



Bulletin # 39 – 19th May 2022

Guest speaker Prof. Kelvin Kong



Kelvin is from the Worimi people of Port Stephens.

He graduated from UNSW in 1999 and was awarded his fellowship with the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons in 2007. He is now specializing in Paediatric & Adult ENT Surgery. As Australia's first Indigenous surgeon, Assoc. Prof. Kong is committed to improving ear health of Indigenous children that otherwise stifles their development. Ear disease in the Australian Indigenous population is deplorable

and he is working to close the gap in ear health and wellbeing, together with his non-Indigenous counterparts.

Our Charity Golf Day in April 2021 raised \$20,000 (*plus \$10,000 from club funds*) was donated towards his projects within the Aboriginal Communities in Central Australia.

He spoke about the challenges caused by the Covid pandemic that limited his trips to the outback. The waiting list for treatment in a public hospital can be up to 5 years due to the acute shortage of specialists in this field.

With the help of Telehealth consultations and the latest technologies in inspection cameras, an Otoscope camera that cost \$30,000 only 5 years ago is available [online](#) @ \$40.- today.

This will revolutionise treatments in remote areas as diagnostic this way can preselect urgent cases and recommend treatments.

The club has pledged the ongoing support to his projects.

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Door:

Lesley Freeman

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Thank Speaker:

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Please Note: Saturday 28th commencing at 9:00am is this year's **District Conference**, it will be the last for D9670 Don't miss this important event with high quality speakers such as Anita Stuhmke (John's daughter) and many more. You must register before the event. Link to Virtual District Conference registration [HERE](#) or scan QR code



Next meeting – 26th May with Christine Walmsley

Dinner: mystery Menu

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

Our sponsored Yr12 student to the NYSF



Isaac Charles a local resident and Yr12 student at St. Francis Xavier School in Hamilton attended the NYSF (Nat. Youth Science Forum) in Jan. 2022

He spoke about his life-changing STEM (science, technology, engineering, math.) experience and despite COVID-19, 2022 was no different to previous years despite most activities were held as Virtual events (Zoom meetings).

More than 600 students participated in the 2022 Program across 14 days from 5-22 January.

Isaac thanked the club for sponsoring his attendance

The 2021 NYSF Year 12 Program offered a combination of state-based in-person events and digital experiences to the participants across Australia. While the mode of delivery had changed, the content and opportunities remain as strong as ever. Indeed, this change in format has offered exclusive new opportunities that were not previously possible.

Link to NYSF 2022 [HERE](#)

Link to NYSF 2023 applications [HERE](#)

Rotary Immortal Pin awarded



President Doug presented Agnes Tobbe with the Immortal badge.

This \$100 badge award recognises those who have made a difference in the local community, in a variety of different ways.

The money is paid into Rotary's Endowment Fund which will continue to provide ongoing interest from the principal of the fund to enable Rotary to carry out various projects, both locally and internationally.

Only the interest can ever be used hence the immortal status.

The Rotary Foundation is the organisation's charity arm.

Our Sat. Bunnings BBQ was cancelled due to heavy rain. We realise all the volunteers would have been disappointed, however the good news is we have another one planned on Saturday June 11 (long weekend). Hopefully the majority of this week's volunteers can assist on the next one. Again thank you to the volunteers who offered to help and to Kathy and Richard who helped contact members yesterday morning.



Damon McDonald's book "**I am Awesome, Who are you?**" that was presented by Damon to the members a few weeks ago has been released and is available as hard copy or eBook and can be ordered now.

As indicated 100% of eBook sales are donated to charities that support kids.

Order online if you missed out on purchase of a copy at the meeting

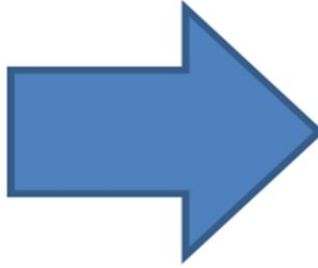
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Rotary Reflective/Palliative Care Garden

Doug & Jenny's presidential project of the Palliative Care Garden at the Tomaree Hospital is taking shape. The plans are drawn up and will be presented to the new hospital management for approval in the coming days. Works can then commence well into the new Rotary year. The complete set of concept plans can be seen [HERE](#)





**Rotary Club of Nelson Bay
Changeover Dinner 2021/2022**

**Nelson Bay Bowling Club
Crows Nest Room
30th June 2022
6 pm for 6.30 pm**

Cost \$45 per person includes 2 course meal
Payment in advance required to the following bank account:

**Greater Bank BSB 637000
Account number 781017418**

*Please add your name with payment
(e.g.: Smith x 2)*

Final numbers by 20th June 2022

To: Ph.: 0401 450 239

Dress code: Semi Formal

Please advise of any special meal requirements