



Bulletin 8 of 26th of August

Zoom Meeting with District Governor Amanda Roach



It was great to have 25 attendees to an informal meeting with our district Governor Amanda Roach and Past DG Adrian via Zoom. We also had Area Governor Christine Walmsley and Pam Welham From Belmont Rotary with us.

Amanda is a member of Rylestone- Kandos Rotary and has been the president of that club 5 times. Amanda has a long history with Rotary before membership being an Interactor as well.

Tonights meeting took the form of a discussion and was a chance to exchange some ideas. The current lockdown conditions have changed the landscape in terms of fundraising opportunities and hands on activities.

Amanda supports the idea of clubs working together using Zoom or other online platforms. Why not share resources or skills on projects?

Regular contributions to social media promote your presence.

This may be a way to deal with difficulties of not providing a physical activity. There is increased potential for people to be isolated so the idea of having a social meeting online was mentioned. This is effectively done in Amanda's own town. Participants could be from outside Rotary as well.

A virtual games night could be used to generate funds or just have some social activity. Our Clubs connection to the groups by supporting them at Bunnings BBQs was mentioned.

Amanda talked about succession planning for clubs and how important this is to empower people to take on roles such as President. Two years of training is ideal before directing a key role.

Adrian talked about the work occurring in the District amalgamation 9650-9670.

A draft constitution and By- Laws has been prepared and is being scrutinised by legal persons. On the 13th of September a General Information Zoom meeting will be held to give more advice about the way things might proceed. The new District will have 100 clubs and approximately 2200-2300 members. On the 23rd of September a Constitution and By- Laws question time Zoom Meeting is to be held. On 1st of September a media launch of district conference will be held. This is to announce the final 9670 conference be held in Newcastle Town hall in March 2022.



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Birthdays

Geoff Diemar on 12th of September

Anniversaries this week

Ryan & Jessica Palmer on 5th of September

Ian & Pam Rolfe also 5th of September, same date different year.

Heads & Tails

Warwick Mathieson

Raffle

Not held

Next week

Zoom Social meeting on Thursday

Other meetings as already reported.

Club Duties

Bulletin: Dieter Grieter

Photos: Phil Smith

Binoculars: Don

Whatham & John

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Please Note the commencement of Online Meetings will be from 6.30 pm.

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Other ideas from district Governor meeting

List of participants in Rotary 9670 events

Plans are underway to organise a list of previous attendees from rotary events/courses/exchanges in 9670. There are hundreds who are not members but have benefited from attending events in our district. Rather than lose contact the plan is gather them in an Alumni. The district can hopefully keep them as part of the Rotary family. This is being chaired by Glenda Briggs from East Maitland Rotary.

Possible get together later in Rotary year.

No-one can predict how this year in Rotary will finish in terms of COVID however the District Governor would love to meet with us in person, when this is possible, perhaps as part of a joint meeting with other clubs in our area.

MORE VOUCHERS FROM BUNNINGS

Due to another cancellation, at Bunnings this weekend, the Club have been given another \$500 in Bunnings this week.



President Doug picked the vouchers this week, meaning we now have a total of \$1750 in vouchers.



Doug also presented Bunnings activities organiser Lan Robson with a letter of thanks for their generosity to our club and other community groups.

Due to the additional lockdowns being announced on Thursday, the first Bunnings BBQ will hopefully be conducted on the weekend September 11 and 12 (perhaps over optimistic). We have advised Bunnings we are ready to go once the green light is by Bunnings HQ. The rapport built up with Bunnings over the years has been recognised, especially in recent times with Covid lockdowns

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Mega Zoom Meeting

Wednesday 1st September.

A "Mega Zoom Meeting" to discuss ideas for the preparation of a District 9670 history segment for the District Conference next March is scheduled. Rotarians from Salamander, Raymond Terrace and Williamtown/Medowie will join us for the meeting which will be chaired by Don Whatham and Sharon Chambers (Raymond Terrace). This meeting will commence at **6:00PM**.

Not just a business session, this will give the opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new acquaintances and discuss common problems. All are encouraged to attend.

Thursday 2nd of September Club meeting on Zoom



Out of action for some time now a new use has been found for Clive's Cooker.

A meeting of interested members was convened on Friday evening at which interest was confirmed to proceed with assisting the SES in times of emergencies.

Operational ideas were discussed and our offer to assist with catering for the SES volunteers is to be confirmed to the local Commander.

Members in the "team" will be on call to provide hot and cold food to the volunteers.

Clive's Cooker and our Bunnings catering trailer will be utilised along with the kitchen at the SES Corlette premises.

Our most likely involvement will be needed during extreme weather events but may also be needed at other times e.g. in lost persons searches – anytime there are large numbers of volunteers needing to be fed.

We will be supplying labour only. All foodstuffs will be provided by the SES.

A great opportunity to provide practical community assistance.

The team will be headed by Warwick Mathieson, Doug Craike and Jim Booth.

Stay tuned for updates.

Zoom Thoughts.

I have been having trouble getting to the start of these Zoom Meetings on time. I now have an answer as to why, it's due to network traffic. The other side to this is, if you tell a joke over Zoom you can find its not even remotely funny.