



Rotary Opens  
Opportunities

October is economic  
and community  
development month.



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The Little Blue Shed

Membership webinar

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Armidale North
- October 13 DG visit to  
Armidale
- October 14 - DG visit to  
Armidale AM
- October 14 - DG visit  
Dorrigo PM
- October 15 - Armidale  
Central
- October 19 - DG visit to  
Kempsey
- October 20 - DG visit to  
Coffs Harbour
- October 24 - World Polio  
Day
- October 26 - DG visit to  
Gunnedah
- October 27 - DG visit to  
Inverell
- October 28 - DG visit to  
Taree on Manning
- November 2 - DG visit to  
Wee Waa
- November 3 - Melbourne  
Cup
- November 9 - DG visit to  
Quirindi

## MUSINGS FROM THE DG

Hello Rotarians and Rotaractors, I hope you have had a wonderful week and enjoyed the long weekend. The weather here on the coast has been full of sunshine and warmth. Have you been someone's sunshine this week, when their skies are grey?

I had a late-night (10.30pm) start to this week as Dr Ray Hodgson was giving an update on the Mothers and Babies Hospital in Nepal to his supporters of the Global Grant in USA. They have now organised an organisation, the Rotary Disaster Network of Assistance, Rotary Action Group, which enables Americans to donate to the project and receive tax deductibility, like our RAWCS. Dr Ray is the International Services Director for the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie and has worked in India, Thailand and Nepal. In 2019 he was the recipient of the Rotary Humanitarian of the Year Award. The zoom meeting was attended by many Rotarians including club members from Charlotte USA Top of the Week Club, the current DG7680 Mike Walker, PDG David Hare who initiated the US response to support the Global Grant for the equipment for the Mothers and Babies Hospital. Also, in attendance was RID Peter Kyle, and a Rotarian from Jamaica. Dr Ray gave an insight into the background of his work and the statistics in respect of the maternal and infant mortality rates in Nepal along with the prevalence of serious prolapse and women needing urgent surgery. Charlotte Top of the Week club has been involved in some environmental work in clearing their river waterways. Approximately 2000 volunteers helped clean the riverbanks and dispose of plastic and discarded waste. Great project and well supported.

Tuesday morning after a couple of hours sleep, I headed off the Taree on Manning Sunrise group, hosted by President Richelle Murray. I was a little later arriving due to a truck accident on the Pacific Highway, so apologies for that. AG Laurie greeted me with a 'good afternoon' OUCH! It was smooth sailing after that we enjoyed a great breakfast in the Centre Point Arcade in Taree, after which I gave my presentation on 'Making Membership Memorable'. The club is engaged with other Rotary Clubs in Cluster 4 in the enhancement of the Bicentennial Gardens. They have been looking at grants to support this project, partnering with the Friends of Browns Creek and local Council. It was good to see a cluster working together and really epitomises the Rotary International Mission statement of "Together we see a world unite and take action to create lasting change, across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves" They are also heavily involved with the River Stage Project on the Manning River. I have attached some photos taken on the day and can commend you to go along and look. Please keep an eye out in next weeks ENews for an exciting invitation to watch/attend the River Stage Opening extravaganza on November 6th, in support of the Manning Music Program of the Australian Children's Music Foundation.

After a slight detour to the office I managed to front up at Hastings Rotaract that evening. Always good fun at Rotaract and I learn something every time I go. Henry Ford wrote 'Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at 20 years or 80 years, anyone who keeps learning stays young!' So, here's to being young at heart! Rotaract was of course a hybrid meeting, ably facilitated by President Jack Wilson, who seems to be able to perfect all that he does in whatever role. ☺ AG Phil Hafey attended in person and I thank him for his support and wisdom. Looking in from zoom was DGE David Mayne, who is also the Rotaract Chair for the District, District Rotaract Representative Laura Telford currently in Adelaide and Loris Hendy Youth Director from Wauchope Rotary Club.

## E-NEWS CONTACT

If you have something  
for the E-news please  
email editor Laura  
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org.au before 5pm on  
Friday to make sure it  
will appear in the next  
edition!



# MUSINGS FROM DG DEBBIE CONT.

Rotaract is involved in many projects including support for the homeless, Orange Sky Laundry, Mental Ill health, Headspace, Black Dog Institute and Lifeline. The club is involved in a blood drive during this October as it has been in the past. The are facilitating a Mental Health Ball in March 2021. Some of their ideas going forward are to support RYLA next May, convene a "Do it for Dolly" day in May 2021 and donate and support Story Dogs. I hadn't heard of this one before. It was explained to me that they sponsor a companion dog to visit people who are isolated, unwell of receiving ongoing nursing care. This is community service at its best! We talked about Professional Development and the Rotary partnership with Toastmasters. The club is looking at ways to incorporate this into their program.

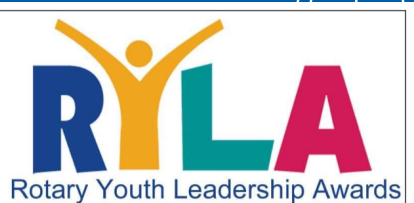
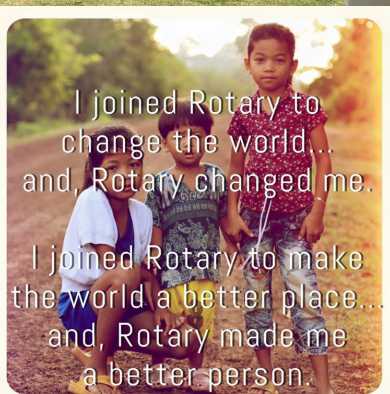
Wednesday, I travelled to South West Rocks to meet with President Muni Osborne, her board of directors and club members, at the South West Rocks Country Club. South West Rocks club is a small club that is now inducting some new members from diverse backgrounds that add to the cultural richness of the club. The club are big supporters of Youth including Public Speaking, YEP, Mercy Ships, Riding for the Disabled, Student sponsorship, books as prizes for schools in their district, PCYC, and the Clontarf Foundation. They are involved in many fundraising ideas but one I thought was different was the provision of a Rotary collection tin in the shops around town, asking for people to support their local charities and students, by depositing their small change in the tins. I have seen this done many times by other organisations but not a Rotary Club. Good work South West Rocks Club!

Saturday morning I visited my own club who were in the final days of their book sale In Port Macquarie. This month we were lucky enough to get the use of a shop that was waiting for new tenants. Its often said its not what you know, but who you know, so thank you to PP Bob Cleland for some quick thinking and fast acting to secure the premises. The large open shop was perfect to display some 20,000 books and a delight to shop in. there has been a steady stream of customers all week and it was good to see so many books finding a new home. Working in tandem today was our book shop/store in the Rotary Community Building on Hastings River Drive. Manned by another four Rotarians they were also doing plenty of Rotary business. Well done to President Elizabeth Fielding, Community Services Director Phil Perry and all the club members who have supported the book sales for many years. This was an outstanding effort in difficult times.

District Project LIFELINE - the banking details are as follows: -Rotary International District 9650 Inc. BSB: 932 000 Account: 100453820

Remember,

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



**1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2021**  
**Lake Keepit Sport & Rec.**  
 (Application available soon on D9650 Webpage)

**Invest in the future of your Club...**

- Jack Wilson** – RYLA 2016, Leader 2017, Charter Member Hastings Rotaract, 2020-2021 President Hastings Rotaract Paul Harris Fellow
- Alice Elsley** – RYLA 2016, 2020-2021 President RC Quirindi
- Kristyn Barker** – RYLA 2016, 2018-2019 President RC Armidale Central



Worldwide Friends of the Camino Fellowship

**Completed a Camino journey, or planning one in the future?**

We propose setting up a Rotary Worldwide friends of the Camino Fellowship.  
 Are you interested in joining us?  
 Contact ronbrooks1942@gmail.com



# THE LITTLE BLUE SHED

The Little Blue Shed is a project designed to provide skills to the most vulnerable young people and women in Soroti, Uganda.

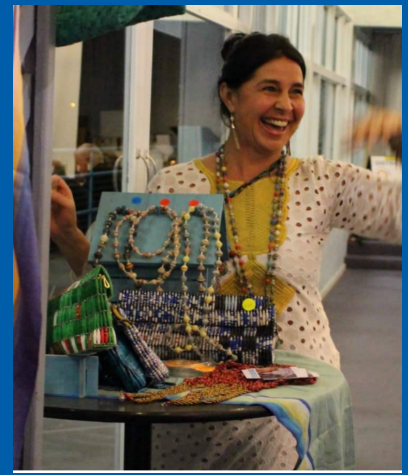
The project was started and is run by Tanja Curcic, a member of the Rotary Club of Taree who is currently living in Uganda.

The latest plan is to implement a project called Rehabilitation and Empowerment, with training workshops to teach a variety of life and parenting skills, as well as teaching income generating activities including sewing and making jewellery fashion items from recycled materials.

The Rotary Club of Taree is supporting Tanja with this her outstanding work in Uganda with an application for a District Rotary Foundation Grant. DG Debbie has endorsed the project and clubs within District 9650 are invited to support this project by contributing to the Grant application.

While money will not be needed until after the Grant is approved (early 2021), we would need a commitment by October 23rd to meet the closing date.

Please advise PDG Ian Dyball by email at [idyball@ozemail.com.au](mailto:idyball@ozemail.com.au) or for more information contact Ian on 0427 931 333



## ROTARACT PODCAST

In her role as Rotaract Australia Communications Director, District Rotaract Representative Laura Telford has created a Rotaract podcast.

The podcast is called Chats by Rotaract Australia.

She is interviewing Rotaractors and Rotarians around the country sharing exciting stories about how Rotaractors are continuing to contribute to the world.

The episodes are available on Apple Podcast, Spotify iHeartRadio and everywhere you would listen to a podcast.

[OR you can click here and listen!](#)

## MAKE MEMBERSHIP MEMORABLE

District Membership Director Jenny Sinclair is encouraging members to listen to a presentation by Michael McQueen who spoke recently on membership at a function in D9705. The webinar was incredibly interesting and was organised by District 9705 Membership Committee Co- Chairs Mary Brell and Judy Ford. [Click here to see it.](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/play/Q3XavYd33UFgRDLT0luBvNezPVM_kSBic6ykvMTkEJ_5MALc9vmDN2--T72Ed_afaXjG2oJMK7XW3KbK.CSH7QvRRoM0yn2zV?startTime=1594711840000&x_zm_rtaid=CrEj78eZQCmawlw12kS3qw.1602220992187.b774efa6f68165d53562ac72c01c0aa8&x_zm_rhtaid=198)

## WORLD POLIO DAY

Poliomyelitis is a highly infectious disease that most commonly affects children under the age of 5. Most know it as poliovirus. The virus is spread person to person, typically through contaminated water. It can attack the nervous system, and in some instances, lead to paralysis. Although there is no cure, there is a safe and effective vaccine – one which Rotary and our partners use to immunize over 2.5 billion children worldwide.

Head to the official End Polio Now website to plan events for World Polio Day on October 24.

[Click here for more.](#)



## OCTOBER RDU

The latest edition of Rotary Down Under is now out. It is filled with lots of great articles including a double page spread of DRR Laura and her Rotaract Australia podcast. Check it out now.

[Click here to see RDU.](#)

# DATABASE UPDATING WITH DI HALL

## Youth Protection Officer & District Database check – Step by Step Guide.

Each club should have a designated Youth Protection Officer. It is a requirement that the Youth Protection Officer in your club checks the validity and currency of all Working With Children Check numbers (WWC). Every member who wishes to work with children should record their WWC number on their individual member page. If a member elects not to get a WWC number, place an X in the box on the membership page.

Go to [rotary9650.org.au](http://rotary9650.org.au) and login with your user name and password.

On the Menu page. Click on Youth Protection Menu

<b>Member only area</b>   * <a href="#">Club Help</a>	Di Hall <a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Change My Password</a> <a href="#">My Clubs Board</a> <a href="#">My Club Photos</a> <a href="#">My Clubs Public Profile</a>	* <a href="#">My Club contact list</a> * <a href="#">District Officers Listing</a> * <a href="#">District Committees</a> * <a href="#">District Clubs</a> District Conference Reports - Not available yet
<b>E-Club of District 9650</b> <b>Club Admin only area</b> * <a href="#">My Club Administrators</a> * <a href="#">Notes and Help</a>	Reports: * <a href="#">My Club contact list - New</a> * <a href="#">My Clubs Board</a> * <a href="#">My Club</a> * <a href="#">Roster Selection</a> * <a href="#">Members Anniversarvs</a> * <a href="#">Administrators</a> * <a href="#">Recognitions</a> * <a href="#">Youth Protection Menu</a>	My Club Reports: * <a href="#">My Club email list</a> * <a href="#">Bulletin list</a> * <a href="#">District Bulletin list</a> * <a href="#">Club Audit list</a> * <a href="#">My Email List</a>

You will then see a WWC Admin Menu

### WWC Admin Menu

Welcome xxxxxxxx Your Board Positions: xxxxxxxx Year = 21 xxxxxxxx Year = 21


	* <a href="#">Youth Protection Register</a> * <a href="#">Printable WWC Register</a>	OTHER REPORTS * Formatted Email Forms

Click on Youth Protection Register and you will see a list of your club members

Name	DOB	WWC No	Expiry	Verified	Email	Edit
				✓	<a href="#">Email Forms</a>	<a href="#">Edit Verify</a>

Click on [Verify](#) to show the members individual information

Then click on [WORKING WITH CHILDREN WEB SITE](#) on the same page. This will then take you to a login in page which was registered for your club. Follow the prompts.

This will then take you to the  Complete the information and press Verify again. You will then receive a verification result which can be printed and/or saved as a PDF. Close this page.

Return to **VERIFY** members WWC Status ONLY - Please amend with care

WWC_Verification_Outcome:	Cleared
And UpdateWWC Verified:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

And complete

**And Update.** A green tick will automatically appear on the club list. This has to be done for every member in your club.

The Return to WWC Admin Menu and click on the [Printable WWC Register](#) for a complete club list.

Do you need some extra help?

A workshop for all **Youth Protection Officers** or their assistant will occur on

**Thursday 15 October 2020 at 7.30 pm.**

**Zoom link:**

HYPERLINK "<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81511019184>" lt " \_blank"  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81511019184>

# DISTRICT GRANTS

District grants are funded from Foundation contributions made by District 9650 3 years ago (so you can see how important it is to contribute to the Rotary Foundation!).

This is our money to be spent in our District to support projects both locally and overseas, to a value of approximately AUD4,000 each. Last year The District E-Club applied to commence an obstacle course at Ebor school, Port Macquarie wished to support the construction of an outdoor sensory garden at Port Macquarie Health Unit, Tamworth applied for funding for pushbikes for migrant students.

Every application was based on community consultation and how the project would make a difference to the recipients, be they residents in aged care, students at the local primary school, or the local population generally.

These projects might be small yet can make a huge difference when completed. Every club in District 9650 has the opportunity to apply for a grant to "make a difference".

Applications must be in by 31 October so please consider applying for your club's grant sooner rather than leaving it to the last minute. All information is available on the District website. I look forward to your club's application for a project that will uphold our Rotary values of "Service Above Self".

Applications to Elizabeth Tollis, P O Box 5190 Hallidays Point 2430 or Email to [elizabeth.tollis@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.tollis@gmail.com)

Call Elizabeth on 0438982301 if you have any questions.

# COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION

Attached to the e-news this week is information from D9650 Council on Legislation Representative PDG Bob Ryan on matters before the Council on Legislation. Please read and action accordingly as soon as possible. Any questions get in touch with him directly: M): 0409457705 (E): [ryanmb5@outlook.com](mailto:ryanmb5@outlook.com)



# District 9650 Conference

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**March 12-14th 2021**



**Panthers Bay St, Port Macquarie**

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