



**Bulletin 26 – 12th Jan. 2023**

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting for 2023**

Due to the absence of Pres. Don and VP John the chairing of the meeting was delegated to PP Doug.

Doug gave an update on the progress of Palliative Garden project at the Tomarree Hospital, his Rotary President project for the year.

After nearly 18 months of planning and bureaucratic red tape the design of the “Palliative Care Garden” has finally been approved by Hospital board and Hunter Health, no further alterations are now possible or the whole process restarts.

The initial designing cost was generously donated by Lyn Moffat.

Site works are to commence shortly with clearing and leveling of land followed by installation of concrete blocks for the retaining wall along the eastern side.

These blocks are a generous donation by Geoff.



Now  
&  
Future



A complete set of plans can be viewed [HERE](#)

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**Birthdays:**

18<sup>th</sup> Jan. D.Clark

19<sup>th</sup> Jan. L. Freeman

**Anniversaries:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Jan. D&F Whatham

14<sup>th</sup> Jan. D&V Clark

20<sup>th</sup> Jan. J&Y Stuhmcke

21<sup>st</sup> Jan. G&D Diemar

**Heads & Tails:**

Doug Craike

**Raffle/Joker poker:**

Lesley Freeman (again)

**Member Duties 19<sup>th</sup> Jan.**

**Door:**

Dieter Greiter

**Meet/Greet:**

n/a

**Grace:**

Richard Turner

**Intro Guest speaker:**

n/a

**Thank Guest Speaker:**

n/a

**Bulletin:**

John Cropley

**Photos:**

Phill Smith

**Binos:**

Dieter Greiter

**Marlins Bistro menu [HERE](#)**

**Apologies/Extras to Club Phone by noon on Wednesday Ph.: 0401 450 239**

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BUNNINGS BARBEQUE 2023

DATE	COORDINATOR Transport up & Back	Cook	Serve	Sauce	Money	COORDINATOR Transport back
Sat 7 Jan am	G Diemar	W Mathieson	R Turner	E Brinkley	L Freeman	
Sat 7 Jan pm	P Page	J Priestley	J Booth	B Comley	G Diemar	
Sat 4 Feb am	J Stuhmcke	D Craike	J Booth	G Robinson	H Tobbe	
Sat 4 Feb pm	J Stuhmcke	I Brigden	J Cropley	P McBean	D Greiter	J Stuhmcke
Sat 4 Mar am	D Whatham	W Mathieson	E Clarke	C Bartlett	B Comley	
Sat 4 Mar pm	D Whatham	D Craike	R Turner	E Brinkley	L Freeman	D Whatham
Sat 1 Apr am	G Diemar	L Freeman	E Clarke	G Robinson	H Tobbe	
Sat 1 Apr pm	G Diemar	I Brigden	J Cropley	J Priestley	D Greiter	G Diemar
Sat 6 May am	J Stuhmcke	P Page	J Booth	P McBean	B Comley	
Sat 6 May pm	J Stuhmcke	W Mathieson	G Robinson	C Bartlett	D Greiter	J Stuhmcke
Sat 3 Jun am	D Whatham	P Page	R Turner	E Brinkley	H Tobbe	
Sat 3 Jun pm	D Whatham	I Brigden	E Clarke	P McBean	L Freeman	D Whatham

The next BBQ is on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> Feb. Please check roster and make alternative arrangements if unavailable

### The Bunnings BBQ 7th

#### Jan.

The first of the monthly scheduled BBQ was again a very successful one, despite the windy and part wet weather.

Net result was \$1,100.

The workload was ably handled by the teams of Warwick, Richard, Erin, Lesley, and Peter, Judy, Jim, Brian, and transport to and from by Geoff.



## The GanGan Lookout



The binoculars netted in excess of \$600 over the holidays. By emptying daily and a sign stating that, we have avoided any vandalism thus far.

Due to the recent vandalism where the Larry McGrath Memorial Direction sign was damaged/destroyed, a new sign, curtesy of Kerry Kitching Nelson Bay Signs (provided at cost price), and enforced with recycled lookout boards, has been replaced, relocated and attached to the concrete slab. This work was carried out by our able tradies Geoff and Warwick while battling march flies & fire ants during the process.



## Men at work

An urgent request by Bunnings to assemble a "small" gazebo for on-floor display was duly answered by another team (Dough Geoff and Chris) of our club tradesmen.

To their surprise the "small" gazebo turned out to be 4x4m and 3.5m high. The challenge was accepted, and construction was completed at about 4:45, taking a bit longer than anticipated due to the 'quality' of the product and the chinglish instructions.

All to the amusement of floor staff and customers.

The reward was in form of Bunnings cash vouchers and the enforcement of "Goodwill" we have with the company.

**Don Or** (a former member of our club) recently sold his automobile & petrol station business in Wanda, and the collection box, with donations from his customers was handed over by Richard Turner with their request the money to go to Rotary Foundation. Unfortunately, Jim's Rosedale sportscar, an unfinished restoration project of his, left on their site, has been scrapped.

**Jim's 3min talk** was about Hydrogen (water) engines and EVs.

Electrical Vehicles had been in the news a fair bit lately. He pointed out that the first EV (hybrid) was constructed by [Ferdinand Porsche](#) in 1900 while working in the Vienna K&K Hofwagenfabrik L.Lohner & Co as the Lohner-Porsche system by not using a battery, instead a combustion engine driving a generator to drive the wheel-hub motors with energy. This contraption failed due to the weight until recently with the use of Li Batteries, the weight was significantly reduced.

*b.t.w. the latest [Porsche 963](#) will make its debut on 25<sup>th</sup> Jan. in the 24h Daytona race (this is what race cars dream when they grow up)*



## Rotary District Conference 2023

### **Your Urgent Action is required if you intend to attend our D9660 Conference and you have not yet registered**

I ask that if you are intending to attend the inaugural District 9660 District Conference and you have not yet registered that you do so this coming week and in any case before 5pm Sunday 22 January 2023.

Why is this important?

Your hard-working Conference Committee have to finalise arrangements for not only Venue but also caterers immediately following our Conference Committee Meeting on Sunday 22 January 2023 and we want to ensure that we have you included if in fact you intend to attend the District Conference.

We have a great program planned and we just need members and their partners to register to ensure a successful Conference.

The purpose of the District Conference is to bring together Rotarians, Rotaractors and community to:

- inspire greater involvement with Rotary,
- strengthen existing relationships, and
- showcase the impact and outreach of Rotary in the region, Australia and the world.

I can guarantee each of these will be delivered and achieved in Tamworth 24-26 March 2023.

Do not miss out and register this week to assist your Conference Committee in making the right decisions in relation to venue and catering.

I attach the current registration numbers by Club as at yesterday 14 January 2023. If your club is not listed then it means that no one has yet registered from your Club.

I thank you for your time in reviewing this email and for those that have already registered I thank you.

I encourage those that have not yet registered and who intend to attend this great District event to register before this coming Sunday 22 January at 5pm.

The following link is to the D9660 website and the District Conference Information including Registration

<https://rotary9660.org.au/?storyid=174246>

In doing so you will greatly assist your Conference Committee in its critical planning and you will make Patti and I extremely happy as we look forward to welcoming you at the District Conference In Tamworth 24 – 26 March 2023.

Yours in Rotary Service

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