker for the day was Garth Russell, a very experienced interviewer with many years at the ABC who explained the importance of storytelling. Garth explained that every individual has a story to tell, even if they think "they haven't done much with their life". He shared with attendees a number of heartwarming stories about people from throughout the region. Garth also spoke about his business, A Life Recording, which is a filmed interview of a person for family and friends to keep forever. As Garth says "it captures the essence and stories of the people we love with warmth, humour and compassion".

Liesl Tesch then reminded members of the fragility of our bodies but how the power of our minds can overcome even the most pessimistic prognosis. A bike accident in 1998 left Liesl in a wheelchair, so she turned her attention to wheelchair basketball piloting the Gliders to silver medals at Sydney 2000 and Athens 2004 and bronze in Beijing 2008. Then in 2011 she changed sports, becoming a sailor and with Daniel Fitzgibbon brought home a Paralympic Gold medal from London in 2012 – what an amazing lady! Punctuated with laughter, the message of taking safety at work or home seriously was clear and pronounced.

I think the saying goes that no one is "irreplaceable" but our speakers in July certainly shared with all who attended that life is very special and we should make the most of every second, and if

Liesl also shared the story of losing her mum while preparing to compete in London 2012 which brought a tear to many at the luncheon. She is an inspiration to all and thank you to Wheeling & Able and WorkCover for ensuring Liesl was available to present.

Whilst holidaying in Canberra and a rare absentee from the Club luncheons I was very privileged to visit the National Portrait Gallery. The guide was very quick to point out a wonderful and rare exhibition currently on display at the gallery "Paris to Monaro: Pleasures from the studio of Hilda Rix Nicholas". I was totally in awe of her work which has been underscored by "an uncompromising patriotism" and very proud that the club has a lasting association with the artist. For those who are not aware, in 1976 the Newcastle Business Club presented the people of Newcastle with "The Summer House", painted on a property in the southern NSW Monaro District in around 1931 by Hilda Rix Nicholas. It was purchased to mark the inauguration of the Club Awards. I recommend a visit to the Gallery AND to propose candidates for the Awards. Entry forms can be found on the website and close 15 September 2013. A picture of The Summer House can be found on the last page of VISION.

Next month we welcome Scott Evans from the National Stock Exchange (NSX) and Gordon Weiss, a Director of ActionAid who will share his experiences in his role for the UN and the refugee crisis we are dealing with.

I look forward to seeing you at the 13 August luncheon at Harbourside on Level 2.

With kind regards,

Alison Perrott
2013 President



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Upcoming speakers & events

August Luncheon

Tuesday, 13 August

12.15pm for

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Gordon Weiss

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Gordon Weiss's spent two decades abroad, working in conflict and disaster zones, and spending a dozen years with the United Nations.

He is the founding advisor to the International Crimes Evidence Project, an Australian-based organisation of international military, prosecutorial, and investigative experts currently investigating war crimes.

In 2011 he published globally "The Cage: The Fight for Sri Lanka and the Last Days of the Tamil Tigers" (Random House and Pan Macmillan, select reviews below).

He gladly calls Newcastle home.

Scott Evans, General Manager National Stock Exchange of Australia

For the past 12 years Scott Evans has the General Manager and Company Secretary of the National Stock Exchange of Australia (formerly Newcastle Stock Exchange).

Scott reports to various boards of the NSX Limited Group and its subsidiaries as Company Secretary and as General Manager. Scott is responsible for the Group's operations including finance, trading, settlement, compliance and surveillance activities of the National Stock Exchange of Australia Limited and SIM Venture Securities Exchange Limited.

Scott previously worked for the Australian Securities Exchange as National Manager, Information Products and for Reuters PLC as Historical Database Manager Asia/Pacific.



Scott Evans

speakers

Suggest a speaker

Each year the committee of the Club source presenters from a range of backgrounds to speak at our luncheons. We encourage you to get involved by suggesting potential speakers - both for our local and our keynote sessions.

Please contact Junior Vice President Holly Martin to make a suggestion on 0403 293 880 or info@justholly.com.au

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Last month at the Club



L-R: Garth Russell, Tiron Manning, Liesl Tesch



L-R: Cassie Quak, Kelly Wood, Cassie Fitzpatrick



L-R: Glen Walker, Kim Britton



L-R: Jan Campbell, Kellie O'Sullivan



L-R: Earl Rennie, Kate Grob, Jackiy Ilievski



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Newcastle Business Club Annual Awards

In 1975 Newcastle Business Club recognised that there were many organisations and individuals that were making significant contributions to the commonweal of this city.

That year, the Club decided to make an annual award to a business, organisation or an individual who during that year, made a significant contribution toward the improvement of industry, culture, education or sport for the citizens of the city of Newcastle.

At that time, the Newcastle Regional Art Gallery project was underway and the Club decided to make a presentation to the Art Gallery of a major work of art for its permanent collection. The Summerhouse, by Hilda Rix Nicholas (pictured right) was presented to the Art Gallery in 1977. It remains at our regional art gallery as one of the community's valued art pieces.



Since 1977, this Club has made one presentation each year to an impressive line-up of Novocastrian people and organisations. We place a print of the Hilda Rix Nicholas painting in the annual award presentation certificates.

Nominations are now open and close on 15 September 2013. The winners will be announced at the November luncheon. To nominate, please contact mail@newcastlebusinessclub.com.au

Advertise with VISION

A benefit of membership of the Club is that members are able to advertise with VISION by placing an insert in the monthly magazine.

This insert is DL size and 400 copies must be provided to the Secretary no later than the second Tuesday of the month.

For only \$250 your insert will reach the entire membership of the Club.

For more information contact Junior Vice President Holly Martin on 0403 293 880 or holly@justholly.com.au

Keep up to date on the Club

Newcastle Business Club members can receive an eNewsletter highlighting the guest speakers for that month.

If you are not presently receiving these emails and would like to be added to the secure mailing list please send an email to mail@newcastlebusinessclub.com.au

Networking at the Club

Networking sessions are available to financial members of Newcastle Business Club and are held during most luncheon meetings. Members are allowed 90 seconds to promote their business news to luncheon guests. For further information please contact Senior Vice President Greg Valentine on 0419 351 952 or info@successionready.com.au

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