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Laurie Barber (Mr Rotary)

THOUGHTS AND REFLECTIONS WITH DGD

Sadly, this past week we said farewell to Past District Governor Laurie Barber (Mr Rotary). It was a celebration of a marvellous life in Port Macquarie on Wednesday as a wonderful man and Rotarian moved on to higher service. It was great to see so many Rotarians there both in person and through the 'live' stream. The Rotarian 'guard of honor' was nothing less than outstanding and overwhelming as we all stood to honour such a wonderful life. We send our deepest sympathies to Glenda and her Family and offer her our continued love and support.

Last Sunday at the Finals of the Public Speaking competition in Moree, those privileged to be in attendance heard eight wonderful young speakers who not only presented some wonderful talks but also inspired all those in the audience. Well done to all of you and to the organizers. I must make a special mention directed towards the two Moree clubs and to Bruce and Kate George who helped organize this outstanding event.



To travel to Lightning Ridge is always a highlight of any District Governor year and this week's trip was definitely no exception. Once again, the hospitality of the club and Lightning Ridge stalwarts John and Neroli Bevan was heartwarming. It was my Privilege at the club's Monday night meeting to induct three new members. Blake Reavell, Necia Benjamin and Charlotte Mallouk, welcome to the Rotary Family.



As we draw even closer to the District Conference, please ensure you register as soon as possible to secure your spot at this historic event.

RYLA 9650 is still seeking participants so if you have someone lined up or have them in mind, please get them registered as soon as possible.

Finally, our District changeover will be on June 25th at the Laurieton Ex Services club. This will be an event not to miss as we transition from 9650 into 9660. Please ensure that this date is also entered into your calendar and ensure that your club changeovers do not clash with that weekend.

As we return to 'normal' Rotary life please be COVID vigilant and stay safe.

DG David

NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM



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!

Hannah Stewart was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie.

The National Youth Science Forum was an amazing experience that showed me the now seemingly an infinite number of job opportunities that are present in the STEM field. It has introduced me to a number of universities and allayed some of my fears about my year 12 studies and beyond.

I met many incredible people through extremely fun social events run by the student staff team (known as staffies). There were four 'live cross' sessions from all over the world, where we were shown some of the biggest scientific facilities in the world such as CERN, my personal favourite being the one to Australian bases in Antarctica (they showed us outside!).

Other highlights include the staffie session (where they gave us all in the inside details about all things uni and year 12), careers sessions and Science@Home experiments. The forum is the best online program I have ever attended, and it managed to give a camp-like experience despite the online platform. The National Youth Science Forum is a must for any student who is interested in any area of STEM. It doesn't matter if you have a specific career path in mind or not, you will gain amazing experience from the program including new friends and lots of career options which will probably make your decisions about your future simultaneously harder and easier.

Thank you for this amazing opportunity! Rotary's support of the program is amazing and makes participating in the program so much easier!

INLAND PUBLIC SPEAKING

The Rotary Club of Moree hosted the Inland Public Speaking semi-final on Sunday 20th February. The audience were treated to eight excellent prepared speeches all of which incorporated aspects of the four-way test. For many of the contestants, this was their third

time speaking having progressed through the Club and Cluster rounds respectively. In the impromptu section the speakers each had two minutes to prepare and two minutes to deliver a talk on the topic, " Tomorrow I am going to..."

The adjudicators had a very difficult job determining the two who would progress on to the District Final. Heramb Dayananada representing the Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light and Molly Owen (Rotary Club of Quirindi) were announced as winners.

The Public Speaking competition has been strongly supported with a number of the Clusters having six contestants in the final and audiences to cheer them on. It has been a fitting way to have the last semi-final in District 9650.

Public Speaking will continue to be part of the Youth Portfolio in the New District and hopefully it will continue to attract strong support.

The contestants in the competition were:

Hollie Bennett – St Marys College representing the Rotary Club of Gunnedah

Ellyn Blinman – Gunnedah High School representing the Rotary Club of Gunnedah West

Bridget Burnett- The Armidale School representing the Rotary Club of Armidale

Heramb Dayananada- Carinya Christian College representing the Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light

Abbie Kent – Warialda High School representing the Rotary Club of Warialda

Bella O'Brien – Macintyre High School representing the Rotary Club of Inverell

Molly Owen – Quirindi High School representing the Rotary Club of Quirindi

Angus Scrivener – O'Connor Catholic College representing the Rotary Club of Walcha

By Kate George



Bella O'Brien, Angus Scrivener, Heramb Dayananda, Abbie Kent, DG David Mayne, Ellyn Blinman, Hollie Bennett, Molly Owen, Bridget Burnett.



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- Great motivational speakers
- A life-changing experience
- Applying the Rotary 4 Way Test

30th April – 7th May 2022
Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation Centre

Applications & brochure www.rotary9650.org.au/RYLA



Invest in the future of your Club
Alice & Lexie past RYLArrians
Both Rotarians – RC Quirindi



BED INN BUS CAMPAIGN

In July 2021 I started a campaign to provide a Sleepbus for the homeless in the Manning Valley, around Taree on the MidNorth Coast. We formed Manning Homeless Action Group to raise funds, and Bob Nelson, President of Taree North Rotary Club is one of us. The Club is very supportive, and as a result I have applied to join it.

Bob is full of energy, and is a great asset to the Group. He has liaised with the other clubs in the area and they are working together to drive our project forward. Rotary has all the skills and experience needed to make a success of it, whilst, when I started out, I had no idea what I was doing. I just knew something had to be done.

A Sleepbus is a converted bus or coach divided into separate 'pods', with beds for one or two people, in each pod. Depending on the size of the vehicle, there are up to ten pods in it, so up to 20 people can get a good night's sleep. Each pod has bed linen, a light, air-conditioning, a hydraulically operated external door, and the bus has CCTV and alarm systems for the security of the guests, watched over by two supervisors who are housed in the converted driver's cab. There are telephone charging points, and access to TV programmes, and information about local services such as Samaritans, Centrelink, and NGOs.

You can see all this if you log on to sleepbus.org and watch their videos. We do not represent or act in any way for Sleepbus, which is a registered charity. We are simply raising money so that the homeless around Taree can get some temporary relief, giving Samaritans and other agencies trying to house them more time to do their work.

Sleepbus is the brainchild of Simon Rowe, its CEO and founder. He has provided or is soon to provide Sleepbuses to Melbourne, Queanbeyan, Tuggeranong, Maroochydore, and Byron Shire. The cost is \$100,000 per bus, but subsequent running costs, maintenance, cleaning, volunteers and supervisors are taken care of by Sleepbus through sponsorship.

If any Club which is not in the number gathered together by Bob Nelson wants to help, please let me know. Individual Rotarians or their friends can make a donation by searching



Regional Waste Warriors
Presented by Rotary Club of Tamworth. It is a dinner event with 2 keynote speakers:

- 3-course Meal - custom menu created using a variety of fresh local produce (drinks at own expense).
- Jo Taranto, Good For The Hood - community advocate and sustainability educator, empowering ordinary people to create community change.
- Professor Veena Sahajwalla, UNSW SM@RT Centre (Sustainable Materials Research and Technology) - materials scientist, engineer and inventor, pioneers research into turning waste into a valuable resource. Also awarded 2022 NSW Australian of the Year.
- Entertainment by Loren Ryan - local musician, First Nations artist from the Gamilaraay people, and Toyota Star Maker Grand Finalist.

An inspiring and enjoyable evening is to be had by all in attendance. (flyer at end of E-news).

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/regional-waste-warriors-100-mile-dinner-tickets-273989689537>



Bed Inn Bus, or by donating direct to our Rotary account at donations.rawcs.com.au/16-2021-22



This link about the Maroochydore Sleepbus is also well worth a look: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i4thToH9gjU> The second half is most important.



A recent homelessness report confirms that many homeless men and women are veterans so damaged mentally or physically by their experiences that they end up sleeping rough or, if they are 'lucky', couch surfing in other people's homes. Our leaders send them out to sacrifice themselves abroad, supposedly to protect us. Is this the way to repay them? It is a common misconception that all the homeless are drug addicts and drunks. With current economic policies driving up house prices and rents, many respectable people are now homeless. If you lose your job or your health, lose your savings in a scam, or get divorced, you are one step from being homeless. Many have lost their home to bushfires or floods, and now have no home, waiting for insurance payouts, if they had a policy.

That may drive you to drink, but drinking isn't why you are on the street.

Please donate.

By Terry Stanton.

Manning Homeless Action Group.

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DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Location:
Port Macquarie, Panthers

Saturday:
8am - Foundation Breakfast
10am - Key Note Speakers and more
6.30pm: Party!

Sunday:
8am - Ecumenical Service
9am - Conference starts
1pm - Close of weekend conference

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





HELP CLUBS FIND PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS TO THEIR TOUGHEST CHALLENGES

Send them the
CLUB PLANNING ASSISTANT

found on rotary.org/membership

Rotary 

Regional **WASTE** **WARRIORS**

100 MILE DINNER

*Presented by Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light
Sponsored by Northern Inland Regional Waste*

Invite you to

Dinner Function with 2 Key Note Speakers

Friday 25 March 2022 at 6:00pm
West Tamworth League Club,
In Blazes Showroom

Jo Taranto



- Director, Good For the Hood
- Community advocate and sustainability educator
- Empowering ordinary people to create community change

Professor Veena Sahajwalla

- Founding Director of the Centre for Sustainable Materials Research and Technology at the University of New South Wales
- Materials scientist, engineer and inventor, pioneers research into turning waste into valuable resources
- 2022 NSW Australian of the Year



Tickets \$60 each

Includes

3-course Meal
With Jo Taranto & Veena Sahajwalla
Entertainment by Loren Ryan Music



Ticket Bookings
QR Code provided
OR
the link below

www.eventbrite.com/e/273989689537

All enquiry contact -

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RYLA

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

SAT 30TH APRIL -
SAT 7TH MAY 2022

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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.



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