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THOUGHTS AND REFLECTIONS WITH DGD

What a fortnight this has been. Last Saturday night I was fortunate to officiate at the official and long-awaited Charter night for the 9650 Rotary Club of Young Leaders. I must congratulate all those who made this such a successful night. I must also say how disappointed I was that so many Rotarians couldn't attend to celebrate this 'milestone' event for this bright new club.

This evening I also attended the first official meeting of the Rotaract Club of Narrabri under the Presidentship of Rylarian Sam Werleman. Wonderful young people from the Narrabri business community who can't wait to serve their community. They are planning to officially Charter in March, so please watch this space for a date in the very near future.

This coming week will hopefully see the formation of the first Interact club attached to the Coonamble High School. The Principle and teachers as well as community leaders are all keen to make Interact a vital part of the school community.

On a separate but very relevant note. If your club is struggling at the moment. You are not alone. Many Rotary clubs worldwide are struggling

to not only find new Members but also fill Office Bearer positions. Please do not disappear. There are ways and means of operating a full and club during these difficult COVID times. Please feel free in contacting me or our District Membership & Public relations officer Jenny Sinclair for advice and suggestions. Please keep enjoying your time in Rotary through fellowship and the many rewards of service.

DG David

CHARTER FOR YOUNG LEADERS

On Saturday 22nd January, the Young Leaders Rotary Club had its official Charter night. After postponing the event twice due to Covid-19 and the many changes to the guest list, we were able to hold this special event at Port Macquarie Panthers. With more than 50 guests and members, the Young Leaders Rotary Club raised more than \$2000 which will be used to sponsor candidates to RYLA and RYPEN this year.

Special guests DG David Mayne, and Member for Cowper the Hon. Pat Conaghan attended to celebrate the Charter of our new club. Thank you David for your auctioneering prowess and to Pat for your inspirational speech about Future Leaders and Leadership.

The Young Leaders Rotary Club was Chartered on July 16th 2021 and since then, we have been working on many projects and events. The most significant events were RYLA O'Day held in Tamworth and Tree Planting in Dunbogan. We are currently working with Turramurra Rotary Club of D9685 on a project called Books in Homes. Both clubs are working together alongside Moree East



Young Leaders Rotary Club members that attended the Charter night.

Public School, intending to improve the literacy skills of the Aboriginal students enrolled at the school. Each student will receive two brand new books per term for their home library and a personalised book bag while providing much-needed additions to the school library. We hope to work with many more clubs within our district and zone on projects and events in the future and are so happy to have the amazing mentors and fellow Rotarians that you all are, by our side as we start up this club.

For more information about our club, visit our website or get in contact with us via email.

<https://www.youngleadersrotaryclub.com.au>



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Kind Regards,
Jess Lloyd
Secretary

FROM THE "CARAVAN OFFICE" OF DGE NEVILLE PARSONS

Happy New Year to all and warm greetings from Hat Head where Patti and I are enjoying a break before what will be an intense 18 months.

We are looking forward to the announcement of the 2022-2023 Rotary International Theme next Friday morning (our time). Rotary International President-elect Jennifer Jones has invited all her 2022-2023 District Governors to an exclusive virtual session



Young Leaders Rotary Club of NSW
Finally celebrating their Charter. Made up of RYLA Alumni.
RYLA is the future of Rotary
30th April – 7th May 2022
Application & brochure on D9650 webpage
Nominate now!



for the Theme Launch at what will be 1am Friday 21 January 2022. As Covid continues to impact many activities the actual International Assembly that is usually held in January each year has again been moved to a Virtual Event and this will be held for my DG Class here in Australia and New Zealand from 8 to 16 February 2022.

A lot of planning has already been done for the 2022-2023 Rotary Year for us in what will be D9660.

I have previously advised the Management Team for 2022-2023 and have scheduled the following Training events which we are planning for Face to Face but have a Plan B if we need to move to a Virtual format.

The Learning and Development dates format and venues are as follows:

- **Management Team Training – Saturday and Sunday 26 & 27 February 2022 at Singleton.** Invitations and acceptances have been extended and received for this session. A decision will be made by end of this month if it continues as face to face which we are hoping to be the case.
- **President-elects Learning and Development – Saturday and Sunday 2nd & 3rd April 2022**

This session (formerly known as PETS) will be for all Presidents 2022-2023 and any Rotarians that have agreed to be a future President for their Club together with any Club Secretaries that wish to attend.

The sessions are being scheduled for 4 different locations being Port Macquarie, Maitland area, Dubbo and Tamworth with all 4 locations connected virtually.

- **Club Officers Learning and Development – Sunday 15 May 2022**

This session (formerly known as District Assembly) will be for all Club Office bearers 2022-2023 and any Rotarians that have agreed to be a future Club Officer for their Club together with any other Club members that wish to attend.

The sessions are being scheduled for 4 different locations being Port Macquarie, Maitland area, Dubbo and Tamworth with all 4 locations connected virtually.

- **D9660 AGM and Showcase – Saturday & Sunday 26 & 27 November 2022**

This will be held at Tamworth as has been our usual tradition in D9650 at Tamworth West League Club.

- **D9660 2023 District Conference – 24 to 26 March 2023 in Tamworth**

I ask that you diarise these important dates and watch out for future information in relation to these.

I also advise that I have a draft Club visitation program and that the intention is to visit each city/ town where there are Rotary Clubs represented and in those places where there are more than one Club then my Official Visit will be a combined meeting and it will be on a day that one of the clubs meets and I am hoping that that Club will host the other local Clubs.

I have also advised during any Zoom discussions that I have had with Clubs that if your Club has a Special occasion that you would like Patti and I to attend that you let me know as early as possible as after my Club visits my diary will be available on a first in basis.

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Thank you for all the support given to me to date and I look forward to working with you as we together lay the solid foundations that will guarantee that each of our Clubs and indeed each of us as Rotarians build District 9660 as the catalyst for ongoing great works of Rotary in our Clubs, our communities, our new District and indeed throughout the Rotary World.

DGE Neville Parsons



Has your club connected with the youth services in your local community, yet and invited them to be a guest speaker?

Have you learnt about the issues young people face in your community?

What can Rotary do to help?

Tell them about Youth Insearch, and put them in contact with Rylarian, and Youth Insearch coordinator Meg Hanlon
ph: 0497 400 002, so they can find out more about setting up the Place-Based support in your local area.

Remember- EVERY child needs a champion

let's make Rotary their champion!!

NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM



NYSF 22 has just been completed. Thirty students from across District 9650 have just spent 12 days of their vacation glued to a computer screen interacting with 700 students of similar interests from across Australia and being educated by Nobel Prize winners and top scientists from across the world in all spheres of STEM.

Each E news I will feature the comments of one of our participants. Hopefully this will encourage you to seek other students from Year 11 2022 to apply for this unique program during the year. Applications for 2023 will open in March this year so the time to start recruiting is NOW!

COVID forced a very late postponement of the in-person hub visits for this cohort but it is hoped to restage these later in 2022.



"Hello! My name is Zella Nichols and I was fortunate enough to participate in the NYSF program. I attend Calrossy School in Tamworth and was sponsored by the Tamworth Rotary Club. Despite the program being online, I still found it an incredible experience and every attempt was made for the program to be fun and engaging.

Closing Date for applications - 25 February 2022

**Communication
Confidence
Commitment**

**When: 1-3 April 2022
Where: Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation Centre
Cost: \$250 per person
Who: Year 7 - 12 students**

Flyer: [RYPEN Flyer](#) - Program Overview



Poster: [RYPEN 22.Poster](#) - This can be printed on a normal printer at A4 size and displayed in your local schools and shops.



HOW TO APPLY

Complete the www.rotary9650.org.au/rypen application form online



OR email rotary9650rypen@gmail.com for an application form.

In high school, finding people passionate about STEM and with similar goals as you, is hard. All of a sudden, NYSF allows you to meet over 600 like-minded students with similar passions and interests. Meeting students with the same goals as me was incredibly motivating but also allowed me to make new friends from across the country."

Full Article by Di Hall



Gloucester Rotary Presents

Bush Poetry at the Saleyards

Saturday 26th February 202

7pm Start

Cost \$25 per person

Tickets MUST be purchased in advance from Bowe & Lidbury Real Estate or book ONLINE www.trybooking.com/BWZCJ

Enjoy the music of the Bowden Brothers throughout the night



Carol Heuchan



Claire Reynolds



Paddy O'Brien



BOWDEN BROTHERS



2022 District 9650 Conference
Port Macquarie 18th - 20th March 2022
[Conference web page and Online Registrations Here](#)

<https://www.rotary9650.org.au/district-conference>



Register NOW!! Let's celebrate with DG David Mayne!

Come and enjoy a Sunset River Cruise (fully catered), amazing keynote speakers, fellowship with friends and have some fun!

Let's celebrate Rotary!

CONTAINER FINALLY REACHES FIJI

A week before schools closed for Christmas 2021, a 40ft container that had been waiting in Hobart to be sent to Fiji finally arrived. The container delivered items for the Rotary Fiji Schools Project as part of the work for a Global Grant sponsored by the Rotary Club of Nambucca Valley (RCNV), NSW and the Rotary Club of Nadi, Fiji. Denys and Veena Tilly (RCNV) had packed the container and had planned to lead a RAWCS team from RCNV to work on the project in 2020. Due to COVID-19 the team is still waiting for a safe travel situation to continue this work.

General items in the container were efficiently and speedily distributed to assigned schools through Mr Rajesh Chand (Principal at Votualevu College) while Salmandra Ram (a teacher who has worked with the project for several years) sorted and distributed approximately 450 computers and laptops, with support from many other teachers who volunteered their time.

The computers and other IT items will be extremely valuable as students return to school after all schools have been closed in Fiji since April 2021. Today (16/01/2022) schools remain closed until further notice as Fiji grapples with extreme floods and the Tonga tsunami as many schools are used as evacuation centres.



Teachers unloading the container at Votualevu College in Nadi

Article By Veena

COFFS CITY ROTARY & COFFS ROTARY DAYBREAK

CHARITY GOLF DAY

Friday 1st April 2022

4 Person Ambrose

Registration 11am - Shotgun start 12pm



Together Proudly Supporting

**Local Parkinsons
Support Group**



Health

Mid North Coast
Local Health District



Waratah Respite Service
Flexible Respite Options



**COFFS HARBOUR
GOLF CLUB**

SPONSORSHIP ENTRY - \$430

**4 players x 18 holes of golf, 2 x Cart hire,
post game team platter & banner on a hole.**

TEAM ENTRY- \$290

**4 players x 18 holes of golf & post game team platter
Carts additional.**

GREAT RAFFLE AND TEAM PRIZES UP FOR GRABSDON'T MISS OUT!