



District 9790 Conference Yarrawonga Mulwala 22 – 25 March, 2018



Review



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 Clyde Ronan
 Ed Rowlands
 Jack Sterkenburg
 Gary Tribe
 Caitlyn Wallace
 Rob Wallace
 Ken Yap

Conference Program March 22 to 25

(Program subject to change)

All events at Club Mulwala unless otherwise indicated

To Book for Conference and Events click on  trybooking

For all conference information click on [The Conference Website](#)

Thursday Program

SPORTS AND RECREATION DAY

Activities Include Golf, Bowls, Cricket, Walks and timed for completion by 3.30pm.

- 8.00 DIGGERS RESTAURANT open for Breakfast
- 9.00 REGISTRATION OF GOLF PLAYERS Black Bull Golf Course
- 12.00– 5.00 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DESK OPEN Club Mulwala Foyer
- 1.30-3.00 BBQ FOR GOLFERS Black Bull Golf Course
- 2.30 AFTERNOON TEA FOR RIDE TO CONFERENCE Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort
- 3.30 GOLF PRESENTATIONS Black Bull Golf Course
- 6.30 For 7.00 SPORTS DINNER Willow room Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort

SPEAKERS Wayne Phillips and Kim Forge.

Friday Program

- 8.00 DIGGERS OPEN FOR BREAKFAST Club Mulwala
- 9.00 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION Club Mulwala
- 11.00 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS LUNCH Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort.
- 12.30 ENTERTAINMENT. Ecumenical Choir.
- 1.00 GALA OPENING.
PROCESSION OF FLAGS, VIPS
ADDRESS BY MAYORS –
MOIRA MAYOR **Libro Mustica.** & FEDERATION SHIRE MAYOR **Patrick Bourke.**
PRESIDENT. ROTARY CLUB OF YARRAWONGA AND MULWALA, **Cate Febey.**
LIGHT ENTERTAINMENT TREVOR HARGREAVES.
DG **Bernie Bott.**
RIPPR **Ron Burton.**
Light Eternal candle - **Mrs Jetta Burton**
SPEAKER Bruce Allen - Foundation
- 2.30 AFTERNOON TEA
RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS, FIRST TIME ATTENDEES, PRESIDENTS' &
PRESIDENTS' ELECT.
SPEAKER. Dr. Bruce Anderson - Towards Eradication of Malaria
SPEAKER Kate Austin - Pinchapoo.
- 3.50 FINAL NOTICES FOR DAY.
- 4.00 CLOSE.
- 5.00 PAUL HARRIS COCKTAILS Golf Club Willow Room
SPEAKER RIPPR Ron Burton/ Bruce Allen.
- 7.00 CLUB DINNERS.



A good roll-up ensured the success of the **Sports and Recreation Day**, particularly for the golf and river walks, followed by a great night and entertaining speakers at the golf club



What an outstanding gathering of **Guest Speakers**; hard to choose a highlight here. Dr Priscilla Rogers' life journey and the role of Rotary was inspiring. Champs and Sam Bailey were pretty good too.



The Opening Pageant, featuring local schoolkids, paid a stirring tribute to "100 Years of ANZAC"



Ron and Jetta Burton made a big hit. To have Ron, Past RI President, travel from the U.S. as the Current President's Representative gave kudos to our Conference.



The Saturday Night Gala Dinner featured a top menu and top music from the Pacific Belles Swing Band. Lots of singing, dancing and Rotary Networking. Everyone, from our exchange students to DG Elect Malcolm and Jill, joined the fun of the 'Old Folk's Music'.

Saturday Program

- 7.00 DIGGERS OPEN FOR BREAKFAST Club Mulwala
- 7.00 PRESIDENTS' AND PRESIDENTS' ELECT BREAKFAST, Endeavour Rm, **Speaker RIPPR Ron Burton**
- 9.00 ANZAC MEMORIAL PRESENTATION YARRAWONGA P12 STUDENTS
SPEAKER Dr. Priscilla Rogers My journey and Future Directions in Medicine
 LIGHT ENTERTAINMENT TREVOR HARGREAVES.
SPEAKER. Ron Iddles – Criminals I have known
- 10.20 MORNING TEA.
SPEAKER Prof. Nicola Lautenschlager - Alzheimer's disease and Exercise
 SCHOOLS' DEBATE
SPEAKER Dr Robert Webster - RSL.
- 12.55 LUNCH
- 1.40 DEBATE RESULTS.
SPEAKER. Commissioner Craig Lapsley – Major Emergency Management
 POLICE AWARD
 RIDE TO CONFERENCE. **David Barrat**
SPEAKER Kristin Graham -Aus. Rotary Health PTSD Research
- 3.15 CLOSE Club Mulwala setup for Gala Dinner.
- 4.00 RESOLUTIONS SESSION. Endeavour Room. Iles swing band.

6.30 For 7.00 **ANZAC Centenary Celebration Dinner.** Featuring The Pacific Be

Sunday Program.

- 8.00 DIGGERS OPEN FOR BREAKFAST Club Mulwala
- 7.30 **Ruth Konig Walk** Club Mulwala; around both bridges.
- 9.00 EXCHANGE STUDENTS,
 DISTRICT AWARDS.
 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY.
- 10.15 MORNING TEA.
SPEAKER Sam Bailey – Follow Your Dreams
 VOCATIONAL TRAINING TEAM GOING TO CANADA & USA.
SPEAKER Greg Champion - Coodabeens
 NEXT CONFERENCE BANNER HAND OVER TO INCOMING DGE MALCOLM KERR.
 SHORT VIDEO PRESENTATION ON THE 2019 CONFERENCE.
- 12.30 **SUMMATION RIPPR Ron Burton & DG Bernie Bott.**
- 1.00 CLOSE.
- 1.15 SUNDAY LUNCH AT THE MULWALA WATER SKI CLUB. **Greg Champion** PERFORMING ON THE DECK, AND FEATURING THE CLUB'S FAMOUS **INTERNATIONAL WATER SKI SHOW**



Running Sheet

CONFERENCE 2018

As at 21/03/2018

Thursday 22nd.

8.30 Con Com Meeting. Black Bull Golf Course Sports day members only.

8.00 Diggers open for Breakfast.

9.00 Black Bull Registration for Golf Players **John Taylor, Joe Cilia, Peter Bennett & Noel Thomas.**

9.28 Rotary Club Members hit off as far as 4th hole and run Hole in 1 Comp, then follow field to pick up nearest pin.

10.45 Pickup students from P12 School

11.00 On Rehearsal Choir and School Play?

10.56 Last Golfers hit off. Rotary group follow after last group and pick up nearest pin.

11.30 For 12.00 start Croquet & Mahjong YMGCRC. Noel Thomas

12.00 Registration opens Club Mulwala Foyer. **Jenni Murch, Peter Bennet, Joe Cilia, Roy Juster.**

12.30 Walk 1 from Club Mulwala front entrance. Noel Thomas, Jack Sterkenburg.

1.30 to 3.00 BBQ by Inner Wheel club at Black Bull Golf Course. Noel Thomas

2.30 Afternoon tea at YGCR for Ride to Conference. Dot Brodie

3.30 Golf Presentations. Black Bull Driving Range. Noel Thomas.

6.30 Door Attendants Marg Best, Daryl Knight. Mick Shadwick.

7.00 Sports Dinner and Sports presentations. **Speakers. Wayne Phillips & Kim Forge.** YGCR Willow Room.

Speakers Staying Thursday Night. Wayne Phillips. Wayne will be picked up at Tullamarine airport by Alan Rowe Club Mulwala. Wayne is booked to hit off golf at 10.56, and will be staying with Alan Rowe Thursday night. Wayne will be returned to Tullamarine airport Friday AM by Alan Rowe. Kim Forge Arrive by car and will be going home after Dinner. Wayne & Kim Attended by Ross & Bronwyn Lloyd, Ron & Jetta Burton by Brian Peters.

FRIDAY 23rd 8.00 Con Com Meeting Club Mulwala Board Room.

8.00 Diggers open for Breakfast.

9.00 REGISTRATION – All day Complete WRCD set up and allocates stalls
Club Mulwala Foyer & WRCD allocated area.

11.00 Council of Governors Lunch YGCR.

12.00 Door Attendants. Marg Best, Daryl Knight. Ushers 2, Volunteer's Required Res Mick Shadwick

12.15 First Bell Noel Tinney.

12.25 Second Bell.

12.30 ENTERTAINMENT. Lakeside Singers.
Andrew Brown.

1.00 GALA OPENING. Procession of flags by Exchange
students, Australia, USA, Rotary. VIPs on stage.

Address Moira Mayor **Libro Mustica**. &
Federation Shire Mayor **Patrick Bourke**.

President Rotary. **Cate Febey**.

Light entertainment Trevor Hargreaves.

DG **Bernie Bott**.

PRIP **Ron Burton**.

Light Eternal candle. **Mrs Jetta Burton**.

2.06 **Foundation** **Bruce Allen**

2.30 Afternoon Tea.

2.55 **Starting Bell**.

3.00 Recognition of new members, first time attendees,
presidents & Presidents Elect.

3.08 **SPEAKER**. **Dr. Bruce Anderson**.

3.34 **PINCHAPOO**. Plus Presentation Presto Rotary **Kate Austin**.

3.50 Final notices for Day.

4.00 Finish.

4.30 Door Attendants Willow Room YMGCR. Marg Best, Daryl Knight.

Ushers 2. Volunteer's required

Friday 23rd Continue

5.00pm PAUL HARRIS COCKTAILS Golf Club Willow Room.

Foundation Speaker PRIP Ron Burton/ Bruce Allen.

6.30pm Club DINNERS.

**7.00pm Private Rotary Club Function Stonegrill. All Con Com Members are Urged
to attend. Door Attendants. Margaret Best, Mick Shadwick.**

**Speakers staying Friday Night: - Ms Kirsty Graham & Mary Graham. Mr & Mrs Ron
Burton, Professor Nickola Lautenschlager & C. Agar, Ron & Colleen Iddles, Bruce Allen & Lorraine Cody.
Not Staying in House Dr Bruce Anderson, MS Kate Austin and Dr Priscilla Rogers. Staff Staying in House.
David Anderson, Mr & Mrs Steve McKewen, Mr Brian Peters. Guest Mr C Emmerson & Ms J Henderson.**



Speakers attended by. Mr Ron & Mrs Jetta Burton, Brian Peters. Kristy Graham & Mary Graham Arriving Late. Nicola Lautenschlager & C Agar, Jenny Dight. Bruce Allen & Lorraine Cody, Dave Barrat. Mr Ron & Colleen Iddles, Graeme Robinson.

Please Note Club Mulwala has a lock out rule at 11.00 PM No re admittance after this time.

SATURDAY 24th

6.45 am Door Attendants. Marg Best, Daryl Knight. Mick Shadwick
Plus 1 Volunteer.

7.00am Presidents & Presidents Elect Breakfast. PRIP Ron Burton
 Endeavour Room. Club Mulwala.

7.00am Diggers open for Breakfast.

7.00am **Con Com Meeting Club Mulwala Board Room.**

8.30 Door Attendants, Marg
Best, Daryl Knight. Mick Shadwick
Ushers 2.

8.55 Starting Bell Noel Tinney.

9.00 AM START.

9.00 School Play Yarrawonga P12 Students.

9.19 **SPEAKER. Dr. Priscilla Rogers.**

9.45 Light Entertainment Trevor Hargreaves.

9.58 **SPEAKER. Ron Iddles.**

10.21 Morning Tea.

11.00 **Alzheimer's. Prof. Nicola Lautenschlager.**

11.26 **SCHOOLS' DEBATE. Nigel Liggins. 0400694618**

6 Debater's X 4 Min, 2 Min for Adjudicators, 1 Time Keeper, 2 Coaches, 3 Adjudicator's, Maximum 12 Parents.

12.32 **RSL. Dr Robert Webster.**

12.55 **LUNCH No food to be taken to Smokers Balcony.**

1.00 Door Attendants Marg Best, Daryl Knight. Mick Shadwick.
Ushers 1 Need Volunteer.

1.40 Starting Bell.

1.45 Debate Results.

2.00 SPEAKER. Commissioner Craig Lapsley.



- 2.26 Police Award Intro by MC. Presentation by
Comm Craig Lapsley & David Redfearn. 0448852747
- 2.37 Ride to Conference. **Dave Barrat.**
- 2.53 **Aus. Rotary Health PTSD.** **Kristin Graham.**

3.15 Finish Club Mul setup for Gala Dinner.

4.15 Door Attendants Marg Best, Daryl Knight.

4.00 Resolutions Session. Endeavour Room.

6.30 Door Attendants. Marg Best, Daryl Knight. Doug & Di Evans.

7.00 **Gala Dinner. A selection of drinks provided on table after they are consumed. All other drinks will be available at bar prices and table service provided.**

NB Youth exchange students are expected to attend Gala Dinner Aprox 11. Clubs with exchange students are expected to pay Gala Dinner cost ie \$90.00 per student. Conference registration fees per exchange student will be refunded to Con Com by Rotary 9790 District Management. Con Com to Invoice district for number of student attending X \$150.00.

Speakers Arriving Saturday night and staying Pacific Belles. Sam & Jenny Bailey Arriving at Club Mulwala Aprox 4.00PM By Hire Car. Kristin Graham & Mary Graham. Bruce Allen & Lorraine Cody.

Speakers attended by. Mr Ron & Mrs Jetta Burton, Brian Peters. Kristin Graham & Mary Graham, Clyde Ronan. Dr Bruce Allen & Lorraine Cody, Graeme Robinson. Sam & Jenny Bailey, Jenny Dight.

SUNDAY 25th 7.00 Diggers open for Breakfast.

7.30 Con Com Meeting Club Mulwala Board Room.

7.30 Ruth Konig Walk Club Mulwala around both bridge

8.30 Door Attendants Marg Best, Daryl Knight. Mick Shadwick

Ushers plus 1 Volunteer.

8.55 Stating Bell Noel Tinney.

9.00 AM Start.

Exchange Students, Bruce McIntyre 0427623142. 8 Exchange Students

And 3 chaperone's, all Rotex members.

Rotex, Rachael Feldtmann. 0429387323

RYLA, Emma Davis. 0407628388

9.34 District Awards.

9.52 **Remembrance Ceremony.**

10.15 Morning Tea.

10.55 **Starting Bell Noel Tinney.**

11.00 **SPEAKER.** **Sam Bailey.**

11.29 **Vocational Training team going to Canada & USA. 4 Members.**

Les Mitchell, 0427438235 Team Leader, Ross Abberfield,

Jonathan Van Poperling, Elizabeth Mace.

11.45 **Speaker.** **Greg Champion.**

11.30 Lunches Delivered to Ski Club.

12.11 Next Conference Banner Hand over to incoming DGE Malcolm Kerr.

Short Video presentation re 2019 Conference.

12.00 Door Attendants Mulwala Water Ski Club Marg Best, Daryl Knight.

Doug & Di Evans

12.30 **SUMMATION.** **PRIP Ron Burton & DG Bernie Bott.**

1.00 Close.

Sunday 25th Continued

1.15 Lunch (Packaged) Mulwala Water Ski Club Deck.

1.30 Ski Show Ski Club.

2.00 Entertainment by On Thin Ice.

Details of Meals and function times during conference YGCR

Thursday March 22nd

Grandview Room 50 people 2.30pm-4pm

Selection of petite slices and cakes

Scones jam and cream

Fruit platters

On large table for guests to help themselves

Tea and coffee facilities

\$8.00 per person

Bar facilities to be available for guests pay own

Tables of 8

Microphone

Table at the front

Thursday March 22nd Sports Dinner. 126 Booked through Try Booking

Willow Room 150 people 6.30pm

2 course dinner- Main dessert

Tea and coffee facilities

Guest speakers

Microphone

Data presentation and screens

Stage- diagonal in front of the stage doors

Both rooms required

\$40.00

Drinks

Guests to pay own drinks

6.30pm for 7pm

White linen cloths, navy and gold napkins

Enter via the garden

Registration table inside at the door

Round tables of 10

7.15 Main Course served.

8.00 Kim Forge speaking with electronic presentation.

8.30 Dessert.

9.00 Wayne Phillips.

Close when we are ready Club closes at 11.30 PM

Meal and speaking times are Aprox.



Meals served alternate

Mains

Chicken breast stuffed with spinach, sundried tomato on sweet potato mash with buttered broccoli and a pesto and white wine sauce

Mustard Glazed Sirloin of Beef, Burgundy Reduction, Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Greens

Dessert

Trio of Apple ~ Apple & Caramel Tartlet with Toffee Apple Pieces & and Apple Whip

Salted Caramel Cheesecake Shooter with Berry Compote & Tuile Crumbs

Friday March 23rd Council of Governor's Lunch

Grandview Room 40 people 10.30am-12.30pm

District Governors Lunch

2 course luncheon- alternate service

Price and menu to be decided

International guest (showing off our area and club) HIGH STANDARDS

11am for 11.30am service

over by 12.30

round tables

Guests purchase their own drinks

Lemon Thyme Veal with an asparagus, beetroot, arugula leaves, walnut and goats cheese salad

Murray Cod, rocket, fennel, orange segments, radish and a ginger orange glaze salad

Both salads will be served alternately.

Boosey Cheese platters to follow, with a generous amount of cheeses, crackers, pastes, and fresh fruit

\$40 per person

Friday March 23rd Paul Harris Function 69 Booked Through Try Booking.

Willow Room 80 people 5.30pm-7pm

Finger foods

Drinks to be included in price

Sparkling wine

Beer

House wines

Soft drinks and juices

\$30.00 per person

Selection of 5 different finger foods- Mini bruschetta, spinach and filo parcels, satay chicken skewers, chilli and sesame prawn skewers, spring rolls (we can't do the rice paper rolls because of the cost)

Guests to purchase spirits

4 large round tables with chairs inside, a few high top tables scattered inside as well

Enter via the garden

Rego table inside

Lectern and microphone.

Details of Meals & Functions at Club Mulwala.

Agenda for Conference:

Thursday 22nd of March

Registration desk at reception from 8.00 a.m.

School Kids will be doing a rehearsal in the Auditorium during the day

Ross from Albury Sound and Lighting will be setting up and testing equipment

Friday 23rd of March

8.00 am Registration Desk at Reception

12 noon Official Opening of the Conference in the Auditorium. Meeting will finish at 4.30 p.m.

Theatre style for 600 people

Afternoon Tea time to be confirmed along with location will it be down amongst the trade displays

7.00 pm Dinner booking in the Stonegrill Restaurant for 40 people. If numbers increase to 50 or more we will close the Restaurant to Private Function. **60 Booked to date**

Saturday 24th of March

7.00 am Breakfast in Diggers

President Elect Breakfast in the Endeavour Function Room for 50 people

9.00 am Meeting in the Auditorium until 3.30 pm.

Lunch time to be confirmed. Pick up and take Lunch for guests who want to go and sit outside.

Afternoon tea time to be confirmed and location will it be down amongst the trade displays.

4.30 pm Meeting in the Endeavour Function room until 5.30 p.m. 50 people.

Theatre style for 80 people. Head table for 8. Lectern and roving mic on the stage

Gala Dinner in the Auditorium time to be confirmed. Numbers not to exceed 280

Tables of 10 with a small dance floor. Menus will be printed by the Club for tables; we just need the picture for the cover to be sent as a jpg. Colour of serviettes for tables to be confirmed or will they be

White folded linen napkins with no colour inserts.

Stainless steel wine vessels on each table with two bottles of white wine – Sauvignon Blanc and 6 Stubbies with ice as well as two bottles of Shiraz on each table.

20180321	Wednesday			Jeep into Club Mulwala Foyer	Des Tuttle
20180322	Thursday	10.00am		Set up Maritime Display	
20180322	Thursday	10.00am		Poppy Throw over Jeep	
				Inner Wheel Club Mul stage	
20180322	Thursday	10.00am		Decorations	Inner Wheel - need a ladder
20180322	Thursday	12.00noon	05.00pm	Poppy Raffle Foyer sell tickets	Poppy painting near
					Registration desk
20180322	Thursday			Poppy Raffle Foyer sell tickets	Tickets \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00
20180322	Thursday				need members to sell tickets
20180322	Thursday	01.30pm	03.30pm	Black Bull BBQ Inner Wheel	
					Poppy painting near
20180323	Friday	09.00am	12.00noon	Poppy Raffle Foyer sell tickets	Registration desk
20180323	Friday	12.30pm	04.00pm	Poppy Raffle Anzac Room sell tickets	Poppy painting at RDU stand
					To Club Mulwala for Table
20180323	Friday			Deliver Ceramic Poppies & Rosemary	decorations(Bronwyn)
20180323	Friday				

20180324	Saturday	09.00am	03.30pm	Poppy Raffle Anzac Room sell tickets	Poppy painting at RDU stand
20180324	Saturday	03.00pm	04.00pm	Meet Pacific Belles - Dot	
20180324	Saturday	04.00pm	06.00pm	Pacific Belles Band set up	
20180324	Saturday	04.00pm	06.00pm	Gala Dinner Table Decorations	Club Mulwala staff
20180324	Saturday	06.00pm	07.00pm	Pacific Belles & Band - meal	Club Mulwala bistro
20180324	Saturday	06.30pm	09.00pm	Gala Dinner -sell final Poppy Raffle tickets	Place Poppy painting near or on stage
20180324	Saturday	06.30pm		Gala Dinner start	
20180324	Saturday	07.00pm		Gala Dinner Drinks & Entre	
20180324	Saturday	07.30pm		Gala Dinner Main	
20180324	Saturday	08.00pm	08.45pm	Pacific Belles & Band	
20180324	Saturday	08.45pm		Gala Dinner sweets & coffee	
20180324	Saturday	09.00pm		Draw Poppy Painting Raffle	MC to ask RIPPR to draw raffle during interval
20180324	Saturday	09.15pm	10.00pm	Pacific Belles & Band (Dancing)	
20180324	Saturday	10.00pm		Pacific Belles & Band fellowship	
20180324	Saturday	10.05pm		Gala Dinner enjoy fellowship & Club Mulwala	
20180324	Saturday				
20180325	Sunday				

Sunday 25th of March

7.00 am Breakfast in Diggers

9.00 am Meeting in the Auditorium for 500 till 12.30 pm

11.30 am Lunches to be taken to the Ski Club for about 50 people to be confirmed.

As discussed you will require the Courtesy Bus to be available to transport some guests to different functions from Thursday.

If we have left anything out please let us know. We just need to fine tune some of the times for catering.

Have a good day

Kerry Ellis

Functions Co Coordinator

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Conference Committee: Roles, Responsibilities, Tasks

Host Club Rotary Club of Yarrawonga Mulwala

District Governor Bernie Bott

President Cate Febey 2017/18.

Conference Chair Ross Lloyd 0419005125 rlloyd@iinet.net.net.au

Conference Program Booklet, Assist with all Con Com Members, Liaise with YGCR, Club Mul, Ski Club.

Conference Secretary Peter Bennett 0417586153 peterben1950@gmail.com

Meeting Minutes, Collating Information from members, Progress Sheets, **Trybooking Coordinator, Spread Sheet, and Gala Dinner Seating Name badges.**

Conference Planning Cate Febey 0407369431 febeyic@bigpond.net.au Stage manager assistant, Green Room, Debate plus Adjudicator's, Exchange Students,

Program Manager Jenny Dight 0438954673 jennydight8@gmail.com

Guest Speakers, Program Management, Higher Service, Guest Speaker Attendants, Guest Speaker coordinator, Program Running Sheet in combination with Steve McKewen,

Conference Treasurer Joe Cilia 0416239932 joe.cilia@bigpond.com

Bank A/C, Credit Card, Insurance, Budget, **Assisting Jennie & Peter with registration.**

Sports & Rec Day Noel Thomas 0419432789 nrt1944@gmail.com

Golf, Bowls, Tennis, Billiards, Cricket, Walks, Boat cruise, Ride, Drive, Caravan, Motorbike to Conference, Black Bull Phil McCully 57440044.

Promotion John Taylor 0419363101 taylorjcgm@gmail.com

Promotional Video, 2017 Conference Promotion, News Paper & TV Promotion, Town & Business Promotion, Shirts for Con Com members, **Conference News Letter, Charlie Monthly Bulletin, Resolution Coordinator.**

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Electronic Promotion, Media, Facebook, Email, On Line Booking,

Electronic Logistics Peter Viner 0417827969 petervineremail@gmail.com Audio Visual to all parts of Club Mulwala plus green room, P.A System, Timing Equipment, Rod Peters, 0417381809, Sound & Lighting Ross Schulz 0260211502 0407211502.

Logistics Dave Barrat 0418332875 djbarrat@westnet.com.au

Photographer, Pointer, Stage Projection Screens, Rostrum, Managing electronic media from guest speakers, Assisting Jenny Dight and Steve McKewen stage manager.

What Rotary Can Do Ian Febey 0357431202 febeyic@bigpond.net.au

Promote to all Clubs, Provide Display booths, If Required,

Sponsorship Tony Thomas 0418597727 yarrawongabuilding@bigpond.com

Make contact with suitable Local & non Local Sponsors. **Sports Day Presentations, Ride to Conference, Assist Con Com Chair.**

Conference Registrar Mick Shadwick 0421358088 mick.shadwick@bigpond.com

Conference Refund Policy, Risk Management & analysis, **Insurance**, Security,

Administration Noel Tinney 0427550923 jcntinney@gmail.com

Show Bags, Signs around town & Venue, Rotary Trailer, Flags, Gifts for Speakers, St Johns Ambulance,

Conference Registration Jenni Murch 0448822854 jenn.murch@bigpond.com

Conference Registration, Name Tags, 7 Day YGCR, Club Mul, Ski Club Registration,

Entertainment Dot Brodie 0402600556 well_scuppered@hotmail.com
 Sports Dinner, **Thursday afternoon tea at Black Bull and YMGCRC**, Saturday Lunch, Morning & Afternoon Teas,
 District Governor's Lunch, Foundation Drinks & Nibbles, Saturday AM President, President Elect Breakfast,
 Friday Night Club function . Club Mul Kerry Ellis 57442331, YMGCRC, Alicia Leeburn, Richard Hogg 57441911,
 Ski Club Peter Duncan 57441888.

Gala Dinner Ian Barton 0400065532 ianrbarton@gmail.com

Theme for Saturday Night, Meal, Drinks, Entertainment, Speakers, **Set up and Decoration of Club Mul Auditorium** , work with Inner Wheel Club re Decoration, Check entertainers accommodation, Maritime Services re Pull ups.

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Objectives

Attendants.	600	561 Try Booking
Speakers, MC.	16	28
What Rotary Can Do.	50 Stalls	28
Gala Dinner	280	280
Sports Dinner	170	126
Sunday Lunch		128
PHF Cocktail	130	69
Golf.	75	44
Presidents Breakfast		46

Con Com Staff

RIPPR Ron Burton.DG. Bernie Bott.

RIPPR Aid & Coordinator. Brian Peters.

Conference Chair. Ross Lloyd.

MC For all Functions. David Anderson.

Stage Manager. Stephen McKewen.

Program Manager & Guest Speaker Coordinator. Jenny Dight,

Dave Barrat & Speaker Attendants. Graeme Robinson, Ed Rowlands, Clyde Ronan, Veronica Mcnaught, Ron Kennett, Ken Yap Friday.

Green Room. Cate Febey. Caitlyn Wallace,

Set up and pull down Debate seating. Stuart Nixon Jack Sterkenburg.

What Rotary Can Do Coordinator. Ian Febey. Stuart Nixon, Jack Sterkenburg Ron Kennett, Dave Barrat.

Sargent at Arms. Noel Tinney, Plus Door Attendants & Ushers Below.

Registration Desk. **Jenni Murch, Peter Bennett, Joe Cilia & Roy Juster.**

Catering, Entertainment, Gala Dinner Coordinator. **Dot Brodie & Ian Barton.**

Lighting, Sound & Video Coordinator, Public address. **Peter Viner.**

Sports Day & Walks Coordinator. **Noel Thomas, Jack Sterkenburg.**

Sports Day Presentations. **Tony Thomas.**

Resolution Session Coordinator. **John Taylor, Rob Wallace.**

Exchange Student & Debate Coordinator, **Rob Wallace.**

DG Assistant. **Noel Thomas.**

R. L. Assistant **Tony Thomas.**

RDU Supplies Stall. **John Marchant, Jeff Haebich.**

WRCD Stall. **Trevor Gowland, Tony Thomas.**

Photographer. **Les Garbutt, duke43@aapt.net.au**

Speakers, Friday & Saturday Night Entertainment. YMGC Friday night dinner. **Dot Brodie.**

Security Safety Officer. **Mick Shadwick.**

Door Attendants Friday Night Stone Grill. 2 Required. **Mick Shadwick & Margaret Best.**





Chairman's Report – Ross Lloyd

In March 2015 I was invited by DG Bernie Bott to chair the 2018 Rotary District 9790 Conference. As I had experience chairing a similar conference I had great pleasure accepting his challenge.

As I had not attended a Rotary district conference for some time it was opportune for me to attend the 2015 Rotary conference in Wangaratta, I was able to get a firsthand look at how to run a successful conference.

I made contact with conference chair Vince Leonard and was able to go behind the scenes to experience all that is needed to make a Rotary conference successful. It was rather an eye opener to find out what is required to make an event of this magnitude work successfully. A Sports Day, Dining and Entertainment, a large range of quality Speakers, suitable venues to cater for some 4/500 Rotarians, Sound and Lighting, arranging a committee from our Rotary Club and also from District 9790 clubs and to make sure committee members would all be capable of handling the huge work load, setting a meaningful Budget and objectives, managing Registration both online and at Club Mulwala, Auditorium decoration, Stage and Green Room Facilities, Signage at both Yarrawonga and Mulwala entrances plus raising sufficient funding to make all the required programs work efficiently.

My first objective was assembling a committee from our Rotary club as well as members from district 9790. I was very pleased that all members invited were extremely happy to be part of this very large and exciting project. Setting a suitable date, working with our treasurer to set up the various income and expenditure estimates, estimate the number of registrants into various categories, securing cost estimates from the various venues to be used throughout conference, arriving at suitable registration fees to cover all function costs and allowing for a small profit. I am sure none of our new committee members knew what was in store for them over the next 3 years.

The second objective was to find suitable venues. I contacted Club Mulwala, Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort, Mulwala Water Ski Club and Black Bull Golf Course to arrange Golf Day, speaking and dining venues as well as a display area for a new innovation "What Rotary Can Do" replacing the House of Friendship.

The "What Rotary Can Do" area is designed to give all Rotary 9790 district clubs a chance to promote their projects past and present to all Rotarian's attending as well as visitors to Club Mulwala a chance to see firsthand "What Rotary Can Do" This fitted in very well with RIP Ian Risley's theme for 2017/ 2018 "Rotary Making a Difference"

All Yarrawonga Mulwala venues I approached were very happy to accommodate us. Their support and sponsorship has been amazing. Their Management teams and staff have all worked with our committee to ensure that every person attending the Rotary 9790 conference came away with a very positive outcome, I am sure all Rotary members that attended will talk about the great time they had in Yarrawonga Mulwala for a number of years.

My committee members have attended the Rotary 9790, 2015, 2016 and 2017 conferences to see firsthand all facets of running a successful Rotary Conference. From this experience my committee members have combined together to organise a large program including sports, walks, a number of quality speakers, the gala and specialty dinners, accommodation for Vip's, sound and lighting, plus a great deal of incidental logistics to create a Rotary Conference suitable for all that attend.

We needed a theme for our conference and "I'm going back again to Yarrawonga" was chosen as this fitted in with the "100 years of Anzac" celebration depicting the end of WW1.

We chose Red shirts as part of our promotion as this along with the theme "I'm going back again to Yarrawonga" was a subliminal way of promoting our conference at any Rotary function our committee attended. I was also challenged to come up with a suitable mascot. Hence **Charlie the Black Bull** was chosen. Charlie led a very widely travelled and mischievous life; you were never sure where he would show up next. Charlie had his own Facebook page and was always featuring around most district club and functions. Charlie was a great help in promoting our conference and contributed to the large number of Rotarians attending conference.

DG Bernie and our committee were overjoyed at the news Rotary International President 2013/2014 Ron D Burton and Jetta had been appointed as Rotary International President Ian Risley's personal representative. Ron and Jetta added a great deal of prestige to our conference, as not many Rotary districts have the honour of an International president as their RIPPR. Ron and Jetta were great ambassadors of Rotary International and were very well received by all members of Rotary attending our conference. They were specially received at a special function attended by Yarrawonga Mulwala Rotary Club members, as well as conference speakers who were staying in Yarrawonga Mulwala over Friday night. This gave our Conference and Club members a chance to meet them on a personal level, something we will treasure for a very long time. Ron participated in a special presentation to all the hard working conference committee members. Ron was also a participant in the Yarrawonga P12 School play where he played the part of stretcher bearer and as a flag bearer.

The objectives set were a total of 600 attendees this included Rotarian's and partners, our Rotary club members and partners, entertainment, debaters and their family, visitors, sound and lighting, St Johns Ambulance, 16 top line speakers, within this number we set objectives for 50 what Rotary can do stalls, 280 Gala Dinner attendants, 170 Sports dinner attendants, 100 Sunday lunch attendants, 130 PHF Cocktail attendants, 75 Golfers, 40 Presidents breakfast attendants. These were extremely ambitious targets to meet and a large challenge for my conference committee. We achieved in total 660 attendees, Speakers a total of 21 plus 6 debaters, Golf 44, Sports Dinner 130, PHF cocktail party 77, Presidents breakfast 58, Gala Dinner 280, Sunday lunch 135. This was a great tribute to all the hard work and huge amount of time and personal commitment all committee members put in to make our conference a huge success and I congratulate all members for their commitment over the last 3 years.

Committee Members and their part in creating a great conference.



Program Manager. Jenny Dight, Cate Febey.

What a great range of A class speakers we were able to attract. The sports night attracted some 132 attendants to hear 2 speakers from entirely

different sports. Everybody was very impressed with Kim Forge, a local from Yarrawonga who has been representing Australia in the sport of Curling.

Kim is Presently Australian Curling Federation President. Kim is also on the World Curling Federation Athlete's Commission.

Wayne Phillips Came to us as a personal friend of Club Mulwala Manager Alan Rowe. Wayne is a former Australian Test Cricket player having played 127 Test matches, 48 One Day Matches and 69 First Class Matches for South Australia currently Chanel 7 S.A. sports presenter. Alan was a great assistant in picking Wayne up from Tullamarine airport and having Wayne back in time to play Golf in our Golf day tournament. Both Kim and Wayne were greatly received by all who attended the Sports Dinner.

Jenny Dight moved to Melbourne in August 2016 and resided in an adjoining Rotary district. It was not long before I realised we needed Jenny's input and she agreed to stay on as Program Manager. Jenny gained the services of some great top line speakers. PDG Bruce Allen Manager International Office and Foundation services Rotary South Pacific & Philippines spoke on Rotary Foundation, Dr Bruce Anderson Spoke on Malaria, Kate Austin Pinchapoo, Dr Priscilla Rogers Cognitive Health & Life Sciences & next generation antibiotics, Mr Trevor Hargreaves Past president of Club Mulwala and life member RSL Mulwala branch added very well received bush poetry also adding some humour, Mr Ron Iddles former head of Victorian Police Homicide Squad spoke about some criminals I have known, Prof Nicola Lautenschlager spoke on Aged Persons Mental Health Programs, Dr Robert Webster President RSL Victoria, Commissioner Craig Lapsley Victorian Inaugural Emergency Management Commissioner, with the large number of bush fires burning around Victoria in the week preceding conference unfortunately Craig was unable to attend. We were very fortunate Craig was able to provide us with a 20 minute video of his presentation, Kristin Graham Australian Rotary Health Foundation Post traumatic stress & physical & mental health of military personnel, Sam Bailey Quadriplegic Farmer, Ultralight Pilot, author, training to be the first Quadriplegic helicopter pilot, Greg Champion Songwriter, guitarist, radio personality Coodabeen Champions and athlete. Entertainment was provided by The Lakeside Singers Choir and a short play was provided by student from Yarrawonga P12 School depicting scenes from WW1. Jenny was assisted by Cate Febey who ran the Green Room working in with Master of Ceremonies David Anderson and Stage Manager Steve McKewen.

Electronic Logistics. Dave Barrat. Light and Sound, Electronic Presentation. Peter Viner and Ross Schultz. Stage Manager Steve McKewen, MC David Anderson, Green Room Cate Febey.

Dave Barrat, Peter Viner worked with Ross Schultz from Albury Sound and Lighting combining to make the conference a very professional presentation. Ross provided all the special equipment for the Sound Lighting and Projection. Peter handled all the electronic media supplied by all speakers as well as providing special effects and slides provided by John Taylor to make the speakers presentation meaningful. Dave Barrat organised most of the pre-conference speaker logistics, including Rostrum, speaker timing equipment, and pointer, also assisted with having speakers ready on time for their presentation. Stage Manager Steve kept the program running to time, Cate in the green room assisted by looking after speakers till their turn to speak and MC David Anderson the most important part of a successful conference really turned it into a very well run professional conference. David's introduction of all speakers' was very informative and professional giving a detailed presentation of their speaking credentials.

Promotion and Web Page, plus Charlie the Black Bull mascot. John Taylor. Art Work, Kelly McPherson.

With Kelly McPherson's professional input Kelly was able to produce professional art work that we were able to use throughout the years leading up to conference. This was used for the Rotary District directory cover and back page. With John Taylor's expertise we were able to use this theme right throughout the conference including Conference program, Gala Dinner Menu, Power Point Images used as introduction of speaker's during speaker presentation, Program Booklet and general promotional bulletins. John was also instrumental in changing an existing promotional video "I'm Going Back Again to Yarrawonga" to reflect the Rotary 9790 Conference. This video was shown at Shepparton Conference as well as District Assembly.

John Taylor's expertise created a great web site for the Rotary District 9790 conference, along with fabulous art work. John with the help of district webmaster Steve McKewen was able to build a web site that covered all facets of our conference. John was also instrumental in producing a great "Charlies" newsletter every month. We put a lot of thought in to creating art work for Charlie's newsletter. With assistance from Yarrawonga Chronicle art department we were able to use the theme art work promoted by Rotary International President Ian Riseley. Charlie's email was used to promote to all members of Rotary District 9790. These included conference booking details, speaker and sports day information, and generally keeping all district 9790 members well informed about everything that was happening during our Rotary conference. John was also instrumental in organising and assist with PDG Philip Clancy running the District 9790 Resolution session attended by 80 Rotarians.

Sports. Noel Thomas.

Sporting functions, including Golf at the now famous Black Bull Golf Course. This included for the first time at a Rotary conference golf day an Audi A1 motor car as a hole in one prize. There was also a chance to win the use of the Audi A1 sedan along with a weekend for 2 at Club Mulwala Resort by guessing the number of golf balls in the boot. This was provided by Shepparton Audi and I thank them for the great support they gave to make the golf day a great success. With sponsorship we were able to provide some \$730.00 worth of prizes so most players went home with a prize. The hole in 1 car didn't go off. A number of walks were featured along the Murray River walking tracks as well as the Ruth Konig memorial walk. Some of the Sports we provided were not so well patronised and had to be cancelled.

Budget and Finance. Joe Cilia.

Joe put in a huge amount of time setting a working budget that seemed to change regularly, setting up our bank account with Central Murray Credit Union, balancing bookings as they came in from Trybooking as well as from direct debits. Joe supported by Peter Bennett worked through the transition from Rotex4 our original booking agent transferring to our new booking agency Trybooking. The Trybooking registration process worked extremely well and we found their staff very helpful in the early stages setting up and transferring members already booked on Rotex4 across to Trybooking.

Secretary and Trybooking liaison. Peter Bennett.

The position of secretary is always a tough position on any committee. Our committee met at least 31 times plus countless spontaneous meetings with various committee members at DG Bernie's office and Rotary Pavilion. Peter handled these tasks with ease. Peter along with Joe Cilia took on the difficult task of cross referencing all conference registrations, refunds, overpayments and in a small number of instances

double payments coming through the Trybooking system. Attending to the large number of emails, and correspondence generated by a function of this size, preparing agendas and minutes, for all Conference Committee meetings. Extrapolating spread sheet information from Trybooking. From this information Peter designed and printed name tags for all attendants, included on name tags were information for all the functions the member was attending, allocating seating numbers and seating plan for Gala Dinner plus a large number of logistic functions that go with a function of this size. Peter worked with registration desk where his expertise helped the conference registration process at Club Mulwala run very smoothly.

Conference Registration. Jenni Murch, assisted by Peter Bennett and Joe Cilia.

Jennie was assisted by Peter Bennett, Joe Cilia and Roy Juster as well as many members of our Rotary club to make sure every member, speaker, visitor and entertainer attending conference was correctly registered and directed to their correct location. Peter was instrumental in reprinting any name tags that were not as registered through the Trybooking web site. Peter was also able to produce up to date attendance names to door keepers.

What Rotary Can Do. Ian Febey.

Is a new initiative that I put in place of "House of Friendship". As the conference was being held in a very public place it was a great chance to show all what Rotary can do, including 1 stall from the Yarrawonga Mulwala Lions Club "Turban Angels". Ian put in a lot of work and energy contacting stall holders at previous conferences; through this effort he was able to attract some 29 stalls from all clubs around the district. Ian had a big challenge laying out an area to house all the stalls, some static and some requiring power. Partitions were mainly sourced from Club Mulwala, the rest sourced from various local clubs. Ian and his team worked extremely well locating, transporting, setting up and preparing the partitions and making them suitable for clubs to set up their display, this also meant they had to be pulled down and delivered after conference.

Gala Dinner, Meals and Entertainment. Ian Barton and Dot Brodie.

Ian and Dot worked together to arrange a very well attended Gala Dinner. Dot organised most of the menus for the conference. Ian put a lot of time into organising the Gala Dinner, securing "The Pacific Belles" to provide dance music and entertainment. They set the theme for the night of celebrating "100 Years of Anzac" and "I'm Going Back Again to Yarrawonga" [We were able to get "The Pacific Belles" to add "I'm Going Back Again to Yarrawonga" to their singing program]. Ian along with members of Yarrawonga Mulwala Inner Wheel Club made and arranged all the decorations for the conference and the Gala Dinner. Poppies were provided by students of Yarrawonga P12 School these were used as table decoration. At the end of the evening the poppies were sold and funds raised went back to the workshop program run by Michelle Klouse and volunteers at the Yarrawonga P12 School.

Administration and Sergeant at Arms. Noel Tinney.

When you needed anything done Noel is the expert. Noel organised supply of show bags from Yarrawonga Mulwala tourist centre. Canvased all local businesses for promotional information. These bags were handed out at the 2017 Rotary conference in Shepparton to help promote our 2018 conference, as well as at district assembly in Benalla. This was a great help in promoting our conference. Noel organised new and existing signs to be installed in all venues as well as main entrances to Yarrawonga & Mulwala, picked up and returned the Rotary district trailer from Euroa, organised 2018 conference show bags that all club members helped fill and deliver to Club Mulwala, these were distributed to all conference registrants,

arranged St Johns ambulance and gifts for speakers. Noel also carried out the position of Sergeant at Arms liaising with door keepers and making sure all attendants were well informed of all conference starting times.

Conference Registrar. Mick Shadwick.

Mick organised risk management and made sure Insurance was in place, set up refund policy and security. Organised release and indemnity forms for all walks and sporting functions, assisted with crowd control, door attendants, and ushers. Security and Safety officer.

Sponsorship and Ride to Conference. Tony Thomas and Dave Barrat.



Tony oversaw sponsorship and assisted with ride to conference a function Tony has had a large part of over many years Tony has assisted by riding with many members over the years in raising a large amount of money for Rotary Health. Tony shifted to Portarlington and was not able to contribute because of ill health though we know Tony was with us all in spirit. After Tony moving to Portarlington Dave Barrat took over the important function of gaining sponsorship to assist with the financial running of conference. Dave was successful in gaining sponsorship in donation and in kind from Sun Country on the Murray, Yarrawonga Self Storage, Rich Glen, Moira Shire, Federation Shire, Central Murray Credit Union, Black Bull Golf Course, Shepparton Audi, Top Gun Multi Media, Club Mulwala, Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort and Mulwala Waterski Club.

From the time the first golf ball was hit at Black Bull Golf Course on Thursday morning till the umpires whistle blew by MC David Anderson signifying the end of conference on Sunday afternoon the Rotary 9790 Conference flowed without a single hitch. I was extremely proud of the commitment and expertise shown by my committee and all members of The Yarrawonga Mulwala Rotary Club and I congratulate all members for the very professional way they had taken on positions asked of them, positions they had never heard of, little only having to carry them out to a very high standard. There was not one member that backed away from any position that they were asked to fill and I am very proud to say I am a member of The Yarrawonga Mulwala Rotary Club.



Secretary's Report – Peter Bennett

The Secretary's role embraced a number of areas, including:

- a normal secretarial role of preparing minutes and agendas
- organising the inward/outward correspondence
- archiving all material, which meant having a copy of all documentation anyone on the committee created or received
- being the person in charge of ticketing and bookings

My first tasks commenced in November 2015, with letters sent to a number of local groups who would benefit from knowing the Conference was going to be held in late March 2018.

My role included, but was not limited to:

- Preparing Agendas and Minutes for the 30+ Conference Committee (CONCOM) meetings held
- Writing to sponsors, local councils, individuals and organisations notifying them of the Conference and, if appropriate, inviting them to attend
- Sending out emails to notify CONCOM members and others of any news
- Forwarding updates to CONCOM members and through the Club Secretary to all club members, of documents prepared by Chair Ross Lloyd
- Keeping in regular contact with other Committee members regarding tasks to be done, answering questions, providing information
- Keeping a copy of all documents (Archives) produced or received by other CONCOM members
- Liaising with TryBooking to create an online ticket booking system
- Entering Conference bookings on the TryBooking website (transferring the first batch from Rotix4 to TryBooking)
- Monitoring any emails sent to TryBooking regarding such matters as reissuing tickets, clarifying attendance events and days, checking data such as names and spelling and club
- Storing all booking forms and TryBooking receipts
- Communicating with prospective attendees regarding bookings
- Editing the TryBooking site to remove/include events
- Designing and printing the tickets for the Conference
- Preparing a monthly Wine report for the DG's newsletter
- Receiving all, and responding to as required, emails sent to "Charlie" i.e the District email account
- Providing updates to Chair, Treasurer and CONCOM members on numbers attending each conference event

- Printing attendance lists for the door managers for each event
- Emailing attendance lists to Clubs as required
- Notifying each meal venue of attendee numbers, special dietary requirements and allergies
- Setting up Gala Dinner seating plan and notifying venue of seat numbering system
- Setting up and manning a printer and laptop at the Conference Registration desk to handle late changes to bookings
- Working with the Treasurer to reconcile bookings – tickets booked against money received

The planning for the 2018 District 9790 Conference began in June 2015, starting with the first of the 31 Conference Committee (CONCOM) meetings under the Chairmanship of Ross Lloyd.

Our early meetings were spent deciding on ticket costs and activities to be offered and writing to organisations notifying them of the upcoming Conference.

At some early stage, Bernie Bott, at this point the District Governor Elect, thought it would be a good idea for the Conference to have a mascot. He organised a golf club head cover to be donated by a local golf club which was designed in the shape of a large black bull. (The golf course was called the Black Bull).

This was a clever move, as it focussed all attention on one “personality” and deflected enquires and communications away from individuals on the Committee, without compromising service. “Charlie” was the distributor of all the news relating to Conference and was the “person” delegates contacted for information. Charlie’s emails were collected by the Secretary and forwarded to the person best able to address the concern.

Our meetings were held to

- Determine the tasks to be done and check progress
- Allocate these tasks to Committee members
- Prioritise the tasks
- Communicate with stakeholders and sponsors
- Give updates to the Committee and club members

Under Ross’ leadership this was done very successfully. The Committee organised the 3 sporting and services clubs, Yarrowonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort, Waterski Club and ClubMul, to host parts of the Conference. ClubMul was the “senior” club with the registration and functions held there.

Each Committee member had responsibility for different aspects of the Conference, including

- Gala Dinner
- What Rotary Can Do display
- Catering
- Sponsorship
- Promotions
- Logistics

And many more

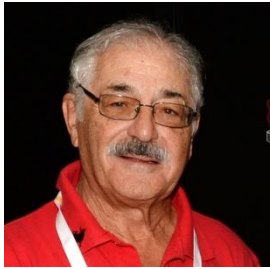


Ticketing was done through Try Booking after a short, unsuccessful partnership with Rotix4. The support from Try booking was excellent and the site very easy to navigate and use for the registrants.

Administration rights gave key committee members access to a considerable amount of data. We could find out numbers for each event and tickets bought, refund money and transfer funds from Try Booking to a Club Conference bank account. It was possible to add, delete, close and edit events.

We communicated with District Rotarians by email, published a regular newsletter and had all the Conference information on a website linked to the D9790 website. A paper copy of the booking sheet was included in the District Directory.

In summary, feedback from all levels, District, Club and attendees indicated the Conference was a great success. This was due, in no small way, to the hard work of the Committee under Ross Lloyd's leadership.



Treasurer Report - Joe Cilia

The first task as treasurer was to prepare a budget in conjunction with the conference committee especially with those members heading specific activities.

The revenue section was set up into various categories:

- Early Birds and Partners
- Rotarians and Partners
- New Members and Partners
- One Dayers
- Club Members and Partners
- Sponsorships
- District Grants

Against this income, Expenditure was applied to the corresponding functions and activities:

- Administration
- Guest Speakers Fees / Expenses
- Hangers on Costs
- Other Accommodation Expenses
- Function Expenses Dinner, Breakfast
- Lunch, Morning and Afternoon Teas
- Additional Venue Expenses
- Function Sports
- Entertainment
- Registration Expenses

Having estimated the expected number of attendees for all the activities, cost estimates or quotes obtained from the relative goods and services providers, the various registration and attendance fees were determined. The aim was to at worst, to break even and at best make a large enough surplus to repay the district grant back to district. Anything above that would be a bonus.

After a shaky start with a booking agency we engaged Trybooking which proved an excellent choice. Using Trybooking we were able to know the number of attendees and revenue generated at any one time. Recommend Trybooking very highly.

Using MYOB accounting software in parallel to our budget, we were able to confirm Trybooking numbers and to pick up any duplicate bookings and other errors and omissions and take the necessary remedial actions. And publish an Income and Expenditure Statement as required.

We did finish with a surplus however it could be said that in hind sight our registration fees could have been 15% to 20 % higher which would have given us a surplus commensurate with our efforts.

Also if we have our time again (?) we would set up our reporting criteria at the planning stages of the conference and include other types of registrations such as non-Rotarians and guests.

Finally apart of having a very successful conference, achieving a surplus the most pleasing aspect was to see the great majority of the Yarrawonga Mulwala Rotary Club members working together as a team achieving such a great result.



Speakers Programme - Jenny Dight

This Committee initially began with 3 members – Dave Barrat, Tony Thomas and Jenny Dight. Tony moved, Dave took on other duties of the Bike Ride so there was a committee of 1. – very workable!!!

We initially brainstormed ideas for speakers and wrote (snail mail on special paper etc) to those we thought would need lots of time – 2-2.5 years- to lock in a date. This was not so. It appeared that, if such a person did not confirm straight away, they were ultimately not going to commit. (Governor General, Dr. Brendan Nelson)

Lesson 1. Request in writing, get a firm confirmation in writing. Otherwise forget that person when advertising the programme.

The best and easiest speakers were those who were approached in person or through a contact and then emailed or a formal letter written.

Lesson 2. Formulate a concrete theme for them to speak to when crafting their address.

This was evident in the feedback re Dr. Webster's talk about WW1. – many said it was too long and "boring". On the other hand most speakers gave a look back at their topic and ended with a look to the future e.g., Priscilla Jones, Kristin Graham.

Lesson 3. Get everything in writing – especially fees and costs.

My fault- re Greg Champion!

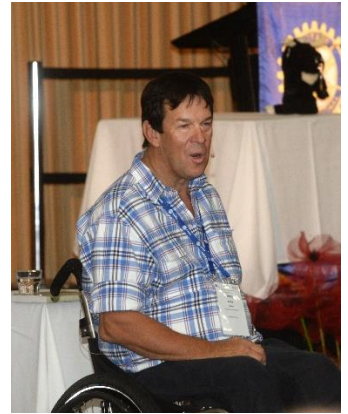
Most of this aspect can be done from afar - I moved to Melbourne in August 2016 and took the job on again in the November that year, doing most things by email and phone with Conference Chair. A physical catch up about every 4 months or so kept things going from my end. I did need to talk and compare notes.

At one stage I had people giving me "Fantastic Speakers" to a point of overload. Someone needs to have physically heard each one to recommend. Not just "interesting" or "doing fantastic work" but they need to speak well. There is a difference.

In the last 2 months, lots of contact with speakers with regard to: Dress code, Confirm their accommodation needs – single, double or twin. Dietary requirements. Arrival and departure times. Extra meals. Presentation needs- mics, pointer. One stumbling block was that many emailed their PowerPoint presentation- one with text as well. Try to insist on a USB.

A late withdrawal is not a disaster. Craig Lapsley's 48 hrs before was made ok by his making a video and addressing a couple of points. As the audience understood the circumstances (Emergency Services Commissioner & Bush fires) and were very generous in their comments.

In all it was a learning curve for me but a job I ultimately enjoyed and was happy with.





Sport and Recreation – Noel Thomas

At the formulation of the Con Com (Conference Committee) Noel Thomas was given the responsibility of selecting the number of, and range of, sport and recreation events to be offered Conference attendees.

The initial list was -

Ride to Conference (Bicycle).

Ride to Conference (Motor Cycles)

Caravan to Conference (Caravans, Motor homes)

Cricket

Golf

Croquet

Lawn Bowls

Tennis

Guided Nature River Walks

Leisure Walk Locations

Fishing

Mahjong

Lake Boat Cruises

Essenza Day Spa

Ride to Conference (Bicycle).

This activity has been continuing for 10+years. It is very meticulously organised by Corowa Rotarians, Margaret and Graham Brown. They are capably assisted by Neil Davis and other Rotarians and/or rider's road crew supporters.

The role of the Yarrawonga Mulwala Rotary club was to promote the event and to provide a facility for the returning riders to have afternoon tea and fellowship with riders, land crews and rider supporters.

This function was held in the luxurious Willow Room at the Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort.

Thank you to the Ride To Conference committee for their great work.

Ride to Conference (Motor Cycles)

It was considered that this event could be held following the guidelines for the Ride to Conference (Bicycle) event. Early investigations indicated that this event may not attract enough participants. After follow up consideration it was decided not to continue.

Caravan to Conference (Caravans, Motor homes)

It was also considered that this event could be held following the guidelines for the Ride to Conference (Bicycle) event.

The facilities and amenities provided at the Yarrawonga Holiday were considered second to none and would become the focal point.

Again, early investigations indicated that this event may not attract enough participants thus, after follow up consideration, it was decided not to continue.

Cricket

Yarrawonga has a great Cricket complex and it was arranged for this to be the venue for the Conference Cricket event.

The history of this event indicates that as well as a small number of Rotarians many players 'from Senior Cricket Clubs' participate to allow this event to be held.

Rotarian Patrick O'Shea is a leading figure in the arranging this cricket match. Unfortunately a Senior Cricket Competition was being held in Echuca during the week of Conference so it was not possible to conduct the event.

The Yarrawonga Inner Wheel Group had been contracted to provide the 2 course lunch and facilitate morning and afternoon tea provisions. Due to this cancellation the Inner Wheel Group were engaged to facilitate the BBQ at the Golf event.

The two Rotarian Cricket applicants were notified of the cancellation and were offered, and accepted, places in the golf event.

Golf

The abundance of golf courses in Yarrawonga/Mulwala (63 holes across 2 first class courses) allowed a great golf event to be structured.

The Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort, despite having 45 golf holes, indicated that as Thursday was a major day of play for their members they would be reluctant to 'block book' 2 hours of play to allow the Rotary event.



The Black Bull Golf Club was then approached and negotiations commenced in June 2016.

Initially a target of 80 players was set so the appropriate number of tee times were blocked and kept for Rotary use.

A strong marketing plan, along with Rotarians love of golf, saw many early applicants indicating their desire to participate.

By October, 2017, it was evident that the target would not be reached so a significant number of tee times were released for use by the Black Bull Club.

A very close relationship developed between the

Rotary Club and Black Bull Club. This was very important over the last month or so prior to the conference. This period saw many 'late entries' and 'late withdrawals'. At 'tee off' time some 44 players were

scheduled to play but with 4 'extra late withdrawals' due to personal and health considerations only 40 players took part.



Audi Centre Shepparton

A great list of 'Prizes' saw most players go home with a prize to go with the golf ball that all players were presented with before hit off.

The list was headed by – A hole in One – Audi Car – but this was not achieved

A \$100 Dinner Voucher – Club Mulwala – nearest the pin

Other major prizes - 2 Black Bull Tee Shirts, 4 Black Bull Golf Club Head Covers

Numerous 'other prizes' were provided by using \$5.00 from each players entry fee of \$45.00 and a matching amount of sponsorship from Black Bull Golf Club.

In total some **\$730** worth of player's prizes were distributed.

The form of play saw players tee off every 8 minutes and finish playing around 4.5 hours later. As players completed their rounds they gathered for afternoon tea and a great period of fellowship.

The playing event was followed by a BBQ afternoon tea at the driving range of the Black Bull course.

The Rotary Club purchased the food etc. for the BBQ and paid the Yarrawonga Inner Wheel Group \$200 to operate the BBQ and facilitate player comfort as they returned.

NOTE – Wayne Phillips, the highly regarded public speaker joined in the round of Golf before being the Keynote Speaker at the Sportsman Dinner in the evening.

Croquet

The Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort has 4 Croquet courts and a strong membership in excess of 80 members. The initial release of registrations saw considerable interest in participation in this sport. After receiving 7 applications it was arranged that members of the local Croquet Club would join the Rotarians to make 'it a great game' of croquet.

Unfortunately, one by one, the applicants withdrew until with only 24 hours to go the last 2 remaining players also withdrew

Tennis

The facilities and court surface of the Yarrawonga Lawn Tennis Club as second to none anywhere in Victoria, and possible Australia, were not enough to interest more than the 1 application received. This event was also cancelled.

Guided Nature River Walks



A guide was arranged with Parks Victoria to accompany walkers over the 3 kms of walking in the Yarrawonga Regional Park. This scenic walk allowed participants to get a better understanding of the riverine environment of red gum trees, understory bush and creeks along the Murray River. The initial receipt of 7 applications reduced to 3 by the time the Conference took place. Another 3 joined in at 'the last minute' and all involved considered

the walk and information provided by the guide as a 'first class' event.

Leisure Walk Locations

These were readily available within easy walking distance of the Conference Hub. While not structured to include staff there was a good, clear map freely available and well signposted at the Registration desk. The numbers of Rotarians utilising this provision of maps was not recorded.

Fishing

The Conference Venues and Locations map provided to all registrants indicated a number of suggested sites for fishing. There were no applicants for registration so it is assumed there was no interest in the event.

Mahjong

The Fairway Room of the Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort was the venue for those wanting to join a local group of Mahjong players for 2.5 hours of Mahjong.

Registration for participation was not required, nor was there any fee required to play, however the only players utilising the facility were 3 local Mahjong players.

Lake Boat Cruises

This facility, offered by two local private businesses, was advertised as available for Rotarians. As the bookings and payments were handled by the boat owners there is no record of numbers who may have used them.

Essenza Day Spa

This health focused centre is part of the amenities offered by Club Mulwala, the hub of the Conference was also advertised as available for Rotarians.

As the bookings and payments were handled by the Health Centre there is no record of number of Rotarians who may have used the facility.



Conference Promotion – John Taylor

The objective of our activities was to keep stakeholders Informed of the plans for the conference as they developed and of the activities of the committee.

Stakeholders were identified as

1. District 9790, Leadership Team for the 2017/18 Year
2. District 9790 Clubs
3. All District 9790 members
4. Board and Members of Yarrawonga Mulwala Rotary Club
5. Residents of Yarrawonga and Mulwala
6. Rotary Club of Albury North, Hosts of 2019/20 conference

Major promotional Activities were in the areas of

1. Promotional Video
2. Conference Website
3. Regular Monthly Newsletter
4. Regular briefings of Bernie Bott, 17/18 DG, and his attendance at most ConCom meetings
5. Inclusion of the Yarrawonga Mulwala Club President and immediate PP on the ConCom Committee
6. Reporting on activities, at the Club's weekly meetings by the ConCom Committee Chair, or nominee
7. 2019/20 Conference Committee Members as part of our committee and their regular attendance at meetings.

In June 2016, The Website was established under the auspices of the district Webmaster Steve McKewen, as a page on the Clubrunner District Website. On his return from the DGE's conference in the U.S., DGE Bernie introduced Charlie TheBlackBull as the mascot for the conference. This proved to be an enlightened initiative as Charlie became the face of the conference and the main communicator with district members. He was made a member of the Yarrawonga and Mulwala Rotary Club, with user name and password. He was given access to the District website and became the primary communicator with all members.



Charlie's Newsletter was distributed on a monthly basis from July 2017, with a couple of "Special Editions" as the conference was imminent. Members were informed of Activities, Events and Speakers planned for the Conference, and of the inevitable changes as they became necessary. The Newsletter provided links to the Booking Website, The Conference Website, and particular pages promoting particular events and activities.

We had a very good relationship with Robert Muir at The Yarrawonga Chronicle and had a number of articles in the local paper in the lead-up to and at The Conference.



Audio and Lighting - Peter Viner

My role centred on working with a stage manager and a technical specialist to deliver presentations in a seamless fashion. I was involved with the initial setup, so I could better understand the infrastructure.

To do this I helped to get the presentations from speakers. Many of them thought if they brought along a USB stick and DVD for video on the day which would have been difficult for us.

On receiving the presentations, I forwarded them by email to the stage manager who developed an agenda and dropped the presentations in order that we would show. At the start of each day we loaded the day's work into a folder. The videos we showed through a different piece of equipment from the PC.

The technical guy (Ross Schultz) from Albury was very capable, although his equipment was old.

We had a communication link (head Phones) with the stage manager. I managed this communication as the program did change on the run.



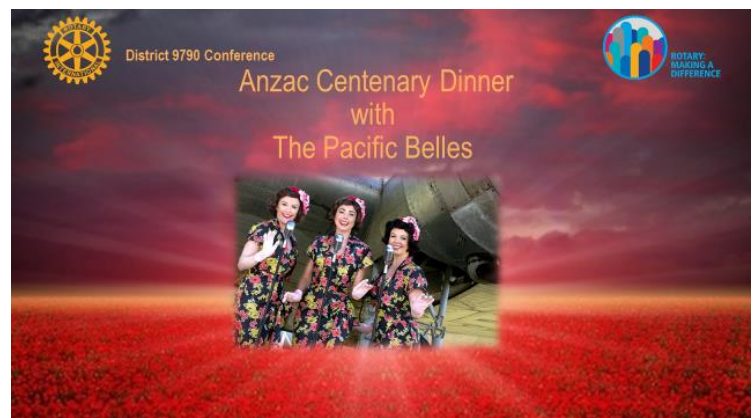
There were some audio problems getting our remote TVs that were set up in about 5 rooms to show presentations. We used 3 large screens in the main conference room and had two cameras set up to broadcast to them we used a format of the centre one for the speaker and the two side ones for the power points and video. This presented some issues for our remote TVs: do we show the presenter or his slides? We couldn't do both. We had a camera

operator managing the camera at the back of the room and Ross Schultz managed the camera set up on the side of the room and decided which camera to use.

We tried to keep the presenters on one side of the stage. We should have had a bit more lighting for the centre of the stage for when we had more than 3 people.

I had the printed agenda and directed Ross as to what was coming next to enable continuity.

Overall the only issue we had was with the exchange students. We let them have a slide changer on stage which was a mistake and if I was to do it again they would let the stage manager coordinate with me and I would change slides for them.





Logistics – Dave Barratt

When Ross approached me to be a part of the Conference Committee for Bernie's year as District Governor, I didn't hesitate and was more than happy to be able to contribute in any way that I could.

I knew from past experience having attended a number of Conferences that our club would have a mammoth task to put together a Conference for Bernie that generally measures how successful a District Governors year has been.

Ross assembled a Committee that had the ability to organise and plan, and ultimately deliver a magnificent Conference for our District. Many hours over 2-3 years went into all facets of running this Conference, and there were trials and tribulations along the way, but we always managed to have the answers to solve any problem we encountered.

Ross provided excellent leadership and I congratulate him for his role as Conference Chair. I would also like to thank all members of the Committee, everyone contributed in some way and demonstrated abilities to enable our Club to hold a very successful Conference. The culmination for our Club was the actual running of the Conference where all members of our Club contributed during the four days, starting on the Thursday sports day and concluding on the Sunday. I was extremely proud of our Club where members not only carried out their allocated role, but also helped out wherever necessary as situations arose. It was truly a great team effort and I know Bernie was so appreciative of the support he received from his Club.

Early on, with the absence of Tony Thomas, I was involved with sourcing sponsorship for the Conference. I liaised with Jarrod Loughnan from the Chronicle for ideas for levels of sponsorship, where Jarrod is involved with running the Yarrawonga Mulwala Multi Sport Festivals. With thanks to Peter Bennett, letters were sent to prospective sponsors, and we received support via financial donation or in kind from Sun Country on the Murray, Yarrawonga Self Storage, Rich Glen, Moira Shire, Black Bull Golf Club, Central Murray Credit Union and Top Gun Multimedia. We were also fortunate to have the support of the three local clubs in Club Mulwala, Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort and the Mulwala Waterski Club. Club Mulwala in particular was most generous with their facilities over the three days and they were superb with their support. We had a great advantage from previous Conferences as there was no cost for these venues, saving us considerable expense.

Signage to support the Conference at the three clubs, and in Yarrawonga at the Tourist Information Centre and Mulwala were required with quotes sourced for banners. Fortunately, we did not have to incur this expenditure as the District 9790 trailer had these items along with other gear such as an a-board for our use. Club Mulwala was also able to provide equipment such as the rostrum and a pointer for speakers. Timing equipment was also available, but our stage manager Steve McKewen had this in hand. Thanks to Bernie for sourcing Steve as we were having difficulty filling this role.

Steve did an excellent job keeping the Conference running to a tight schedule and my role during Friday to Sunday included liaising with Steve to ensure guest speakers were ready to go. Luckily our guest speakers were all on time and there were no real dramas. David Anderson also did an excellent job as our Master of Ceremonies over the four days and as usual, anything David does is nothing less than 100%.

A really enjoyable part of the Conference was our Club dinner on the Friday evening in the Stone Grill at Club Mulwala. Those in attendance enjoyed the get together that included some of our guest speakers, and also our RIPPR, Ron Burton and his wife Jetta. It was a reflection on Bernie and our Club that Ron and Jetta chose our Conference to attend, and I know they really enjoyed our hospitality.

As per the past nine Conferences, I was again involved in the Ride to Conference, and as such was unavailable in the week leading up to the Conference, arriving back in Yarrawonga Mulwala on the sports day on Thursday. I was nominated to report to Conference on the ride and made a presentation during the Saturday afternoon sessions prior to the Australian Rotary Health Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Research segment by Kristin Graham. The Ride to Conference group had another successful campaign this year, raising \$15,000 for Australian Rotary Health which also includes sponsoring an indigenous medical student with a scholarship. Our Club has been a major supporter of the rides through the generosity of our members and I again thank everyone for raising \$1100 towards this total.

During the Conference starting on the Friday opening and concluding on Sunday lunch time, I was primarily involved in greeting guest speakers to the venue, directing them to the Green Room, ensuring they had everything they needed, including refreshments and that they were backstage on time for their presentation. I also assisted in the foyer with registration of attendees to the Conference. The team there were all very helpful and friendly and welcomed everyone to our Conference. Everyone did a great job and this didn't go unnoticed by visiting Rotarians and partners.

Unfortunately, most of our members with their commitments were only able to see some of the guest speakers. Personally, I saw a couple but mainly it was snippets on the tv monitors situated around the club. From feedback that I have heard, the general feeling from attendees was that our Conference was one of the better they had attended recently, and this is the result of the hard work of everyone involved. I enjoyed my involvement with our guest speakers and ensured they were made welcome.

After the close of the Conference on the Sunday, I was part of a group of members who assisted Ian Febey to dismantle and remove all the gear in the "What Rotary Can Do" area as Club Mulwala had to get ready for their centenary of the RSL celebrations a few days later. This was completed around 2-3pm and I think there was a collective sigh of relief and a realisation that our Conference had concluded. For 2-3 years of planning, the last 4 days had flown by!

Again, my thanks to everyone for helping to make our Conference the success that it was





What Rotary Can Do – Ian Febey

In 2016 prior to the then District Conference Ross Lloyd was chosen by DGEN Bernie Bott to be his Chairman for District Conference 2018. Ross put together a team to prepare for this Conference.

After the 2016 Conference in Bendigo, I was selected to organize the “House of Friendship “of which Bernie & Ross decided that the name was just not right. The new name became “What Rotary Can Do “which would allow Rotarians & the general public to have more of an understanding of what Rotary does and what the clubs have done or are doing.

At the 2017 Conference in Shepparton, I spoke to and invited several of the District project chairpersons and the club representatives of who had displays, to also have their displays at our 2018 Conference which was to be held at Club Mulwala. This I felt was a way of speaking to people face to face and interacting with them rather than communicating by just by email.



During both 2017 & 2018 Conferences all Club Presidents, Secretaries, District AG's & District project chairpersons were contacted & invited to have a display at our Conference.

Meetings were held with Peter Harbrow [Catering Manager] of Club Mulwala, and along with Chairman Ross, the ANZAC lounge was allocated for the “What Rotary Can Do “display area.



Club Mulwala supplied the majority of the partitions of which were carpeted display board or wire fencing. Other partitions were supplied by the Artist Association, Mulwala Football Club & Yarrawonga/Mulwala Golf Club. The wire fencing was covered with shade cloth to allow posters & items to be attached for display. This shade cloth was supplied by Noel Tinney [approx. 80 metres in total].

The shade cloth was attached to the fence with the help of Stuart Nixon & Ron Kennett as well as setting up of the partitions in their positions.

Our own Rotary Club had a display put together by Noel Thomas who provided a Television & slide show of all past FAIM trips that our club has participated in.

One display booth was organised to sell RDU supplies of which our club manned over the 3 Conference days. Many thanks to Jeff Haebich, Trevor Gowland, Bruce Pitcher, John & Margaret Marchant.

Power was organised & supplied to those displays that were in need. In total there were 29 booths set up for Clubs to display their projects. This was made up of the Rotary Clubs of Preston, Alexandra, Southern Mitchell, Euroa, Yea, Tatura, Albury West and E Club Latrobe. District led projects included Shelterbox, ROMAC, Disaster Aid, DIK/RAWCS, Bowelscan, Youth Exchange & Aquabox. Other displays were Ellimata Youth Group, Trachoma 2020, Rich Glen, Umoja Orphanage, Buller Wines, Designer Jewellery & the local Lions Club, Inner Wheel & Probus.

From all reports the “What Rotary Can Do” displays were all well received by not only Rotarians visiting these displays but also Rotarians who manned these displays.

At the completion of the Conference, all of the display area was to be dismantled and the ANZAC lounge restored to its original state. This was achieved in about 1 ½ hours with the removing & folding of all shade cloth & partitions to be returned to their places of origin. Once again thanks to the efforts of Stuart Nixon, Ron Kennett, Dave Barrat, Noel Thomas, Caitlyn Wallace, Clyde Ronan and Cate Febey.



Overall I feel that the “What Rotary Can Do” contribution to the Conference was a success & I am very proud and satisfied that my work was greatly appreciated by DG Bernie & Chairman Ross.





Administration, Sergeant at Arms, Assistant Chairman Ross – Noel Tinney

Welcome bags. The bags were chosen to advertise the Yarrawonga Mulwala area and the host Rotary Club. They were printed on one side with Yarrawonga Mulwala, Sun Country on the Murray – it's a fun country. The other side was printed with Yarrawonga Mulwala Rotary Club, the Rotary wheel and details of the Yarrawonga Mulwala Visitor Information Centre. 1000 bags were ordered through the Visitor Information Centre's bag supplier for their lower cost price.

The bags were used at the Shepparton conference in 2017 as advertising and included registration forms, accommodation information, an early form of the anticipated program and other information supplied by the Visitor Information Centre. Between 250 and 300 bags were used.

600 bags were made up for the 2018 conference. 70 businesses in Yarrawonga & Mulwala were invited to supply discount vouchers or other advertising material. Specially printed note pads were supplied by the Central Murray Credit Union, pens were supplied by multiple sources and each bag contained at least three discount voucher forms. Each bag contained a reusable water bottle – half supplied by North East Water, the rest purchased by the ConCom committee from RedBack Promotions, Shepparton. Flyers and cosmetic gifts were also added, courtesy of local businesses. Very few bags were left behind at any of the venues or on the courtesy buses.

Signs around Town and Venue.

Corflute signs were made up advertising the conference and displayed in the two towns' entrance signboards from the Sunday prior to the conference.

2 signs were placed on the roundabout at the Belmore Street and Telford Street intersection with directions to ClubMulwala (Registrations) and Black Bull Golf Course. These were in place from 7.30am Thursday till Sunday afternoon.

A large sign was placed at the entrance to Silverwoods (Black Bull) on Thursday. Two corflute signs were made for 'What Rotary Can Do' – one was velcroed to a Welcome Rotarians sign to indicate the drop off point for material for the displays. From Friday noon both signs were used within the Club to encourage non Rotarians to look through the displays on show.

Two banners were used from the Rotary trailer. The yellow 8 metre banner was put up on the paddlewheels at the Tourist Centre the week before the conference. A 5 metre white banner was put up at the entrance to ClubMulwala from Thursday to Sunday. Welcome Rotarian signs from the Rotary trailer were used for the DG's lunch and PHF cocktails at the Golf Club and the Sunday lunch at the Ski Club. Pull-up banners were used within the venues.

The Rotary trailer was picked up from and returned to Euroa. Although it had a lot of material in it, some was in bad repair or condition and quite a bit was out of date.

A minimum number of flags were used on the stage – the Australian, American and Rotary flags only. There was no Rotary International flag in the trailer, so our own club flag was used. A display of flags representing the countries of the current inbound exchange students was set up in the air lock area of ClubMulwala.

Gifts for Speakers.

Gift packs were obtained from Rich Glen Olive Estates. They were supplied to a value of \$60.00 each with contents varying. 20 were supplied with the proviso any unused packs could be returned. 12 packs were used (2 speakers had cancelled).

Emergency First Aid.

First Aid teams were sourced from St Johns Ambulance organisation. 2 members were present for each session of the conference and for the Gala Dinner on the Saturday night. Nothing more than supplying a Band Aid was required; however Conference attendees took the opportunity to ask them questions.

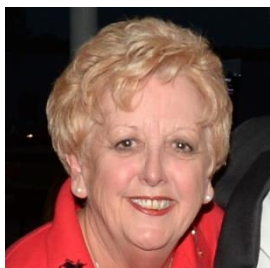
Sergeant at Arms.

During the conference this involved making sure attendees were moved into the auditorium in a timely manner, liaising with the door keepers and helping out when necessary. It was important to have a good idea of the running of the conference so queries could be answered quickly and accurately.

Assistant Chairman Ross

This involved being at Ross's beck and call and doing what was required. It turned out to be a low demand job after the first conference session as everything ran so smoothly.





Registration Desk – Jenni Murch

As we can now confidently say “The District 9790 Rotary Conference 2018 was a success”!

Planning on how best to ensure that the registration of delegates was a pleasant experience for all came down to being well organised. This definitely made the difference between success and failure. I believe that the way in which the registration desk operated – Delegates Registration Name Tags, Show Bags and the general welcome given was much appreciated by the guests and demonstrated that we had put much time in to ensure that the first point of contact was a defining moment and introduction in what was to come.



After such a bad start to delegate registrations it was due to Peter Bennett and Joe Cilia's perseverance and dedication to get the registration programme correct that reflected a level of professionalism that I had not witnessed at previous conferences.

Having Peter Bennett there with his printer and guillotine should the unforeseen happen (and it did – several times) did not reflect ineptness but showed how competent we were to get corrections made to name tags in a timely manner.

Show Bags were prepacked off site by club members as were the Name Tags one week prior to the event. Name Tags clearly displayed the Delegate's name and which events they had chosen to participate in (and paid for).

Day One of the Conference. Having the name tags split into alphabetical order in boxes depicting the delegates' first letter of their surname assisted us to move the 'crowd' quickly. 2 trestle tables joined together in the foyer of the club were used for registration. We soon realised that this was causing a 'bank up' of guests so day 2 we positioned the tables separately giving us better access for delegates ie A – K & L – Z. This proved to be more workable. We kept up well with the influx.

In closing – I would like to make special mention of Noel Tinney (the quiet achiever) who was so very supportive and worked tirelessly behind the scenes (like many others) but it was Noel's ability to get the job done – no matter how small, was such a pleasure to work alongside. Thankyou Noel. And to the rest of the Registration Team – you all did a fabulous job and were a key component in making our conference such a success. Congratulations and thank you.



Conference Gala Dinner- Ian Barton

The Gala dinner was held in the auditorium at Club Mulwala on Saturday night and attended by 280 Rotarian's and partners. The evening entertainment was provided by The Pacific Belles & 3 piece Swing Band promoting the theme for the evening of "100 years of the ANZAC" & "I'm going back again to Yarrawonga".

Round tables were set with white cloth, black napkins featuring 3 red ceramic poppies as centrepiece. A three course meal and drinks was provided for a cost of \$90 per head.



I would like to thank the Yarrawonga-Mulwala Inner Wheel Club led by Sandra Buckles for providing and setting up on Thursday morning the colourful decorations of Poppies, mannequin's in uniform behind sandbags and artwork by Maureen Holgate. (Including the painting of Poppies the Rotary Club raffled during the conference. This raffle raised approximately \$900.)

Thanks to Doug & Di Evans and Jan Sterkenburg for selling tickets Thursday & Friday morning plus everyone who helped

during the remainder of the conference.

Other thankyou's to the following:

Ian & Valda McPherson for their Jeep in the foyer, and to Des Tuttle for delivering it from the Museum.

Heather Tribe for supplying the Poppy throw over the Jeep.

Australian National Maritime Museum, Darling Harbour for providing the Maritime Display.

Inner Wheel Club for organizing the P12 students to make & provide ceramic poppies for the table decorations. (Donations for the ceramic poppies placed in envelopes at the end of the evening raised over \$1100.00 for the school P12 art program.)

Thank you to Bev Buchanan & Noel Tinney for providing mannequin display uniforms.

Thank you to Peter Harbrow at Club Mulwala, along with Kerry & Karen for their help and assistance with whatever we needed.

Thank you to Peter Bennet for arranging the table placement's to be printed on tickets and a special thank you to Dot Brodie for assisting with the Gala Dinner in my absence on Saturday.

Stasha & I were disappointed that we were unable to attend the conference on Saturday and especially the Gala Dinner.

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DG's Welcome



*I'm going back again to
Yarrowonga*

Rotary District 9790 Governor Bernie Bott welcomes you to the 2017-18 Conference

I look forward to catching up with new and old friends in March 2018. It has been one of my greatest pleasures visiting the many clubs that make up District 9790 over the last 18 months. I look forward to the coming year as your District Governor when together we will "Make a difference".



My conference Committee has arranged a top line program. I would like to thank them for the work and dedication they have put in to present to you a conference that I believe will be most memorable. I would welcome and encourage all members of Rotary District 9790 to attend our Rotary Conference, which will celebrate 100 years of Anzac and the end of WW1. I believe this will be the showpiece of my year's work as your District Governor



Your Conference Chair, Ross Lloyd



We have chosen some of the best facilities Yarrowonga and Mulwala have to offer. Club Mulwala will feature our primary functions. Yarrowonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort will be the location for the Sportsman's Dinner, as well as some of our sporting programs.

Our Golf day at the new Black Bull Golf Course is one no golfer will want to miss. My advice is to book early to secure a suitable hit off time. Our Committee has assembled one of the best sports, walking programs and recreational activities held

at a Rotary conference for a long time.

You will be amazed at the great line up of top speakers that we have been able to assemble, covering a broad variety of topics.

Yarrowonga and Mulwala, situated on the banks of the Mighty Murray and beautiful Lake Mulwala features a huge range of accommodation choices that will suit all conference attendees.

Most Conference venues and accommodation are in close proximity .

Your Master of Ceremonies, David Anderson



David is a member and PP of the Rotary Club of Yea and has been Chair of the District 9790 Youth Exchange Committee Assistant Governor, District Governor and District Trainer. A seasoned conference coordinator, David has acted as MC at a number of District Conferences and the Zone 8 Institute.

He will be the RI President's Personal Representative at the 2017 Conference of District 9465

Venues

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Club Mulwala

Main Conference and Primary Accommodation Venue

271 Melbourne St, Mulwala NSW 2647

Phone: (03) 5744 2331

Note: Lock-out rules apply after 23.30

Conference Registration

Club Mulwala Foyer

Thursday 14.30 - 16.30

Friday 09.00 - 17.00

Saturday 09.00 - 17.00

Sunday from 09.00



Yarrowonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort

Golf Club Rd, Mulwala NSW 2647

Phone: (03) 5744 1911

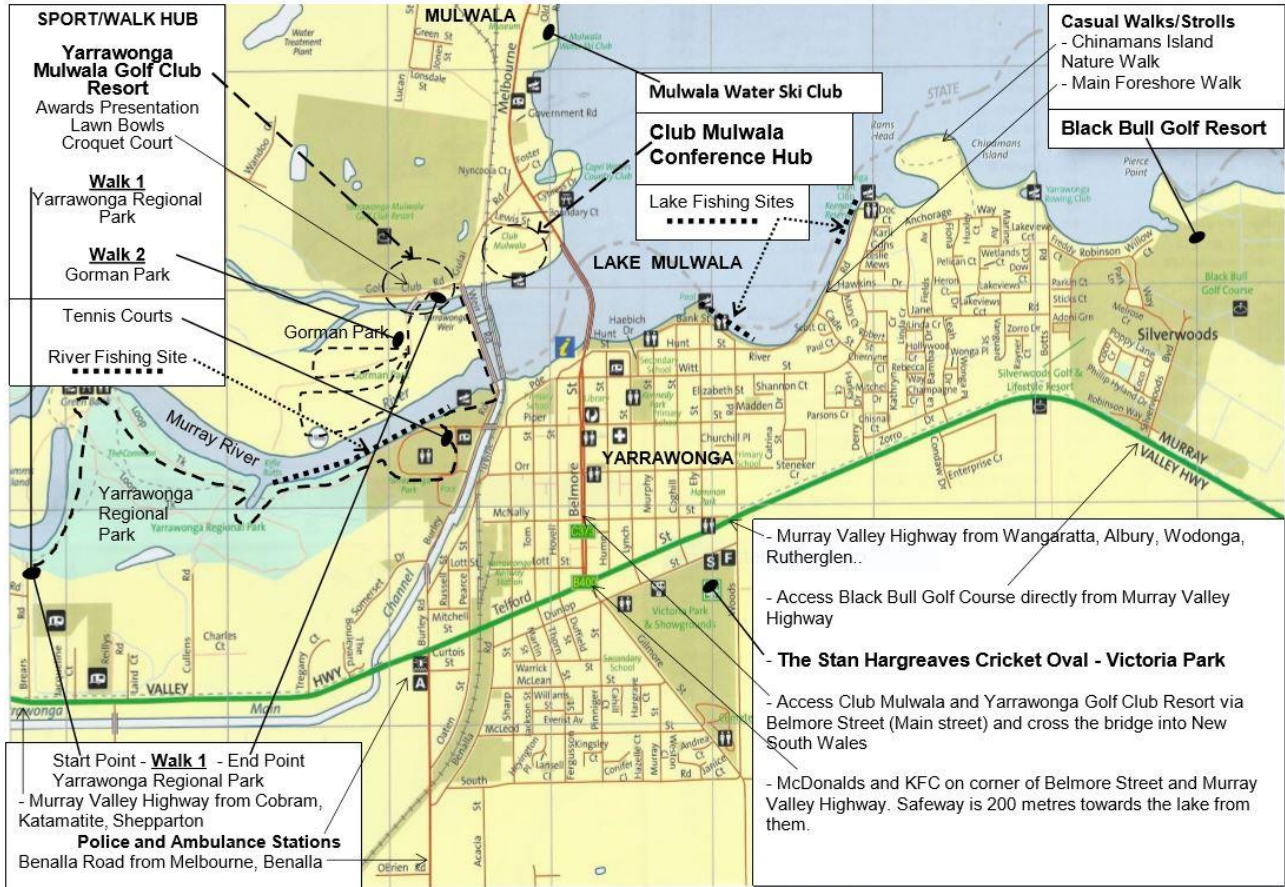


Mulwala Water Ski Club

156 Melbourne St, Mulwala NSW 2647

Phone: (03) 5744 1888

Venues and Event Map



Conference Protocols

Paul Harris Fellows should wear medallions to the Official Opening and to the Rotary Foundation Reception.

Paul Harris pins should be worn at all times below the Rotary badge.

Non Conference Material

No literature is to be distributed, no goods offered for sale, and no fund raising by any means may occur at the Conference without prior written approval from the Conference Chair.

For all Conference Information and Assistance

Please contact a member at the **Registration Desk** in the Foyer **any Committee Member**. (Look for a red Shirt)

Voting Delegates

Club delegates (Electors) must register their credentials at the Registration Desk

Recordings

No proceedings may be recorded by any audio or visual means by any attendee.

Smoking

Smoking is not permitted, by law, anywhere within Club Mulwala or Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort or The Mulwala Waterski Club.

Messages

Should the Conference organisers receive a message for you it will be posted on the Conference Message Board in the Foyer

If you want to post a message on the Conference Message Board, please see the Registration Desk.

Badges and admission

Name badges must be worn at all times throughout the entire conference and during social events.

Admission to all sessions is by NAME TAG/BADGE. Please wear it at all times or entry will be refused

The basic Registration fee enables the delegate to attend all sessions, morning/afternoon teas on all days and lunch on Saturday. All other events are ticketed events and your NAME TAG/BADGE will identify which events you are able to attend. Entry to events preceding the official opening, will be by name checked off against an official list. If a Name badge is lost please contact the Registration and Help Desk

Conference Telephone

The number 0419 005 125 will be monitored continuously.

Mobile Phones

The use of mobile phones is forbidden in lecture halls and during presentation and must be switched off during sessions.

Session Times

Please be prompt for each session so that it starts on time. Access to any venue should not occur during an address by any speaker.

What Rotary Can Do

Check out what is happening in Clubs in our district

Location: Club Mulwala

Times: Friday: 10.00am - 5.00pm, Saturday: 9.00am - 4.00pm and Sunday: 8.30am - 11.00am.

Breakfasts, Lunches and Dinners

Thursday,

16.00 Sports and Recreation Afternoon Tea

Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort

19:30 – 23:00 Sport and Recreation Day Dinner

Willow Room, Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort

Friday,

11:45 for 12:00 Council of Governors Luncheon

Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort

17:00 PHF Cocktail Function

Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort

"Willow Room"

Evening: Club Dinners - Clubs book their own venues

Saturday,

07:00 Presidents' / Presidents' Elect Breakfast

Club Mulwala, Endeavour Room

19:00 "Back Again to Yarrawonga" Gala Dinner

Club Mulwala, Auditorium

Sunday,

12:30 Sunday Lunch

Mulwala Waterski Club

Includes Ski Show



Rotary International President's Personal Representative Confirmed

DG Bernie is delighted to announce that Past World President Ron D. Burton has accepted the invitation to be this Year's President's Personal Representative at the District 9790 Conference, and will travel to Yarrawonga and Mulwala with wife Jetta, in March.



Ron and Jetta, are Paul Harris Fellows, Benefactors, Major Donors, and members of the Paul Harris, Bequest, and Arch C. Klumph Societies.

For several years, Ron has virtually dedicated his life to Rotary and is one of the most senior and influential people in the in the Rotary World. He has served as Rotary International President (2013-14), Rotary International Director (1998-2000), and Rotary International Foundation Vice Chair (2008-09) and Trustee (2006-10). He will assume the role of Rotary Foundation Chair (2018-19).

He attended the World Rotary Convention in Sydney, 2014, as Rotary International President and had this to say about his life in Rotary,

"I cannot even imagine how different my life would be, if I had not made the choice to put Rotary front and centre. I can't even count

the friends I wouldn't have made, the places I wouldn't have gone, the experiences I wouldn't have had. No matter how much I do for Rotary, no matter how hard I work now, I can never repay Rotary for how much it's done for me — for how much it's changed my life. I chose to engage Rotary — I set out to change lives — and the life I changed the most was my own"

Ron has said that while Rotary can't be everything to everybody, there are so many opportunities for each of us in Rotary today that you'd be hard pressed to find a Rotarian who couldn't find something they could really get behind. For him, it was The Rotary Foundation, and for someone else it might be water projects or literacy or Youth Exchange. It's that little bit of magic that's waiting for each one of us, and it's different for every Rotarian — the thing that makes your heart warm and makes you say to yourself: "Yes! This is why I'm in Rotary; this is why I'm a Rotarian." We've learned that the higher we aim in our Rotary service, the more we can achieve.

Ron D. Burton retired as president of the University of Oklahoma Foundation Inc. in 2007. He is a member of the U.S. Supreme Court Bar, the Oklahoma Bar Association, and the Cleveland County Bar Association. He is also a member of the American Bar Association, the ABA Section of Taxation Exempt Organizations Committee, and the ABA Section of Real Property, Probate, and Trust Committee on Charitable Organizations. A Rotarian since 1979, Burton has served RI as director, president's aide, RI president's representative, committee and task force member, Rotary information counsellor, zone trainer, International Assembly group discussion leader and moderator, Council on Legislation representative, and district governor. His extensive service to The Rotary Foundation includes vice chair and member of the Foundation Trustees, vice chair of the Future Vision.



What Rotary Can Do

Yes! The 2018 Rotary conference is to be held at Club Mulwala, a large RSL based NSW Club with a lot of available space. Your District 9790 Conference Committee is looking forward to all Rotary Clubs displaying their projects, big and small, to everyone who enters.

Sure! This is a great chance for Rotarians to show the general public as well as all Rotarians attending District 9790 Conference the great things Rotary and Rotarians can do. Your project could have been last week, last month, last year, last decade or even last century so let's all pull together and show everyone..... **"What Rotary Can Do"**

Of Course! There will be no charge for the display. Power will be available to most sites. All you have to do is register for the conference and bring your display.

Why Not! Book your site ASAP to get the best available. Contact Ian Febey for information on site size and availability.

Email: conference2018@rotary9790.org.au

Rotary Making a Difference



Conference Speakers



Craig Lapsley Victoria's inaugural Emergency Management Commissioner.

He began his career as a Junior with Bendigo Fire Brigade whilst his father Vince was the Bendigo Fire Brigade's OIC before moving to the Brigade's Volunteer ranks then into his career with CFA Operational staff. Craig was appointed as Victoria's first and only Fire Services Commissioner in 2010 before taking up his present appointment in July 2014.



Priscilla Rogers PhD is currently Vice President at Wintermute Biomedical, a US biopharmaceutical company developing a next-generation antibiotic to combat antimicrobial resistance. Prior to this she was leading the Cognitive Health & Life Sciences portfolio at IBM Research - Australia and co-owner of a medical device company. From a single parent home Yarrawonga, this former Rotary Exchange Student says that the Yarrawonga-Mulwala Rotary Club and District 9790 not just shaped her career, but also prepared her for life's adventures.



Kristin Graham is the Australian Rotary Health Foundation's inaugural ANZAC PhD Scholar at the Centre for Traumatic Studies, University of Adelaide. She has studied the relationship between war-related trauma exposure and the development and progression of physical and mental health of military personnel, to identify risk and protective factors that may affect symptoms of illness and resilience.



Dr Robert Webster OAM is President of the Victorian Branch of the Returned and Services League of Australia, having been an executive since 1989, and Director of Vasey RSL Care since 2004.

He received the Medal of the Order of Australia, in the Australia Day 2017 Awards, for service to veterans and their families and to the community of Victoria.



Professor Nicola Lautenschlauger has been Professor in Old Age Psychiatry and Deputy Head of School at the University of Western Australia, and the University of Melbourne's Professor of Old Age Psychiatry. She is currently the Director of Research for the North Western Mental Health, Aged Persons Mental Health Program where her current research focus is diagnosis of cognitive impairment and intervention trials for older adults to improve mental health outcomes.



Ron Iddles is a former Australian police detective. His conviction rate was 99% and he was dubbed "Australia's greatest detective". After a career spanning some 43 years investigating serious crime, he took up the role of Secretary of the Police Association of Victoria between 2014 and 2016. In 2017 he was lured out of retire



Sam Bailey is a quadriplegic who has conquered his disability to become a successful farmer, ultralight pilot, best-selling author and role model for children. He wants to become the first quadriplegic in the world to fly a helicopter and use it to inspire children to follow their dreams no matter what obstacles they encounter.



Bruce Anderson (PhD) is a graduate University of Melbourne and the University of Miami in Florida. Bruce's research focused on the family of Polioviruses. Within Rotary, Bruce is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Strathmore, a Paul Harris Fellow, a member of the Paul Harris Society, a member of the District 9790 Foundation Committee and Chair of the District 9790 International Service Committee.



Bruce Allen is Manager of The Rotary Foundation South Pacific & Philippines Office in Parramatta. A Rotarian since 1979, Bruce carries a high level of Rotary experience. Past District Governor, district 9680, Bruce is a member of the Rotary Club of Castle Hill, holding the position of Club Treasurer.



Kate Austin, founder of Pinchapoo, is proudly responsible for creating a cheeky hotel toiletry 'pinching' movement eight years ago... and has redistributed more than 1 MILLION personal hygiene products to thousands of disadvantaged men, women and children around Australia.



Greg Champion is an Australian songwriter, guitarist, radio personality and athlete. Born in Benalla, Victoria, Champion is most recognised for his work as part of the Coodabeen Champions as a songwriter and guitarist.

Sport and Recreation Day Dinner

Thursday 22nd March 2018
7.00 for 7.30 PM



Wayne Phillips – International Cricketer

South Australia's Wayne Phillips was a rakishly built left handed batsman and wicketkeeper who represented both state and country over the course of a first class career between the 1977 and 1991. Phillips enjoyed a meteoric rise to the top flight, after a century on debut. He was transformed into an opener and then asked to become a wicketkeeper on the basis of his experience as a gloveman at underage. Ultimately, Phillips became involved in full-time coaching work at the Australian Cricket Academy in Adelaide, a role in which he still functions today. He can also occasionally be heard as a television commentator on the Nine Network.



Kim Forge – National Curling Champion

Living in Cobram has not stopped this former Canadian from pursuing her passion for the winter sport of curling. In fact the national mixed doubles curling champion has represented Australia in international competition since 2005 and will do so again at the inaugural mixed doubles curling competition at the 2018 winter Olympics. She has been Australian Curling Federation President and Vice-President, and World Curling Federation Representative, Australia



nal Activities are timed for completion by 3.30pm. Participants and companions are encouraged to attend the Sports Awards Presentation from 4.00pm until 5.00pm and then the Sports Dinner

[Click on an image for more information](#)



Golf:

Tee off from 8.00am till 11.00am: \$45 pp
Bull (03) 5744 0044 to confirm tee time.
prize, **Audi A1, from the Audi Centre, Shepparton**



**Contact Black
Hole-in-One**

Audi Centre Shepparton



Croquet: \$15 pp; Noon-Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort:



Mahjong: Free. Noon-Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort: The Yarrawonga Social Mahjong Group will welcome visitors, experienced and beginners alike, at tables in the comfortable ambience of the Fairway Room.



Choice of two walks by The Murray: This recreational activity is not a competition, just a time for pleasant fellowship for the many people who enjoy walking.

SILVERWOODS GOLF & LIFESTYLE RESORT



GOLF COURSE

District 9790 Conference in March 2018 offers golfing Rotarians a unique and unprecedented opportunity to play golf at such a highly rated golf course.

The **Black Bull Course** is ranked in the Top 100 golf courses in Australia and a must play when travelling along the Murray River. This magnificent golf course has been designed and manicured to suit the keenest of golfers who enjoy a links style course.

The **Black Bull** course is privately operated within the **Silverwoods Golf and Lifestyle Resort** along the shores of **Lake Mulwala**. The course environment features lakes and lagoons which are interspersed with beautiful homes and gardens.

It is open to green fee paying players who want a unique golfing experience while enjoying some great scenery. Situated less than 5 minutes from the centre of Yarrowonga it is easily accessed directly from the Murray Valley Highway.



HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Register ONLINE on Conference Form - \$45 per person

After registration phone the **Black Bull Pro Shop** on 03 5744 0044 to book a **Tee Time** and, if required, a **Golf Cart**, available for hire - organised by the Pro Shop.

Tee Off Times start at 8.00am and continue at 8 minute intervals until 11.00am.

On-Course food and refreshment facility as well as the **Clubhouse Café**.

PRIZES – PRIZES – PRIZES

Hole-In-One on the 4th hole - An AUDI Car

Prizes totalling approximately \$400 will be awarded.

Best Bull Ring Challenge Score - (3 hole challenge)



Audi Centre Shepparton

\$100 Dinner Voucher - Club Mulwala for nearest the pin on 16th hole

Black Bull Tee Shirts - Men and Women winners

Black Bull Head Covers - Men and Women runner up

Golf Balls down the line - Men and Women

PRESENTATION

At the completion of your round of golf make your way to the Awards Presentation function in the Clubhouse of the Yarrowonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort which is scheduled to start at 4.00pm and finish around 5.00pm in time for attendees to prepare for the Sports Dinner Function at 7.00pm for 7.30pm.



Nature Walks and Fishing

Walk No 1 1.00pm, Yarrawonga Regional Park

Register online - \$5.00 pp



This recreational activity is not a competition, just a time for pleasure and fellowship for the many people who enjoy walking. The picturesque walk will commence at the entry gate to Yarrawonga Regional Park on Brear's Road, 3 kms west of Yarrawonga on the Murray Valley Highway (Cobram Road).

Participants can either find their own means of getting to the starting point or they can access a shuttle bus leaving from – Club Mulwala Car Park at 12.10 pm and then the Black Bull Golf Pro Shop at 12.30 pm. Starting at 1.00 pm the first 2 km nature walk through red gum forest will be enhanced by the guidance and commentary of a Parks officer before walking through the Holiday Park and over the Weir Bridge to conclude at the Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort club car park.

Walk No 2 At your leisure, Gorman Park

Free – Registration **NOT** required

The Gorman Park entrance is on Golf Club Drive, Mulwala (adjacent to the Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort Accommodation). It is a short walk to the car park and Park Map for the convenience of visitors. This walk is bounded by the Murray River and the Golf Course and the boundaries are



clearly marked. This nature walk through red gum forest is ideal for the casual walker with an interest in peace and tranquillity and being located near the Conference Hub can be utilised on many occasions during the conference. Approx. 2 km circuit.

Lake & River Fishing

Lake Mulwala/Murray River

Registration **NOT** required



Suggested locations are clearly marked on the Conference Locations and Venues Map. Fishing could commence at 10.00am (or earlier if desired) with later arrivals joining in at their leisure. Participants need to provide their own equipment and bait and be licenced to fish appropriate to

State laws.

Relax, Cruise or Movies

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Need to just relax and have some time out before or during the Conference? Try a little indulgence at [Essenza Day Spa at Club Mulwala](#).

Visit Rich Glen for all olive products plus delicious morning/afternoon tea or lunch.



Cruise Lake Mulwala on board
[PS Cumberoona](#)



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Gold Class Cinema at the Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort



Enjoy latest release movies in the plush, 60 seat Gold Class Cinema, catered from the fully licensed lounge bar, featuring 3D capability screen, state of the art projector and digital sound system all at a very low price.

Ruth Konig Walk - Sunday Morning, 7.30 am – Club Mulwala; \$15 pp



Proceeds from the Walk to Conference 2018 will go to an annual award established in Ruth's honour. This award is a joint project between the Rotary Club of Yea and District 9790 and will be known as the 'Humanity Award'.

The 2018 "Riverina Ramble" Ride to Conference

Mulwala to Mulwala via Albury, Holbrook, Tumbarumba, The Rock and Howlong
Distance travelled 615 km

Charity Australian Rotary Health

Money raised ???????

10 Rotary Clubs and 29 Team Members

<u>Albury North Rotary Club</u> Charles Aitken - Cyclist Marie Aitken - Cyclist Ian Crossley - Cyclist John Forck - Cyclist Chris Parker - Cyclist Paul Robb - Cyclist	<u>Albury West Rotary Club</u> Mike Kirby - Cyclist
<u>Bright Rotary Club</u> Patrick O'Shea – Cyclist	<u>Corowa Rotary Club</u> Graham Brown – Team leader / cyclist Margaret Brown – Road support / coordinator Neil Davis – Road support Norm O'Flaherty - Road support
<u>Eltham Rotary Club</u> Alan McCleary - Cyclist Ken Paynter – Cyclist Trevor Smith – Cyclist	<u>Numurkah Rotary Club</u> Linda Boyd – Cyclist Kate Hodge - Cyclist Stuart Hodge - Cyclist Greg Moralee - Cyclist Chris Sutton - Cyclist
<u>Seymour Rotary Club</u> David Freeman – Cyclist Fiona McCarthy - Cyclist	<u>Shepparton Family of Rotary</u> John Fry – Cyclist Laurie McGoldrick - Cyclist Tony Phelan - Cyclist
<u>Yarrawonga Mulwala Rotary Club</u> David Barrat - Cyclist Ashlee Demanuele - Cyclist Tony Thomas - Road Captain / Cyclist	<u>Yea Rotary Club</u> Sandra Hanley - Support

The Route



Rotary Gala Dinner

100 Years of ANZAC 2014-2018

Dress to suit theme of era

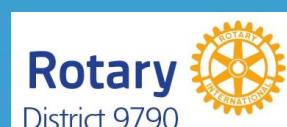
Saturday 24th March, 2018

Venue; Club Mulralla 7.00pm

Cost; \$90.00 3 course meal with wine



*Featuring The Pacific Belles
& Swing Band*



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Or download a Registration and Booking form [here](#)

and return by via email to

conference2018@rotary9790.org.au

Or by mail to

Yarrawonga Mulwala Rotary Club

PO Box 154 Yarrawonga

VIC 3730

Accommodation

Club Mulwala

is the main Conference venue, which has first class accommodation available. A block reservation has been made and to make a booking [Click here](#)

Accommodation within strolling distance will also be found by clicking on:

[Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort](#)

[Mulwala Waterski Club](#)

A wide range of accommodation options may be explored by contacting:

[Yarrawonga Mulwala Tourism](#)

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2018 Rotary District 9790 Conference - March 23-25

Local Rotary's world praise



Rotary conference chair Ross Lloyd, District 9790 Governor Bernie Bott, Past International Rotary President and wife, Ron and Jetta Burton, and Manager of The Rotary Foundation South Pacific & Philippines Office in Parramatta Bruce Allen who delivered a speech on the foundation of Rotary.

By ROBERT MUIR

Rotary's first ever International President's Personal Representative (RIPPR) to visit Rotary District 9790 loved everything about the 2018 conference hosted by the Rotary Club of Yarrawonga/Mulwala.

"It was an outstanding conference. It was so well organized. It doesn't get any better than this Yarrawonga conference," past international president Ron Burton from Oklahoma, USA commented to the Yarrawonga Chronicle.

Based at ClubMulwala, the three-day Rotary District 9790 Conference from Friday, March 23 to Sunday, March 25 was three years in the making, with some 15 first class speakers in their wide variety of fields.

"It was a stellar list of people who brought interesting topics to the conference, conveyed a lot of information and were inspirational," Mr Burton said. "It was an outstanding line-up."

Mr Burton said the conference involved "real Rotarians, grass roots Rotarians in the purest form, which make Rotary the incredible organisation it is".

"It's the individuals, the Rotarians in Rotary Clubs who can and do make changes for the better," the 71-year-old who was President International 2013-2014 and has represented the international president at 28 conferences throughout the world including 16 in Australia, said.

"You observe the people who have been

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2018 Rotary District 9790 Conference - March 23-25



Former local resident Dr Priscilla Rogers delivering her 'My Journey and Future Directions in Medicine' speech.



Former Victorian Police Commissioner Ron Iddles delivers his 'Criminals I Have Known' speech.



Trevor Hargreaves entertained the big audience with his poetry.



given the opportunity to make it a successful event. People have worked hard, doing it out of the goodness of their hearts - that's what they understand."

Mr Burton has other titles: Chair, The Rotary Foundation Trustees (2018-19) and Trustee, The Rotary Foundation (2015-19). But the highly credentialed Rotarian said: "I just

Inner Wheel's Rotary impact

By ROBERT MUIR

Work by Inner Wheel Club of Yarrowonga Mulwala members will have a strong presence at the big 2018 Rotary District 9790 Conference at ClubMulwala from March 22 to March 24.

The following week's huge 100-year milestone Yarrowonga Mulwala RSL Sub Branch celebration will also have a considerable Inner Wheel Club influence.

Hundreds of roses will surround the entrance to ClubMulwala's Auditorium, with many more in the auditorium, including the stage.

Also in the auditorium will be uniformed cardboard-made soldiers in full attire, including emu feathers in their slouch felt hats, just like our gallant soldiers.

Sandra Buckles of Yarrowonga and Mulwala resident Maureen Holgate have been busy. "Mid last year when Rotary was discussing the upcoming Rotary Conference Inner Wheel Club was asked if we could support them in decorating the auditorium at the RSL," Sandra explained to the Yarrowonga Chronicle.

"As a club, a small committee was formed. We looked at the venue and came up with a plan, with the theme of 'The end of the First World War'.

"We decided that poppies had to be a focal point and we would have working bees. This is the result."

The result is several hundred poppies, cardboard-made soldiers in local identity Noel Tinney's National Service uniform during the Vietnam War, a cardboard Australian Army sign and cardboard silhouettes of soldiers.

"I couldn't get a First World War uniform," Sandra said. "But Noel's uniforms will suit the occasion and there's a story to the emu feathers.

"The emu feathers were on the side of the road in Central Australia last year - not far from Alice Springs. We'd stopped for coffee. Ian (husband) said 'no'. But I got out my trusty three-zip bag, picked the feathers up, sprayed them, sealed up my bag... I thought they might just come in handy some day!"

The poppies consist of Christmas wrapping



Sandra Buckles, surrounded by hundreds of her home-made poppies.

red-coloured mesh, black-coloured centre bird netting, little black sprigs and bamboo garden stakes.

For a long time, Sandra has possessed a flair for this type of work, undertaking needlework and art to get into J H Boyd College Melbourne. "It was handy but I just love doing this sort of work," she said.

Also for a long time, Maureen has displayed substantial talent at painting. The largely self-

taught artist has almost completed a 20 x 30" painting before the big imminent two events at ClubMulwala.

Maureen will have several cardboard silhouettes of soldiers, depicted in graphite and chalk, on display in the auditorium.

"I think Rotary is a wonderful charitable organisation and with RSL's significant centenary, I'm happy to be part of it," she said.

Sandra said it is wonderful ClubMulwala is hosting the Rotary District 9790 Conference, "not just for the town but it's a real feather in



Power-packed Rotary conference

By ROBERT MUIR

The Rotary Club of Yarrowonga Mulwala's prediction last year its hosting of the 2018 Rotary District 9790 Conference would attract 600 people, mainly Rotarians, will eventuate.

The majority of Rotary District 9790's 64 Rotary clubs will be represented. "We're going to have 600," conference chair Ross Lloyd told the Yarrowonga Chronicle last week.

"The gala dinner is fully booked." The special 'ANZAC Centenary Celebration Dinner' is on the Saturday which will feature the 1940's inspired trio, The Pacific Belles swing band.

The three-day power packed conference program commencing Friday, March 23 contains a vast range and star-studded line-up of guest speakers, VIPs, light entertainment and dinners at ClubMulwala and Yarrowonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort.

The lead-up Thursday program also provides for a wonderful range of sporting and leisure activities, commencing with golf at the superb Silverwood's Black Bull Golf Course at 9.00am, a barbecue for golfers from 1.30pm to 3.00pm and golf presentations at 3.30pm.

A Sports Dinner will then take place in Yarrowonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort's Willow Room, featuring speakers, Australian Test cricketer Wayne Phillips and local, national curling champion Kim Forge.

Friday's program is huge and includes the gala opening with procession of flags and VIPs.

Mr Lloyd was pleased the talented Lake-

side Voices will be performing before the start of the formal opening. And the 28-member Lakeside Voices - or as many know as the Yarrowonga Mulwala Ecumenical Choir - are pleased to be on stage.

"We have a new name - Lakeside Voices - it's easier!" the group's conductor of four years, Andrew Brown, said. "Memory" from CATS and "You Got A Friend In Me" from The Toy Story will be among our songs.

"We're looking forward to it, in the lead-up to the start of the formal program. It's an honour to be asked."

Significant opening addresses will be made by Mr Bott and former Rotary International President Ron D Burton of the USA.

"It is a great honour to be asked to represent the President and First Lady of Rotary International at a District Conference," Mr Burton said.

"Governor Bernie has chosen 'I'm Going Back to Yarrowonga' as the theme of this conference. Well, since we have not been here before, Jetta (wife) and I are going to have some catching up to do."

Friday afternoon's speakers will include Dr Bruce Anderson with 'Towards Eradication of Malaria' and Manager of The Rotary Foundation South Pacific & Philippines Office in Paramatta, Dr Bruce Allen.

Saturday's program will have Yarrowonga P-12 students in a play titled 'ANZAC Memorial Presentation', also featuring some local Rotarians, at ClubMulwala, followed by former local resident Dr Priscilla Rogers with 'My Journey and Future Directions in Medicine'.



Rotarians pictured studying the big conference program.

Former ClubMulwala President and talented poet Trevor Hargreaves OAM will take centre stage followed by Victorian Police's Ron Iddles with 'Criminals I have known'.

After morning tea it will be 'Alzheimer's disease and exercise' by Prof. Nicola Lautenschlager, a schools debate and RSL State President Dr Robert Webster OAM.

More interesting, informative and appropriate addresses will be given on Saturday afternoon, and Sunday, culminating on Sunday afternoon with a lunch at Mulwala Water Ski Club with Coulda Been Champion, Greg Champion performing on the deck. Also featuring will be the ski club's international water ski show.

There are three significant aspects to this

year's conference: The conference theme is 'I'm Going Back to Yarrowonga', red shirts will be worn at times and the mascot is 'Charlie the Black Bull'.

The District Governor spoke in the most glowing terms about the work gone into the preparation of the conference program.

"The effort the conference committee has exerted over the past three years has been of the highest order, under the leadership of Rotarian Ross Lloyd and my entire Rotary Club," District Governor Bernie said.

"An atmosphere of Rotary, fun, entertainment and fellowship will be the order of the day."

"The conference will be a celebration of a 'Rotary year of Rotary Making a Difference'."

Conference's additions

By ROBERT MUIR

A nurses uniform as worn in the First World War will line up alongside soldier uniforms at the 2018 Rotary District 9790 Conference and an oil painting for Rotary.

Inner Wheel Club of Yarrowonga Mulwala members Sandra Buckles and Maureen Holgate took great delight in their art work for "such a worthy organisation like Rotary".



Great lead-in to conference



Golf winners, placegetters and officials last Friday at Black Bull Golf Course, Silverwoods: from left, Sport and Recreation Day Director Noel Thomas, Helen Clancy, Kerrin Pickworth, Mandy Edwards, Bernie Bott, Ron Burton, Ross Lloyd, Wayne Moriarty, Kelvin Rogash, James McCully and David Earl.

By ROBERT MUIR

Golfers throughout Rotary District 9790 took to the superb Black Bull Golf Course at Silverwoods as part of a sporting welcome to the district's 2018 conference for the following three days.

Forty golfers played a stableford event with the first four male and female placegetters receiving prizes in a competition well organised by the conference's sports and recreation day director Noel Thomas.

"I thank the McCully family and all at Black Bull Ross (Ross Lloyd, conference chair) and I sat down with them two years ago. They've been fantastic," Noel said.

It was a very happy conference chair. "It's been a very successful start to the conference," Ross told the 30 male and 10 female golfers.

"I'm very, very proud we've got some winners and I hope we all have a wonderful evening (Sportsman's Dinner, Friday night)."

Kelvin Rogash from Mooroonpa, with 42 points was the best in the men's field. With her score of 31 points, Euroa's Mandy Edwards was first placed lady.

And Mr Lloyd's wish for a wonderful Friday evening came true, with special guest speakers, local Kim Forge and South Australian Wayne

Phillips informative, enlightening and entertaining the 132 diners in the Willow Room at Yarrowonga Mulwala Golf Club resort.

Introduced by Master of Ceremonies, David Anderson from the Yea Rotary Club, both received a big round of applause for their talks and, later, after receiving and answering questions.

Kim, 46, told of her beginnings at curling as a five-year-old in West Canada, rolling her lunch box along the icy driveway of their home.

In 1980 she met a young man who worked as an agricultural exchange type student on her parents' farm. Kim married that person, Rod Forge, from Burrumbeet, at the golf club where she spoke last Thursday night.

An Australian champion, Kim finished fifth in a world event in Russia and is Australian Curling Federation President.

Wayne, 60, played 27 Test Matches and 48 one-dayers for Australia, coached SA and loves his speaking engagements in Yarrowonga/Mulwala, as previously reported in the Yarrowonga Chronicle.

A big innings player and classy wicketkeeper, the left-hand batsman was a big hit with the Rotarians and partners with his brilliant sense of humour.



At the Sports Dinner: David McPherson, Bronwyn Lloyd, Kim Forge, Wayne Phillips, Ross Lloyd, Ron and Jetta Burton and David Anderson.

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Ski Club supports Rotary Conference



Mulwala Water Ski Club CEO Peter Duncan with incoming Rotary District Governor Bernie Bott and conference organiser Ross Lloyd.

Yarrowonga Mulwala Rotary Club members gathered at the Mulwala Water Ski Club last Monday to thank CEO Peter Duncan for the sponsorship his club will be giving to the District Rotary Conference.

This conference will be held in March 2018 at ClubMulwala and will be hosted by the Yarrowonga Mulwala Rotary Club.

Peter praised the work Rotary does overseas and locally, saying it was a great organisation and was worth supporting.

Conference organiser Ross Lloyd presented Peter with one of Rotary's red conference t-shirts as 20 members in red shirts applauded.

In other news, a well known local member Bernie Bott will take over as the District Governor at an induction ceremony in Wangaratta on June 25.

Bernie will take on the job and spend the year visiting and supporting the 46 clubs in the district, he was wished well from the members of his local club.

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World Rotary President at conference

By ROBERT MUIR

Past world Rotary president Ron D. Burton will be the World President's representative at the four-day Yarrowonga/Mulwala hosted Rotary District 9790 Conference from March 22 to 25 and will be accompanied by his wife Jetta.

"It's a real feather in our cap that District 9790 has been able to gain the services of someone who's been a world president, to come to a little country town like Yarrowonga. It's like the Duke of Edinburgh coming," Chair of the 2018 Rotary District Conference, Ross Lloyd, told the Yarrowonga Chronicle.

"The majority of time world presidents are going to capital cities like London or New York - places with very high volumes of people with some of the Rotary clubs having 500 or 600 members.

"It speaks volumes for our District 9790 that we've managed to get hold of the 2013-14 world president."

For several years, Ron has virtually dedicated his life to Rotary and is one of the most senior and influential persons in the Rotary world.

He has served as Rotary International President (3013-14), Rotary International Director (1998-2000), and Rotary International Foundation Vice-Chair (2008-09) and Trustee (2006-10); in 2018-19 will assume the position of Rotary Foundation Chair.

In 2014, at the World Rotary Convention in Sydney, he said: "I cannot even imagine how different my life would be, if I had not made the choice to put Rotary front and centre.

"I can't even count the friends I wouldn't have made, the places I wouldn't have gone, the experiences I wouldn't have had.

"No matter how much I do for Rotary, I can never repay Rotary for how much it's done for me - for how much it's changed my life. I chose to engage Rotary. I set out to change lives - and the life I changed most was my very own."

Ron and Jetta are Paul Harris Fellows, benefactors, major donors and members of the Paul Harris Bequest and Arch C. Klump Societies.

Ron said while Rotary can't be everything



World Rotary President 2013-14 Ron D. Burton and wife Jetta from Oklahoma USA will be in Yarrowonga/Mulwala next March.

for everybody, there are so many opportunities for Rotarians to "really get behind".

For him, it was The Rotary Foundation and other Rotarians may choose water projects or literacy or youth exchanges.

"It's that little bit of magic that's waiting for each one of us - the thing that makes your heart warm and makes you say to yourself: 'Yes! This is why I'm in Rotary, this is why I'm a Rotarian'," the past world president said.

The Rotary Club of Yarrowonga/Mulwala has 43 members and District 9790 comprises 64 Rotary clubs.

An estimated 600 people are expected to attend the big District 9790 Rotary Conference in Yarrowonga/Mulwala in March 2018, based at ClubMulwala.



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Making a Difference Conference Yarrawonga Mulwala

March 22-25, 2018

email: rotaryconference2018@gmail.com

G'Day. I'm DG Bernie's mate, Charlie, and I'd like to invite all Rotarians to our 2018 conference. You might think that's a way off, but here are some things you should think about doing right now

- Conference Bookings – be an **Early Bird**
- Conference **Activities** – get your selections in
- Golf – remember to book a tee time.

For all conference info, click on my picture →



Early Bird: The \$120 registration price is available until 30th September 2017. After this date, Conference Fee is \$150.



Activities: There are a number of activities available on most of the Conference days. You can find out more about each one by following the appropriate link(s) on the Conference website. A description of each activity has been prepared. You can then book via the website.



Golf: The Black Bull Course has allocated us tee times from 8 am to approx. 11 am. So to ensure a spot at this top ranking facility, please book early. This requires you to:

- Book online as for any other activity*
- Contact the Black Bull Golf Club direct on (03) 5744 0044 to be issued a tee time. **

Shepparton Audi



Hole-in-one prize



To register for conference and book all events, [click here](#)

** It would be helpful if Rotarians who live locally, or in nearby towns, booked in for early tee times (8 am to 9.45 am say) so that those who are travelling the furthest can hit off later, say from 9.45 am – 11 am.*

*** The booking price of \$45, as shown on the booking page, is for Rotarians attending the Conference. The cost for non-Rotarians to play is \$60.*

I'm going back again to Yarrawonga

Rotary
District 9790



Charlie's March 9th Newsletter

District 9790 Conference Yarrawonga Mulwala

March 22-25, 2018

<mailto:conference2018@rotary9790.org.au>

Register for Conference and book events on-line at  **trybooking**.com

EVENTS MADE EASY

G'Day,

Charlie here with some late conference news.

Cut-off for registration has been deferred.

We have been working closely with venue managers, who are now geared up for a pretty big event. As a result they have given us a few more days to allow for late registrations



Closing date for Registrations now Tuesday March 13. Go to  **trybooking**.com

EVENTS MADE EASY

Use the same link to make bookings for other events once you are registered. These will remain open until bookings are full.



For instance the ANZAC Memorial Dinner on Saturday night is now closed as is the golf at Black Bull on Thursday. However **Thursday night's Sports Day Dinner, is still open.** This is a great opportunity to hear **Kim Forge**, who has just returned from the winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea, where she represented Australia in Curling. **Wayne Phillips**, who represented Australia during a fourteen year cricketing career, will also be speaking

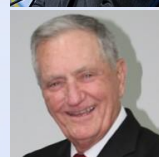


Other Thursday Sports and Recreation day events are the pleasant **Bushland walks and The Ruth Konig Walk.**

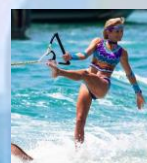
Mahjong and Croquet are also open. For these activities, just present yourself at Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort Reception at 12.00, noon.

Paul Harris Cocktails at 5.00pm Friday is a great opportunity to meet our **RIPPR, Ron Burton, and Bruce Anderson**, who leads Rotary Foundation, South Pacific.

And, while places are still available, all D9790 Rotarians are invited to **the Presidents' and Presidents' Elect Breakfast** on Saturday



You might also think about finishing the week-end off with **Sunday Lunch at The Mulwala Water Ski Club.** **Greg Champion** is performing on the deck, and the Club's famous **International Water Ski Show** will also be featured



There is still time to join in this great District 9890 event, enjoy some fellowship, meet and listen to World Class Speakers from inside and outside Rotary and renew and develop yourself as a Rotarian

Better be quick

Register Now
There's still time

Charlie