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ROTARY DISTRICT 9670 CONFERENCE.

During the past weekend 23 Nelson Bay Rotarians and Partners joined 315 of their District colleagues to attend the annual conference at Forster. The conference was one of the best held in recent years. Outstanding speakers presented informative, inspirational and enjoyable presentations which were enthusiastically acknowledged by the appreciative audience. Proceedings were guided by two outstanding young master's of ceremony. The announcement by DG Brian Coffey that all presenters had provided their service free of charge to Rotary was applauded enthusiastically.

The district conference is the highlight of the Rotary year in all Rotary Districts and it is disappointing that only approximately 200 Rotarians out of the 1100 in our district were able to attend. Past RI Director Noel Trevaskis mentioned the need to retain Rotarians following their induction. Any Rotarian, new or old would be unlikely to leave Rotary after experiencing a conference such as this which provided a summary of all that we do and provided outstanding inspiration to do even more as we strive to make the World a better place.

PRID Noel also made an important announcement that from 2021 our district will be amalgamated with Districts 9600 and 9710 to establish district 9705. District amalgamations are proceeding world wide as technology and unfortunately reducing membership allow for more economic management models of Rotary's administrative processes. This amalgamation will be favourable to our current district as all current clubs will remain part of the new district. DG Brian announced that Amanda Roach from the Rotary Club of Rylstone-Kandos had been selected as DG Nominee for the year 2021-22. This will now mean that Amanda will be a strong contender to govern the newly amalgamated districts.

During the dinner on Saturday night President Kathy was invited to make three presentations on behalf of our club. Cheques for \$6,000 each were presented to Shelter Box, the Rotary Foundation and DG Partner Carol's ARH Lift the Lid appeal. This amount included the \$15,000 bequeath to Rotary by the late PDG Bart and an additional donation by our club.

DGE Graeme Hooper announced that next year's conference will be held at Belmont 16 Foot Sailing Club on 20-22 March 2020. I encourage all members to plan early to attend.

CLUB MEETING – THAI CHARM NIGHT.

Due to the absence of many members at the District Conference those who remained in Nelson Bay attended a very enjoyable dinner at the Thai Charm Restaurant at Salamander. This event was organised by John Cropley. Members and friends present enjoyed a wonderful meal and the opportunity to chat and enjoy some laughs. John and Maree's daughter Hannah who works at the restaurant ensured those present were well catered for.

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Conference photos
courtesy of Phill and
Henk.

Heads & Tails

None this week, however
PDG Don won a bottle of
vintage port in a
conference raffle.

Birthdays:

21 Mar: Maggie Jenkins
23 Mar: Tricia Parnell
26 Mar: Sheila Sully

Anniversaries :

28 Mar: John & Maree
Cropley

Member Duties 21 Feb 2019

Door: David Clark, Ella
Clarke

Meet/Greet: Doug
Craike

Loyal Toast:
John Cropley

Grace:

John Crump

Intro Guest speaker:

N/A

Thank Guest Speaker:

N/A

Bulletin:

Dieter Greiter

Binoculars:

Doug Craike & Milton
Williams

Photos:

Phill Smith

**Next week – Jean Lewis
– University of the Third
Age.**





Club members with DG Brian and Carol (ARH), AG Chris McGrath (Shelter Box) and PDG Janette Jackson (TRF) following the presentation of cheques.

COMING EVENTS.

Thursday 21 March: Club Assembly.

Thursday 28 March: Jean Lewis – University of the Third Age.

Thursday 4 April: John Sully – Taking Caravans from England to Italy after the 1980 Earthquake. **Dinner Ladies** in the Bistro.

Friday 5 April: 28th Charity Golf Day.

Wednesday 10 April: Board meeting.

Thursday 11 April: Bunnings Family Night.

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Friday 19 April: Bunnings Barbeque.

Thursday 2 May: Digging Deep – a charity supporting the vulnerable and disadvantaged in Myanmar.

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Apologies/Extras to John Crump by noon on Wednesday!

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GOLF MEETING REPORT. (Courtesy of Chris Bartlett).

The information included will be of interest to all members.

- Delivery of Letters to Sponsors/Collection of Banners. All letters have been delivered, some banners picked up with the rest being collected on April 1.
- Prizes on the day. Possible change to allocate prizes to the first two placed teams in the following categories: Mixed Team; Men only team; Ladies only team. Agreed
- Number of cash floats required on the day - 7
- Contact Stephen McWilliam re playing and wine donation. Arja has contacted Stephen and is awaiting a reply.
- Running of Meat Raffle - John Stumchke. John has commenced organising this and Judi Priestley will be asked to organise the ticket sales.
- Media promotion. Chris Bartlett, with assistance from Kathy and Phill have organised media coverage in the Examiner and the News of the Bay week commencing March 18. Chris McGrath will put on the District website and Nicole Shanks in the weekly news.
- Trophy. We have the trophy in our cupboard at the Bowling Club for presentation to the winning team
- Murrays Brewery - Beer if any this time, and quantity of beer and champagne to purchase for drinks cart. Chris approached Murray's and Arja to follow up with an email
- Extra stakes need to be purchased for the Avenue of Banners, but will be retained for the 2020 event
- The lunch catering team acknowledged they will provide sausage sandwiches, plus bacon and egg sandwiches on the day, Chris organising the team for Flannel Flowr corner
- VP John to assist Lesley on the drinks cart.
- We are now chasing players for the event, with Arja having around 70 positive responses, but entries are slow arriving.

The Golf club catering requirements have been discussed and will be confirmed in writing this week.
Pro shop has been advised that the Golf Day will be run with same arrangements as last year.

