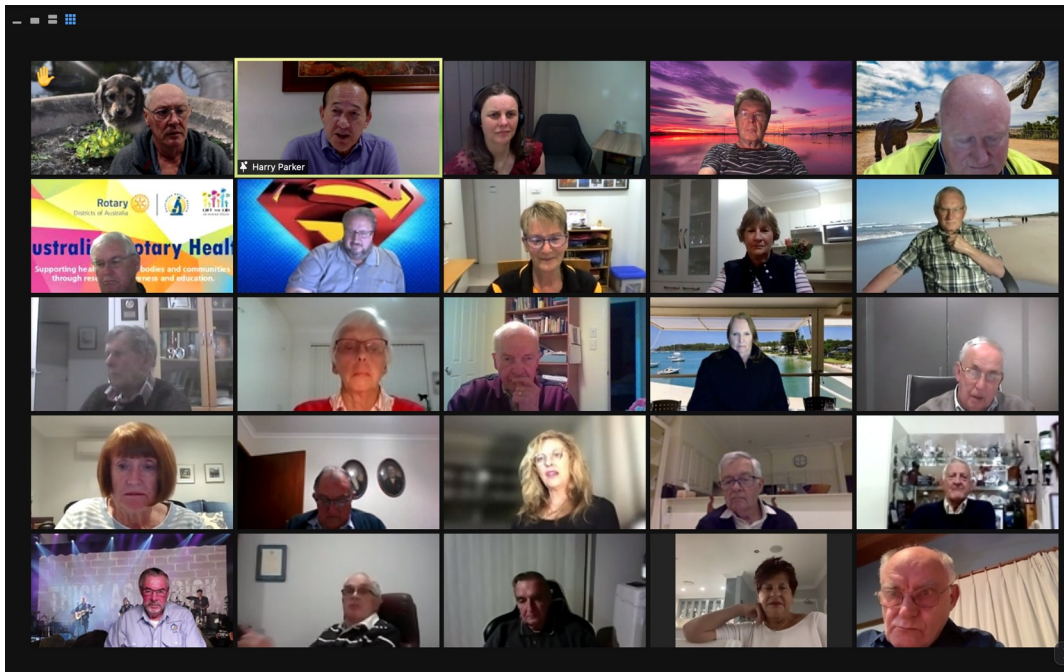




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This special Zoom meeting was shared with Salamander Bay, Medowie-Williamstown and Raymond Terrace, a virtual inter club get together.



This joint Inter club meeting with 28 participants of clubs Nelson Bay, Salamander Bay, Raymond Terrace, Medowie/Williamstown, was chaired by Don Whatham and Sharon Chambers of R/Terrace.

The purpose of the meeting was to share ideas and activities of the clubs and come up with a history segment proposal for the upcoming District Conference 19-21 March 1922.

This will be the last conference of district 9670 before the amalgamation.

The theme of the conference is "Looking Back Moving Forward" and would involve input to a presentation of the clubs' histories of the area.

Each club is to appoint a historian as club representative for this project.

Sharon explained that Raymond Terrace hosted a successful End Polio Now event with the Iron-Lung demo during their Heritage Festival that raised >\$1000.-

Pres. Doug explained our current activities, Yacaaba Centre for various support, Bunnings BBQ (on hold) & GanGan Binoculars are our sole income which due to Covid restrictions have all but dried up.

According to Doug our focus now is the planning of the Charity Golfdays next year which is our major fund raiser.

PE Harry Parker from Salamander Club spoke about their involvement with the Sensory Garden, a type of community garden, a joint project with the Salvation Army; the round-about planting at Anna Bay Nelson Rd. was a 3-year project now completed. Current membership has shrunk to 12 but is in progress of rebuilding.

Graham Giddy from Medowie-Williamstown spoke about their Christmas carnival with exception of last year has been running for several years and has been growing year on year to about 5000 people. This year's planning is well advanced but could still be in doubt.

Pres. Tracy Jonovski from R/Terrace club spoke about their facemask production programme which sold in their hundreds in local shops, their Christmas toy appeal has been a success for many years.

The meeting finished with a video presentation with a rear view of their activities in the past year.

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Birthdays this week:

none

Anniversaries:

5th Sept R & J Palmer

5th Sept. I & P Rolfe

Heads & Tails:

n/a

Raffle:

n/a

Member Duties 9th

Sept n/a

Door:

n/a

Meet/Greet:

n/a

Loyal Toast:

n/a

Intro Guest

speaker:

Phill Smith

Thank Guest

Speaker:

Helen Ryan

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Chris Bartlett

Photos:

Chris Bartlett

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Dieter Greiter

Dinner Menu next meeting: BYO to Zoom meeting
Guest speaker is Lee Christian from ACRF

Activities

KINDNESS SHOWN DURING DIFFICULT TIMES-
MEALS PREPARED FOR THE NEEDY



Milton picking meals at the Soldiers Point Bowling Club from Lesley Taylor on Thursday



Milton receiving a helping hand from Yacaaba centre volunteer Kerrie unloading the 50 frozen meals prepared by Lesley Taylor at the Soldiers Point Bowling Club

Following a request from the Yacaaba centre asking if we could pick up some frozen meals from the Soldiers Point Bowling Club on Thursday for delivery to the Yacaaba Centre, members Milton and Chris volunteered for this task. They were pleasantly humbled when invited into the Bowling Club kitchen where restaurant lessee Lesley Taylor greeted them. Lesley has been supplying meals to the Yacaaba Centre and the Hope UC Church (formerly Bayside), plus several other local needy families since lockdown. She has received some small donations; however, she has personally covered not only the cost of the meals, but the containers also they come in, plus the cooking and preparing of the meals. She has sought no personal recognition for these wonderful acts of kindness to many. The Hope UC church deliver approximately 250 meals a week, from Medowie, Lemon Tree Passage to Anna Bay, with Lesley providing many of these meals.

Milton and Chris also met Chris Klum from the Hope UC group who expressed his thanks to the wonderful deeds of Lesley.

It is terrific to see a member of the community helping so many during the lengthy Covid lockdowns. Members were informed of Lesley's efforts at Thursday night's Zoom meeting. Milton and Chris will conduct some more enquiries to see if the Club can assist Lesley in some in her efforts for discussion at next Wednesday night's Zoom Board meeting. It should be noted that a good number of our members have carried out random acts of kindness regularly and like Lesley have sought no recognition. One suggestion from the members was to organise a night at Lesley's Restaurant the Soldiers Point Bowling Club after the Covid restrictions are lifted.

This is certainly a good news story.



Her: "babe, can you take me to one of them places where they cook in front of you?"

Me: "say no more baby"



Members may recall our sponsorship for Integra Service Dogs with our mascot “Nelson”

Dear “Nelson” and Members of the Rotary Club of Nelson Bay

This email is to advise that the outcome of my District Governor’s Partner’s Project for 2019-20, Integra Service Dogs Australia (ISDA) has become a reality. ISDA and myself are very grateful for the financial and physical support Rotarians across our District have so generously given. In recognition of contributions, our District logo was uploaded to ISDA’s website last year: <https://isda.com.au/>

We are now so proud to say that “Farrell” has commenced duty with a veteran living in the Hunter Valley. If you happen to see Farrell and his handler out and about, please remember Farrell is a working dog, just like a Guide Dog. His coat also displays a Rotary patch, so you will recognize him.

And whilst Farrell is now hard at work, he is also so close to having a mate join him in service.

Please accept the attached certificate as our official Thank You.

Puppy Love from

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Certificate of Appreciation from Isda


<https://isda.com.au/>

Presented to **“Nelson”** and the Rotary Club of Nelson Bay
for their hard work in supporting the District Governor’s 2019–20 Partner’s Project
Integra Service Dogs Australia

Farrell now has a soul mate in the Hunter Valley and is the reality of this project
The earnings from **Nelson’s** money kennel are now enriching the life of a veteran suffering from
Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)



Thank You!

Isda and *Bue Cooper*
1 September 2021


Nelson
“In my very special see through money kennel with special hat.”





Rotarians for Bees (r4bees) (reprint from RDU August issue)



The Rotarians for Bees (R4BEES) group was initiated by John McCaskill in 2018 as a project of the Rotary Club of Canterbury, Vic. The focus of the group is to highlight the vital importance of bees and pollinators in sustaining life as we know it.

Bees and other pollinators pollinate nearly three quarters of the plants that produce 90 per cent of the world's food. It is estimated that one third of the food we consume each day relies on pollination, mainly by bees.

Bees are vital for the preservation of ecological balance and biodiversity in nature. They provide one of the most recognisable ecosystem services (i.e. pollination), which is what makes food production possible. By doing so, they protect and maintain ecosystems as well as animal and plant species, and contribute to genetic and biotic diversity.

Bees also act as indicators of the state of the environment. By observing the presence, absence, development and health of bees, it is possible to ascertain changes in the environment and implement the necessary precautionary measures in time.

In Australia, the numbers of pollinators is dropping due to a variety of causes, including pesticides, droughts, fires and loss of habitat. At the same time, planned increases of agricultural and horticulture production require even more pollinators. Changes are needed to ensure the sustainability of bees and pollinators.

A major reason for the decrease in countries outside Australia is the varroa mite, which is fortunately not in Australia at present but has devastated beehives in all other parts of the world.

Rotary is a catalyst for building a sustainable bee and pollinator population in Australia. The Rotarians for Bees Discussion Forum aims to widen the involvement of Rotarians to understand the problems facing pollinators and to develop programs that can support their sustainability. Members come from all Rotary districts in Victoria and the ultimate goal is to spread discussion across Australia.

"It was always our objective to get the model right in Victoria, with full support and involvement from all five districts before then replicating that model in all states," said John.

"We are thrilled with the success and the support we are receiving, and it is now time to reach out to Rotarians in all states to achieve the same success in reaching people who share our concern about the environment and sustainability and want to support R4BEES projects to help our bees and pollinators.

"We also hope many of these people will join Rotary clubs and see our organisation as one addressing contemporary issues and needs."

In the three years since its inception, R4BEES has gained wide recognition within and outside Rotary for raising the plight of bees and other pollinators and for helping develop supporting projects. It has forged close relationships with the When Bee Foundation and other not-for-profit bee support groups as well as the Victorian beekeeping industry.

To learn more on how to get involved, email john@jmcresources.com.au or visit: rotariansforbees.org / facebook.com/groups/rotariansforbees / theheartgardeningproject.com