

# E NEWS D9650

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CHANGE LIVES**

## THIS ISSUE

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Photo by Hayden Tarren

## THOUGHTS AND REFLECTIONS WITH DGD

At last, an 'inkling' of normality as Club Visits will be starting again very soon. Your AG's will be shortly in touch with you to discuss possible visits so hopeful I will see you soon. Again, my apologies for not being able to visit all clubs prior to the Christmas break however, I'm sure you understand that Covid and venue restrictions dictated otherwise. Remember as your club starts once again to plan and instigate "normal" activities, be encouraged that you have District support. At times it is hard to raise club morale and enthusiasm after such a horrendous set of COVID paradigms. WE in 9650 are very fortunate to have Jenny Sinclair as our Membership & Public Relations Chair. I know she will be more than happy to hear from you if your club has been hit with the COVID doldrums and Membership is waning.

We are quickly approaching the Rotary 'silly season' with lots of events and scheduled programs just around the corner and preparations are in full swing.

The District Conference planning has 'paid off' with better registration

**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/rype](http://www.rotary9650.org.au/rype)  
application form online



**OR email  
[rotary9650rypen@gmail.com](mailto:rotary9650rypen@gmail.com)  
for an application form.**

numbers than expected however, please don't leave it until the last minute to register. This will not only be a time of great celebration for the District but also a time to meet up with old and new friends. We will be showcasing the fantastic work that the clubs have achieved over the years so if you haven't submitted your clubs 'signature' projects then please get it to Kel Wals as soon as possible so it can be included in his presentation at the conference.

If you haven't submitted your District Medal nomination to your AG's as yet, then please do so as soon as possible as I will need final numbers by February 25th.

AS most are by now aware, we have reinstated the RYPEN program into our District Calendar. Ensure that clubs discuss potential candidates with your local High Schools and register as soon as possible.

Finally, RYLA, one of our Districts better known 'Flagship' programs will be held in the first week of May. Starting time is now being counted down in weeks and no longer months. By this time every year we have a spattering of registrations for this amazing and life-changing program however, to date currently, we have none '0'!! This is a worry. Please ensure that you get your candidates registered as soon as possible. The RYLA Management committee need to have numbers to 'Sport and Recreation as soon as possible to avoid cancellation. If your club is struggling to find RYLA candidates, please don't despair. Contact Rotaract clubs or the 'Young Leaders' club who I'm sure will be able to put you in contact with possible candidates.

DG David



**NATIONAL CARTOON GALLERY**

invites you to the 33rd Rotary Cartoon Awards Night Friday **25 February at 6pm**



Entry includes finger food and a complimentary drink  
Tickets: \$35 Adult | \$30 NCG Members

Celebrate the announcement of the 2021 Rotary Cartoon Award winners.  
Exhibition runs to 8 March 2022.

Book your tickets by **21 Feb** at <https://www.trybooking.com/BWWWR>



Boris Johnson by Judy Nadin, 2020

# REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

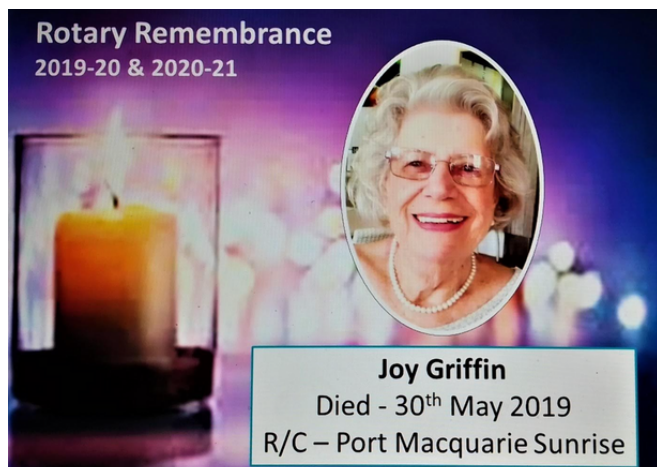
At the District Conference on Sunday morning we will be holding a Remembrance Service acknowledging all the Rotarains who have died since last years' conference (March 12-14, 2021). Could club Secretaries please send in the name of any member of your club deceased in the past 12 months PLUS the date of death AND the name of your club. (see sample below)

Please send to Kerry Medway - kerrymedway1946@gmail.com



with a jpg photo attached by Monday 14th March for inclusion in the service.

Thanks.... Kerry Medway



# TONGA RELIEF FUND

Tamworth Calala Rotary Club would like to challenge all district clubs to donate \$100 per member to a Tonga Relief Fund which would be managed through RAWCS. The club would wish to be assured that at least 10 clubs would be willing to participate. We would like the project to be publicised throughout the district. Your support and that of the management committee would be appreciated.

Yours in Rotary,

Ray Dart

President

Rotary Club of Tamworth Calala



2022 District 9650  
Conference  
Port Macquarie 18th - 20th  
March 2022

[Conference web page and  
Online Registrations Here](#)

[https://www.rotary9650.org.a  
u/district-conference](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!

# AWARDS AND CONGRATULATIONS

Rotary's District Governor David Mayne was at long last able to present Wayne Keel from NSW Rural Fire Services, with the Emergency Services Community Awards 2021, which Wayne won from four other volunteer nominations. Wayne won the award back in August but Covid has meant that we have not been able to be present him with his award. The Rotary District Governor attended the Manilla Club Christmas Party last week, so this was a great opportunity to present Wayne with his award. DG David stated that this is a very prestigious award and is not only recognised in Australia but highly regarded overseas.



Manilla President Peter Dutton, Wayne Keel, DG David Mayne and Local Rural Fire Service Manager.



Rotarian Graham Jackson congratulating our local Santa Claus on a job well done while presenting a donation from Manilla Rotary Club. Santa took our District Governor David Mayne and Assistance DG Simon Guest for a lap of the number one fairway at the Manilla golf course.

By Peter J Dutton



## We need applications now!!

Promises are wonderful BUT we need commitment.

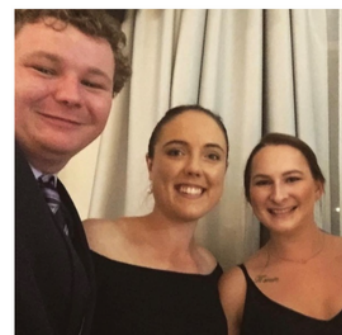
A 25% deposit is now due to secure Keepit.

**To date, we have ZERO applications.**

29<sup>th</sup> April – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Applications on D9650 webpage

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



# DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The conference is just around the corner, can you believe that registration will close in only three weeks!

Please have a look at our roadmap to District 9650 Conference 2022 to see what you can look forward to at this year's conference. This conference you can look forward to starting with your choice of golf or bowls as well as your choice of either a sunset cruise with a three-course meal on the Hastings River or a buffet-style dinner at Town Green Buffet and Bar overlooking the Port Macquarie Town Green.



On Saturday we will start with the Foundation Breakfast at 8am at Panthers Port Macquarie before kicking the main event at 10am with a host of guests, key-note speakers and public speaking finals. We will then close day one and see you back at Panthers at 6:30 for a 7pm start to really get the party going!

On Sunday we will begin with the Ecumenical Service at 8am followed by the conference reopening at 9am. We will continue to hear from our guests and keynote speakers before wrapping the conference up at 1pm.

Please register soon as places for particular sessions may be limited! To register, please head to <https://www.rotary9650.org.au/district-conference> so you don't miss out!

Jack Wilson  
Hastings Rotaract  
Conference Chair



# END OF YOUTH SUICIDE WEEK

**SUICIDE IS THE BIGGEST KILLER OF AUSTRALIANS AGED 15-24**

One-in-four young Australians experience a mental health issue each year.

Evidence shows that half of mental disorders first emerge by the age of 14, and 75 per cent by the age of 24.

Approximately nine people die by suicide each and every day. Sadly, this number continues to grow year by year.

**YOUTH INSEARCH**

**#EndYouthSuicide**  
Monday 14 – Friday 18 February 2022



Congratulations to our long serving rotarian Bill Forrest who in his 60th year of service in Rotary received a letter of recognition from Rotary International President Shektar Mehta for 100% attendance throughout his Rotary career.

Well done Bill

The Youth Insearch Program has proven successful for 37 years. In 2019, 91% of participants who felt suicidal prior to the program no longer felt this way after attending the program. 89% of participants who'd attempted previously, had not attempted suicide after Youth Insearch.

Have you connected with the Youth Services in your community to tell them about Youth Insearch? It could be just the tool they need to help the young people struggling in your community.

**“Every Child deserves a Champion – Let Rotary be that Champion!”**

By Heather Mayne