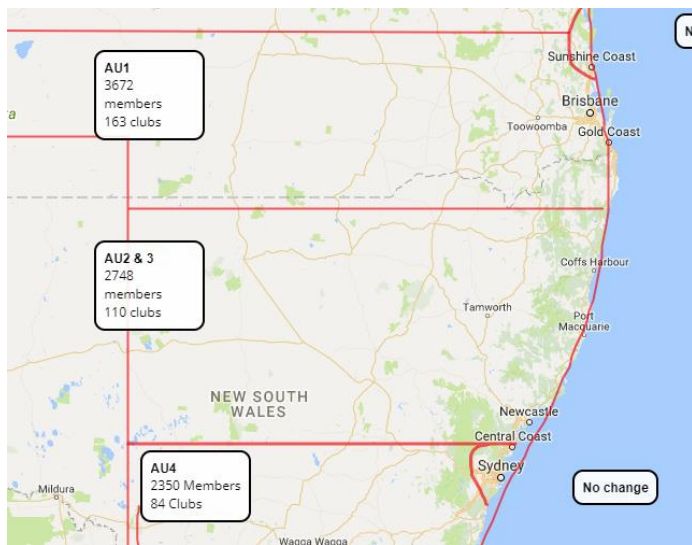




Bulletin 28 of 1st February

Club Meeting

Main discussion point for the evening was the redistricting or merger of 9670



The RI board has the aim to have reasonably equivalent number of Rotarians in each district and considered 1,100 members to be the absolute minimum number of Rotarians that should be in a district. Currently >1,120 members and the numbers are trending downwards. From the map you can see that the new district would cover an area from north of the Hawksbury River to approx. the Queensland border.

A voluntarily merge with District 9650 was discussed.

Assistant Governor Chris Bartlett, PDG and Club Secretary Don Whatham along with District Secretary Phill Smith fielded questions from members.

Rotary International has stated that Districts within Australia and New Zealand are to be revised and this will happen from 2021.

With just over 1100 members in our District, 9670 is only just above the minimum number of members to retain a District under current thinking.

To avoid having a merger imposed on us in which members would have no control, the District Executive are recommending that 9670 merge voluntarily with 9650.

Discussions have been had with 9650 and they are agreeable to a voluntarily merger.

Some questions & answers were:

Q. What if we don't agree with a voluntary merger. What will happen?

A. A merger will take place anyway, but the boundaries will be set by RI. They may be exactly as the proposed voluntary merger, but no one knows for sure. At least a voluntary merger should guarantee our District will not lose any existing Clubs.

Q. Why the urgency in merging?

A. The current RI Director for the South Pacific, Noel Trevaskis and the Current RI President Ian Riseley are both Australian and more aware of and sympathetic to our local Geography.

Q. How will Governor manage such a large area?

A. The Governors role after the merge will change to a more administrative role and it is thought that he will oversee several Area Governors. As can be imagined there is considerable to be sorted out which is one of the reasons for the long lead time.

The consensus of the meeting was that we should support the proposal.

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Heads & Tails:

Doug Bairstow

Birthdays this coming week:

7th Feb. H. Greiter
12th Feb. T. Fitzsimons
18th Feb. J. Stuhmcke

Anniversaries:

none

Members Duties

8th February

Door: M.Williams/C.Bartlett

Meet&Greet: Jim Booth/
David Clark

Loyal Toast: n.a.

Intro Speaker: D. Greiter

Thank Speaker: n.a

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Peter Wilson Memorial Champs 2018



The largest regional junior touch football tournament was again held in Nelson Bay.

- Saturday 3rd - Sunday 4th Feb 2018 7am-6pm
- Tomaree Sports Complex, Salamander Bay

Over 130 teams totalling 1500 junior players, played for the cup. With visitors from the greater Hunter, Manning Valley, Great Lakes and Central Coast and surrounds. Games were held from around 8am to 4pm on both Saturday and Sunday.

Our Club assisted the **Nelson Bay Neptunes Touch Football Association** operating a canteen at the Elizabeth Waring Centre on Saturday and Sunday.

Big Thank You to all the volunteers for the 2 days:

Chris Bartlett, Judi Priestley, Liz Friend, Don Whatham, Phill Smith, Doug Bairstow, John Sully, Judy & Robert Mitchell, John Stuhmcke, Doug Craike, Peter Page, Chelsea Ellul, Dieter Greiter, Milton Williams, Greg Flux, Emma Hanna & John Cropley, Kathy with Zac & Taylor Rimmer.

Expertly orchestrated by **Tony Todd**

Turn over for the two days was \$4,490 with a net profit of approx. \$2,900

For drinks, sausage sandwich, bacon & egg sandwich, meat pies, lollies, ZooperDoopers (iceblock).

Some stats:

- 37doz eggs
- 25kg bacon
- 30kg bagged lollies

Special thanks to Taylor and Zac Rimmer for bagging all the lollies and their help on Saturday afternoon. Also thank you to the behind the scenes team who put in the extra yards.

It was very rewarding to see so many children playing sport, enjoying themselves, and all having the ability to say thank you.

Our Club's profile was raised, with many of the thousands of visitors complimenting us on our professional approach.



Vocational visit at Marine Rescue base Nelson Head

Thursday 8th Feb. 6:00 for 6:30pm

Menu \$20.-pp:

BBQ chicken kebabs, salads, chat potatoes, dessert
BYO grog, glasses, plates & cutlery

**Note: tables & chairs are provided;
disabled parking & wheelchair access**

Programme:

- Intro and history of MR by UC Lee Uebergang
- Lighthouse and Museum tour by Harold Gibson (MR) and Dennis Corr (Pres. NB Historical Society)

some Stats:

The Comms Centre is staffed 24 hours every day i.e. 2190 Marine Radio & RFS communication shifts p.a.

We handle approx.:

- 15,000 marine radio calls
- 19,000 telephone calls
- 206 on water incidents



Click link for full set of pictures:
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/104496746@N06/sets/72157665136850968>

Tony Todd's debrief of the Australia Day event.
 Excellent result with
 Total takings: \$7,800.- resulting \$5,700.- net profit

At the peak, Tony and Chris cooked 480 sausages within 75min.

The Rotary kids Zac, Taylor, Emma & Hanna gave a valuable contribution to the event.



Quality control



The Rotary Ladies at their monthly meeting



Well earned drinks after another successful Oz day event



Zac "carb" loading for his next golf challenge with his new Jason Day red putter

ROTARY NELSON BAY

Bunnings BBQ Roster

Date : Friday, 16 February 2018

AM Shift - 8:30am start to 12:15	
Don WHATHAM	0435 255 345
Dieter GREITER	0409 607 413
Judith MITCHELL	0408659605
David Clark	0427833273
Reserve	
Morning Transport :	
Don WHATHAM	0435 255 345
Food Supplies :	
Doug BAIRSTOW	0438 811 246

PM Shift - 12:15 to 4:00pm finish	
Ella CLARKE	0414 864 011
Peter PAGE	0407 435 240
Milton WILLIAMS	0488974842
Tony TODD	0410 741 110
Reserve	
Afternoon Transport :	
Tony TODD	0410 741 110

If you are unable to fulfil your rostered time, then please find a replacement and let Tony Todd know who it is.

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