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A GUIDE FOR ROTARY DISTRICT 9650

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Management Committee wish to support the Rotary Clubs of District 9650 in their efforts to maintain engagement during times when most clubs have reduced in-person meetings, projects or social events. There are strategies for Club Leaders to consider. The following is an offering of support, not a requirement. Club Leaders are encouraged to consult with their boards to assess and determine which strategies will be useful and practical for their specific club.

None of these strategies is a replacement for timely, transparent and regular communication with your members about your plans to continue modified operations throughout this time. Be sure that all committee and office leaders in your club are equipped with consistent messaging to minimise confusion to your members and to streamline communications about changes as they arise. Consider sending brief weekly updates to your members or provide a timeline for when decisions will be reviewed and modified if necessary.

Use a strategy that's working for you? Send details to me so it may be shared with the rest of the District.

Tips for hosting a "Virtual Meeting"

- Consider shortening the length of the virtual meeting to make it more feasible for members to "tune in."
- keep your fellowship activities if they can easily migrate online (for example, "getting to know you" activities, interesting speakers, and happy / sad dollars)
- Avoid taking up "video time" with elements of your meeting that would be better shared in writing such as basic announcements or upcoming dates to notices – consider sending those in a follow up email once the virtual meeting concludes
- check out Rotary resources on virtual meeting

More ideas on this in the next E News

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!

LIGHTENING RIDGE SHINES

During this current and prolonged COVID crisis some areas in 'outback' New South Wales have found it difficult to acquire the necessary resources and care to keep safe. This past week, Medical personnel from the Australian Army were called to Lightning Ridge to administer vaccines to the local residents. Of course, Rotary was asked to help in providing morning tea at the Army vaccination clinic. Great to see Rotary flying the flag at this vital community event. Well done to the members of the Lightning Ridge Rotary club.



ZOOM WELCOMES NEW MEMBER!

On Thursday the Rotary club of Narrabri inducted a new member. Dr Kirby is a wonderful addition to Rotary and she celebrated her induction by 'popping' Champagne. Sadly on zoom she was the only one that could enjoy the bubbles while the rest of us looked on with envy.

RAM CONFERENCE GOES ONLINE

The uncertainties of the lockdown situation throughout Australia mean Rotarians Against Malaria has made the difficult decision to cancel our in-person Annual Conference, which was to be held 13-14 November in Canberra.

All tickets will be refunded in full. You can also donate the value of your registration.

We will now be hosting a Virtual Conference in a similar format to last year, also on 13-14 November. More details are still to come, but registrations are now open.

DISTRICT GRANTS 2021-22

Applications will be opening soon for clubs to apply for a District Grant for 2021-22, closing on 31st October 2021. The budget is for US\$31,554 which converts to approximately AU\$42,900 depending on the exchange rate when applications close. A maximum of AU\$4,000 is available per project. However, if there is funding remaining in the District Grant Fund after the initial allocation, more money may be offered. Each club applying for a grant is expected to contribute some funding towards the project. For clubs to be eligible for a grant they must sign the Memorandum of Understanding as part of the application, have at least one club member complete the RI online grant management seminar (details to be supplied later), be current in payment of dues to RI and District 9650, and have completed their club's Foundation Goals on Rotary Club Central for the current year.

Over the next several weeks reports from last year's grants will be written up in the enews to demonstrate the benefits of previous grant applications for local communities.

Elizabeth Tollis

District 9650 Grants Chair 2021-22

Rotary Club of Taree on Manning

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DISTRICT DATABASE ON THE MOVE

District 9650 are moving our D9650 District Contact Database over to a new provider - DACdb (District and Club database)

We will be progressively inviting clubs to start using DACdb over the coming weeks starting 18/08/2021. Once your club has completed its induction training we would ask those clubs to make all future changes and amendments using DACdb login DACdb help

Clubs are being invited to the introductory Zoom training sessions to learn how to use the new database. Contact Di Hall on 0411704654 or dihall605@gmail.com to attend a training session.

As clubs do the initial training for the new database, Bruce will be switching off the old database. As members login to that, they will be redirected to DacDB.

There are a few actions which need to be taken prior to the training. Di has sent all clubs the first form which has to be completed and returned to RI for the process to begin. If you are already using Clubrunner please contact Di before completing any paperwork.

Thanks to those clubs who have already been through the process.

NEW CLUB TAKES ON THE WORLD

Hello! We'd like to introduce the newest club in District 9650 - Young Leaders, NSW, Australia.

This club was formed solely by RYLA alumni after participating in the district's RYLA program for 2021. The club was officially chartered on July 16th, 2021 with an executive team consisting of; Caitlin Davey and Charlotte Moore as Co Presidents, Luke Aquilina as Vice President, Jessica Lloyd as Secretary and Jamie Lennard as Treasurer.

Additional board members include Luka Grace as International Chair, Luke Massey as RYLA and Vocation Chair, Cailey Walker as RYPEN and Membership Chair, Danielle Mepham as Professional Development Chair and Kaitlyn Self as Social Media and Public Relations Chair. This club of young leaders already has one project underway, being to send a few participants to RYLA next year to attend the life-changing program as well as several prospective projects. Several of the club goals include;

- Promote and encourage youth involvement and commitment to their local community
- Strive to nurture, support, and mentor young leaders on their journey of self discovery
- Support humanitarian projects and fundraising activities that seek to assist young people in developing their leadership skills and their individual life purpose

Overall, we're very honoured and excited to be a part of this club. With the members being spread out across the district, we are able to assist and support a diverse range of projects and local communities. We'd like to take the opportunity to thank DG David Mayne, District Secretary/PDG Rob Anderson and DGE Neville Parsons for all their guidance and endless support in the establishment of our club in true Rotary fashion.

Yours in Rotary,
Caitlin Davey and Charlotte Moore,
Co-Presidents
Rotary Club of District 9650
Young Leaders, New South Wales, Australia



It's coming back!!



1 - 3 April 2022
Lake Keepit
for students Yr 7 - 11



INNOVATION IN MEMBERSHIP

Membership Voice
A great example from Rotary Club of Lindisfarne in Tasmania who was recently promoted on Membership Voice. Mike Patten explained in a very down-to-earth way how Rotary Lindisfarne had achieved a remarkable turnaround, while keeping everyone engaged and happy.

Rotary Lindisfarne has, in 18 months, increased membership by 15 and has an active Satellite Club with another 15 members. Culturally diverse membership has gone from a low of 18 to over 50. Lindisfarne had a 50% increase in membership two years in a row, with female membership up by 500%, and 17 of the combined sponsor/satellite club membership under the age of 40. Lindisfarne has lowered the Clubs average age by 20 years, and the club is still happy.

Here's the recording. Please feel free to share and discuss within your club.

CALLING ALL VOCATION ACTIVITIES

I am seeking all new and old vocation activities to construct a more detailed list for D9650. Whether you run a huge vocation activity that the district publicise and know heaps about or whether you run a small vocation activity within your community- I'd love to know about it.

All you have to do is email me:

The activity
Date/time of year
Whether it is open to community or to district.

emily_ryan_30@hotmail.com

COL AND COR UPDATES

The District Resolutions committee to put out some information about the Council on Legislation for 2022 and the Council on Resolutions in November this year. In both cases, Clubs in the District have missed out by the deadlines for both of these Councils, but the information is pertinent should any District Club wish to propose an ENACTMENT or a RESOLUTION. PDG Bob Ryan is the District representative to both these Councils and he will also be sending to Clubs via the enews and is available to answer any questions (as am I), to Clubs that are seeking to make amendments to either the Constitution and Bylaws and to raise a resolution on any topic of interest or concern.

So here is the information:

Types of Legislation

There are two types of legislation:

- Proposed enactments seek to change Rotary's constitutional documents (the RI Constitution, RI Bylaws, and the Standard Rotary Club Constitution).
- Position statements seek to state a position of Rotary International and are only proposed by the Board of Directors.

Proposing Enactments

Clubs, districts, the RI Board, the general council or conference of RIBI, or the Council on Legislation may propose enactments to the Council on Legislation. However, an enactment submitted by a club must also be endorsed by the clubs in its district at a district conference, a district legislation meeting, or through a club ballot, before it can be submitted to Rotary.

Drafting an Enactment

Enactments amend the constitutional documents:

- RI Constitution,
- RI Bylaws, and
- Standard Rotary Club Constitution

To begin, consider impactful changes. Constitutional documents are an organization's foundation and define its structure. When proposing changes, try to address the structure and organization of Rotary. Changes should be more permanent, not ones that can change as policies are updated.

Enactments should not address process, policy, or procedures. These types of changes should be suggested through resolutions, so that the Board and Trustees can decide whether to update Rotary's or The Rotary Foundation's Codes of Policies. The Codes are more flexible and are changed more frequently.

More information will be provided in the coming months.

SHOWCASING THE WONDERFUL IMPACT OF ROTARY – ZONE 8 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE 2021

Have you registered yet? <https://rotaryzone8.org/sitepage/2021-zone-8-national-conference/registration>

To celebrate our Centenary, this year's Zone 8 conference is all about sharing the wonderful impact of Rotary. It will take place on 11 & 12 September.

There are some great reasons to attend this year's event:

- Be inspired by Rotary projects in communities around our Zone
- Meet some of our Rotary heroes – dedicating their lives to making a positive difference
- Learn new ways to deepen engagement and impact from Rotary's senior leaders
- Connect with Rotary friends old and new
- Share the 'big picture' of Rotary impact with your newer members
- Be inspired to deepen your engagement and make an even greater difference through Rotary

The 2021 event is virtual with a flexible two-day program designed to inspire and energise you. The event will have all the best elements of the face to face conference – you can listen to great speakers, ask questions, network with Rotarians friends (old and new) and choose the sessions you want to attend – all from the comfort of your home or in a shared space with other Rotarians and friends.

This event will bring together the best of Rotary in one place over one weekend, running on both days from 11.30 – 1.00 pm AEST.



Introducing Team Leaders for RYLA 2022

After a very lengthy zoom meeting by the Management Committee & 26 outstanding applications the Team Leaders for 2022 have been selected. These RYLArians have to show not only leadership potential but have individual qualities that will complement each other as a team going into Camp. We look forward to working with them & to oversee their continual growth on the leadership journey. Selection is our most difficult task & we thank every RYLArian who applied.

Leaders Leader

Luke Massey - RC Tamworth First Light



Leaders

Luka Grace - RC Armidale Central



Daniel James - RC Coonabarabran



Charlotte Moore - RC Port Macquarie



Samantha Werleman - RC Narrabri



NYSF UPDATE

Congratulations to all the year 11 students who took the step to apply for this amazing Rotary sponsored program. Over the past two weekends, the district committee interviewed 29 successful students and they progressed to now look forward to becoming an NYSFer in January 2022.

Congratulations to the students and thanks to their sponsoring Rotary Clubs for nominating and supporting these students.

Sarah Waters & Sam Ball – Armidale RC; Maya Hess & Fletcher Schultz – Armidale Central RC; Phoebe O’Grady – Coffs Harbour RC; San Bleechmore & Georgia Kuchel – Coffs Harbour City RC; Rebecca Leishman – Coffs Harbour Daybreak; Nicola Baker – E Club 9650; William Allistone, Isable Richardson & Holly White – Inverell East RC; Jordan Blockey , Hayley Jacob-Harju & Sonja Stone – Nambucca Valley RC; Ruby Berryman, Mia Dawson, Zachary Morgan & Hannah Stewart – Port Macquarie RC; Sophie Johnstone & Zella Nichols – Tamworth RC; Heramb Dayananda & Joseph Melville – Tamworth First Light RC; Iren Ling – Taree on Manning RC; Angus Scrivener – Walcha RC; Quinn Waytson – Woolgoolga; Kayla Bayley, Peter Gooley, Joseph Hill, Lauren Neville

The last four students would love some help from a Rotary club! If there is a club who could assist one of these students, please contact Di Hall 0411704654 or dihall605@gmail.com and I will introduce you to an amazing teenager.

Special recognition to 4 young people who are navigating year 12 during a pandemic and found the time to spend over two successive weekends on the interviewing panels with Rotarians. They attended NYSF in 2021 and appreciated the experience so much they volunteered their time to assist this year’s applicants. They were so much fun and it was a privilege for us to work with them again.

Special thanks to WenYuan Lim Schneider, Patrick Gutheridge, Taree RC, Thomas Boorer from Quirindi RC and Kari Donaldson sponsored by Boggabri RC.

Also congratulations to Patrick Gutheridge and Kari Donaldson who have been successful in being appointed as staffies for the 2022 NYSF. They have been through another interview process and will now undertake leadership training as they continue to navigate year 12. These young people are special!!

#CELEBRATINGOURMEMBERS

Thank you to the Clubs for their contributions to the District Facebook campaign....keep the stories and photos coming so we can showcase Rotary across our District to our community. Shout out to Dennis and the Rotary Club of Wingham and Hastings Rotaract for being our early adopters

The Wingham Rotary boosted post reaching over 750 people and there were close to 60 engagements with the story. An example of \$10 spent on social media.

Rotary District 9650
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#celebratingourmembers
Dennis was introduced to the **Wingham Rotary Club** over 15 years ago at a time when he was running a family business and felt it was a good way to engage and volunteer in the local community. Dennis has enjoyed friendships and working on local projects such as the Chinese Gardens. Getting involved in events such as The Expo also provided Dennis with the opportunity to connect with the community.
Do you want to connect and get involved and make a dif... [See More](#)

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ROTARY CLUB OF WINGHAM

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Rotary District 9650
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#celebratingourmembers
The **Hastings Rotaract** Family Fun Day event last year aimed to assist in providing people with a sense of community after the recent drought and bushfires of the 2019/2020 fire season. Many individuals in the community had lost property, animals and even more devastatingly friends and relatives.
With the assistance of a District Disaster Grant the day at Kendall Showground was a chance for the community to come together for a completely free day of f... [See More](#)

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ROTO KIDS

UPDATE

Rous Rotakids is sponsored by the ERotary Club of District 9650. Worthy news article for the enews. Ken Rous RotaKids raised \$40.00 today from 16 students with yellow ice- blocks & cup-cakes for Cancer Council Research.... absolutely thrilled with these young people / staff / school community. How fortunate are we to have these beautiful little leaders in our making.

Rous RotaKids in action for Daffodil Day, 27.8.21, despite COVID-19. --- so proud of these chn. They are committed.



There was great excitement recently in the Manning Valley. On a perfect winter day, Peace Poles, donated by the Rotary Club of Taree to 3 local schools were officially unveiled by General Sir Peter and Lady Lynne Cosgrove. In a delightful touch, at each of the schools, Sir Peter called on the youngest student to assist him and Lady Cosgrove in the unveiling. We have little doubt that it will be a day that the students in particular will treasure.

It was a particularly significant event for Bobin Public School, in a community ravaged by fire in late 2019 where many are still trying to come to terms with their loss. Principal Sarah Parker said "When Ian first approached me with the idea of installing a Peace Pole for Bobin School I thought it was very timely. Establishing a Peace Pole in the heart of our village, as a symbol of hope, feels very appropriate. It's a wonderful way to start again."

At Taree Public School, which opened in 1864, we were given a warm welcome to Biripi Country by renowned Indigenous artist Pastor Russell Saunders OAM. As a former student, Ian Dyball (kindergarten 1949, NOT 1864) was asked to ring the old school bell to welcome Sir Peter and Lady Lynne to unveil the Peace Pole.

The Rotary Club of Taree recently received a letter from the Executive Principal Karen Clark, in which she said "The pole will become an integral part of our journey to develop a culture of inclusivity, peace and harmony. Its relevance to our curriculum is significant and it will be at the forefront of such events as Sorry Day, Harmony Day and Anti-bullying Day as we carry forward the message of Peace.

Each Peace Pole proclaims the words "May Peace Prevail on Earth" written in 4 languages on each of the 4 sides: Gathang (Biripi) - celebrating our relationship with the Traditional Owners of this Land; Japanese - Celebrating our international friendship with sister Rotary Club Okayama Chuo; English - Celebrating our more recent British heritage; with MVAC and Taree Public choosing French, and Bobin choosing Braille.

We were thrilled to receive the support of The Rotary Foundation District Grant which funded the purchase of our Peace Poles.

PDG Ian Dyball



Julie Hennessy, Muni Osborne, District Governor David Mayne, Vicki Ho, Lois Wiggins and Garry Wiggins

Local Rotary clubs rally to boost youth

Trivia night answers the call

THE ROTARY Club of South West Rocks ran a trivia night at the Country Club to raise awareness and funds for Youth Insearh.

"We had a very entertaining night," Rotary Club of Kempsey West president Nathan Wierwick said.

"We were able to raise greater awareness of the work of Youth Insearh plus raise some funds for this great work."

Youth Insearh is young people helping young people - empowering young people aged 14 to 20 to rise above adversity and turn their disadvantages into their advantages, so they can reach their full potential.

Since 1985 Youth Insearh has helped over 30,000 young people to rebuild their lives, and currently assists around 1000 young people every year across NSW, Victoria and Queensland.

The strength of Youth Insearh is the way young people who have already attended the program and found support, new skills and greater resilience to work through their own challenges, go on to provide understanding and support to other young people walking their own journey of challenge.

By drawing on the resources of other young people who have also experienced their own hardships and worked to overcome them, young people attending Youth Insearh can see that there are positive alternatives and solutions rather than accepting a life of despair and destructive behaviours.

The charity's objectives are to:

- Reduce the incidence of crime, violence, drug and alcohol abuse, self-harm and suicide in young people
- Relieve the suffering and helplessness of young people
- Break the cycle of family breakdown
- Teach young people the positive values of life, and
- Increase school retention and employment.

Every year the local Rotary District Governor's partner selects a project for fundraising and creating a greater awareness of a community need.

"Building young persons' lives is so important for us all, especially when they have experienced hardship," Rotary 9650 District Governor's partner Heather Mayne said. Both District Governor

David Mayne and Heather attended the trivia night at South West Rocks.

"There are several local youth support services in Kempsey, for example the Macleay Valley Vocational College and YP Space in Kempsey," Rotary Club of South West Rocks president Muni Osborne said.

"The trivia night was a good fun way to raise awareness and some funds for Youth Insearh.

"It was especially good to be able to give our District Governor's project a cheque for \$1500 on the night, which will go directly to helping young people attend a camp.

"This was made possible only with the generous support of local business houses, the South West Rocks Country Club, our club members and the many supporters who attended and contributed."

Youth Insearh can be contacted on 1800 805-635.

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbours, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change - across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

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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