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Finance Meeting  
February 20 - District  
Management Meeting  
February 21 - District  
Management Training  
March 12-14 - District  
Conference  
March 27 - District  
Assembly Port Macquarie  
April 14 - District  
Assembly Tamworth  
May 2 - District Assembly  
Narrabri  
June 26 - District  
Changeover

## MUSINGS FROM THE DG

Well, it's back to business and I guess many of you are looking forward to your first club meeting for the New Year. This week I attended our annual Cluster 3 BBQ, which is always hosted by the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie West, and their president for this year Heather Mayne wife of DGE David Mayne. It is always held in the middle of January down by the Hastings River and is well attended by all clubs including our Hastings Rotaractors. Everyone enjoyed a magnificent BBQ dinner as we watched the sun go down over Port Macquarie. This is a great time to re connect with the other clubs in the cluster as we prepare for the new year program.

Monday night I am out to dinner with the Kempsey club, who have a big evening booked in support of ARH. DGE David Mayne will also be in attendance. We really like to support the clubs in our district if we possibly can.

Tuesday night I am visiting another Kempsey club that of Kempsey West and President Nathan has invited me to their first meeting of the new year at Gladstone. They are meeting at the Heritage Hotel which is always a great venue on the river, and I have not had a bad meal there ever! No pressure. More to come and photos of those visits in next week's E News.

Tuesday, I have a catch up zoom meeting with RID Elect Jesse Harman and Suzanne Crew from Armidale UNE in respect of the micro-credentialling that I spoke about at Tamworth Showcase. The ladies have been working hard in the background to move this forward and get Rotary roles recognised by Universities, so students can get recognition for prior learning for courses they wish to study. This would be a great add on value wise for our younger Rotarians, and an incentive to put their hand up for a board position.

### Rotary Learning Centre

Many online courses have been added to the Learning Centre. Update your website to make sure your members have access to courses that are important to your district's learning strategy. Most of the Lead Your Club and Lead Your District manuals have already been replaced with learning plans – a series of courses – specific to each role. These plans include Club President Basics, District Committee Basics, and District Training Committee Intermediate. The Lead Your Club: President manual still exists, but most of the Lead Your District manuals will be replaced by July.

### New In the Learning Centre:

Rotary Foundation Basics. This course has been updated and includes a new quiz to test your knowledge.  
Leadership Basics. This course from Toastmasters International focuses on essential leadership skills and is now available in several languages.  
Leading a Team. This Toastmasters International course focuses on leading a small team and is now available in several languages.  
Rotary's Action Plan and You. This course shows you how your club can make a greater impact and implement other facets of the Action Plan. It's now available in several languages.  
Get Ready: District International Service Committee. This course shows the committee's role in connecting members with resources to carry out sustainable service projects.  
Presidential conferences showcase

Rotaract - RI President Holger Knaack will hold three virtual presidential conferences that will showcase the leadership of Rotaract members and collaboration between Rotaract and Rotary around the world. Knaack said he chose to focus on Rotaract leaders because young people have the potential to reshape our organization: "The COVID-19 epidemic has made clear that we are living in a different world, a world dominated by young people with the foresight and drive to take advantage of rapid change." The three events will be hosted from Brazil, 15-16 January; Nigeria, 22-24 January; and the United States, 14-16 May.



## 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!

# DISTRICT CONFERENCE TROPHIES

You will have received a letter from PP Glenda Barber recently. If you have a trophy can you, please get it to your AG who will be attending the District Management Training on 21st February 2021. If your club has achieved something spectacular and many of you have during this COVID year, there are several trophies that are open to competition. Submissions for District trophies should be forwarded to PP Glenda Barber [gbarber@midcoast.com.au](mailto:gbarber@midcoast.com.au) by 19nd February 2021.

## MUSINGS FROM DG DEBBIE CONT.

### Distribution of the Centenary of Rotary in Australia – 1921-2021 Commemorative Book

The Rotary International Zone 8 History and Archives Committee is nearing completion of a 350 plus page, quality, printed in colour, hard covered book to mark the Centenary of Rotary in Australia on April 21, 2021. Current indications are that the book will be printed in March 2021 to be available for distribution in early April. Each Rotary Club will receive a free copy of the book, while a supply will be available for Libraries and a limited number will be available for sale. Rotary Down Under will be asked to run a story on the project and advertise the opportunity for pre-orders of the book. Pre-orders for the Centenary book – at \$25 (plus postage) each? Pre-orders can now be placed via email address – [hdurey@bigpond.com](mailto:hdurey@bigpond.com) The print run is limited, and books will be sold on a 'first in' basis?

### DISTRICT CONFERENCE –

Like a lot of people, I have been holding my breath in relation to the COVID19 outbreaks and praying that we do not have to cancel our Conference. At this moment in time, it will be going ahead, and we have a very exciting program for you.

I would point out that if numbers are restricted then seats will be offered on a first come first served basis. I would urge you to book asap if you are coming and not be disappointed if you leave it too late.

### “Rotary an International Affair”

12-14th March 2021, Port Macquarie Panthers

Registrations are Open – please register at <https://www.rotary9650.org.au/>

### Nominations for District Rotaract Representative 2021 - 2022.

Last week E News editor and District Rotaract Representative (DRR) Laura Telford sent out some information regarding the election of our next representative for 2021-2022. Information for this position can be accessed at <https://bit.ly/34Zbmg7> Closing date 17th January.

### 2021 Club Changeovers –

Thank you to those clubs who have notified their changeover dates. For those that haven't, can you let your AG know when your club changeovers are please.

### District Governor 2023 -2024 District 9660

Applications are now open for the position of District Governor 2023 – 2024 for the new District 9660. The following is an extract from RI bylaws setting out the requirements for a DG: Please give this opportunity some consideration and I await your call.

Please see attached information. Applications close 31st March 2021. If you would like to apply for this position, please complete the nomination form and return to me at [dloveday@hdl.com.au](mailto:dloveday@hdl.com.au). Please note: Past District Governors of this district are eligible to apply.

And remember...

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



# SOCKIN' GREAT TIME TO BE HAD!

The Rotary Club of Port Macquaire West are embarking on ambitious project to mark the centenary of Rotary in Australia and is seeking your help!

On 17 May 2014, a group of about 30 young adults in Germany completed the building of a washing line 6.066 kilometres long with 69,152 socks pegged to it and set a new Guinness World Record. That record still stands but not for much longer!

Port Macquarie, NSW, Australia is where this record will be smashed in 2021. The challenge is being led by Rotary (we are deliberately not using our club name) and, as far as we know, it is the only major event in our District 9650 that is a celebration of 100 years of Rotary in Australia. DG Debbie Loveday loves it!

Sovereign Hills (part of the Lewis Land Group) is the major local sponsor (up to \$30,000) and the site of the challenge is adjacent to the new Sovereign Place Shopping Centre in the heart of the Sovereign Hills residential and commercial development precinct (see attached aerial view), a fast-developing suburb on the western outskirts of Port Macquarie. Rotary aims to build a washing line TEN kilometres long with over 100,000 socks pegged to it.

We are engaging ten sponsors (up to \$5,000 each) – one for each of the 1.0 kilometre sections of washing line. We'll be appealing to our Port Macquarie Hastings community to not only donate their unwanted/tired/lonely socks but also whatever money they can afford to help these four not-for-profits. We want to be able to say to our community that each dollar donated is being matched by a dollar from our major sponsor and our ten line sponsors (i.e. 10 cents from each of the 10 line sponsors). We are appealing to all of our D9650 clubs to help us smash this Guinness World Record and give our public-at-large a different view of what Rotary takes on. Let's show them that we're not just about raffles, barbecues, book sales, building public amenities ... which is what most people see.

To get involved see the document attached to this week's e-newsletter email!



## WINNERS ANNOUNCED!

The Rotary Club of Kempsey West in 2020 ran a great fundraiser raising funds for vital projects in the community,

The Online Raffle closed on Christmas Day and the winners have been drawn and notified. 1st Place - 75" LED TV - Sharryn Blackwell (Kempsey NSW) Ticket Number: #561

2nd Place - Weekend Away at Byron Bay - Tim Loomis (Kempsey NSW) Ticket Number: #195

3rd Place - Hunter Valley Hot Air Balloon Ride - Paul Campbell (Blue Mountains NSW) Ticket Number: #495

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR WINNERS!

We sold 827 tickets at a value of \$4,135. Our costs were \$3,791.36. Giving us a profit of \$343.64.

## GET YOURSELF A CENTENARY COIN TODAY!

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN MINT – COIN RELEASE 4<sup>TH</sup> FEB



A \$1 coin will go into general circulation and be available in a commemorative collector's pack for \$15.



A special minting of a silver \$5 coin will be available for \$100 marking 100 years of Rotary service and launching into the next 100 years.



### Rotary Youth Leadership Award

19 - 27 year old leaders of the future

1st – 8th May 2021

Lake Keepit Sport & Rec Centre  
(between Tamworth & Gunnedah)

Applications on website

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

# HIGHLIGHTING CLUB PROJECTS

I have permission from DG Debbie to proceed with that project started by an Armidale Rotarian last year.

I will be putting together a document that showcases each Club's Signature Community Project/Activity. There will be one page per club in our District.

This will contain some information about the project, plus also what other other community activities each club normally does in their town.

The document was going to be a reference document for clubs looking for ideas for projects. Now it will be a celebration of what Rotary has achieved in our District in the first 100 years of Rotary in Australia!

Please see attached document to this week's e-newsletter!

-District Community Director  
Kel Walls

## Rotary District 9650

### Club Community Projects



Club Name and Town	
Club Signature Community Project/Fundraiser	<i>Please provide a brief description of the major community project/fundraiser that your club is recognised for in your community.</i>
Regular community activities	<i>List the other community projects that your club is regularly involved in.</i>
Signature Community Project/Fundraiser Details	<i>Provide a description of your signature community project/fundraiser. Please Include some photos (3-4) that we can use in the bottom section of your club's page.</i>
Club contact person	<i>Provide the name of the best person/s who could provide information about this project should another club wish to implement something similar.</i>

### District 9650 Project 2020-2021 is to support Lifeline



Crisis Support. Suicide Prevention.

Donate to

Rotary International District 9650 Incorporated  
BSB: 932 000  
Account No. 1004 53820

# MANILLA ROTARY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Manilla Rotary has been shortlisted to win a share of \$5,000 funding under the Greater New England community funding program.

To help simply click here: <http://www.greater.com.au/community/community-partnerships/greater-new-england/>

Choose Cast Your Vote from the drop down box/select Rotary Club of Manilla/click on the small up-arrow (which is next to the number of votes already recorded)YOU CAN VOTE EVERY HOUR until the end of January!



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

**Invest in your community...  
Invest in the future of Rotary**

Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation Centre  
1st- 8<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
19 – 27 year old leaders of the future



RYLarians Georgina, Fiona & Richie

RYLA provides an opportunity to extend leadership skills & assists with personal growth. It's a powerful program for personal & business success. Invest in your community's future, develop your community's leaders.

**Taking applications now..**

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



**WE NEED  
YOUR VOTE!**

Help us win a share of \$5,000  
in **#GreaterNewEngland**  
community funding program

**GreaterBank**

# Join our Rotary Network in Celebration!

FREE ONLINE EVENT!

For 100 years Rotary in Australia has been bringing communities together through service, goodwill and friendship. Come and join us on Australia Day as we **Reflect, Respect, Celebrate**

Gather your family, friends and community partners for a live ZOOM event being streamed across Australia from 12.30 pm to 2.00 pm AEDT, Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021



Messages from:  
 Rotary International President Holger Knaack  
 His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd)  
 Professor Patrick McGorry AO  
 Past Rotary International President Ian Riseley  
 Rotary International Director-elect Dr Jessie Harman  
 Rotary Foundation Australia Chairman Maurie Stack



Performances from:  
 Marina Prior ♦ Mike Brady AM ♦ Josh Piterman  
 ♦ John Foreman OAM



MCs:  
 PDG Greg Ross &  
 David Mann AM

R100 Project Presentations:



Give Every Child A Future - Our Australasian Centenary Project

Join in this jam-packed afternoon of free online festivities for the whole family by booking now at: [https://events.humanitix.com/rotarydownunder\\_100\\_national\\_australia\\_day\\_event](https://events.humanitix.com/rotarydownunder_100_national_australia_day_event)

In collaboration with the National Australia Day Council



Australia Day  
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**We're all part of the story.**



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## NEED A SPARE LEG?

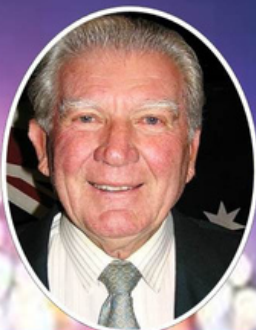
Do any Rotarians need or know of an avenue for three sets of adult prosthetic legs to be distributed? Please get in touch today!

We have been contacted to see if they could be of any use to a project and would love to give them a new home!

Please contact Sara Hankin President of Dorrigo 17924 Rotary Club if you can help!.

82capella@gmail.com or 0408289365

## Rotary Remembrance



**Neville Clarke OAM – PDG – PHF + 7**  
 Died – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019  
 R/C – Port Macquarie West

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE – PORT MACQUARIE**  
 12-14<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Following the Ecumenical Church Service on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021, we will be having a Service of Remembrance, acknowledging all Rotarians in District 9650 who have died from 31/3/2018 up till the conference in 2021.

( Note - this is for two years, as we were unable to hold this service earlier this year due to Covid.)

Please send the following –

**the name of your deceased Rotarian,**

**the name of your club,**

**His/her date of death,**

**PLUS a photo (head-shot) in a jpeg file as an attachment.**

Please send to Kerry Medway (R/C of Port Macquarie)

via email- [kerry@kerrymedway.org](mailto:kerry@kerrymedway.org) ASAP,

so we can start collating a power point for the service. THANKYOU."