

Bulletin 34 – 11th March 2021

Club Night with Chris Walmsley (Area Governor)



Chris graced us with her visit tonight and gave us an update and the latest information in respect to Rotary for the remaining year and the year ahead.

The transition process of amalgamation of districts 9670 with 9660 is well advanced. The first governor of the new district will be Neville Parsons. The super district 9660 will consist

of 100 clubs and due to the large geographical area is going to be managed by 8 Area Governors.

The District Conference for this year on the 22nd May will still be a virtual Zoom meeting. Registration is required and a fee of \$10 is payable. Clubs are asked to organize a meeting venue where the event is projected onto a big screen and members can participate as a group. There will be two sessions, 2h in the morning and 2h in afternoon. Several high-quality speakers have prerecorded their presentation.

The last 9670 District Conference is planned for March 2022 and is going to be held in the Newcastle Townhall, yet another event not to be missed.

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Birthdays this week:

12th March D. Whatham

18th March P. McBean

Anniversaries:

none

Heads & Tails:

Helen Ryan

Raffle:

Doug Bairstow

Member Duties 18th March

Door:

Lesley Freeman

Meet/Greet:

n/a

Grace:

n/a

Intro Guest speaker:

n/a

Thank Guest Speaker:

n/a

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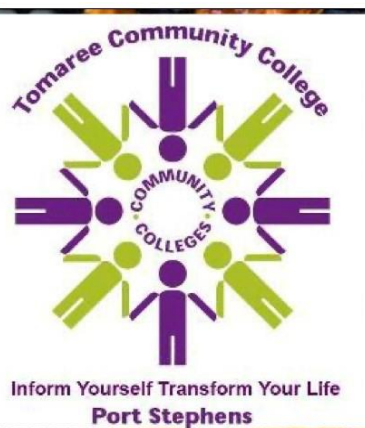
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Our next meeting will be held at the Tomaree Community College.

The College has received considerable assistance from Nelson Bay Rotary over the years and many of the Directors are members of Nelson Bay Rotary Club.

The College continues to grow with new things added in recent years including a Community Garden and before and after school care .

Join us for a tour and update of the College at the usual time of 6:00 – for 6:30 start.

A BBQ (steak, sausages, salad) will be provided. Cost will be the usual \$25.

N.B. Bring your own plate, eating utensils and drinks.

Names were taken at this week's meeting so if you were not there, please let Phillip Smith know you are coming and if you will be bringing anyone else.

Announcements



Open Day BBQ Sat. 13th March at Soldiers Pt Marina with Milton, Doug & Chris. d'Albora Marina supplied the food f.o.c. and we were to keep the take of \$230.- plus \$300.- in sponsorship for the Golf Day. Marina customers and Dragon Boat crew boosted the takings considerable, a great effort by the three.

President report:

In this month's board meeting a large number of business point were discussed

1. The MHERV van visit was a great success and to be continued and possibly extended to women's health.
2. Treasurer Narelle's report shows a healthy financial status, mainly due to BBQs and Binocular cash income. It was agreed that the monthly financial report will be distributed to the members and are encouraged to seek clarifications and comments as required.
3. The bookkeeper firm "Kountable" is to be retained and further quotes are to be obtained for the annual auditor.
4. The \$250 District grant for membership promotion will be used for caps & hats as gift to new members, as well as the new podium banner for the next Rotary Year
5. Liz pointed out the recent article in "Roach-Rattlings" about our club (if you missed it download a copy [HERE](#))

Golfday Organizer Arja report

Local sponsors have been very generous despite the dire CORONA pandemic situation.

+100 players have already registered.

The Golfday duty roster can be viewed or downloaded [HERE](#), members are requested to sign-in at the Golf Club by QR code, and if staying for the Burger & Chips meal are to book and pay \$20.-

Please note that there is a cap of 120 pax in the auditorium.

Community Service Director Milton report

SES & Koala Rescue are being assisted in their upcoming charity BBQs (for profit sharing), Bunnings has given our club very generous first choice allocations of possible two BBQ p/month (and Milton is seeking member commitment for this) Bunnings also has donated a \$200.- voucher for the Golf day auction.

Doug Craike had a meeting with the Yacaaba Centre manager, and they require some support with gardening at the Donald St. Centre as well as at their women's refuge facility, mainly lawn mowing, and some planting of plants donated by Bunnings, possibly a local garden club could take ownership of the 2nd.

Helen Ryan from the Centenary committee is distributing the "End Trachoma" raffle books @ \$2.- per ticket for a wheelbarrow of goods and vouchers generously donated by local businesses, and "Winner Takes All", a total value of \$2,170.-

The RCNB with Salamander club is selling tickets @ the Salamander Shopping Centre on the 29th, 30th, 31st March and 1st April, ***please advise Helen if you can assist.***

The raffle draw will be at The Rotary Centenary Celebration Lunch @ Murray's Brewery on 10th April.

Rotary Charity Golf Day

COUNCIL AND LOCAL BUSINESSES SUPPORT ROTARY CHARITY GOLF DAY

The Rotary Club of Nelson Bay has waited patiently for 12 months to conduct its 29th Annual Charity Golf Day. The event was scheduled to be held at Nelson Bay Golf course in early April 2020 and was postponed due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

One year on and the easing of Covid restrictions, the event now will be held on Friday 26 March 2021.

Port Stephens Council and Toyota Port Stephens are the major sponsors ensuring this event will proceed. Many other local businesses have provided financial and other support, plus entered teams to play on the day.

Rotary Club Director and Charity Golf Day organiser, Arja Levonpera, has done an outstanding job coordinating sponsors, players and activities. Ms Levonpera said without the loyal support of both sponsors and players, plus Rotary Club members and volunteers on the day, the event would simply not occur. The Rotary Club of Nelson Bay is currently celebrating its 65th year of serving the local community. The Charity Golf Days have returned in excess of \$250,000 back to the local community. While many local businesses are still doing it tough, Ms Levonpera stated their unwavering loyalty to the Rotary Club was reward in itself and urged local residents to support local businesses.

Port Stephens Council Mayor Ryan Palmer, a strong supporter of this event, said Council recognised the great community work carried out by Rotary and other community organisations, especially in the past 12 months where fund raising projects have been curtailed through Covid 19 restrictions. Mayor Palmer said a small investment to Rotary for this event will see a greater return to the community through projects already supported by the Club.

Port Stephens Toyota has been a loyal supporter of this event for over a decade and has again supplied a Toyota Yaris, valued at \$26,000, as a major hole-in-one prize.

Manager Michelle Smith, stated that Port Stephens Toyota is a supporter of Rotary, as one of the principals of the Burton Family Group of companies, Norm Burton, a Rotarian at East Maitland, was recently awarded an Order of Australia Medal for his services to the community and Rotary. Ms Smith commented on the great work Rotary carries out in the local community.

Proceeds from this year's Charity Golf Day will enable the Rotary Club of Nelson Bay to provide funds to HMRI (Hunter Medical Research Institute) for Associate Professor Kelvin Kong's project for more efficient Indigenous ear diagnosis and many other Rotary community projects. Kelvin Kong, a local Worimi man, grew up in Nelson Bay and in the past 12 months has received a number of community awards, including the prestigious Menzies Medallion and was honoured as the City of Newcastle Citizen of the Year 2021. He has had a long association with the Rotary Club of Nelson Bay which has already given \$20,000 and a further \$10,000 is needed to meet the Club's initial commitment. The Federal Government is also supporting Kelvin Kong's important project.

Over 100 players have registered to play in the tournament, with some places still available. It is a friendly day, with the Ambrose format providing opportunities for golfers of all abilities. There are many great prizes on offer, plus auctions and meat raffles after the day's play, where hamburgers and chips will be served in the Clubhouse. Players will also receive an egg and bacon sandwich during the day which is included in the tournament fee. For more details visit the Nelson Bay Rotary website www.rotarynelsonbay.org or book direct from link: trybooking.com/events/712593 or Arja Levonpera on 0412 373 050 or <mailto:arja.levonpera@gmail.com>



Port Stephens Mayor Ryan Palmer, Rotary Club of Nelson Bay Charity Golf day organiser, Arja Levonpera & Port Stephens Toyota Manager, Michelle, admire the new Toyota Yaris vehicle.



A Yaris will be offered as a hole-in-one prize at the Rotary Charity Golf day