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**SERVE TO
CHANGE LIVES**

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THOUGHTS AND REFLECTIONS WITH DGD

What a couple of weeks. While we are just getting into a 'swing' with the new COVID world, our District and neighbors have been hit with some history making floods. A tragedy for so many and as per usual, Rotarians have come forward and shown their best with offers of money and hands on help. I have spoken to Jeff Egan the District Governor to our immediate north and a District hit hardest by the floods. Jeff maintains that while he is very appreciative of the many offers for 'hands on' help during the worst of the floods. That the most practical thing that we can do at this time of restoration is financial donations. Please be cautious with this, sadly there are disreputable individuals who latch onto other's misfortunes to profit from those hit hardest from this disaster.

As you have seen RAWCS have an account for direct donations that we know will go to the right places.

The floods have caused major road closures and diversions in and about

our District, however, access to Port Macquarie is still open via several highways. This year's District Conference is still going ahead 'full steam'. The organizers have done a wonderful job with the program, and it will be a time of great celebration and acknowledgment of our District. Please give yourself plenty of travel time to get to Port Macquarie in case there are still diversions or 'stop /go' hold-ups and please drive with caution.

Club changeovers are an important event on club and District calendars. Please take note that the District Changeover will happen at the Laurieton Ex-Services Club on Saturday, June 25th. Presidents and Secretaries, please ensure that when planning your club's changeover that you leave that date free for everyone to attend. I also ask that as soon as you are aware of your club's changeover, you email District Secretary Rob and me the date and preferable location for your event.

Due to the many COVID restrictions and limitations, there are a few clubs that I have not yet been able to visit. I have not forgotten you and this week you will be contacted to arrange a suitable date that I can join you at a meeting.

NATIONAL FLOOD RELIEF APPEAL

Australian charity, Rotary Australia World Community Service, today announced the creation of a national Flood Relief Appeal for people impacted by the current floods in Queensland and Northern NSW. Australians impacted by the recent floods will be the beneficiaries of money raised by Flood Appeal and will be able to liaise with their local Rotary Club to advise of their needs. The fundraising campaign was launched today to support the communities in need after yet another disaster impacting Australians.

"The money raised from the Appeal will go directly and quickly to support those impacted, providing essential items and financial support where Disaster relief and Insurance claims won't stretch," said Rotary Australia World Community Service Ltd CEO Andrew Woodward.

"The number of disasters Australians have endured in the last few years in addition to the pandemic has been significant and left a lot of people in very difficult financial positions," Mr Woodward

said.

Rotary Australia World Community Service has previously raised money for Bushfire and Drought affected areas and sees this disaster as just another where the network of Rotarians can step in to assist. Mr Woodward said that he expects the money to help people with the things that insurance or disaster relief funds cannot replace. Whether it be helping farmers build new fences or providing food and clothing to those that have lost everything, the money raised will be crucial in helping families get back on their feet as soon as possible.

Rotary Australia World Community Service is a not-for-profit charity that aims to be the leading Australian charitable organization for people's wellbeing, supporting Rotarians and Rotary Clubs undertaking humanitarian projects in Australia and overseas.

Tax-Deductible Donations to the appeal can be made on the Rotary Australia World Community Service website at <https://rawcs.org.au>



Andrew Woodward is available for interviews and photographs. Media Contact: Andrew Woodward 0411 075 107, andrew.woodward@rawcs.org.au



Andrew Woodward

KEY DATES

President-elects Learning and Development

Date	Venue
2 nd & 3 rd April 2022	"Marbella Park" Morpeth near East Maitland
2 nd & 3 rd April 2022	West Tamworth League Club, Tamworth
9 th & 10 th April 2022	Charles Sturt University, Port Macquarie
9 th & 10 th April 2022	Charles Sturt University, Dubbo

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

The two locations on each weekend will be connected virtually and the program will be the same on both weekends.

Detailed information including the Registration Form was sent via email to each Club President and Club Secretary on 11 March 2022.

Registration Forms are to be urgently returned to 2022.23 D9660 District Secretary, Bev Bartlett via email to bbartlett7@msn.com prior to 5pm Friday 25 March 2022 for the 2-3 April session and prior to 5pm Friday 1 April for the 9-10 April session.

Club Officers Learning and Development

Date	Venue
15 May 2022	"Marbella Park" Morpeth near East Maitland
15 May 2022	West Tamworth League Club, Tamworth
22 May 2022	Charles Sturt University, Port Macquarie
22 May 2022	Charles Sturt University, Dubbo

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 two locations on each weekend will be connected virtually and the program will be the same on both weekends.

Other dates for diarising

- **D9650 and D9670 Changeover to D9660**

Saturday 25 June 2022 at Laurieton United Services Club

- **D9660 AGM and Showcase**

Saturday & Sunday 26 & 27 November 2022 at Tamworth West League Club.

- D9660 2023 District Conference
- 24 to 26 March 2023 in Tamworth at Tamworth Regional Entertainment Centre (TREC)
- Rotary International Convention Melbourne (Victoria) 27 – 31 May 2023
- D9660 Changeover 2023

Saturday 1 July 2023 – Venue to be confirmed.

A snapshot of the new D9660 Clubs and members as at 28 February 2022

28 February 2022	Clubs	Members
D9650	53	1270
D9670	46	938
Total (D9660)	99	2208

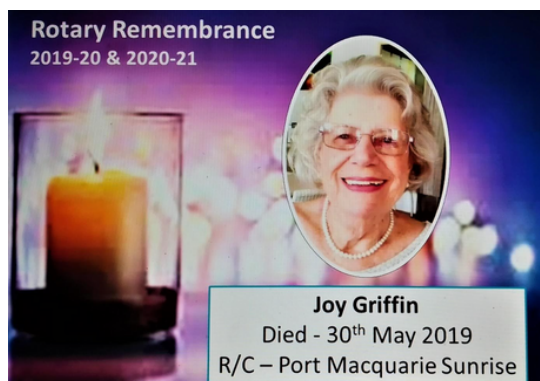
Please ensure that your Club has loaded their 2022-2023 Club Officers into the District database and Rotary International database.

On behalf of your District 9660 Management team for 2022-2023, I thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to plan and prepare for the establishment of District 9660 on 1 July 2022. I encourage you to continue to “Serve to Change Lives” as we position to “Imagine Rotary”.

DGE Neville Parsons

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

At the District Conference on Sunday morning, we will be holding a Remembrance Service acknowledging all the Rotarians 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

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>



POLIOPLUS UPDATE



With 104 participants online from all around the world, Mike gave a very comprehensive update on where we are up to with Polio eradication to date. Here are the most important pieces of information to keep Rotarians up to date and committed to the PolioPlus program.

Overall, we are in relatively good shape. Only 6 cases in the whole world have been reported to date. Support is needed as much as ever. The US government has committed more funding this year to the program with a \$12million increase. However, with Rotary, DDF has dropped off considerably this year as a result of reduced matching for the program from the World fund and this is seen as a big issue. Funding research is focussing on new vaccines that do not have the risk of vaccine derived polio. About 3% of Rotary funds are directed to research.

COVID has influenced polio vaccination with the real concern of vaccine hesitancy. There have been concerns about vaccine supply last year but supplies now are fine. There is a new oral polio vaccine being trialled with an early use licence. The supplier (only one) is from Indonesia.

Pakistan – they have now been one year without a single case of wild polio in the country. There are, however, still some positive sample in water particularly in the northwest of the country on the Afghanistan border, but with low level circulation that could come from asymptomatic cases. Figures from Pakistan are reliable. 42 million children have been immunised in Pakistan and the government is as engaged as ever.

Afghanistan – Taliban are working closely with Rotary and World Health Organisation and have a good program in place. Some children are still being missed because of areas being inaccessible. It is important to continue for success with house-to-house vaccination but in places this is very difficult, and they are now talking of site-to-site vaccination. Not as effective but better than no vaccination at all. There has been the tragic situation of 4 different attacks on frontline workers in 2 provinces with 8 killed. Vaccinations in those provinces have been suspended. Rotary has responded with \$600US being provided to the families

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!

concerned. This is a substantial amount in Afghanistan. The killings are all ISIS-related.

Malawi – Have had one case which has been tracked to Lahore, Pakistan. The government has been quick to respond with a ramp-up of a comprehensive program of vaccination.

Nigeria – All cases at present are vaccine-derived cases. 85% of vaccine-derived cases this year (1200 last year) are in Nigeria. These cases have dropped this year with new vaccines but there is a real need to step up immunisation levels in Nigerian children.

Israel has had one case from Afghanistan but is confident it has it under control and there will not be an outbreak.

Ukraine – a real issue at present. Polio has been detected and traced from Afghanistan, through Tajikistan to Ukraine. The war situation is critical on two fronts – poor resources such as clean water and power in Ukraine; and refugees moving to other countries and in particular, Romania where polio could then spread to the whole of Europe.

This was a very worthwhile update on the state of PolioPlus in the whole world.

By Ken Hall



Mike McGovern, Chair PolioPlus Committee.

SURVEY ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS & ROTARY ACTION GROUPS

I have had an interest in Rotary Fellowships for many years. At the Coffs Harbour Conference in 2004, had a table with general information on Rotary Fellowships. Later, on several occasions, when promoting the Rotary Friendship Exchange program, included a niche for the Home Exchange Fellowship of which I am a director. Was a member of the International Travel & Hosting Fellowship (ITHF). The late Alan Chapman of Coffs Harbour Club was a founder of IHF, having been a participant in the first “hosting” over 30 years ago. Given D9650 is about to become part of new D9660, and the recent impact of COVID, the purpose of the survey is to get an idea of past and present membership of Fellowships and Rotary Action Groups (RAG’s) within D9650.

The survey will take about three minutes. (They all say that)

Question 1. If a past member of a Rotary Fellowship answer “yes”.

Question 1A. If a past member of an RAG? Answer “yes”.

Question 2. If a current member of any Rotary Fellowship(s) answer “yes”, and please indicate your present participation on a scale of 1 to 5, with **1** for **inactive** and **5** for **very active**. Type out the name of each fellowship of which you are a member and place your rating beside it. If you wish to keep your membership of any fellowship to yourself that’s fine. So as an example, you might have membership of two: -

ABCCDE Fellowship 4

International Travel & Hosting Fellowship 5

Question 2A. If a current member of any RAG’s answer “yes”, and please indicate your present participation on a scale of 1 to 5, with **1** for **inactive** and **5** for **very active**. Type out the name of each RAG of which you are a member and place your rating beside it. If you wish to keep your membership of any RAG to yourself that’s fine. So as an example: -

XYZDDDE RAG 3

Thanks for completing the survey. Cut & paste, or just type your answers, into an email to: - PP Stan Jackson, Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour, sjjackson@bigpond.com.

Please be assured I want numbers only, so your identity will not be disclosed. Results will be shared with interested Rotary members. Powered by SurveyChipmunk



Training complete...
Leaders are ready
NOW WE NEED PARTICIPANTS!!
30th April – 7th May 2022
Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation
Applications & Brochure
www.rotary9650.org.au/Ryla



YOUNG INSPIRATIONS

ART EXHIBITION

May 14 & 15

COME AND SUPPORT YOUNG
PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY

TIME: 10AM TO 4PM (SAT)
10AM TO 2PM (SUN)

LOCATION: LOT 1, BELL STREET,
DUNBOGAN

FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE



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\$5 ENTRY

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THE QR CODE FOR THE CHANCE TO
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D9650 Young Leaders
Rotary
Club



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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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.



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