



Rotary Opens
Opportunities



THIS ISSUE

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RYLA update

Rotokids

CALENDAR

- 29 May R C Barraba Changeover
- 30 May District Assembly Port Macquarie
- 5 June Hastings Rotaract Changeover
- 5 June Armidale AM Changeover
- 6 June R C Lower Midcoast Changeover
- 7 June R C Kempsey Changeover
- 7 June R C Warialda Changeover
- 8 June R C Moree on Gwydir Changeover
- 8 June R C Wauchope Changeover
- 10 June R C Nambucca Valley Changeover
- 11 June R C Moree Changeover
- 12 June R C Armidale North Changeover
- 22 June RC Dorrigo Changeover
- 30 June R C Taree on Manning Changeover
- 2 July Coffs Harbour Daybreak RC changeover



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 THE DG

Last weekend I attended the South West Rocks changeover along with 80 other Rotarians and friends. It was great to see so many clubs represented from as far away as Taree in the south and Coffs Harbour in the North. What a fabulous evening! The food and the music was excellent. I can tell you 'It was murder on the dance floor in heels!' I had the pleasure of presenting our AG for cluster 2 and President of SWR club with a Paul Harris Fellow on the night. I met the four newest members who were feeling very much at home in their new club and roles. The club has been invigorated and I know will go from strength to strength with three new members ready to be inducted.

Saturday night I was at Barraba club for their changeover. President Bryan Barrass is stepping up again for another year. I really do applaud how some of you presidents are putting your hands up for another year of service. Well done! Bryan has been a stalwart of the club for a long time and has achieved much. I therefore had the pleasure of presenting him with a Paul Harris Sapphire for his ongoing service above self.

Sunday morning, I was not unable to attend the district assembly in Port Macquarie in person, due to being in Barraba, so zoomed in with a welcome and hello to the participants there. Assemblies are a great time to catch up with old friends but make some new one and share ideas and experience. There is always something new to learn. When I joined Rotary, I was told that PETS and Assemblies were for boards only. This is not true. We need as many people as possible to participate and learn more about Rotary as possible. If we want a succession plan for our clubs then please invite everyone along so they can share in the out of club experience, see there is more to Rotary than club level and be inspired to take on different roles themselves.

Next weekend I will be attending the Hastings Rotaract changeover which I am really looking forward to. I am sure President Jack will have an awesome evening planned. I would like to acknowledge Jack's journey. I first met Jack at the Hastings Education evening. Jack became a Rylarian and from there joined Rotaract. If you know Jack then you will realise that he is one of our greatest alumni and we couldn't be more proud of him for what he has achieved. I have been invited to many changeovers and will try and get to as many as possible in my swan song time before handing over the reigns to David Mayne. It's been one hell of a ride! My thanks go to all the PDG's who are assisting with changeovers. I thank you all for your support and guidance and know the clubs will extend the same warm welcome to yourselves as they have me during the past year. My changeover list – so looking forward to these.

South West Rocks 27727
Barraba 17916
Hastings Rotaract Club
Wauchope 17954
Armidale North 17915
Walcha 17951
Tamworth First Light 27321
Laurieton 17933
Port Macquarie 17940
Rotary E-Club of District 9650 - 17945
Taree 17947
Gunnedah 17926
Armidale AM 27819
Narrabri 17939



MUSINGS FROM DG DEBBIE CONT.

WHO IS COMING TO DISTRICT CHANGEOVER?

District Changeover – Saturday 26th June 2021 Panthers Port Macquarie 6 for 6.30pm.

Invitations to our changeover have now been sent out. I have attached a copy to this newsletter. Please let District Secretary Patti know if you are attending and pay your \$40 to

BSB: 932-000

ACC: 500097454

REF: Surname District Changeover

This will be a fun evening where we can wine and dine and enjoy some fabulous after dinner entertainment from Matt Zarb from the Taree on Manning Club. We heard a little from him on the Sunday morning at Conference and I am certain people will be very happy to listen to more. Let us get behind this event, celebrate the last year and welcome DGE David Mayne and Heather to theirs. The 26th of June will be a special night for all.

IMPORTANT NEWS – THE LAW AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

- Are you involved with Youth programs in any way?
- Are you compliant? Will your club incur a fine for not verifying their members?

The following article contains important information from our Youth Protection officer.

- Are you aware that your club needs to be registered as an employer? Yes an employer even though we are Rotary and act in a voluntary capacity.
- Have you verified all the WWCC of your members?

If you haven't, I would strongly suggest that you contact Diana Reynolds and get some immediate help.

Please note The OCG are offering a one-off amnesty for employers to verify their workers by 30 June 2021.

YOUTH PROTECTION UPDATE – Information from Diana Reynolds

As the current Rotary year draws to a close and a new year begins, it's a time to reflect on all we have achieved throughout a challenging year. In times of celebration, one can overlook the more mundane task of 'compliance issues' – namely Youth /Child Protection requirements as stated by the NSW Office of the Children's Guardian (OCG).

Any organisation that has people who work or volunteer to provide services to children or young people is considered an 'employer'. Rotary falls into this category and so, I ask all clubs to ensure that they give priority to ensuring they remain compliant,

Our District has recommended that clubs nominate a member as their employer who is able to continue in this role for at least 3 years to ensure consistency. Should clubs have a new Youth Protection Officer in the 2021-2022 Rotary year, please ensure that you submit the 'employer's change of details' to the OCG. This should be part of the handover process between the previous and new club Youth Protection officer. The club's employer registration details will be held by the current Youth Protection officer. They will also share /handover the club's unique use name and password.

The OCG recommends that the Handover process also includes advising the newly appointed authorised officer what needs to be done so that the employer remains compliant with the WWCC such as:

- Who needs a Check
- How to verify the Check
- What records must be maintained
- How to manage the expiry of workers' Checks
- What to do if a worker is barred.

The OCG are offering a one-off amnesty for employers to verify their workers by 30 June 2021.

This amnesty applies to employers who engage workers/volunteers in child related work that:

1. are registered or should be registered as an employer for the Working with Children Check; and
2. have not previously verified any of their workers.

I thank all clubs sincerely for their work in this area and recognize it is an additional task. Getting and then keeping 'our ducks in a row' can sometimes pose some challenges. It is important that this is a task we do not allow to slide - our Youth programs create fabulous opportunities and have such impact.

"Maintain Zero Malaria in Timor Leste" article by Jenny Kerrison PhD, DEd, RN, RM

District 9650 pledged support of \$1000 to this very worthwhile project, and Jenny has sent a thank letter to our district.

ARH UPDATE

Please consider....

When you are distributing your club funds this year, Please consider giving some to Australian Rotary Health. ARH does wonderful work around our country to provide research into issues like Mental Health. The next three years will focus on mental health issues for children 12 years and under. This had become a real problem.

Let's get behind this wonderful Australian Health organisation to help them continue their great work.

Please also use this link to see the latest ARH newsletter <https://mailchi.mp/australianrotaryhealth/your-latest-news-from-australian-rotary-health-2097098>

PDG Lorraine Coffey
Director, Australian Rotary Health.

The Rotary E-Club of District 9650 is in the process of chartering the first Rotakids club in the District at Rous Public School, Lismore. We have 35 enthusiastic kids at the school who have already commenced working for the community. Some information about their first service scheme in the community is shown below. Great to have such an enthusiastic bunch of kids.

Rous RotaKids at work last Wednesday, putting male / female toiletries for families in the local area seeking assistance under Salvation Army. 36 bags have been completed. The next step is finishing nice toiletry bags to put these items into. ...that's going to happen next Wednesday. We in the Club are so proud of these students --- they are bursting with enthusiasm. Lyn Duncan Youth director.



DEBBIE'S MUSINGS CONT.

On behalf of our RAM & D9550 Rotary GG Team for Timor Leste, I am writing to provide an update on the Rotary GG for Timor Leste for which your District 9650 pledged a DDF of \$1,000 (one thousand).

Briefly, the Rotary GG to "Maintain Zero Malaria in Timor Leste" will provide 10,000 bed nets to pregnant women, and will train community health volunteers to promote prevention of malaria transmission. A majority of malaria cases in Timor Leste were imported cases. The Grant project will be implemented over two years (2021 and 2022).

In late 2020, we received news from TRF Regional Grants Officer, Steven Sundstrom, that they were waiting for two overdue reports from Dili D9550 before they would release the GG funds to project manager AG Ray Fauntleroy, RC Darwin.

D9550's PDG Greg Marlow and AG Ray Fauntleroy are working hard to resolve this issue. We are hopeful that the overdue reports will be signed off in Dili next week, and that TRF will release the funds to us soon.

Fortuitously, the Grant, made possible with your DDF pledge, is more important than ever before in view of the greater risk for malaria following the recent floods from Cyclone Seroja.

Thank you for your support.

Regards Jenny

FINANCE JANUARY 2021 CLUB INVOICE

The end of the collection period is 30 June 2021. Beyond this, clubs with outstanding balances greater than USD250 will be classified as candidates for termination and will be required to pay USD30 per member as reinstatement fees along with all outstanding dues.

We understand that some clubs, particularly in the Philippines, may be experiencing some banking difficulties with lockdowns in place. The best way to pay this would be online through My Rotary. Should they need further assistance, please advise these clubs to contact the appropriate finance representative for their region. Please see their contact details and areas of responsibility below:

Country/Zone Finance Coordinator Contact Details Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands (Zone 8): Sally Furto, Sally.Furto@rotary.org T: 61288949832

INCOMING OFFICER AND MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

It is never too early to update incoming officer information and club membership.

Before we produce the July 2021 invoice, please make sure the membership data in Rotary's database is current. Any updates must be made by 1 July. Invoices cannot be adjusted for membership changes made after that date.

To check your membership:

1. Sign in to your My Rotary account and choose Manage, then Club Administration, and Club & Member Data.
2. Review your membership data.
3. Make any necessary updates by 1 July.

Rotary Opens Opportunities | 12-16 June 2021.

This year's virtual convention will be better than ever, opening more innovative opportunities to learn and engage with the family of Rotary. In the virtual convention space, you will be able to network in virtual lounges, meet new partners in service, and join fun activities with Rotary members from around the world. There are twenty not-to-be-missed breakout sessions planned, covering topics including member engagement, developing leadership skills, Rotary's new area of focus: The Environment and much more.

Exciting new activities this year include meet and greets with leaders, virtual cooking classes, Rotary trivia contents, a virtual photo booth, a 5K walk, and a DJ dance party.

The Virtual House of Friendship will be your place to connect with fellow Rotarians about projects, chat with staff, shop, sign up for the 2022 Rotary International Convention and explore exhibitor booths.

Commemorating a Centenary of Rotary in Australia

The book to mark the centenary of Rotary in Australia - 'HUMANITY IN ACTION: Celebrating 100 years of Rotary clubs in Australia and island neighbours' - is now complete.

Five hundred and twelve pages of historical text, stories of Rotary achievements through the various eras, dozens of pages of club, district and personal data - along with an amazing gallery of dated and modern images went to the printer during the first week in March.

ORDER YOUR COPY OF 'HUMANITY IN ACTION' FROM - \$25 plus postage -

PDG Harry Durey - Phone: 0407 005 910; email: hdurey@bigpond.com

Remember,

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



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Recognition of 50 Plus Years in D9650



Kevin Anderson MP

NSW Parliament
Legislative Assembly Hansard

Private Members Statement

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
Rotary District 9650

110521 Mr Kevin Anderson (Tamworth – Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation) (18:12)

It gives me great pleasure to recognise the management committee of the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) of Rotary District 9650.

The week-long RYLA camp was held at Lake Keepit Sport and Recreation Centre within the Tamworth Electorate.

The leadership course is a program designed to shape the leaders of our future, with numerous graduates over the programs 51 years of existence noting the significance the camp has had on their lives.

In the 9650 district, RYLA offers young people from ages 19-27 the opportunity to focus on their goals moving forward and reflect on the kind of ways they wish to contribute to their communities.

Committee members David Mayne, John Carroll, Louise Matthews, Robert Anderson and Andrew Stokes volunteer their time to lend a hand to young people from Tamworth and Gunnedah right across to Port Macquarie and Coffs Harbour.

With record attendance this year, I know the committee has put their blood, sweat and tears into making the camp a success.

I have the pleasure of using this opportunity in the New South Wales Parliament to recognise them for their contribution to young people in our communities.

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Applications for NYSF 2022 are OPEN!



Mackenzie Toone-Spokes was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie.

NYSF was a great experience, and I am so glad I was able to obtain this opportunity. The forum allowed us to explore so many different aspects of the STEM field and was really eye opening in terms of careers and future pathways. I very much recommend this program even if you already have a career set in mind because you are really missing out on so much information and so many opportunities if you don't go.

Planning has already begun to offer another brilliant Science program for current Year 11 students in January 2022.

It's time to find the students in your community who will benefit!

It would be fabulous if every club found ONE student – fabulous for Rotary and Rotaract but more importantly, fabulous for the students! www.nysf.edu.au Any club who would like more information. dihall605@gmail.com 0411704654

RI CONVENTION UPDATE

- Two weeks to go – it's not too late to register.
- Come together to see how Rotary is opening opportunities from Sat 12-16 June 2021.
- At a total cost of \$65, it's the best value in town.
- This year's event will connect you, virtually, with members around the world.
- The 2021 Virtual Convention will open innovative opportunities to learn and to engage with the family of Rotary, near and far.
- Together, we'll inspire action, strengthen our commitments, work on our challenges, and celebrate our successes.
- Join us virtually to explore how our digital network makes our global relationships more powerful.
- Witness the commitments of members around the world and share your own.
- Learn new skills, explore thought-provoking topics, and discover innovative ways to engage.
- Share the experience with your club, family, and friends by encouraging them to register.
- Come together to showcase our ability to adapt as an organization.
- Stop talking and thinking about attending an International Convention for a fraction of the normal fee – just do it!
- Google: 2021 Virtual Convention Rotary.