

Rotary
Nelson Bay



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

BULLETIN 11 – 16 September 2021

Tonight's ZOOM meeting was an opportunity for President Doug and Directors to report to members details of our recent club board meeting.

President Doug reported that the SES Meal Support program was up and running. Convenor Warwick is planning an orientation meeting at SES headquarters immediately COVID restrictions ease. This will involve our members meeting on site with SES leaders to establish working guidelines to be activated in the event of an emergency. Doug also indicated that all future Bunnings events were on hold until restrictions cease. This unfortunately has meant a serious reduction in club income. Yacaaba Centre support continues with our second \$500 monthly payment and second lawn and garden maintenance working bee completed. \$500 has been pledged and matched by Salamander Bay Rotary to instal signage recognising our Environmental Centenary project. The future of our next golf day remains uncertain. President Doug contacted councillor Glen Dunkley and has obtained \$250 funding for restoration to the town entry community sign.

Secretary Chris reported that Clive's Cooker registration had been completed. Chris thanked John Stuhmcke for arranging the inspection which was completed at no charge to the club. The D9670 update was held last Monday by zoom. This meeting was poorly attended by district Rotarians. Chris has a recording of the meeting which is available for any member interested in a viewing. Chris also attended the annual ShelterBox meeting. He has provided a report which is published on page 3 of this bulletin.

Youth Director Lesley reported that ROADWHYS had been cancelled at both St Phillips and Tomaree High for this year due to COVID 19. This has also forced the cancellation of the Science and Engineering Challenge and Science Discovery Days. \$100 has been donated to Tomaree High School for the Year 12 Rotary Citizenship Award.

Foundation director Don was pleased to inform members that PDG Helen is happy to continue to coordinate our RABS project which is assisting Natalie Hain with her treatment for LYME disease during Helen's period of leave from the club. Helen has provided the report published below:

"The RABS project that was initiated by Nelson Bay is progressing well, albeit slowly.

The project was set in train to assist a young lady, Natalie Hain, who, when working for Parks and Gardens in Port Macquarie was bitten several times by a tick and subsequently developed Lyme Disease.

In Australia this is a serious problem as there is considerable resistance to the naming of the disease and consequently is known as 'Lyme Like Disease'. The medical fraternity is hamstrung in treating it as a result of the Political reluctance to recognise this problem, However, there is positive change on the way. There has been and still is considerable work being done by scientists in collaboration with the Universities in demonstrating that the Borreilia burgdoferi bacterium, which is apparent in Lyme Disease, is in the Australian tick.

Natalie has had a very rough ride and has recently been in hospital being treated for an infection, unrelated to her Lyme Disease. She is now home and continues to be optimistic about her management. We have had several donations to the RABS project for which many thanks but there is always room for more!

Natalie needs the Lymelight (RABS) with number 84-2020-21 on the RAWCS national website.

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**ZOOM MEETING
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LINK:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6424376030?pwd=dWcrZFp5cHRwNHljRk1LeS9mbWVsQT09>

DUTIES 23 Sep:

Speaker: John McCaskill – bee keeping & honey production.

Welcome: Warwick Mathieson

Introduce Speaker: Geoff Diemar

Thank Speaker: John Stuhmcke

Bulletin: John Cropley.

Photos: Phill Smith
Binoculars: Dieter Greiter

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A summary of the project may be found and donations made on the website below:

<https://donations.rawcs.com.au/84-2020-21>

To assist fundraising for the project our member Ella Clarke has arranged the donation of an electric lift chair which will be sold with proceeds to the project. Details of the sale are shown separately on page 2 (below) of this bulletin.”

COMING EVENTS.

Thursday 23 Sep – John McCaskill – bee farming and honey production

Thursday 23 Sep: – District ZOOM meeting to discuss the constitution for our future D9660.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83277902522?pwd=Qlk2MFVnSIROWIFyVURVbUN0bFpiZz09>

Meeting ID: 832 7790 2522, Passcode: 009660. The meeting clashes with our club meeting. Secretary Chris and another Director will attend on our behalf.

FOR SALE POWERLIFT ELECTRIC CHAIR. PLEASE HELP NATALIE.

Natalie is a young mother who was bitten by many ticks while working for National Parks some years ago and has contracted Lyme Disease, a bacterial infection. Initially her symptoms were fatigue and aches but this escalated to seizures, encephalitis and being confined to a wheelchair. As treatment for Lyme Disease in Australia is very limited, Natalie travelled to the United States and Mexico where she was able to have expert management of the disease. Unfortunately, the funds ran out before she was completely cured. Funds raised for Natalie will be used for treatment and ancillary expenses needed for management of her Lyme Disease and recuperation.

The Rotary Club of Nelson Bay has sponsored a Rotary Australia Benevolent Society (RABS) project to assist Natalie.

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

A TOPFORM Power Chair has been donated for sale by our club.

All proceeds from the sale will be donated to the RABS Project to assist Natalie.

The chair was used for 2 months prior to the owner entering full care and her subsequent death. The chair has remained in storage, warranty has expired. The chair is in excellent condition and working order. Delivery will be arranged.

The original purchase price was \$4,000.

The highest offer received by Friday 23 October 2021 will be accepted.

Forward offers to PDG Don Whatham (0435 255 345 or donwhatham@bigpond.com)

Or PDG Helen Ryan (0409 842 455 or heryan938@gmail.com).



SHELTERBOX HAITI UPDATE. (THANKS TO CHRIS BARTLETT)

ShelterBox Australia held a very interesting Question & Answer session via Zoom on Wednesday night. Some 39 attendees from all over Australia and the UK attended to hear about the work being carried out by ShelterBox in Haiti, which was hard hit by a recent earthquake and a cyclone which left 130,000 homeless over 2,000 dead and 12,000 injured. Hospitals are still overflowing with the injured and Covid cases. For the first time in 18 months ShelterBox has sent two teams to assist at a cost of UK 500,000 pounds (approximately \$A1 million). ShelterBox is working with Human Habitat in rolling out the aid packages, with 2,000 of the most vulnerable families the recipients. Due to Covid restrictions no Australian ShelterBox volunteers have been able to assist. In August a total of \$120,000 was raised to help in this disaster through donations of \$50,000 from Rotary Clubs, \$50,000 from Rotarians and \$20,000 from the general public.

The donations our club has made to ShelterBox over the past decade have been put to very good use. Shelterbox is currently in negotiation with Pakistan to gauge the needs of Afghan refugees who have fled to Pakistan following the Taliban's recent takeover of Afghanistan.



District Conference Newcastle

18-20 March 2022

Rotary
District 9670

LOOKING BACK

MOVING FORWARD

Tickets

BEST VALUE	All Inclusive	All events - Friday Welcome BBQ, Saturday Breakfast, Conference & Conference dinner	\$215.00
	All except Friday	Saturday Breakfast, Conference & Conference dinner	\$195.00
	All except Breakfast	Friday Welcome BBQ, Conference & Conference dinner	\$190.00
	Conference Only	Saturday & Sunday Conference sessions and dinner, including Morning Tea, Lunch, 3 Course Dinner, Entertainment and experienced speakers.	\$165.00

Add ons: Individual social event tickets

Friday BBQ Only	Friday Welcome BBQ Only		\$ 25.00
Sat Night Only	Saturday Night Dinner Only includes 3 course Dinner, and Entertainment.		\$ 75.00
Sat Breakfast Only	Saturday Breakfast Only		\$ 30.00

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D9670 CONFERENCE.

Bookings for the final conference of D9670 are now open. (See details left).

Several of our members have already booked caravan sites for accommodation at Stockton Caravan Park. The park has a variety of accommodation including very comfortable cabins and is easily accessible to Newcastle City Hall via ferry. Please speak to VP Don if you need any information.

D9670 CHITCHAT.

Each week District Secretary Glenda Kociszewski publishes a very comprehensive summary of District news. This is emailed directly to each Rotarian. Please keep up to date with all the club and district Rotary happenings by checking ChitChat each week. Thank you, Glenda for the excellent publication.

JIM BOOTH UPDATE.

Our thoughts are with Jim and Lyn following Jim's major heart surgery. This is a text from Lyn following the operation: ***"Operation went well. Aortic valve replaced, 1x right coronary artery bypassed. Came off heart/lung machine well. Happy with heart/lung function. Golfball size fibroelastoma sent to Pathology. Going to ICU"***.