

CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER

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This month the Brisbane Members of your District Conference Committee travelled west to meet with the Chinchilla Members.

It was pleasing to be able to confirm that local arrangements for venue, catering, and entertainment, are progressing well.

Accommodation has caused the usual headaches of going to the country, this time increased by the amount of activity in the Chinchilla area. To quote the Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Chinchilla – *‘Many people don't realise the pace that coal seam gas development is occurring in the Chinchilla Region. For some time now drilling and well preparations have been happening in the Crossroad area. By night the district is looking like a Christmas tree. The normally dark night skies of the Hopeland area have a new light source in the South West which glows with similar intensity to the lights of the town’.*

Some Clubs may find that their request, for all members to be accommodated in the same Motel, is unable to be met and find this disappointing.

But, remember, a Motel room is only a place to lay your head during the hours of sleep and a place to shower and change.

More than enough rooms, in accommodation of a good standard, will be available.

For those planning to bring caravans, unlimited accommodation is available at the Showgrounds.

Your Conference Committee is providing many opportunities that can be used, to either remain with your own Club group, or to mingle and make new friends.

On Friday, come early for a game of bowls or golf, before attending the Opening Ceremony, commencing at 6 pm. At 7 pm, we'll move to Bulldog Park to enjoy Dinner and the Entertainment.

A busy day on Saturday, starting at 8 am, with Roll Call very early in the day's events. Clubs have been allocated 7 seconds to make themselves heard –***it needs to be short, but can be loud.***

Dr Jordana Bayer, a child psychologist and Rotary postdoctoral research fellow, from the Murdoch Children's Research Institute, VIC, will be an important speaker during Saturday morning's programme. Her research aims to develop population-level prevention programs for mental health commencing early in childhood.

Formal activities close at approximately 3 pm, to allow you to mix and mingle as you chose, before the DG's Dinner, Black Tie and Bling.

Together, we'll **EXPERIENCE THE ENERGY!**



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