

Reasons

2020 DISTRICTS 9675 & 9685 CONFERENCE

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Conference Website: bit.ly/reasonsconference2020

Due to popular demand, Friday Night has been **EXPANDED!**

We have been overwhelmed with Rotarians and Partners keen to attend Friday Night at the Conference. As a result we have been able to relocate our Friday Night Dinner within the Wollongong Entertainment Centre. Great news for anyone who would like to attend the Full Conference! Our Friday Night Dinner will be a great opportunity to catch up with old friends, meet new ones and share our **Reasons** why we are Rotarians. You can register for the Full Conference today for \$280.



If you have already registered for the Conference and would now like to attend our Friday Night dinner please email rotaryconference2020@gmail.com.



Mark Huddleston — Guest Speaker

Mark joined the Rotary Club of Edwardstown in 1997 at the age of 29 after 10 years in Rotaract. Now aged 51, Mark has been involved with Rotary for well over half of his life.

He is a much sought after commentator on Rotary's membership challenges and has spoken on numerous occasions about membership to clubs, PETS and other conferences and seminars around Australia and New Zealand. In March 2018 Mark published his first book, *Creatures of Habit* about the underlying causes of membership decline and how we can turn things around.

Mark's formal training is in the electronics field, but he is currently the manager of Sugar Free Zone, a mail order confectionery business which he has operated for 14 years.

Project Showcase

As part of the Conference, we will showcase some of the amazing projects that clubs are engaged in. Find out more about some of the great District programs your club can participate in. You'll receive a passport at the Registration Desk that you'll be able to get stamped as you visit each of the stands and go into the draw to win a prize!



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Rebecca Tolstoy AM — Guest Speaker

Rebecca is the Founding Chair of the Path of Hope Foundation.

Rebecca is a strategic and visionary leader with an EDGE. Seamlessly driving innovation, complemented by her professional occupation directing her accounting firm. Rebecca enjoys bringing her professional accounting skills and net work to board appointments in governments, private and other NGO's.

Along with her family, career and Rotary involvement, over many years Rebecca has experienced the great pleasure and opportunities of travelling to collaborate internationally across cultures, genders, age groups, values, beliefs and perceptions.

PDG Trish Boyle — RI President's Personal Representative

Trish has been a Rotarian since May 1997 and is a member of the Rotary Club of Invercargill North in District 9980, New Zealand and served as District Governor in 2010-2011.

Most recently she has served on the RI Leadership and Training Committee 2018-2020 and is Co-chair of the Regional Pilot Leadership and Development Committee 2020. She attended the District 9685 Conference in February 2014, as the RI President's Personal Representative.

Trish is a Senior Adviser at the Ministry of Education (4 days per week). She is a trustee on the Community Trust of Southland. Trish is passionately interested in all aspects of the Arts.

We look forward to having Trish being apart of our Reasons Conference in Wollongong.

Registrations are closing on 10 March!

We are looking forward to seeing Rotarians, Partners, Rotaractors, Youth Exchange Students and Friends at our Conference. There are a range of packages available to suit your availability and busy schedules! **Register for Friday Night-Sunday for \$280** or come for some of the weekend. To assist with the Conference preparations, we'd appreciate if you can register before Monday 10 March.

Check the Conference website, for a range of different registration packages that are also available to suit you...

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