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DG VISITS

August 9th Kempsey RC
August 10th Kempsey West RC
August 11th Coffs Harbour Daybreak RC
August 12th E Club 9650 RC
August 16th Tamworth West RC
August 17th Tamworth RC
August 18th Tamworth First Light RC
August 19th Inverell RC

Check your Directory for future dates.

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!

DEEP THOUGHTS FROM DG DAVID

What a busy couple of weeks it's been. Busy, extremely interesting and rewarding as well as a lot of fun. From the outset, I want to thank the clubs that Heather and I visited over the last couple of weeks. Your hospitality and kindness have been amazing.

Apart from meeting all the wonderful Rotarians, having an opportunity to see 'first hand' the many community projects that each club undertakes is a true highlight. It is inspiring to see how Rotarians use their individual and corporate skills and knowledge to better their communities through projects that enhance the areas they live in but also showcase Rotary in a profoundly 'grass roots' way.

When I meet these Rotarians and see what they have done it makes me proud to represent you as your District Governor. As Rotarians and Rotary clubs, we traditionally have been hesitant to 'show off' what we do in the community, District and Internationally but It's time to showcase your projects in the community. Send out media alerts to the various media vehicles and get the 'positive' word out there and about who and what Rotary is. The community will see this, and it is human nature that they will want to be part of this proactive community service organization.

Positiveness leads to positiveness and positive people will want to be Rotary members to also make a positive difference in their communities. Especially during these uncertain times.

Don't forget to get you clubs showcase projects to Kel Walls kelwalls52@yahoo.com.au

We are looking forward to seeing you all in the near future.
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ROTARY CENTENARY WAG ART EXHIBITION

Rotary International Australia has turned 100! Get started on your piece!
 We are celebrating the 100th anniversary of Rotary with a Rotary themed art exhibition at Woolgoolga Art Gallery 8 October until 2 November. Start thinking about the piece of art you intend to contribute. Perhaps a painting, a sculpture, a photo, a textile ...??
 Entries close 3 September, pieces to be delivered by 6 October.
 Entry fee of \$10 for members (you must be a WAG member to enter a piece in the exhibition). 1st prize \$100, 2nd prize \$50.
 There is also a section for 12 - 17 years old with prize money of \$50 1st and \$25 2nd. Youth entry numbers are limited to 20 due to limited hanging space. To encourage youth to enter, their \$10 entry fee will be covered by Rotary.
 The entry form is available at the Woolgoolga Art Gallery, or online: visit www.woolgoolgagallery.com.au and look under "news" in top R corner.
 Need more ideas for your art work? Visit (20) Rotary Down Under | Facebook and select Photos.
 Or Google Australian Rotary Health, flick through one of our Annual Reports (via our club's website) or scroll through www.woolgoolgaheritagewalk.org_

ROTARY'S SIGNATURE

PROJECT

District Community Director Kel Walls said he was been please to receive approximately 25% (or about 20!) of the clubs reports for the District's signature project which is good, but there is a long way to go to complete the full compliment from all clubs.

If you need more information about the project which looks to highlight a signature project of each club in the District please reach out to Kel (his details are in the great District Directory!).

The reports that have been submitted are fantastic and the scope of projects and the impact on the communities in which they have been completed is a credit to all involved. Below is the great example for Gunnedah West Rotary and gives an indication of what the projects will look like when they are all collated.

Rotary District 9650
 Rotary Club of Gunnedah West



Club Signature Project

Club Signature Community Project	Pensioners' Hill Reserve, Gunnedah.
Regular community activities	Debutante Ball Charity Golf Day AGQUP activities Tree Planting
Signature Community Details	BBO duties for community groups This has been an ongoing project of the GWRIC commencing in 1990 with the construction of the rotunda. Other stages have included the construction of a concrete path to the rotunda, a viewing platform overlooking the town, electric BBQ & seating, tree planting & landscaping, & the completion of the carved Heritage Stones Structures. The project has also received input from the Gunnedah Urban Landscape organisation, The Local Aboriginal Land Council, & the Gunnedah Shire Council.
Club contact person	Contact the Club Secretary



SHINE A LIGHT ON YOUR CLUB IN 2021-22

This year we will be conducting a District Membership and Public Relations initiative to celebrate our members and each Club's deep history of community connections that is at the very core of Rotary across our District. Rotary membership is the engine that powers Rotary and in DG David's year of 'Celebration' we want to shine a spotlight on your initiatives to a new local audience through our District Facebook page.
 Our goal is to do this through promoting the Rotary experience of 3 local members or flagship event/project per Club.
 The District will create the Facebook post and also pay to 'boost' the posts into local targeted, facebook users (ie age range, interests, where they live etc) in order to raise awareness of your Club, members and local projects to a wider, local audience to raise our profile and open the door to membership enquiries.
 As we begin our final year under the banner of District 9650 before we become District 9660, this is an ideal opportunity to gather our local stories, celebrate our members and engage a new audience and potentially new members.
 This week, every Club has been sent information on how to engage in the District project. I look forward to reporting back on how this initiative unfolds.
 Cheers
 Jenny



RC MANILLA WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS, BOARD

The Rotary Club of Manilla started the new year off with the induction of two new members, John Calokerinos & John Pike. PDG Bob Ryan & ADG Simon Guest conducted the inductions. John Calokerinos keeps up a strong family tradition, with father Paul being a member for 60 years until his passing in 2019, it was great to see his mother Helen there to witness John's induction.

The club also welcomed its new board in a very small gathering following Covid Restrictions, well supported by Barraba Club members and Manilla Lodge St Andrews. The club was able to give \$1000 donations to Rotary InSearch and Westpac Rescue helicopter.

Official guests were PDG Bob Ryan and ADG Simon Guest



ROTARY & INTERPLAST A GOOD NEWS STORY

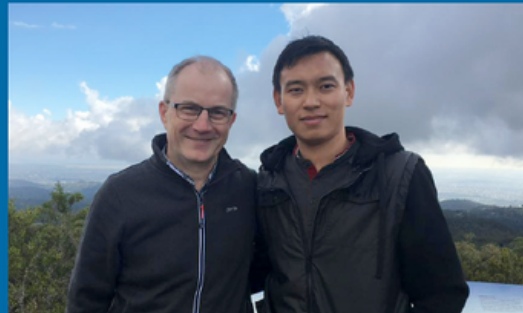
During the COVID-19 pandemic, Interplast and its volunteers across Australia & New Zealand continue to provide life-changing care to patients. Interplast is providing virtual training and remote mentoring to surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and allied health professionals in 24 developing nations.

With the support of Interplast and Rotary, doctors like Bhutanese Sonam Jamtsho continue to receive necessary training and mentorship, which enables him to continue changing the lives of Bhutanese patients in desperate need.

Motivated by a desire to make an impact, Dr Sonam credits his mentor, Australian plastic and reconstructive surgeon, Dr Tim Proudman for pursuing a path as a surgeon.

"I had the opportunity and honour to work with Tim since 2015. One of the reasons I was so interested in plastic and reconstructive surgery is because of the work that I have seen the Interplast team do and how much change he has brought to the Bhutanese population," Dr Sonam explains.

While Covid-19 has limited Dr Proudman from travelling to Bhutan and Dr Sonam's scope for clinical training, it has nonetheless provided an opportunity for collaboration and learning. Enabled by his relationship with Dr Proudman - Interplast's country coordinator for Bhutan - the junior and his mentor have met online more than 60 times since March 2020. "He has been very instrumental despite the pandemic causing obstruction to my training, I have been receiving the training from his side continuously. He has done more than he has been required to," Dr Sonam says.



Motivated by altruism and a passion to see reconstructive surgery skills "spread where they are needed", Dr Proudman spends hours late at night with Dr Sonam, assisting him to hone his knowledge.

Mindful of the time and experience necessary to complete a plastic and reconstructive surgery training program, Dr Proudman is currently working to enable Dr Sonam to travel to Australia to continue training under his capable guidance and further their shared dream of providing life-changing surgery to those who need it most.



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LATEST ARH NEWS

The latest e-newsletter from Australian Rotary Health has been released.

Here is the link to share with your networks:

<https://mailchi.mp/australiarotaryhealth/your-latest-news-from-australian-rotary-health-2097126>

DG IN WALCHA

It was an excellent evening preceded by a tour of our local projects past, current and planned. David spoke about how Rotary is perceived and should be perceived in the community and shared some thoughts on membership. Heather did a great presentation on Youth Insearch. They both met young Simon Wellings who was a guest as an Honorary Rotarian and discussed with him Simon's Just 4 U Backpacks project and his strong support for Walcha Rotary adopting his idea and furthering it around District 9650. David and Heather and I had some useful discussions on steps to extend the backpacks project to the Mid North Coast and David will be talking to some key Rotarians on the coast with whom I hope to follow up in the near future.

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!

ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

HEAR SPEAKERS ON: MALARIA, VACCINES,
ACTIVITIES IN OUR REGION, AND MORE...

CONFERENCE + DINNER: \$160
\$80 FOR ROTARACTORS
\$15 PER PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP
(Malaria 101 and Malaria Vaccine 101)

BOOK BEFORE 30 OCTOBER
ram.rawcs.com.au/2021conference

OPENING 1PM SATURDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2021
CLOSING 12PM SUNDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2021

MERCURE HOTEL, CANBERRA
CNR AINSLIE AND LIMESTONE AVES, BRADDON, ACT



WALCHA SEEKS SUPPORT FOR LOCAL CAUSE

We Rotarians are united in our common aim to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Children whose lives are so troubled that they need to be placed in foster care are among the most unfortunate kids in society and it is their plight that our club's new project seeks to improve.

The attached below describes the background and our goals. Projects of this nature are sorely lacking in regional areas. Our planning team has coordinated with the Dept. of Communities & Justice (formerly Family & Community Services) to enhance the selection of contents and streamline distribution. Feedback from Simon's 2020 efforts confirms the deep appreciation felt by fostering parents and recipient children.

The sad truth is that virtually no town is exempt from homes where domestic violence and drug and alcohol abuse results in vulnerable children being removed from their parents and placed in foster care. This is a valuable project that in all probability will assist kids in need in your own community.

The more funds we raise, the more kids we can help. Each filled backpack costs around \$70. The number of new cases each year of children entering foster care across our district is such that doubling our target would still not meet the demand but we are mindful of walking before we run.

Donating is easy. Just go to
<https://donations.rawcs.com.au/80-2020-21>

In anticipation, we thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely
Andrew Corlette (Walcha President)



29th April – 7th May 2022
Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation Centre

The Rotary Inspirational Women's Awards
2021 Finalist Rural 18-30 years

Fiona Lane (RYLA 2016)
Sponsor Club RC Sawtell

RIWA recognise service to the community. The awards recognise commitment, dedication, perseverance and proactivity in improving the lives of others. The criteria for the awards is based upon community service which best exemplifies Rotary's motto of 'Service Above Self', achievements and personal attributes.

Fiona was nominated for her dedication to Surf Lifesaving at Club & State level & as a player & committee member for Sawtell/Toormina Women's AFL team, The Saints.

As a Patrol Captain she conducts drone shark surveillance for Surf Lifesaving NSW & was selected as a Leader at the development camp in April & hopes to run more camps in her local area.

Fiona is currently organising, for the second year, a 24 hour row event to raise funds for mental health awareness.



ROTARY BACKS UP FOSTER KIDS

Each year in our region an alarming number of children are placed in foster care. These children often enter foster care placements with little notice and only the clothes they are wearing. They enter the homes of kind strangers but have none of their own familiar possessions to comfort them.

It took 9 year old Walcha boy, Simon, to see that foster kids needed the community to come together to help them with something as simple as a backpack filled with their essentials and a few extra comforts. In 2020 Simon chose to help by selling presents and instead created the JUST 4 U BACKPACKS project, raising around \$10,000. Simon was nominated in the 7 News Young Achievers Awards.

Now, the Rotary Club of Walcha is furthering what this extraordinary boy started. We call it SIMON'S JUST 4 U BACKPACKS. Including pajamas, underwear, toothbrush and toothpaste, personal hygiene items, activity packs, story books, a cuddly toy, a torch, shampoo, tissues, drawing pad, toilet, sticker sheets, school needs and more together with a handwritten letter from Simon.

Agencies including Family & Community Services, Challenge and Pathfinders played roles in the distribution of Simon's 2020 backpacks and are extremely enthusiastic that the project is being taken up by Rotary. There are foster kids in need are in every town in our region. They matter! These kids need our help.

This is a RANIC registered project under Rotary Australia Community Grants. We agree to making this an ongoing annual project. Our goal is \$20,000 in the current year. Please help us.

See your contribution come back to your community to help kids in need.

LET'S ALL GET BEHIND SIMON'S JUST 4 U BACKPACKS

Donating is easy. Just go to:
<https://donations.rawcs.com.au/80-2020-21>

For further information please contact:
Lola Hoare - Club Secretary Tel: 0427 775 743 Email: lola.hoare@bigpond.com

Simon says:
'Give yourself a pat on the backpack'

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