

# E NEWS D9650

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CHANGE LIVES**

## THIS ISSUE

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story



## THOUGHTS AND REFLECTIONS WITH DGD

We were back on the road this week visiting clubs and had thoroughly enjoyable time meeting members and seeing some amazing projects. I wish to thank those clubs we visited since the COVID-19 restrictions have been lessened and applaud each club as they showed great governance and compliance to COVID safe protocols. I also want to thank the management teams of each club that took valuable time out to spend with me to discuss any club and District issues as well as giving a tremendous and insightful overview of their clubs, projects and the programs they support. All I can say is well done; it was truly inspiring. The welcome we received at my Official 'Cluster 5' visits was unbelievable and very much appreciated as were my recent DG visits to clubs in Cluster's 1,2,4 and 6. I want to thank the Assistant Governors for being at these meetings and for your attendance when I met with club boards. I very much appreciate your support, encouragement and advice.

As stated in an earlier E-News, Due to COVID restrictions a lot of DG club visits were postponed however, not cancelled. The currently scheduled visits are listed online and in the District Directory. At this stage, they are as presented. For those clubs that I unfortunately missed due to

'Lockdowns' and other restrictions, I will be shortly contacting you to reschedule an appropriate date that will suit.

To everyone, again thank you for your support and for the amazing reception that both Heather and I receive on our travels to your magnificent clubs. In short, well done and keep up the great work as you serve to change lives.

This past week at a District Governor visit in Dorrigo, Rotarians recited the following Rotary Grace before the meal. I was not only impressed with the words and sentiments but also how it was composed in a collaborative approach by members. They are more than happy for other clubs to use it.

The Dorrigo Rotary Grace; Please Join me in a moment of reflection and thanks with these words:

With our friends beside us,  
And no person beneath us,  
With the bonds of Rotary between us,  
And our worries behind us,  
With our goals before us,  
And no task beyond us,  
With a thirst of knowledge,  
And a dream of a polio and COVID free world,  
We are thankful for our Rotary friends and the meal we are about to share.

DG David

## WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

More Working with Children Check extensions announced

**Working with Children Checks due to expire between 27 September 2021 and 26 January 2022 have been extended for three months.** People who are granted an extension will be advised by email and the system will be automatically updated.

As restrictions are extended due to COVID-19, the primary concern for the Office of the Children's Guardian is the safety of children.

A NSW Working with Children Check clearance lasts for 5 years and then needs to be renewed

There are more than 80,000 clearances in NSW that are due to



## AUNTY MIM IS 107!

Last week DG David's Aunty Mim celebrated her 107th birthday.

She is still going strong. Her mind is like a steel trap. Doing cryptic crosswords and doing internet research.

When asked about Covid, she says, "I have been through two world wars, economic collapse and now two pandemics. I just keep smiling."

Congratulations and happy birthday from District 9650.



29<sup>th</sup> April – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022  
Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation Centre

Application forms now online  
[www.rotary9650.org.au/Ryla](http://www.rotary9650.org.au/Ryla)

**Invest in the future of Rotary...**

Please encourage your members to:

- identify** potential participants
- tell** them about the RYLA program
- share** the positive impact it will have on their lives
- encourage** them to apply
- encourage** employers in your Club to sponsor an employee
- invest** in the future of your Club

**The program is brilliant, the results outstanding, the experience is life changing.**



expire in the next four months. This includes teachers and medical staff who require a clearance and may be restricted in their capacity to go to a Service NSW Centre to finalise their **renewal application**. **The Children's Guardian has extended clearances that were due to expire from 27 September to 26 January for a further three months. This extension will not apply to those previously extended in July 2021.**

People who are granted an extension will be advised by email and the system will be automatically updated. Employers should update their records to indicate the change in their employee's expiry date.

People applying for the first time will need to go through the regular application process, which includes attending a Service NSW centre to verify their identity. This is to maintain the integrity of the Working with Children Check and ensure that children are not put at undue risk.

## **DISTRICT GRANT APPLICATIONS**

District Grant Applications close on the 31st October 2021 for any club in District 9650 to make an application for up to \$4000 for any club initiated project in your community or in the International arena. Funding for these projects is \$31500 US or approx. AUD \$42000 so the total amount to each club will be dependent on the applications received.

Many of you would be aware of the new software education being conducted by Di Hall and Bruce Hemmit and have taken the opportunity to familiarize yourselves with this new system and submitted projects online through this process. This has been a lot of hard work and we thank them and you for the time and effort involved. Others of course may still submit applications using the old system and these will be considered as part of the process.

So get those applications rolling in and hopefully you may receive funding to assist one of your projects.

**This photo depicts 2 x 5000L tanks at Kokoda in PNG to assist with Health and Water sanitation and providing safe water.**



Elizabeth Tollis as the Grants Chair has asked any recipients from last year or previous years to submit photos of their project.

Inverell Rotary Club

## DISTRICT GRANTS TRAINING

The District Grants Committee and the Technology Committee are offering training for clubs so that you can submit a Grant Application using DacDB for 2022. Please inform your grant writing team that they will need to attend one of the training sessions so as to become familiar with the new process. There will be no paper alternative.

**The zoom training sessions are scheduled for:**

**Monday 11 October 2021 at 7pm**

**Wednesday 13 October 2021 at 7 pm**

If you are unable to attend one of these please contact Di Hall and let her know what day will suit you. I estimate the session will last max 2 hours.

Please do the following preparation for the session. If you take a few minutes to do this preparation, the session will be more valuable for you personally.

1. Log in to DacDB as per the attachment if you haven't already done so once.
2. Prepare a grant brief and budget for your anticipated project; What is the project? Why are you doing it? Who is involved? What is your budget?

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If you do your homework the session will almost complete your grant for you!!

Have 2 screens available to work with:

One with the zoom on it so you can see the instructions and a second screen with DacDB on it so you can do the work straight to the computer. Put the zoom in an iPad or a smaller screen. Have 2 laptops side by side? Be creative!

There will be support throughout the process as we navigate this system together for the first time. These two sessions are the first and after that, we can organise more as the need arises.

## POLIO MOVIE FOR 2021

With lockdowns in so many parts of Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands, the pent-up demand for a fun event is stronger than ever.

To enable more communities to participate, this year's Polio Movie Event has been scheduled to start later than usual—from 2nd December.

**The movie is THE DUKE:**  
•“a ridiculously charming British comedy” and  
“stranger-than-fiction true story”  
•with two very popular stars—Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren.

•Rotary has a three-week pre-release window—it's not open to the general public until Boxing Day.

Apart from fun and fundraising, this year's event also provides an opportunity to help your local cinema to recover from the pandemic. The amount paid to the cinema would not normally be less than \$10 per seat and a typical ticket price might be \$20.

To arrange an event, talk to the group booking person at your cinema and make sure they plan to offer this movie to the public. The cinema can

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# BE FIT FOR YOU

This is to help our club raise funds for Lift the Lid, Blackdog Institute, Billabong Clubhouse Tamworth and RCTFL.

You can register or donate via <https://benefitforyou.raisely.com/>



Very easy to register: follow on the website above, click take the challenge (you can do this individually or as a team), enter your personal info, create an account, set your km goal and fundraising target (you can go small - \$50 or you can go big - \$1,000+), pay the \$5 registration fee and you're all set to go.

After that, all you need to do is share the fundraiser via Email or on Social Media, ask your contacts for donations and get moving towards your targets! Simple as!!!

Anyone can register, they do not have to be a club member.

This fundraiser will end Oct 31st.

Any issues - email, ring or see Marina on Wednesday, Phone 0403 759 148.

Marina has gotten the ball rolling, so it's over to you to help keep it going!

## THE ROTARY OPEN OF TAMWORTH!

“The Rotary Open of Tamworth” is on again.

Be in the running to win the “STUNNING Gold & Blue Jacket”

**Friday 12th November 2021 Tamworth Golf Club**

**\$40 per person**

**Shotgun Start**

**Individual Stableford**

**Book and pay at the Pro Shop with Brock Sampson, individually or as a 4 phone 6765 9980**

You may like to donate a prize Lots of fun and BBQ lunch included Presentation and drinks to follow the golf PROCEEDS to LOCAL CHARITIES

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Then make all the arrangements to source the movie from the distributor, Transmission Films—there's no need for clubs to get involved in that. To assist you in promoting the event, we've created a template that your club can use to create your own marketing materials:

[https://www.dropbox.com/s/ux7cepjt3id5iwx/THE\\_DUKE\\_Poster.pptx?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/ux7cepjt3id5iwx/THE_DUKE_Poster.pptx?dl=0)



It's a PowerPoint file—simply insert your club name and event details and:

- save it as a PDF and arrange for your local printer to produce posters and handouts
- save it as a graphics file and post it to your social media, website, newsletter, etc.

It would be great if you could arrange showings of THE DUKE in your community. Let's make this year's Polio Movie Event a blockbuster—and End Polio Now!

Kind regards

ROB BYRNE  
Rotary liaison Officer

- Have you always wanted to create new posters, brochures, facebook posts?
- Have you heard of Canva but really didn't know where to start or too tentative to step in?

Join interested Rotarians to learn more.

Our Zone 8 PR champions have some guided training for us all! Sunday, 31 October @ 1pm (AEDT) for an hour - noting daylight saving time.

REGISTER NOW at <https://rotaryzone8.org/sitepage/public-image/ready-get-set-canva> or scan the QR code below.



Further information:

John Worldon – 0412 374 371 John Treloar – 0418 659 052 Deb

Barnes – 0411 770 552



## TECHNOLOGY REPORT

Thank you to those who have spent the time learning the new DACdb database and to those from the 46 clubs who took the Grants training session this week. If you started a grant during the session which was just to play during the session and you don't intend to develop it, please go back on the database and delete it.

If you need more help, please don't hesitate to call at any time 0411704654. District Grant Applications close on 31 October 2021

DACdb is undertaking some changes in its presentation at the moment. The login page is changing. Ignore the advertising they have placed on the page and proceed through the login as before. New logo:



The Mobile Phone App will be released in the next few days. You can have a look at it by accessing [m.dacdb.com](http://m.dacdb.com) on your mobile in safari (or your internet search app) and use the password you have created in DACdb. Di Hall camp; Bruce Hemmett

NYSF Orientation

The Orientation for 2022 students and parents will be held on zoom on Sunday

24 October starting at 11 am. Rotarians are welcome to attend this session if

you would like more information about the structure of NYSF. I will send the zoom link to participating clubs. If any other clubs would like to attend, please

contact Di Hall for the link.

Please keep in contact with your students so they can also you informed of their progress. District 9650 has 30 students who have been offered a place at NYSF in 2022.

**When: 1-3 April 2022**

**Where: Lake Keepit Sport camp; Recreation Centre**

**Cost: \$250 per person**

**Who: Year 7 – 12 students**

For more information follow the QR code or site <http://www.rotary9650.org.au/rypen>



# AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH NEWS

Follow this link for the latest Health news! or the QR code below. /your-latest-news-from-australian-rotary-health-2097174



## YOUTH INSEARCH

The Honourable David Hurley; Patron of Youth Insearch gives some statistics about the success of the program for more than 35 years. The proof of the value of this youth support program is that it has lasted the test of time and has statistics as a result that demonstrate the effectiveness of this format.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2vzPi1xiNRQ>



## HEALTH AWARENESS

Here is mental health awareness project from the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie West. Feel free to share with your business community and school Executives. To register copy and paste the eventbrite link (in blue) <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/rotarys-madhatter-online-mental-health-tea-party-tickets-185668769287>

**Rotary**  **Madhatter's**  
*Online*  
**Tea Party**

Gather your team all in the same room, eat something delicious and join in on Zoom. Covid's been a weird time and you've handled a lot It's time to recharge and put mental health on top Just for a laugh wear a 'mad' or 'rad' hat Mental Health is important - it's a matter of fact.

Resilience NSW Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons presents on *Finding Resilience in Tough Times - top tips* \$5 donation  
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/rotarys-madhatter-online-mental-health-tea-party-tickets-185668769287>

 Presenting 1:30 - 2:30 October 27th



# ROTARY & INTERPLAST A GOOD NEWS STORY

**Fifteen-year-old Rashmi dreams of being a doctor. When Interplast last met the Sri Lankan schoolgirl, she was busy studying for her Ordinary-Level examinations, undertaken in the final two years of high school.**

Aiming to enrol in a biology stream for her higher studies, Rashmi's goal was to become a doctor and help others, as she has been helped over many years.

Born with a congenital facial dysmorphic condition, Rashmi is certainly no stranger to the medical profession. Since her early childhood, the brave schoolgirl has undergone multiple reconstructive surgeries performed by local surgeons in Sri Lanka.



Rashmi with her Mum, Ruhi

Rashmi's mother Ruhi was told by another patient of the work of the Interplast team at the National Hospital in the country's capital, Colombo.

Dropping her two siblings off at school early, Rashmi travelled with her mother for the two-hour round trip from Kalutara in Sri Lanka's Western Province, where the family live, to reach Colombo's National Hospital and meet the Interplast team.

Led by Interplast volunteer surgeon Dr Charles Davis, with assistance from a local surgeon, Rashmi underwent a successful eye socket and nasal reconstruction, the fourth procedure in her surgical journey.

For more information please contact your Interplast District Chair, or Interplast Rotary Coordinator, Janette Etherington, on [janette.etherington@interplast.org.au](mailto:janette.etherington@interplast.org.au)

Ruhi was pleased with the significant improvement in her daughter's condition, noting that Rashmi's confidence and self-esteem had improved and that she was doing well at school. She was no longer subjected to any stigma or negative behaviour, nor made to feel different because of her condition.

Grateful for the opportunity for her daughter to undergo the surgery, Ruhi offered her blessings to the Interplast team, saying she hoped other people in her nation with similar conditions to Rashmi's would have the same chance as her daughter.

Ruhi believes that awareness programs are critical to enable others living in peripheral areas like her family, to become aware of the opportunity Interplast could provide, thereby reaching more people in need.

Following the surgery, Dr Davis recommended to the family that upon turning 18, Rashmi would need to undergo further surgery, something both she and her family welcomed.

Rashmi is hoping that the Interplast team will soon return to complete her treatment, enabling her to fully focus on her academic pursuits, and to give back to others.



Rashmi with her Mum and her doctor

Rotary donations have contributed to training Sri Lankan surgeons, so that patients like Rashmi can live a life free from disfigurement and stigma. Donations are especially welcome during the pandemic, and will help train surgeons remotely.



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