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*Roadtripping with the DG**RYLA update**Insurance Update*

CALENDAR

- March 21 - PETS Port Macquarie
- March 28 - District Assembly Port Macquarie
- April 18 - District Assembly Tamworth
- May 16 - District Assembly Narrabri
- June 26 - District Changeover

MUSINGS FROM THE DG

It is Conference Weekend!

Wow how time flies. I am writing this E News with updates so far this week. For the first time in my year, you will be missing some of the news until next week when we will have a bumper issue with all the Conference news and photographs.

Things are busy now; I just need to hang in there and have enough energy left to enjoy myself at the weekend. Last weekend I travelled to Armidale for the first PETS of the year with DGE David Mayne. It was very informative, and I always learn something new each time I go. I will be at all the Assemblies as well because I just do not know all the answers. Things change and get updated all the time, so it is a good thing to be current. It was a time to reconnect with old friends, share stories and hear the latest in learning and development.

Monday morning, I was up at 4.30am! This time to participate in the Hastings Business Women's Network, International Women's day event and fundraiser for Liberty Cottage. "Liberty provides a range of domestic and family violence specialist services including crisis accommodation, transitional housing and support services for women and children. We also offer men's behaviour change programs, prevention and education, and run workshops for families and the community." There were many Rotarians there and my club was no exception. We had a table of eight and were excited to learn at the conclusion that \$30,000 had been raised. Great effort! Samantha Wills was the keynote speaker, and we had an opportunity to purchase her latest book, titled 'Of Gold and Dust'. There was an interesting panel discussion between three prominent but very different leading ladies in our community. So, a good morning worth getting up early for and supporting.

Wednesday evening, I visited my own club for their Youth Science Night. It is usual for all our students who participate in our Youth Programs to come back and share their experiences with us. All these students form our Club Alumni. This night we had over 20 students, teachers, parents and visitors. The careers officer for the school ran the meeting and we heard some very interesting accounts of their experiences at NYSF. The principal for Hastings Secondary College is an Honorary Member and the school's communication and liaison officer is now a member. The careers officer Mark White is a Paul Harris recipient. The relationship with the schools is ever growing as we get involved in so much more than Youth programs. Thanks to our Youth Director Diana Gammon for her passion for our Youth, that makes our clubs Youth program so fantastic!

CLUB INSURANCE FORMS – should have been returned last Friday 5th March 2021

Have you returned your club insurance documentation to the District Insurance Officer?

If you haven't or you have mislaid them, they are attached to this newsletter.

Please ask for help if you are having difficulties sooner rather than later. Help may be available in your club, a past District Governor or an Assistant Governor.

Don't delay please complete and return to Brett White.

'STRATEGIC PLANNING - GLAZING OVER?'

Article by ARC PDG David Egan

Rotary leaders including current RI President Holger Knaack, encourage all clubs to undertake a 5- year strategic planning process, which is not surprising considering that globally we have inducted 1,375,684 new members in the last 10 years whilst our total membership remains at 1.2 million. A local reduction of more than 25% in the same period calls for urgent action to do things differently. Despite this when strategic planning is mentioned one often hears "you can't use that term because eyes glaze over". Why? Is it because in focusing on strategy we fear we'll lose what we intuitively know holds us together; i.e. those important things like service, fellowship and our values? I believe good strategy does the opposite - it unites us to find ways to adapt and increase service, fellowship and engagement, ultimately expanding our reach. In Rotary we face an adaptive change challenge which needs adaptive leaders who can foster diverse perspectives whilst they mobilise people to do things differently for improved outcomes. They do so through effective listening and good strategic planning. Taking a longer-term focus on "what matters most for the future" is critical.

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.

Short term thinking is a real no-no with leaders thinking in “my year” terms falling into a trap to be avoided at all costs. So, what does “what matters most for the future” mean? A good way to identify it is to ask members three key questions: Firstly, what are you most passionate about in Rotary and mustn't change, but also what should change? Members invariably say they are passionate about service, fellowship and our common values and, if serious about “the future”, they realise fostering young leaders, diverse membership and new operating approaches are needed. Secondly, what do you think we are best in the world at? Members usually come up with things like collectively using our talents, time and treasure to do good /make a difference. I would add our networks to that important list. Thirdly, what do you think drives our economic engine? Members intuitively know that it is fundraising, donations and efficiency that are important. The answers to these questions should help identify three or four areas critical to future success in the new environment. The next step is to list against each of these the activities necessary to achieve desired outcomes over time; it is important these activities include what needs to be done differently and how. To help monitor progress, measures describing quality, quantity and time are then added and the strategic plan is in place. Implementation and regular review over 5 years minimum is then necessary.

Article by President Alan Maitland, from the Rotary Club of Waimate Bulletin, D9980 and sent by PDG ARC Karen Purdue

Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to all concerned? Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Is It The Truth: We are a community within a community. Fellowship is one of our foundations, we have a common goal of service above self, we meet as equals and enjoy a closeness of relationship supported by freedom of access – weekly connections. This is the Truth.

Is it Fair to All: We get to mix it up! Connections within our club, between our members, are wide and many, supported in some ways by the process of seating by playing card. This ensures great mixing, and an opportunity to get to know each other. This protects us from developing cliques, networks if you will, that stand in the way of that culture. I believe this creates an environment of trust and mutual respect for each other. This is Fair.

Will It Build Goodwill And Better Relationships: Our ‘house’ is a big one. People of many vocations, denominations, ethnicity, and beliefs. As a club we are known to be strong in fellowship. I think it is imperative that as club members, our place continues to be one where we strive to be seen as a group of likeminded citizens who are supportive, respectful, engaging, and self-aware of each other’s space and needs. Through the good work of our past and current Rotarians this ethos is something we should and need to continue. It is important that we all commit to being ‘that person’ at the club who lives these values. Rotarians, you will have your own key judgement on what builds goodwill and better relationships for you. For me personally, I like to shed my daily rigours of work to ‘take a break’ and just enjoy the fellowship that Rotary offers. I believe this Builds goodwill and better relationships. Will It Be Beneficial To All Concerned: This is not a given as it takes work to achieve and maintain. Outside of Rotary we all have our own vocations whether they be as a retiree, owner of a business or ‘working for the man’ as it were, to name a few. Rotary gives us an opportunity to focus on that which we may not focus on in our 9-5 or 6-6 working environment. It is about providing a process whereby we put things in place to support others who need it most. I believe you don't have to go past the Rotary Motto of ‘Service above Self’. It is part of the glue, the fabric of society that looks after, takes care of others. Our charity (The Rotary Foundation), humanity and fellowship are hugely important to us and others. It starts with members connecting with each other, treating each other as equals in a social and respectful way delivering a safe environment where great thoughts and ideas can grow to become great projects that benefit others. I believe this makes it Beneficial to all concerned.

The Supurunda Water Supply Project in Papua New Guinea has been a successful example of how Rotary is advancing peace and providing clean water and sanitation.
by **Rotary Down Under**

In 2018, eight villages inhabited by five cultural groups agreed to put aside past conflicts so they could enjoy the benefits of a safe, clean water supply. The resulting water system is now a common and enduring thread that, no matter what else happens, will unite them and will be protected by them for everyone to enjoy into the future.

The project area is 30 km (about 19 miles) northwest of Goroka, in Daulo District, in the Eastern Highlands Province. With a total cost of US\$62,969, the project was supported by a Rotary Foundation global grant of \$24,011, along with funds from a number of Rotary districts and clubs in Australia and Papua New Guinea.

The Rotary Club of Goroka managed the project, and Osivo Ombuano, then the club's secretary, led the effort. Ian Cameron of the Rotary Club of Mitchelton, Queensland, and Wes Nichols of the Rotary Club of Toowong, Queensland, served as project directors and mentored the project delivery team.

The system supplies clean water to 3,000 villagers in eight villages for the first time ever. The water comes from a spring and is delivered through a gravity-feed system that has few parts, which will make maintaining it relatively easy and inexpensive. Construction materials were purchased locally, and the villagers completed construction within six weeks.

INSURANCE UPDATES

I am trying to get back the Insurance and Compliance declaration from Clubs and since January I have received 35 from 57 Clubs so therefore 22 Clubs have ignored the request. The travel declaration was sent out in February and have received 16 of 57 returned.

DG and ADG's are trying to follow up.

Can all Clubs check that they have sent the forms back otherwise our District insurance will suffer and the decrease we got this year will be a thing of the past. Those Clubs who do not return the declarations may not have cover for 21-22 year.

-Brett White District Insurance Officer

DG 2023-24 APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

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.

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. Please note: Past District Governors of this district are eligible to apply.

DEBBIE'S MUSINGS PART 3

Over 7 km (4.3 miles) of pipe were trenched as part of the project, tanks were installed to store the water, and 52 communal taps now provide free-flowing water to clusters of houses, schools, churches, and health clinics

The spring can supply 2.25 liters (.6 gallons) per second – that's up to 65 liters (17 gallons) per person per day. Water from the Asaro and Gota Rivers, although not fit to drink, supplements the water supply to irrigate crops, helping drive the community's economic development.

Before the project began, a memorandum of understanding was developed between the five tribal groups and the owner of the water supply source to share the water among the villages. This agreement was used as the basis for a policy document, which is registered with the local court and is enforceable by law.

A water, sanitation, and hygiene education program was rolled out prior to construction, with sessions for schoolchildren and other villagers. A briefing was held for the Supurunda Water Supply Committee, and this helped ensure that the program was implemented effectively for the entire population. The program will be repeated each year for schoolchildren.

Osivo and his skilled team of plumbers, carpenters, concreters, pipe layers, and other water supply installers trained the local workforce in installing and maintaining the water supply system.

Everyone – men, women, and children – was involved in the construction phase, which gave them all ownership of the project to ensure that the system will be protected and preserved.

Remember,

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

ROTARY ON STAMPS FELLOWSHIP

Rotary on Stamps is a group of stamp collectors and dealers with an interest in the philatelic material commemorating Rotary International, its districts, local clubs, and service projects around the world. Stamp collecting is a popular hobby in many parts of the world and enjoyed by people of all ages. Stamps teach us a great deal about geography, history, culture, art, flora and fauna, design etc.

The difference between the terms 'stamp collecting' and 'philately' is that a stamp collector collects stamps in a random way, while a philatelist studies stamps and postal history, examines its design, looks for errors, flaws and variations in printing, the paper on which it is printed, its watermark and so on. It is possible for a philatelist not to collect any stamps, but rather study rare stamps housed in museums.

The history of Rotary is illustrated in stamps with its first stamp created in 1931 in honour of the Rotary International Convention in Vienna. Since that time there have been many stamps commemorating Rotary International Conventions and numerous others paying tribute to Rotary and its many domestic and worldwide humanitarian projects. In 1955, for Rotary's 50th Anniversary, 27 countries issued commemorative stamps. The American Topical Association was attracted by one of these stamps and formed a study unit, gathering Rotarians who shared an interest in stamps. From this exchange of ideas, the Rotary International Handbook on Stamps was published in 1957, filled with various stamps created by the group.

The Fellowship has a broad program of services available to Rotarians and all other interested collectors. Some of these include: The RoS Video Program, the Reference Library, Publications, the RoS Bulletin, which is published six times a year, the RoS Stamp Album and more.

Currently there are over 300 members worldwide of the Rotary on Stamps Fellowship and more than 2,000 specific Rotary stamps available to collect.

The Fellowship is always popular at the Rotary International Conventions, with numerous used stamps donated by RoS members available free so that others can add to their collections.

Like The Rotary on Pins Fellowship, the Rotary on Stamps Fellowship contributes greatly to the ongoing tangible history of Rotary.

For more information on this Fellowship, go to: <https://www.rotaryonstamps.org/>

Footnote: Australia Post will be releasing a commemorative stamp on 8th April 2021 in celebration of the Centenary to Rotary in Australia.

ROTARACT PODCAST

As many of you know DRR Laura Telford in her capacity as Rotaract Australia Communications Director hosts the Chats by Rotaract Australia Podcast. D9650 is a strong supporter of the Podcast. The podcast is self is a combination of thoughtful interviews and resource based episodes designed to engage and help Rotaractors and Rotarians learn more about Rotaract. Check it out today!

LEANING TOWER OF PASTA ANYONE?

Hastings Secondary College Year 11 students Jackson O'Rourke, Zac Morgan, Hannah Stewart, Joris Vaskys, Sam Barratt, Jonah Hyland, and Head Teacher Science Lisa Hall facilitated an exciting night of science at the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie on Wednesday evening.

Have you ever wondered how tall buildings stay up? Why do skyscrapers not fall when the wind hits them? Engineers work with architects and scientists to understand what makes materials break and then use what they learn to design strong structures. The challenge put forward to Rotary members was to figure out how to design and build a free-standing structure in 10 minutes that is as tall and strong as possible, using only marshmallows and spaghetti and place a Lego figurine on top of the frame. Miss Hall introduced the student leaders at each table and judged the structures. She was very impressed with the collaboration, teamwork, planning and design that took place within the groups. The winning tower measured 77 cm.

When community groups, like The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie, work with schools, families and students to support education and open the door to new experiences and opportunity, an amazing situation occurs.

Studies have shown that children raised in a community are more likely to stay in school longer, achieve better individual outcomes and enjoy school more. They tend to focus on self-improvement and higher grades.

Individuals raised in a community are more likely to go on to employment, apprenticeships, traineeships and further studies. As members of society, they have better social skills, can think creatively and can quickly adapt to new situations. This will become even more critical as we educate our kids for careers that don't even exist yet. Thank you Rotary Members for including us as part of your Science evening.
-Hastings Secondary College

Autumn Rotary Golf Day
Longyard Golf Course



The Rotary Club of Tamworth, First Light
Friday 16th April 2021, 11:00 Shotgun start.
Mixed Event. Individual Stableford. \$45
Book at Longyard on Portal or call 67652988
Lots of Prizes. Lunch, and snack at the presentation.
If you need more information call Deb 0411770552





District 9650 celebrates

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WEDNESDAY 5TH MAY 2021
6PM for a 6.30 start

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58 PHILLIP ST, TAMWORTH

HOST CLUB: RC TAMWORTH FIRST LIGHT

\$50 per person
Dress: Cocktail/Jacket & Tie

Guest Speaker

Australian Local Hero of the Year 2020
BERNIE SHAKESHAF
Founder of Backtrack

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Panel Discussion: How do we reverse the Doomsday Clock?



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Wauchope Rotary - serving the Wauchope Community ...

Published by Patti Taylor · February 10 at 9:18 PM ·

Wauchope Rotary Club members are conducting an online auction to raise funds to ensure we can continue supporting our local community. Since COVID19 hit, it has been difficult to organise events. As challenging times call for inventive actions, we have created an online auction site. These amazing prizes have been donated by local Rotarians and friends of Rotary.

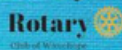
We have a range of experiences for you to bid on. Enjoy knowing your funds will be distributed within our community and also support Rotary youth leadership programs.

Get in early and keep an eye on your bid to take advantage of the amazing experiences we have on offer. Auction items include: wood turning lessons, a massage, a sailing experience, Stand up paddle board lessons, a Creative Marketing consultation, home cooked dinners, cleaning and gardening services and much more.

The auction is now live and will end on Friday 12th March 2021. To enter a bid, go to <https://myminiauction.com/wauchoperotary>, choose your item and start bidding.

BID TO GIVE - WAUCHOPE ROTARY AUCTION

Go to: <https://myminiauction.com/wauchoperotary>



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

APPLICATIONS NEEDED NOW

2021 Leaders are Locked & Loaded
Training complete & waiting for applicants.

Please forward applications ASAP so we can process & prepare for an awesome week.
(Application forms on D9650 Webpage)

Applications close Friday 9th April 2021.
Camp 1st - 8th May Lake Keepit Sport & Rec.

Don't forget 50 Plus Years of RYLA in D9650 Dinner
Wednesday 5th May in Tamworth
Guest Speaker 2020 Australian of the Year Local Hero
Bernie Shakeshaft - Founder of BackTrack

