



**Rotary Opens
Opportunities**



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CALENDAR

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November 30 - DG visit to Sawtell



MUSINGS FROM THE DG

This week I travelled to Gunnedah on Monday, taking Phil Perry from my club and Rotary Lodge with me. A few weeks ago, I took Diana Gammon from my club and she loved every minute. Seems to me that us coasties can't get enough of going West!

We were met by President Don Ewing in the afternoon together with AG Rod Browne. We spent the afternoon having an amazing tour of Gunnedah learning some of its history, architecture and Rotary Projects. It was incredible to hear the amount of information Don Ewing, and Rod had to share. We took lots of photographs of the Rotary Projects, the sculptures and were fascinated by the indigenous history and that of the 'Red Chief'.

Gambu Ganuurru, or Cumbo Gunnerah in an older spelling, also known as the Red Chief, or Red Kangaroo was a Kamilaroi (Gamilaraay) man who lived in the area that is now the town of Gunnedah in north-west New South Wales in the 18th century.

He had a reputation as a warrior and wise leader of the Gunn-e-darr tribe. Gambu Ganuurru died around 1745, and was buried in a manner befitting a Kamilaroi man of great importance; in a sitting position, backed by a tree carved with totemic designs. The stories of his bravery, achievements and adventures were handed down through the generations and his burial place was treated with great respect.

In 1887 the town's doctor arranged for the remains of Gambu Ganuurru to be dug up, and later sent them, along with a section of what was locally known as The Blackfellow's Tree, to the Australian Museum. In the 1950s the museum was asked where his remains and tree the section were, but it could not find them.

As custom demanded his silence, "Old Joe" Bungaree (born ca. 1817), a man considered to be the last full-blooded Aboriginal person of the Gunn-e-darr tribe, was unwilling to talk about his former leader. Just before he died he confided in his friend, John P Ewing, the local police sergeant. The sergeant's son Stan Ewing (1878-1938) recorded this information and passed it on to other historians. Gambu Ganuurru soon became recognised as a great Aboriginal leader, his story appearing in The Sydney Mail in 1891.

Writer Ion Idriess wrote The Red Chief first published in 1953, which became a best-seller of its day. The tag 'Red Chief' was coined by Idriess; it is not used in the source documents. In the 1960s, the Gunnedah Historical Society erected a sign to mark the burial site of "The Red Chief".

This sign still stands on the footpath near the corner of Abbott and Little Conadilly Streets.[1][5] In 1984, a sculpture, designed by Dennis Adams in consultation with local Aboriginal people and the NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service was erected to mark the burial site. It was opened on National Aborigines' Day, 14 September, and officially dedicated by one of the oldest members of the local Aboriginal community, John Lalor.



E-NEWS CONTACT

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

MUSINGS FROM DG DEBBIE CONT.

The bronze relief text reads:

Yilambu giwihir gayir Kambu Gunirah gir ginyi.
Ngihrngu mari ngihirma gayir Gaweh Canuhr.
Ngihrma binal wuraya, wahrunggul yiliyanmaringu Gunidahngu ginyi.
Yirahla ganu wunda dawandah nahbu gayirgaweh Gawinbara Wuraya.

In times past there was an Aboriginal man called Cumbo Gunnerah
His people called him The Red Kangaroo.
He was a clever chief and a mighty fighter (this man from Gunnedah)
Later, the white people of this place called him The Red Chief.

Dr Margaret Sharpe, lecturer in Aboriginal Languages, wrote the Kamilaroi text.
More information can be accessed at (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gambu_Ganuurruru)



Later that evening we joined to members of the Rotary Club of Gunnedah and it was my pleasure to induct 2 new Rotarians. Welcome to Rotary Juliana and Peter McArthur. The club has been very involved in the children's play park in town. This was the dream of mum Ashley Bender who got a petition going for an inclusive play space. The space also has wheelchair friendly tables and BBQ. The club also supports the River project, which will include a covered seating area and off leash dog park, as well as the MERV van. One interesting project was historical plaques in the pavement on the High Street. The club is a big supporter of the local schools at their prize giving ceremonies. The club supports St Vincent De Paul, Salvation Army, Riding for the Disabled, Westpac Rescue Helicopter and Shelter Box. They are very supportive of the Rotary Foundation, Polio Plus and Australian Rotary Health.

Tuesday was a great meeting with Inverell East. PDG Laurie Barber, from the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie was a charter member of this club back in July 1971. The evening hosted by President Paul and attended by AG Bruce George was an inspiring affair. We inducted 2 new members and a returning member, so welcome the Rotary David and Scott and welcome back to Amy. The club gave a slide presentation of their projects which were numerous. COVID19 has taken its toll with some of the planned fundraisers, with Inverell's Got Talent. The Duck Race on the McIntyre River, the River Run and the Apex Venation Carnival all being cancelled for the moment. Lots of clubs are making use of their time by getting involved in outdoor projects in partnership with their local Council. The May Street Park project has been running for a few years now and members plant shrubs and trees, mow, water and whipper nip to keep the park pristine. The club were recipients of a grant to construct a viewing platform on the site. The club is also involved in the Lake Inverell Off-Road Recreation Track. This is also a project in conjunction with Inverell Shire Council. The area has three tracks, for walking, cycling and running. Rotary has taken on the role of co ordinating other service clubs and community members to plant out 4860 plants ranging from hedges, trees and shrubs. The club has also been approached to help with the maintenance of Pioneer Village. They are assisting with cleaning the displays and updating the information tags. The club supports Billy Lids, Dream Cricket, Copeton Freshwater Swim, Blaze Aid and Drought Relief. They are also involved with Days for Girls and have a large Youth Program. Two of their recent NYSF students were at the meeting and gave us their thoughts and aspirations for their chosen careers in Science. If you would like to watch the slide presentation given to me please go to <https://www.facebook.com/InverellEastRotary>

Wednesday I headed for Taree on Manning lunchtime club, hosted by President Richelle. Thanks to Julie Ann Booth for a great lunch. This meeting was attended by PDG Brian Beesley who presented members of the club with ARH pins in memory of Val Good, a dear friend and member of the club, who made a substantial donation to Australian Rotary Health. Brian and I presented President Richelle with a rare Golden Microscope Award certificate. Brian shared the success of his current project from Gloucester club of the supermarket dash. For more info on this contact Brian. PDG Maurie Stack and I both speculated to accumulate by supporting the project by the purchase of a few tickets. You have to be in it to win it! The club is hosting the Manning Riverstage Opening Concert on Friday 6th November. This will be held at the Riverstage in Taree and will be livestreamed through Pluto Entertainment, and is to support the Manning Music Program of the Australian Children's Music Foundation. I will be there, see more information on this in the ENews.

The link is <https://www.facebook.com/events/428840374752988>

Friday, 6 November 2020 at 7:30 PM (with a pre-commencement streaming of an amazing 20-minute orchestral production by our own Jonathan Billingham accompanied by aerial video footage of the magnificent Manning Valley). The club has also been successful in obtaining a \$200K grant for the Bicentennial gardens, and another grant for Australia Day celebrations. The club has four International projects on the go. Linus Faustin - To assist a former 'street kid' from Dar es Salaam, Tanzania to complete his degree in Communications at Sydney University of Technology. Linus is an example to us all, given a great opportunity by the club he has excelled and is just about to complete his final 4 exams. Uganda Geriatric Training - Providing geriatric training through a post graduate degree at the University of Cape Town for Dr Michael Ssonko from Uganda. Ted McGroder Assistance Fund, Taree - Providing financial assistance to Ted McGroder, a young Australian who suffered horrific injuries including multiple fractures, serious facial injuries and serious brain damage when he fell from a balcony whilst holidaying in Ibiza Spain. Global Grant for project in Bhutan for library books and training.

It has been another big week of inducting 5 members, presenting Golden Microscope Awards and being inspired by everything you Rotarians do in the community. Thanks for all your support. Don't forget to register for Showcase for more fun fellowship and inspiring people.

Remember,

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

I AM WOMAN MOVIE NIGHT



Despite a huge storm that blew over Armidale prior to the screening, a good number of people braved the wind and cold to support the premier of 'I am Woman' in aid of World Polio Day on Wednesday evening in Armidale.

The Movie was sponsored by the Armidale AM Club and the club was supported by Rotarians who travelled from Uralla, Armidale and Glen Innes as well as patrons from the city itself. President, Krystina Micke, spoke to the audience prior to the movie; she spoke about the good results in Nigeria, and gave the current stats on Rotary's fight to end this disease around the world.

The Armidale AM club regularly donates the cost of 50 Polio vaccinations when they have a guest speaker, and a certificate stating this is given to each speaker. In this way, the club achieves its \$1,500 annual donation to end Polio.



HIGHLIGHTING LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

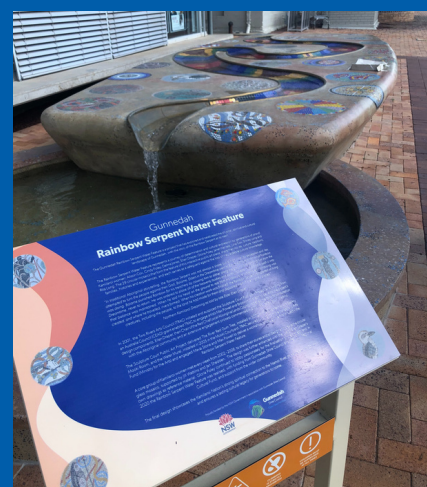
The official handover to the MidCoast Council of the Manning RiverStage – a project of the Rotary club of Taree in conjunction with Taree Lions Club – is front page news in the Manning River Times.

The very first concert on this great facility will be livecast next Friday 6 November at 7:30 PM.

Simply google Pluto Entertainment to watch this amazing free concert with an all-star line-up headlined by James Johnston who can now travel from Queensland.

Watch entertainer Matt Zarb from Taree on Manning Club and his students from the Australian Children's Music Foundation – and support the Rotary Manning Music Program. Join at 7 PM for a pre-commencement streaming of an amazing orchestral production by Taree's Jonathan Billingham accompanied by aerial video footage of the magnificent Manning Valley.

MORE IMAGES FROM DG DEBBIE



Answer the following questions!

Are you a Science nut?

Are you interested in current research in any STEM area?

Are you willing to spend 3 days in January at a University?

NYSF need Rotarians willing to accompany students during their 'hub visits' between 11 – 15 January 2021.

The hubs are not yet finalised but they could be anywhere where there is a university

If you are interested or for more details contact

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FOUNDATION UPDATES

This program is different from existing recognition programs which recognise the combined gifts of clubs and their members. This recognition is purely for contributions by clubs themselves.

New Recognition for Clubs

Rotary does a great job of recognising the generosity of Rotarians and other individuals who support The Rotary Foundation.

However, in Australia and New Zealand, about half the giving to the Foundation is a result of fundraising by **clubs** and there has been no program to recognise clubs for *their* generosity.

So we're pleased to announce that District 9650 is joining with other districts in the Zone to change that. We're introducing two new programs:

Club Annual Donor

Club Major Donor

The **Club Annual Donor** program recognises giving during the past 12 months. To ensure it is open to clubs of all sizes, the program works on a *per-member basis*.

Like the *Major Donor* program for individuals, the **Club Major Donor** program recognises *all-time giving* and is our way of thanking clubs for their sustained support of our charity.

Both programs recognise all aspects of a club's Foundation giving—to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, Disaster Response, Global Grants and the Endowment.

We will be recognising clubs at the end of the 2020/21 year.

For further details, see www.bit.ly/Club-Recognition

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. In episodes released this week Laura interviews PDG Lorraine Coffey about her work encouraging Rotaract in D9650 during her presidential year AND everybody's favourite secretary Jack Wilson about all the inside tricks to the trade!

[Click here and listen!](#)



1st – 8th May 2021

Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation

Leader's Leader 2021

SALLY FOSTER

Nurse Unit Manager (Renal)
Port Macquarie Private Hospital
President Elect – Hastings Rotaract

" RYLA 2019 taught me how to lead myself, But RYLA 2020 gave me the confidence to lead others. In March 2020 I was able to develop my professional career further becoming a Nurse Unit Manager. In my personal life I have gained further leadership positions as President Elect Hastings Rotaract. I have learnt many skills about life since my time as a participant. I'm looking forward to the opportunity to help others become stronger leaders during my role as Leader's Leader in 2021."



MUSINGS FROM KEN

This is an interesting observation that I made on the New South Wales Higher School Certificate examination in PE Health PE held on 30th October .

The PD Health PE examination was held in all NSW schools on 30th October and I found it interesting that one of the three mark questions on the paper involved volunteer organisations. The question was: "Outline how a growing and ageing population can affect volunteer organisations. Provide an example to support your answer "What I find interesting is that this question being put to 18 years old at their final examination is the same question that many of us are asking about Rotary in Australia as a volunteer organisation! They were given 7 lines to answer it. I am sure that many Rotarians would be challenged to answer it in this available space. Perhaps if these issues are being raised in Secondary schools in NSW, we may have a generation of young people being challenged by these issues who are potential Rotaractors and Rotarians. We can but hope!

- Ken Hall



District 9650 Conference

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March 12-14th 2021



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