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DEEP THOUGHTS FROM DG DAVID

Over the last couple of weeks, I have received many emails and phone calls from Rotarians who are concerned about how the developing COVID-19 policies and legislations will impact directly on individual clubs, our District and Rotary International as a whole.

The best source for relevant and accurate information comes from Rotary International itself. The Web links below give excellent information about Rotary and its stance regarding not only COVID management and support but also in relation to vaccination attitudes and protocols.

In summary for 9650 we abide by the RI policy of encouraging vaccination for the common good of our members and our communities.

The question has been asked, "What happens if a Rotary member chooses not to be vaccinated?" This could be for many reasons and I can understand why this is seen as contentious. However, in most cases the matter is taken out of Rotary hands. This is especially in relation to club meeting places. Most clubs meet at service clubs such as Bowling or RSL clubs. All these come under the auspices of 'Clubs NSW'. Hotels and other hospitality organisations may be members of the Australian Hotels Association (AHA). This is a federation of not-for-profit employer associations registered under the Fair Work Act. They will determine a policy for clubs allowing or disallowing non-vaccinated people into their premises. If your club doesn't meet in one of these venues then your club needs to consult the venue provider to determine their own policy.

Once a policy or recommendation comes under the authority of State or Federal governance, then it may become legislation and therefore the law. It's important to note that as with the venues where Rotarians meet, the tiers of Government are still developing policies that may or may not become legislation.

The advice I can give today is to check with your club's respective meeting place venues to ascertain if they have or are developing a Vaccination Policy. Secondly, by upholding transparency and good governance within your individual clubs, declaring to the membership who is vaccinated and who is not, allows the membership the informed choice to decide their preferred attendance and participation ie: 'face to face' or a hybrid version with 'face to face' and 'online' combination meetings.

We must not discriminate between members but fully understand and respect the needs, wishes and safety of all Rotary members in your club and work to develop practical and inclusive solutions for all members.

Rotary is taking action in response to the pandemic as our clubs support COVID-19 vaccination and continued prevention efforts around the world.

Tapping into decades of experience in bringing polio to the brink of eradication, Rotary members worldwide are helping health authorities communicate lifesaving information about COVID-19 and vaccination, combatting misinformation, supporting fair and equal access to vaccines and curbing the spread of the virus by donating protective gear and other supplies to clinics and hospitals that are under strain.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-responds-covid-19>

Why vaccinations matter

Vaccines are one of the safest and most effective ways to protect people from life-threatening and preventable diseases. The COVID-19 pandemic has interrupted life-saving vaccine campaigns. As a result, there is a growing risk of resurgence of vaccine preventable infections including polio, measles, and tuberculosis.

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If you have something for the E-news please email editor Laura Telford at laura.telford@rotaryct.org.au before 5pm on Friday to make sure it will appear in the next edition!

Rotary has advocated, distributed and administered vaccines to help reduce polio cases by 99.9% worldwide. Clubs globally are using the same strategy to help end the COVID-19 pandemic. Here we show the importance of vaccines and why it's one of the most reliable ways to protect yourself and future generations from infectious disease.
<https://www.rotary.org/en/why-vaccinations-matter>
Remember, Every Rotary member is important and valuable to your club.
David Mayne DG

DISTRICT AMBASSADOR NEEDED

As one of his key initiatives, Rotary President Shekhar Mehta is prioritizing projects that focus on improving the health, education, well-being, and economic security of girls and young women across the globe. He is encouraging clubs and districts to empower girls in all of the service initiatives they undertake during the 2021-22 Rotary year.

The beauty of Rotary is that service means different things to different people around the world. One element, however, that we can incorporate into all of our service initiatives is empowering girls. Unfortunately, even in this day and age, girls and young women face disproportionate challenges all over the world. We have the power to lead the charge for gender equality. Empowering girls and young women to have greater access to education, better healthcare, more employment, and equality in all walks of life should be embedded in every Rotary project we launch. Girls are future leaders, so we must ensure that we help them shape their future.

PDG Susan Wakefield has been appointed the 'Zone 8' Ambassador for the empowering girl's initiative of President Shekhar Mehta. We are also looking for a 9650 District 'ambassador' (representative) to help inform our members and drive these initiatives.

If any member is interested in this role and feels they would like to know more, please email me and I will send you further information about what is required as well putting you in contact with Susan Wakefield.

David Mayne DG

PARTNERS PROJECT - YOUTH INSEARCH

It's been lovely to continue to meet some of our fellow Rotary friends across the District via Zoom despite the State Lockdown. I know people complain about 'Zooming.' However, I prefer to feel grateful that we at least have an option accessible to us to continue to meet up with friends, family and colleagues. Imagine if we didn't?? That lack of being able to connect with people who care about us would really impact us I'm sure.

That's the backbone of Youth Insearch - Connection. Sadly many of our young people are searching for connection, for someone who believes that they are worth caring for despite their mishaps, mistakes or muddled-up emotions, that they are capable of great things and who will pick them up, dust them off and guide them to find out how they can navigate for themselves the ever-challenging world around them.

Whilst the Youth Insearch camps have a profound impact on these young people, it is in maintaining a stable connection with them AFTER the camp that really is what makes the impact. Weekly support catch ups are absolutely game-changing for these young people as they return to their home communities needing that connection to help them find the strength and resources they need for positive change.

I encourage all clubs to reach out to the youth crisis and support agencies in your area and tell them about Youth Insearch. Find out what they do to help young people. Do you or they know of any qualified Youth Workers, Counsellors or Social Workers who might be interested in working for Youth Insearch as one of these stable support adults in a Place-Based Support Model in your area?

Here is a link to a recent article on the Youth Insearch website describing how a place-based model helps to support young people returning from camps but also adds benefit to another youth support agency in the community.

<https://youthinsearch.org.au/blog/place-based-model-action>

Donations are also always welcomed to assist Youth Insearch (YI) to fund online methods of maintaining support connections with YI Participants during periods of lockdown and lack of face to face. District's Partner Project bank details are:

Regional Australia Bank BSB 932 - 000

Account: 100470393

Sub account under the D9650 account is called 2021 - 22 Youth Insearch

Please reference your club or donor's name

Heather Mayne



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.

ROTO KIDS FUN



Rous Rotakids President, Secretary & Vice-President supervising the delivery of mulch from Ballina Shire Council Nursery for the new trees. Ballina Shire Council Nursery donated the mulch & 15 Spotted Gums. The students were so excited as their environmental project started to unfold.

National Tree Day was celebrated on the 30th of July 2021 planting gum trees for the Koala colony that is in the bush on the school perimeter / completing associated work units K-6.



Rous Rotakids President Daisy Eather taking time to guide the little ones in removing the seedlings from the canisters. (Daisy is kneeling).



Was this a good whole-school project? --- student smiles says it all !!!



Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) work units proudly displayed.

For the District E-News. Rous Rotakids is at Rous Public School, Rouse Hill, Lismore and is sponsored by the E-Rotary Club of District 9650.

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
Email: elizabeth.tollis@gmail.com

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.

It's coming back!!

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

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

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS INFORMATION NIGHT

**THURSDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2021
7PM**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83277902522?
pwd=QIk2MFVnSIROWIFyVURVbUN0bFpiZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83277902522?pwd=QIk2MFVnSIROWIFyVURVbUN0bFpiZz09)

Meeting ID: 832 7790 2522
Passcode: 009660

**Please ensure that there is one representative
from each club at this meeting**



I am really pleased to announce that RYPEN is happening again in District 9650.

I have attached a trifold brochure which gives you all the information about the program and I can assure you that the committee has been working (and will continue to work) hard on putting together a program which will encourage our students to develop their skills in Communication.....Confidence.....Commitment in a positive and fun environment.

What can you do?

Seek out students in your community of high school age (13-17) and encourage them to participate in what you know is a valuable program for them to secure a safe passage through their teenage years.

You can assist in funding part of their fee to attend.

There will be no interviews for selection. The committee will rely on your choices of participants, and we hope that we can take them all!!

The Leaders will be selected from the RYLA group who will go through a training session specifically designed for RYPEN.

We have established a presence on the D9650 website www.rotary9650.org.au/rypen

We have also established a RYPEN specific email address rotary9650rypen@gmail.com

The committee will be very happy to answer any of your questions and take on board any suggestions you might share. As the date for applications is early in Term 1 2022 (25 February) can we advise clubs to start looking for possible participants prior to the end of 2021. We have left the closing date until the very latest so we would appreciate your cooperation here.

Please print the brochure and distribute it as you wish but I do ask that you print it in colour.

With the difficulties and disappointments that our young people have experienced in the last 2 years, I am sure that you will agree that there is no better time than now to launch this program.

NEW LEARNING CENTRE COURSE: PUBLIC RELATIONS AND YOUR CLUB

Rotary's newest self-paced learning module, Public Relations and Your Club, is now available. Take this 15-minute online course and learn strategies for using media and public relations to gain visibility, increase awareness of club initiatives, and promote your impact in the community.



Investing in the future of your community...

So much is expected of young people today, yet society doesn't often give them time to sit down and work out "Who am I? What am I doing? What can I do? And yet these are fundamental questions for anyone wishing to serve their community. RYLA gives that opportunity to take a week out of their hectic young lives to reflect upon themselves, their community, their opportunities, and their own developmental journey.

Saturday 29th April – Saturday 7th May 2022
Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation Centre
(Application coming soon on D9650 webpage)



REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!



ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE




now virtual

10AM-12PM SATURDAY 13 NOVEMBER +
10AM-12.30PM SUNDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2021
(MELBOURNE TIME)

LIVE ON ZOOM

BOOK NOW
ram.rawcs.com.au/2021conference



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AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH PHILANTHROPIC FOUNDATIONS FUNDRAISING GROUP

Australian Rotary Health is seeking to expand into the Foundations and Philanthropic world based on some recent research, carried out by the Executive Committee of the ARH Board. These are new roles for Rotarians interested in building and managing long term relationships at commercial, operational and personal levels on behalf of ARH. These are not one-off project tasks, but rather longer-term commitments to design, develop and implement programs that will generate funding for national medical research programs. This Board Sub-Committee would work closely with the ARH Research Grant Committee, and the ARH Board to ensure strong "matching" between ARH, the Philanthropic Foundation and the recipient research organisation / individual researcher(s).

For more information please contact CEO Joy Gillett OAM - joy@arh.org.au.



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CELEBRATING GENERATIONS OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE

#CELEBRATING YOUR MEMBERS

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.

