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DG Elect 2022-23 District 9660 PDG Neville Parsons



Rotary District 9660 combining D9650 and D9670 from 1 July 2022. The district will have 102 clubs and over 2200 Rotarians.

Neville was born in Wauchope NSW and educated at Wauchope Primary and High Schools before attending Sydney University where he graduated in Economics and Law.

Following his graduation in 1981 Neville worked as an employed Solicitor in Wauchope for 18 months prior to commencing employment with Hastings Credit Union Ltd (later known as Holiday Coast Credit Union Ltd) on 28 March 1983, becoming General Manager on 3 February 1988. Neville retired as CEO on 1 July 2019 the day that the Credit Union merged with Regional Australia Bank. Neville continues as a Director of Regional Australia Bank.

In 2019 Neville returned to his Legal career and became an owner Principal in the Law Practice Donovan Oates & Hannaford Port Macquarie.

Neville has extensive experience in strategic planning, corporate governance, management and financial accounting, credit union and community development, risk management as well as legal and compliance.

Neville is a member of the Rotary Club of Wauchope, which he joined in 1981. He is the current Club Treasurer, having been President again in 2017-2018. Prior terms as President were in 2011-2012, 2002-2003 and 1984-1985 as well as holding most if not all the Club Officer positions throughout this period. In 2001 Neville was selected as a Group Study Exchange Team leader and led a Team from D9650 to D5440 Northern Colorado, Wyoming & Western Nebraska in USA. This truly opened Neville's eyes to the internationality of Rotary.

Since 2001, Neville has served Rotary in D9650 on many Committees including Finance Committee, Resolutions Committee, Management Committee, Membership Committee, Group Study Exchange Committee and as an Assistant Governor.

Neville was District Governor for D9650 during the 2009-2010 Rotary year and was supported by his then partner and now wife Patti Parsons who herself became a Rotarian in June 2009.

Currently Neville is the D9650 District Finance Committee Chairman and District Trainer.

On 30 June 2021 he finished his maximum 10-year term as a Board Member and Deputy Chairman for the last 4 years of the Mid North Coast Local Health District as well as Chairman of that Board's Finance & Performance Committee.

Since February 2012 he has been a Board member of NSW Life Education.

Neville is also a member of the Charles Sturt University Regional Advisory Committee for Port Macquarie Campus and a member of the Mid North Coast Regional Advisory Committee for Business NSW.

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On 25 January 2015, Neville was honoured to be named Port Macquarie Hastings Council's 2015 Citizen of the Year.

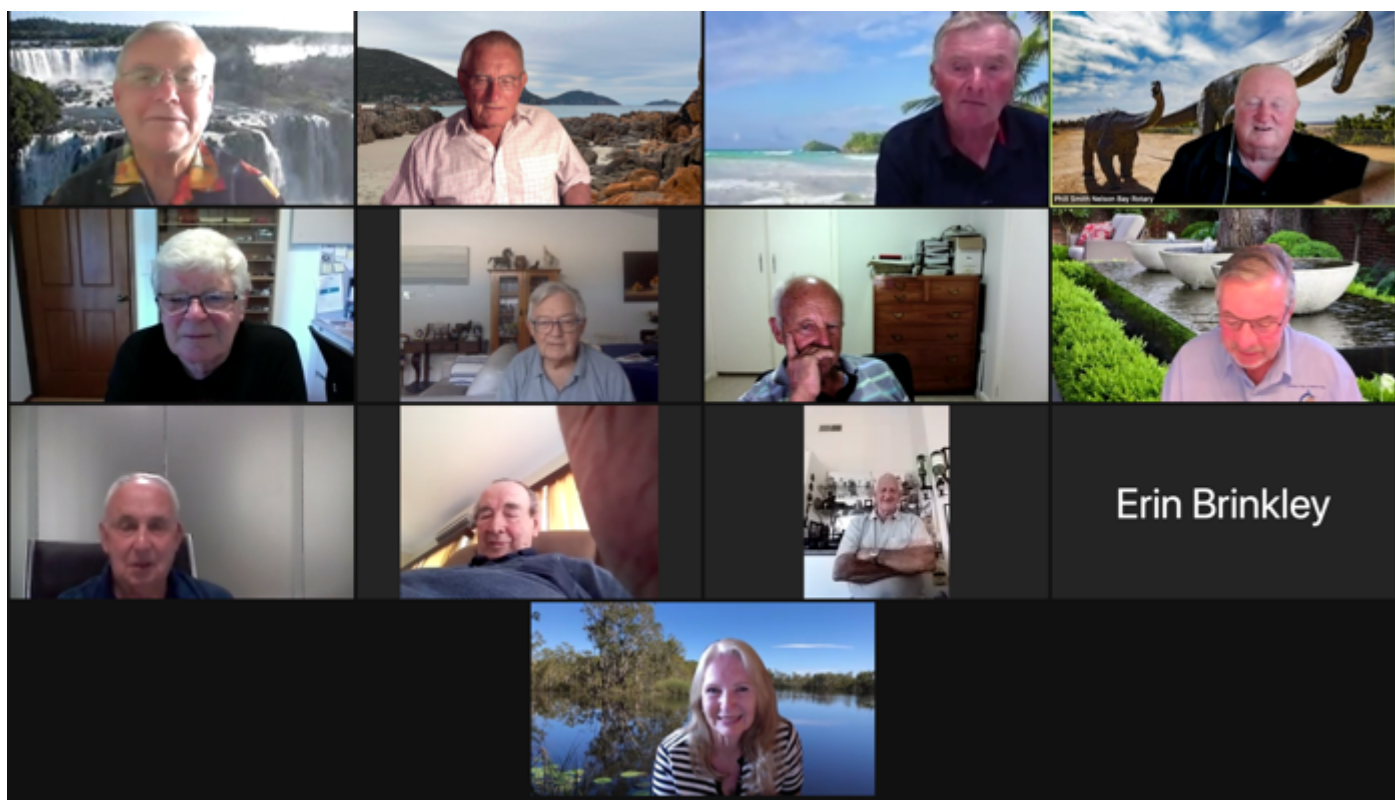
Neville & Patti live in their hometown of Wauchope and both enjoy spending time with their families and friends as well as their ability to make a difference through Rotary.

President Doug invited Neville to address our Zoom meeting allowing Neville to outline his plans to formalise the amalgamation of Rotary Districts 9670 and 9650 into D9660 from 1 July 2022. Neville has already finalised his management team and was pleased to announce the outstanding response by Rotarians from both districts in submitting expressions of interest which allowed him to appoint a highly qualified and experienced team of Rotarians to lead us to the next chapter of Rotary service.

Neville believes firmly that the power of Rotary lies at grassroots level within the local Rotary club and the club members providing Service above Self to bring about positive change benefiting local communities, as well as national and international causes.

Neville provided concise and practical answers to the questions posed by our members. He emphasised the importance of highlighting success stories, encouraging new members who were willing to deliver meaningful change and provide the opportunity for existing members to engage in supporting causes that resonate with their own beliefs.

In thanking Neville for his presentation our club pledged its support to Neville and D9660. Our members look forward to a smooth transition and serving in a district built on the strengths of two highly respected, harmonious and productive districts.



Several other members and guest speaker PDG Neville had logged out when this screen shot was taken at the conclusion of the meeting.

Next meeting – Via ZOOM - 20 January 2022 – Link :

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

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BIRTHDAYS:

18 Jan: David Clark, 19 Jan: Lesley Freeman.

ANNIVERSARIES:

14 Jan: David & Vicki Clarke, 20 Jan: John & Yvonne Stuhmcke (60th Diamond Wedding Anniversary
Congratulations John and Yvonne)

DUTIES

Bulletin: Dieter Greiter

Binoculars: Dieter Greiter



COMING EVENTS.

Thursday 20 Jan: ZOOM Meeting.

Thursday 27 Jan: ZOOM meeting.

Thursday 4 Feb: Club Meeting – at Nelson Bay Bowling Club. Dinner Ladies in the Bistro.
(both events to be confirmed and will depend on COVID progress).

Wednesday 9 Feb: Board meeting.

Saturday Sunday 5 – 6 Feb: Touch Football Carnival (Catering event possible).

Fri 18 to Sun 20 March 2022: D9670 Conference at Newcastle unfortunately CANCELLED.

CLUB NEWS.

Even though COVID continues to cause havoc with many community and state events our club continues to operate but in a restricted capacity. Until at least the end of January we will continue to conduct our weekly meetings via ZOOM. These are an enjoyable experience, and we hope that all members will join us at 6pm each week.

YACAABA CENTRE.

We held a modified working bee at the Centre on Friday. The lawns were mown, leaves and branches removed and minor repairs and painting completed by our members. Completion of these small tasks is always appreciated. Thank you, Milton, Chris, Doug and Don.

BINOCULARS.

Dieter has been making almost daily collections during the holiday period. The Gan Gan Lookout is the most visited location in Port Stephens and very popular with tourists and residents. The binoculars currently provide our main source of income with Dieter banking almost \$1200. Thank you, Dieter for spending time during the holiday period.

BUNNINGS BARBEQUE.

Members conducted a barbeque at Bunnings Taylors Beach on Saturday. The event was conducted under strict COVID protocol. Our new Square terminal allowed cashless sales. The many visitors and Bunnings patrons welcomed the return of the Sausage Sizzle. Thanks to Chris, Milton, Phill, Richard, Doug, Lesley, Brian, Geoff and Bob for their service.

TOUCH FOOTBALL CARNIVAL.

This annual event is scheduled for 5 and 6 February at Nelson Bay Sports Complex. We have been invited to provide catering. It is uncertain that the event will proceed and our board will need to make a decision as to whether it would be wise for our members to participate even if it goes ahead. More news later.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

Unfortunately due to the prevalence of COVID the conference has been CANCELLED.

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Photos below supplied by Chris Bartlett highlight current and past club events.



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THE
YACAABA
CENTRE

BLOWING
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PDG Bart and Japanese Consul Sakuji Tanaka, catering at the Science Discovery Day Tomaree High School, PHF Sapphire presentations Doug and Richard, Zac & Taylor "thank you", Fiona & Ann at Foundation night, PP Scott Jarman, Bill Michel, Ros Cribb & Lynne Jarman, Dan Howard Centenary Scholarship recipient, Larry McGrath, official opening exercise trail.