



## Rotary Opens Opportunities

July is 'New Leadership Month' for Rotary International. July 1 marks the new year and is a chance for clubs to start fresh.



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## CALENDAR

July 18 - Taree North Book Sale  
July 20 - NYSF applications close  
July 20 - DG visit Coonamble  
July 21 - DG Visit Coonabarabran  
July 22 - DG visit Barraba  
July 23 - DG visit Gunnedah West  
July 24 - DG visit Tamworth Sunrise  
July 27 - DG visit Great Lakes  
July 28 - DG visit Wauchope  
July 29 - DG visit Port Macquarie  
July 31 - DG visit Port Macquarie Sunrise

## E-NEWS CONTACT

If you have something for the E-news please email editor Laura Telford at [laura.telford@rotaract.org.au](mailto:laura.telford@rotaract.org.au) before 5pm on Friday to make sure it will appear in the next edition! Please note photos are always appreciated!

## MUSINGS FROM THE DG

Congratulations PDG Phil Hafey and his leadership team for an outstanding year where everyone rose to the challenges of drought, bushfire, flood and pandemic. Never have we seen such devastation in the district. Thank you to all the Rotary Clubs at the coalface who worked tirelessly to support those in need.

This moment in time is about regrouping, reconnecting face to face as soon as it is safe to do so and reformulating your plans for this year. My goal for this year is to grow Rotary. I would love to see a new club formed in each Cluster and retain its current membership. We have two Rotaract Clubs, let's get another. These young people are our future, let's invest in them! I hope clubs can commence or continue community projects. If you can't think of a project for your own club, ask the community if there is a group that has a dream, needs help with a project, and maybe your club could make it come true. Build partnerships with other organisations, groups, and government organisations.

Advertise your projects in the media, social media, radio, newsletters. Ever thought of an article in Rotary Down Under? Talk to them about your project. You might be surprised; things have changed in RDU. Get the message out there that Rotary is supporting the community. Also showcase the excellent work you are doing with the District in the e-news! Contact e-news editor Laura Telford at [laura.telford@rotaract.org.au](mailto:laura.telford@rotaract.org.au)! Be proud of what you do!

Think about how a grant could help your new project, whether it be a District Grant, Global Grant or Community Grant. Don't forget about the matching grants from the Rotary Australia Compassionate Grants program. The money is there for the taking. Are you thinking of helping an emerging country? COVID19 is ravaging our friends in these places. Do you need help with sourcing Rotary partners in these countries? Do you know where to find info on Global Grants. For any information contact your District Director - details on the [District 9650 website](#). If you need more information, look on the [My Rotary website](#). There is a wealth of information, learning material and courses available to you from the comfort of your homes, in your own time. Not sure what's on in the District - [check out our events page](#)! I really look forward to coming to meet you in your clubs during the next few months! So see you somewhere in this beautiful district and remember:

***Opportunities are like sunrises - If you wait too long you miss them!***

# STAYING COVID SAFE

These are still complicated times and although COVID restrictions are slowly lifting we can consider ourselves fortunate that we don't live in some countries that are still in or approaching catastrophic infection levels.

We as Rotarians and Rotaractors must remain vigilant and abide by a National 'duty of care'. As restrictions lift, we will be returning to more community contact and possibly face to face as we start to engage again as Rotarians. I strongly recommend that Rotarians and Rotaractors complete this Federal Government COVID-19 course. It only takes 20 -30 minutes to complete and a certificate is generated at completion. Some organisations are now requesting that staff and volunteers complete this course before they can continue in employment or community activities. I believe Rotarians would do well to be proactive and individually complete this simple, brief course. <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covid-19-infection-control-training>.

-DGE David Mayne



# NEW ENGLAND ROTARACT FUNDRAISER

On July 22, New England Rotaract will be holding a special event to kick off their new year which will include a fundraiser and a head shave! President Holly will be losing her locks to raise money for the Stewart House. The money raised will all be going to Stewart House, a children's charity that offers over 1,700 public school children the opportunity to attend a safe haven next to Curl Curl beach in Manly at no cost to the parents or guardians. During their 12-day stay, they are provided with dental, optical, hearing and medical screening and treatment. Children participate in educational programs and excursions designed to develop their social and emotional skills, build self-esteem and improve their overall well-being. This experience provides children with a much-needed break from their current circumstances. At New England Rotaract we believe in helping the community and would love Rotarians and Rotaractors across the district to take part and help us through our online raffle. Details on the event will be confirmed when COVID restrictions are confirmed. For more information contact New England Rotaract via email [rotaractnewengland@gmail.com](mailto:rotaractnewengland@gmail.com).

# ROTARACT

Engaging with young people is always a priority for Rotary and for District 9650. District Rotaract Representative Laura Telford is always available to help and offer advice for Rotarians seeking to engage with young leaders in your town. Reach out to her today!

# MEMBERSHIP

District Membership Director Jenny Sinclair is keen to engage each cluster in membership projects. When we are on the look out for new members we want the right kind of people and Jenny is always keen to chat about potential ways membership recruitment might work in your town.

# VALE

Vale John Whitney. John passed away on June 29, 2020 after a long illness. John was the longest standing member of The Rotary Club of Coonamble, with possibly 40 years service.

He has been involved with the community in many capacities and will be sorely missed.

His memorial Service to be held at graveside at 11am on Friday, July 3.

NYSF 2021 YEAR 12 PROGRAM  
**APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN**



STEM LAB VISITS • LECTURES • SITE TOURS • WORKSHOPS • SOCIAL EVENTS

Applications are available online

[www.nysf.edu.au](http://www.nysf.edu.au)

Applications close 20 July 2020

Just do it!!



Hi! I'm Amy Cantrill. I was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Tamworth. If you have any interest at all in science, the National Science Youth Forum offers an exciting experience to explore more about STEM pathways and careers. I attended NYSF in Brisbane during January this year. It was such a privilege to be chosen to attend because I gained valuable experience and knowledge about studying science at a tertiary level and I met scientists from a variety of different fields. One of my favourite things about NYSF 2020 was meeting like-minded students from all over Australia. The best thing was that everyone who attended had a similar passion for science! Not only that, it was also extremely fun and helped guide my decision to study a science degree at

university."

**RYLA**  
 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards  
**COUNTDOWN IS ON**



15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> August Lake Keepit Sport & Rec

Applications close 24<sup>th</sup> July 2020

See D9650 webpage for details

[www.rotary9650.org.au/RYLA](http://www.rotary9650.org.au/RYLA)

Invest in leaders of the future in your community

**RYLA is the future of Rotary**

## STEWART HOUSE RAFFLE

Hosted by  
New England Rotaract

**TICKETS \$2 EACH!**  
**3 TICKETS FOR \$5**

DRAWING ON JULY 22ND 2020 | ENTER BY JULY 21ST 9PM

**WIN**  
 \$150 COLES GIFT CARD

**AND MANY MORE PRIZES!**

**WIN**  
 1 OF 3 SPA PACKS

All Prizes Donated by Local Businesses, Individuals and Club Members. All proceeds are donated to the Stewart House. More information on the Stewart House can be found at <https://www.stewarthouse.org.au/>

# JULY IS

## NEW LEADERSHIP MONTH

"To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often."  
 Winston Churchill

Rotary [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

July - (Non Designated Month)

Start of new Rotary officers' year of service.

- Tree Plantation
- Reduce, Re-Use, Re-Cycle Waste