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THOUGHTS AND REFLECTIONS WITH DGD

What a week. I visited the wonderful members of the Gunnedah Rotary club at the Courthouse Hotel. Aably Chaperoned by Assistant Governor Rod Browne, it was an amazing night with President Jamie and his Board sharing all the wonderful things the club has done for the district and their community. Then off to Moree on Gwydir where President Greg made me feel at home with the other members as we enjoyed a meal at the Golf Club.

I reiterate that the best part of the District Governor role is meeting the members and seeing the great community work they do. Then I caught up with 2015 Rylarian Greg Fisher, who is also the current President of the Moree Rotary Club. I must mention the hospitality of Mary Reiner who went out of her way not only make me feel completely at home but also share with me the community links they have in Moree and the projects that the club is involved with. My highlight of this visit was meeting with Mary's husband Leo. Well! what an insightful gentleman. I think if time permitted, he and I could have sat down and chatting for hours. Next week I'm off to Wee Waa, Coonamble and Lightning Ridge then Quirindi and Nambucca so the miles keep ticking over.

If any of you feel disheartened and even questioning why they remain in Rotary, then please consider the fantastic work we all do at so many levels from Rotary International to our local communities. This has done my spirit good when I meet dedicated Rotarians in regional areas that see the 'big picture' of what Rotary is and put their service into practice. Thank you to each and every one of you for not only your service but who you are as individuals and the part you play in a much, much bigger picture.

When dealing with people we all need to face that we are dealing with a myriad of differing personalities, characteristics and even agendas however, we must consider that Rotary is bigger than all that. Sometimes it's best to smile and just get on with it.

DG David Mayne



Davis Mayne and Mathew Priestly, Senior Community Engagement

A GOOD NEWS STORY

I recently received a request from overseas in Denmark. Having travelled extensively throughout the world with Long Term exchange, Rotary Friendship exchange and in my role as Past District Governor, I understand the ease with which Rotary friendships develop over a short time span - some of which are last and enduring and others that we forget about after some time.

So I was surprised when I received a cold call from Mathilde Dahlkvist of Denmark with a request for me to give her details of a student from District 9650 who did her Long Term exchange for one year in Denmark in 2001-2 and stayed with Mathilde's host family. This came to me via my Facebook Messenger page - ahhh!! the power of social media. Her name was Kelly Garland who was



RYLArian at the helm...

Sari James RYLA 2021

Graciously taking on the job of Editor for D9650 eNews Sari hopes to continue on where Laura left off.

Sari, from Glen Innes, came to RYLA wanting to gain more confidence. I'm sure she gained just that by putting herself forward for this job.

She has volunteered in the community in the past with the local Arts Council, enjoys kayaking & arts & crafts.

Sari is also a member of Young Leaders Rotary Club of NSW who met earlier in the month in Tamworth for RYLA O Day.

Recently purchasing her first home I wish Sari well in this new endeavour & the bright future ahead of her.

Proud RYLA Mum Louise



Photo by Keleni Grant-
@lenigrantpix on Instagram

sponsored by the Great Lakes Rotary Club in District 9650.

Well the search has taken about two weeks with the help of John Walton, chair of Long Term exchange at the time and Peter Driese of Great Lakes Rotary Club (and whose wife is related to Kelly) and has been successful. Today I had a conversation with Kelly and she was thrilled to both remember me and also Mathilde. I have been able to send contact information for Kelly to Mathilde and hopefully in the very near future, they will be reunited.

So that is the power of Rotary. We can catch up with anyone, everywhere in the world. A good news story.

Ken Hall

ROTARY D9650 SHOWCASE WEEKEND

You are invited to register to attend the Rotary District 9650 Showcase Weekend that will be held at West Tamworth League Club, Phillip Street West Tamworth Saturday 27 November 2021 and Sunday 28 November 2021.

Distributed with this week's E-News is the Agenda for the Showcase Weekend together with the Registration Form to be completed preferably one per Club with one payment via direct deposit to the District 9650 Training Account as per the BSB and Account number specified on the Registration Form.

For those that wish to the actual Registration can be done via DACdb thanks to the work undertaken by our Technology team of Bruce Hemmett and Di Hall.

The links to DACdb as advised by Bruce Hemmett are as follows:

There are 2 types of links - The first is where a member has a DACdb password, The 2nd bypasses the DACdb login

Use this link to take a member user to the landing page for the event:

<https://www.dacdb.com/index.cfm?EventID=77565116>

Request ezLink:



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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Use this link to take a Member to an Event page where the member can request an ezLink for the Event. The ezLink will be mailed to the member's email whereby they can bypass the login process and register directly for the Event.

<https://Registrations.DACdb.com/Register/ezLink.cfm?EventID=77565116>



Further, in relation to Showcase, we have prepared a great Agenda for learning and understanding in Rotary to enable Clubs and Rotarians to better provide Rotary service in their respective communities. We have also allowed plenty of time for socialising and reconnecting with all attendees.

We have Trudy Grice, the Rotary International Club and District Support Coordinator from Sydney who will be joining us for the Showcase weekend, after receiving approval to attend in person.

We will also have very practical overviews of the following:
great resources in the Rotary International Learning Centre
the new District database (DACdb) for club and District administration

RYLA 2022

RYPEN 2022

Youth Insearch

Youth Protection latest updates

The Rotary Foundation

Using DACdb for developing and administering Global Grants

Rotaract updates

Our newest Rotary Club

District Conference 2022

As previously indicated there will be 2 Special General Meetings (SGMs) Saturday morning prior to the start of Showcase. These 2 SGMs will address the following and separate Agendas apply for each SGM:

Special General Meeting - To receive and adopt the 2020-2021 Audited Financial Statements for D9650. This Agenda and attached Financial Statements issued by me as D9650 Finance Committee

Chair to Club Presidents and Club Secretaries on 30 September 2021

Special General Meeting - Constitution & Bylaws for District 9660 and the formal determination to transfer D9650 into D9660 in accordance with the Rotary International determination. This Agenda and attachments issued by District Secretary PDG Rob Anderson to Club Presidents and Club Secretaries on 26 October 2021.

I remind Club Presidents and Club Secretaries of the need to review and action the requirements re Registration for the 2 SGMs on Saturday 27 November 2021 and also Proxy Voting for any Club that will not be represented at Tamworth in person.

In relation to Showcase, it is important to note that members and guests wishing to attend are double vaxxed and comply with the NSW Public Health Orders as per the League Club COVID Safety Plan.

I also encourage anyone that will be attending the Showcase weekend to arrange their own accommodation early to avoid disappointment.

I encourage you to consider attending this great Rotary learning and socialising experience in Tamworth 27-28 November 2022.

Attendees at past Rotary Showcase weekends have greatly enjoyed the weekend and I encourage you to attend if in fact you can. You will truly have a rewarding weekend in Tamworth.

Should you have any questions then please contact me.

PDG Neville Parsons

District Trainer D9650 and DGE D9660

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POSITION RE DISTRICT COMMITTEES MOVING INTO D9660

One of the questions that have been raised by Rotarians in District 9650 in relation to the new District 9660 is in relation to existing District Committees.

The Transition Committee in its work has identified all existing District Committees and the documentation that has been distributed to Clubs highlighting the Structure of District 9660 including the Board and Operations Committee have highlighted the Committees that will be continued under D9660.

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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



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

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2022

9650 District Conference 2022 is quickly approaching so please make sure you mark the dates **Friday 18th March to Sunday 20th March in your calendar.**

There will be a range of guest speakers, grand celebrations and lots of time for fellowship over this conference weekend, you won't want to miss it!

We will be celebrating all that District 9650 has achieved focusing on clubs and individuals who are the unsung heroes of our communities who put us in our current position so that we can serve. Expressions of interest for the Friday activities and registration for the conference will be coming out soon so please keep an eye on your emails.

Remember to save March 18 to 20 2022 in your calendar at Port Macquarie Panthers, 1 Bay Street Port Macquarie.

We can't wait to see you all there!

Jack Wilson
Conference Chair

The Committees will continue to deliver the various Rotary programs and focus but will be D9660 Committees comprising those Rotarians from the current D9650 and D9670 that have expressed an interest in being part of the various Committees or in some cases Rotarians that will be appointed by the actual Team leaders in D9660 responsible for the respective Committee(s).

As to the actual funds held by the respective operational Committees, they will transfer to the corresponding D9660 Committee on the transition of D9650 and D9670 into D9660. Examples of such in our District are among others the following Committees that are subject to Audit and indeed have been audited for the 2020-2021 year and those Accounts have been distributed to Club Presidents and Club Secretaries a part of the Special General Meeting Agenda re the SGM to sign off the 2020.2021 Financial Statements.

Those D9650 Committees are:

- Friendship exchange Committee
- Matched Short Term Exchange Committee
- MUNA
- RAWCS Committee
- RYLA Committee
- Youth Exchange Committee
- Youth Insearch Committee

It is also noted that the D9660 Committee will not only have the responsibility for managing the funds that are transferred from D9650 and D9670 but will also have the requirement to apply any specific funds for the purpose within each Committee that those funds were received.

This will ensure that any funds for a specific purpose are applied to that purpose.

I hope that this clarifies the position in relation to what will happen to the respective Committee funds on the merging of D9650 and D9670 to become D9670.

For those that were on the Constitutional Zoom Meeting held 23 September 2021 then my recommendation in relation to the application of any surplus funds in D9660 over and above the minimum Reserve Levels to be agreed was only in relation to

Operating Account Funds of D9650 and D9670 when they come into D9660. That is any funds within Committee Accounts on transfer will stay for those Committee purposes within D9660. I hope that this has further clarified this position as we move into D9660 on and from 1 July 2022.

PDG Neville Parsons
DGE D9660 & D9650 Finance Committee Chair

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

RYLA O-DAY

On October 16th, the Young Leaders Rotary Club hosted their first event; RYLA O Day. This one-day event was held at Tamworth West Leagues Club and saw over 20 RYLarians flocked to Tamworth from all over the District.

The event saw a range of guest speakers including DG David Mayne and Superintendent Kylie Endemi, Area Commander of the NSW Police, Oxley District. To bring this event to life, the Young Leaders Club partnered with RYLA Oceania who also secured some amazing guest speakers for the day including behavioural scientist, Dr Juliette Tobias-Webb and Australian ShelterBox CEO, Mike Greenslade.

In addition to these guest speakers, participants in the day also took part in several team-building exercises and activities. RYLA O Day saw past RYLarians connect once more in true RYLarian fashion while forging new friendships with other RYLarians from other years. So far, the Young Leaders Club Co-Presidents Caitlin Davey and Charlotte Moore have received positive feedback from participants of the day and plan on holding a similar event for RYLarians next year.

By Caitlin Davey.



MOREE PUBLIC SCHOOL

While on his club visits to Moree this week, DG David and Young Leaders Co-President Caitlin met with the Secretary of Moree Rotary Club, Mary Reiner, the Principal of Moree East Public School, Lorinda Potter and Senior Leader Community Engagement, Matthew Priestley.

The Young Leaders Club is currently participating in a project working with the school and Turramurra Rotary Club from D9670 that aims to improve the literacy skills of the Aboriginal students enrolled here. The project is called 'Books in Homes' and will see each student receive three brand new books per term for their home library while providing a much-needed addition to the school library. Lorinda and Matthew have big plans for the continual development of the school and recognise that building a cohesive community where students can reach their full potential is truly a whole-community affair; this is where Rotary comes in. They are looking to us as a support network that can help to see these children grow to become upstanding members of the community. Upon reflection, Matthew said 'The first thing that we teach these kids is to Love; to love one another, the community they live in and most importantly themselves. Only then can we begin to heal, and they reach their full potential.

Moree East Public School and its staff are truly a gem filled with untapped potential. The staff come with a drive for success and the go-getting motivation to improve not only the lives of their students but the entire community around them. What makes this school truly unique is the way the staff have artfully combined contemporary education with the cornerstone pillars of Aboriginal culture such as Dreaming stories and how they use these to teach not only the children but their families and the wider community.

If you would like any further information or to donate to the project, please reach out to me at cdavey.ylrc@gmail.com

Yours in Rotary, Caitlin Davey

ROTARY CLUB OF WOOLGOOLGA PRESS RELEASE

“Congratulations –job well done”

The Rotary Club of Woolgoolga recently awarded four “Pride of Workmanship” awards to Coffs Coast locals who go above and beyond for our community.

“The awards are made by many Rotary Clubs around Australia and recognise people who take great pride in doing their work well”, according to long-term Rotarian Dick Matthews.

It has been a particularly difficult few years in most workplaces, with many uncertainties and risks and probably greater frustration from clients and customers. Through all of that, these award winners have demonstrated their dedication, commitment, work ethic, leadership and teamwork, as well as their kindness, understanding and support for others.

“These things often go without praise, so Woolgoolga Rotary was very pleased to acknowledge some people, whom the community told us deserved recognition for the work they do and the way they go about it.”

At a celebration dinner on Monday 25 October, awards were presented to

- medical receptionist Pauline Cowie;
- medical doctor Dr Palani Kuppusamy;
- community volunteer worker Gai Newman; and
- aged care nurse Amandeep Bhumipal.

Woolgoolga is very proud to have these people working in and for our local community. For further information contact Pam Fayle, Rotary club of Woolgoolga 0418774031



Left to right.....Dr Palani Kuppusamy, Gai Newman, Amandeep Bhumipal, Pauline Cowie

RYLA

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

SAT 30TH APRIL -
SAT 7TH MAY 2022

LAKE KEEPIT SPORT & REC CENTRE



DISCOVER

WAYS TO BECOME A BETTER
ROLE MODEL AND FACE
IMPORTANT PERSONAL, WORK
AND SOCIAL ISSUES



EXCHANGE

IDEAS AND OPINIONS WITH
TALENTED, ENERGETIC PEOPLE
IN A SUPPORTIVE ATMOSPHERE
FREE FROM DISTRACTION



DEVELOP

CLOSE RAPPORT WITH YOUR
ROTARY CLUB, ORGANISATIONS
AND DECISION MAKERS IN
YOUR COMMUNITY

RYLA IS A POWERFUL AND VALUABLE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE AND DEVELOP SKILLS THAT PARTICIPANTS CAN POSITIVELY CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR COMMUNITIES.

The objective of RYLA is to empower participants with self-awareness, confidence and leadership skills to assist them in becoming more effective leaders. Many former RYLA Awardees have benefited in ways far beyond the course objective. Past RYLarians are part of the Leadership team and many go on to become more involved in community activities.

The program provides skills in many areas including understanding human behaviour, social interaction skills, committee functions, human values, leadership, presentation skills & public speaking, lifestyle issues, communication and

Participants must be 19 - 27 years of age and ideally involved in some form of leadership within their communities, or have shown leadership potential in the workplace. Other relevant information is in the application form found on the website. Potential candidates will be formally interviewed as part of the selection process and must undergo a formal screening process, which will include reference checks.



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QUERIES: Louise Matthews 0420 743 083 | DG David Mayne 0434 860 680
APPLICATIONS: lmjew@bigpond.com (applications close Friday 1st April 2022)
Program cost: \$1295 (all inclusive) - Formal dinner Wed 4th May, Tamworth
Applications found on website: www.rotary9650.org.au/RYLA