

ASHMORE IN ACTION

Rotary



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2020 District Conference in Tenterfield - Cancelled

Yesterday Saturday 14 March, the District 9640 Governor (G Train) decided to cancel the 2020 District Conference in Tenterfield scheduled for 27 -29 March.

The decision to cancel conference has not been made lightly and has been part of my deliberations now for several weeks as information regarding CODIV 19 has come to hand.

Our decision has been based on several considerations and possible implications for both conference attendees and the community of Tenterfield. These include the following:

- Tenterfield is a reasonably small town with a population of less than 4000 people
- It has a high % of people in the High-risk category (70 years plus)
- We have two aged care facilities with 80 plus, low to high dependence patients
- Tenterfield is only equipped with an 18-bed hospital with minimal services and facilities
- The Tenterfield Rotary Club have 3 members who are integral staff members (nursing staff) of these facilities
- Travel advice to most organisations is to not undertake un-necessary travel both domestic and international
- Gatherings of people of 500 plus should be avoided (I'm not sure what the difference is between 300 and 500?)
- Organisations that we have engaged to support our conference include our Tenterfield High School students and Staff and primary school Parents and Citizens organisation
- So far, I have lost one of my Keynote speakers and could possibly lose more
- Rotary is an advocate for disease control and eradication and must take the high moral ground on this issue
- Rotary, with the good work done recently with the drought and bushfires in this district, doesn't need to undo this work by potentially getting the blame for bringing the virus into town.
- Most importantly – Tenterfield may be able to contain or deal with this virus if it doesn't hit us hard, in other words - moves through the community slowly. By introducing the possibility of accelerating the spread of this virus throughout our community would have a disastrous effect on the community.
- Finally, and most importantly, I have a duty of care to my fellow Rotarians (many who are in the high-risk

category) attending this conference and to the community of Tenterfield.

- Shauna and I are naturally disappointed this decision had to be taken as so much work has gone into developing a conference that we believe was going to be extremely engaging, thought provoking, lots of fun with surprises and new connections.
- Conference is a big part of the year and is our opportunity to celebrate the many good things that we do as clubs and individuals, so I encourage you all to do this at your club level as we move toward the end of this year.
- Our decision to hold conference in Tenterfield was made because we knew that Tenterfield, like so many country communities, would be in need of income due to the severe drought. Naturally recent events with bushfires and now the Corona Virus have made this situation worse. As many of you have accommodation bookings in Tenterfield and there is no restriction on personal travel (yet), I would like you all to consider

coming to Tenterfield for the weekend as tourists, enjoy the wonderful hospitality of our community and visit the many fine attractions, coffee shops, shops, national parks and museums that we have on offer. Delaying your visit until later in the year when things have calmed down may be a better option for some Rotarians.

- Those Rotarians who have booked for events will be refunded in due course.
- Finally, to the Tenterfield Rotary Club and my conference committee, Shauna and I would like to extend our sincere thanks and gratitude for all their support, patience and commitment toward this event.

Sincerely yours

Harry J Bolton

District Governor Rotary District 9640

Last Meeting

Heather opened meeting lighting a candle in remembrance of Brian Knowles.

Welcomed our AG David Bisiker from Parkwood Rotary.

Also, special friends, Diana Bradford, Justine's Partner Jarrad and daughter Taylah.

Marcia proposed a toast to the Plumbers of the World it being World Plumbers Day.

Apologies, President Norm, Ken, Brad, Peter, Nina, Kim, Kelly.

Happy Birthday to Rock.

Announcements;

Congratulations to Justine, Jarrad, Taylah Family and work colleagues for our vocational visit to their beautiful rainforest country at Guanaba. Thank you, Justine, for the catering and sharing. What you have done has caused us to want to know more.

Barbara spoke about Headway garden work bee on Saturday 14th.

Michael reminded all that he needs egg cartons.

We wished Michael all the best for his operation next Wednesday.

Elaine reminded us to bring chocolate Easter eggs.

Denise mentioned that there is a room available at Tenterfield.

Pat Ince leaves for Melbourne next week to be with her daughter. We send our love and best wishes.

AG David then mentioned Conference, District matters and his pleasure to be with us.

Rohan made final plans for the car boot sale.

H & T won by AG David.

Eggs won by Barbara.

Pat won the door prize.

Sergeant session called on each to reflect on a song they remembered the most.

Ian Y read 2 pages from a book authored by Sir Clem Renouf called Health Hunger and Humanity Program. It related to the leadup to the Rotary International Board policy decision to reiterate the autonomy of Clubs and to encourage them to engage in worldwide Rotary programs. This laid the basis for the health Hunger and Humanity program. The initial programs were the vaccination of 6.3 million children in Philippines

against Polio. Effectively making possible the unfolding of our PolioPlus Program to eliminate Polio from the planet.

AG David introduced Guest speaker Rod Smith and wife Glennis.

“It is my pleasure to introduce Rod Smith our speaker for this evening. Rod and his wife Glennis have travelled to Australia from NZ to speak to a number of GC Rotary Clubs. Rod is a former reporter for the Wellington Evening Post. His working life included times in youth work, journalism and the public service. His wife Glennis is a sixth-generation descendant of Arthur Guinness founder of the renowned brewery. Rod has since 1992 gathered information for his book Guinness Down Under. Rod will share

with us the story of Guinness and how Guinness came to Australia and NZ.”

Everyone was fascinated with the Irish history, invention, development, transition of families to great heights and down again to where it is today as part of brewing rights of a multinational. Rod donated a copy of his book to be auctioned at another good time.

Robyn thanked Rod.

Members were thanked for staying a little later mainly due to late meal service.

Michael closed the meeting.

Thank you, Green Team and helpers.



Attendance

It is essential that we know approximate numbers for catering. If you can't make the meeting: **Contact Robyn: 0439 794 092 or randgschatz@gmail.com**

Members Welfare

Know any sick members or members who need a little extra help?

Contact Marcia: 0413 730 820 or marcialampshade@gmail.com



Next Meeting

Ashmore Rotary Community Centre
Wednesday 18th March 2020 @ 6:00 pm

This coming Wednesday, 18th March we will have a special St Patrick's Day celebration at the Centre.

There will be green food, green beer, Irish music and lots of fun and laughs, so bring your friends with you. In the past when we have had meetings like these, we have all had a wonderful time and we all hope this one will be as good as the rest – if not better.

Our entertainment will be our own members – I challenge everyone to bring along their favorite Irish joke to share!!! The one voted the best will get an extra drink of something green.

Please let Robyn know if you will be attending and how many mates you will be bringing with you. Cost is still just \$20.00 each.

PS – look out for the leprechauns and pots of gold.



Future Meetings

Date	Team	What's Happening
18th March	Gold	St Patricks Day Social Event (ARCC)
25th March	Red	Sophie Gerry, Surf Lifesaving
1st April	Green	TBA



Birthdays & Anniversaries – March

March 18	Rob Deshon	Partner Birthday
March 23	David Grant	Club Anniversary
March 23	Ros. Wilson	Member Birthday
March 28	Peter Gilmore	Member Birthday
March 28	Ian Wilson	Wedding Anniversary
March 31	Michael Hyland	Wedding Anniversary

Stamps, Cans, Bottles, Bread Tags

Members are reminded to bring to meetings the above items. Please note that we no longer collect the plastic bottle tops.

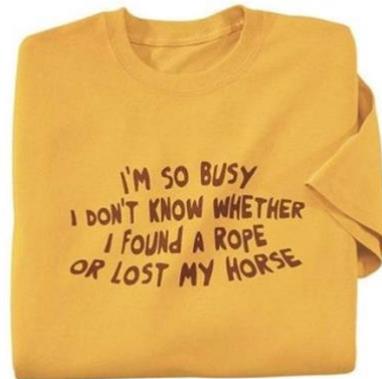


Guest Speakers Needed

We are still seeking suitable guest speakers for our fortnightly meetings at the Ashmore Road Steak and Seafood. We will have some speakers at the ARCC also but mainly our own members speaking on things of interest to us all. If you know of any suitable speakers, please contact Denise to find a suitable date.

End Polio Now

The polio eradication campaign needs your help to reach every child. Thanks to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, your contribution to Rotary will be **tripled**. [Donate now.](#)



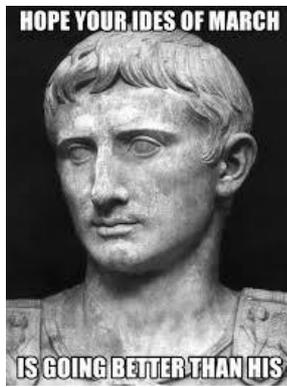
Easter is Coming.....



The Easter Bunny needs assistance to ensure that Children from families that are struggling wake up Easter morning with a smile on their face.

Each year with your generous donations of Easter eggs, chocolate bunnies etc we have been able to make Easter special for many little ones.

PLEASE BRING DONATIONS TO ALL MEETINGS IN THE FUTURE.



The **Ides of March** was a day in the Roman calendar that corresponds to 15 March. It was marked by several religious observances and was notable for the Romans as a deadline for settling debts. In 44 BC, it became notorious as the date of the assassination of Julius Caesar which made the Ides of March a turning point in Roman history.



Guess there is plenty of this product left on the shelves!

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