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CHANGE LIVES**

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THOUGHTS AND REFLECTIONS WITH DGD

A busy few weeks culminated in another successful D9650 RYLA program. The leaders and young people attending this year's RYLA at Lake Keepit had a wonderful and informative retreat. I often reflect on those young adults that have gone through the program previously and am amazed at what they have done personally, professionally and in Rotary since. Many have gone on to undertake Rotary / Rotaract leadership roles and have been heavily involved in Rotary projects; both in Australia and overseas. I know that the growing experience of these young people will lead to future Rotary leaders.

As we continue to emerge from Covid 19 restrictions and other limitations, our clubs have begun to embrace a sense of normality when it comes to meetings and other Rotary programs. Let me encourage each of you to embrace the District programs that are offered as we face the challenges of a new world. Some of our well-established traditions, even at the club level, will need to be re-addressed to comply with this Covid world. This does not mean that we forget our Rotary roots and those wonderful people who went before us. I encourage you all to maintain

those traditions and values that have made Rotary the greatest community service organization in the world. I am amazed as I see so many worthwhile projects and programs raise their heads above the dark covid cloud. I think of our own district Dr Ray, and the selfless work that he is doing in Nepal as well as other overseas and local projects that have been instigated within our proud district.

Finally, I wish to remind everyone that the people who run these programs, these projects and initiatives are doing this in their own time and often at their own cost. These people have given up holidays, and work time and sacrificed time with their families to undertake this vital work. We need to encourage and support these people and not criticize them because we think it should be done differently. We must embrace the practice of 'Service above self in our own actions, words and attitudes as a manifestation of the ideals upon which our organization was initially formed and as what we stand for as Rotarians.

"Together we unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves."

Please continue to strive for these Rotary ideals, not simply in Rotary, but also in your work and personal lives.

DG David

CHANGEOVER SEASON

Very soon the season of Rotary changeovers will be upon us. Thank you to all those who have passed on the details of their club's changeover date and venue. This information has been helpful in collating the calendar for the DG and also allows him to seek a PDG to represent him at those meetings he is unable to physically attend due to date clashes. There are still a couple of clubs we haven't yet heard from. Should your club be considering an alternative to the traditional 'changeover' and this is why you haven't yet set a date, please reach out and let us know. Maybe we can offer some support or assistance.

Secretary Rob Anderson PDG

PEACE IN TAMWORTH

Tamworth Calala Rotary Club are in the process of preparing to install a Peace Pole in our Village Park. Ours will be Pole 237 world wide.

The pole will have a different language written on the four sides – English, Pilipino, Mandarin, and Kamilaroi. Philipinos, Chinese, are the foreign languages groups biggest in Tamworth, and Kamilaroi is the local indigenous language. On the side that has the English, there will be another plaque detailing the origin of peace poles in Japan. The words will say ‘ Let peace prevail on Earth’. This is our latest project.

Monthly markets in the main street of Tamworth, peel Street and monthly markets in Calala are our main sources of income at the present time.

Our challenge to other clubs to donate \$100 per member to the Tongan disaster is still open for other clubs to emulate. Our club has already sent our funds through RAWCS.

Raymond H Dart
President
Rotary Club of Tamworth Calala

RYLA | **Rotary** Youth Leadership Award District 9650

THE RYLA COMMITTEE OF ROTARY DISTRICT 9650 INVITE YOU TO:

Celebration & Farewell!

of RYLA for 9650,
and Welcome of RYLA for 9660

28TH MAY 2022 • 12:00PM

Dorrigo Showground,
Dorrigo NSW 2453

RSVP to Richie Goddard by Wednesday 19th May 2022
0458 533 003
(Please see below for further details)

RYLA | **Rotary** Youth Leadership Award District 9650

Program:

- 12PM: Rendezvous at Dorrigo Showgrounds for games, sausage sizzle and catch up with RYLarians.
- 6:30PM for 7:00PM start- Dinner for official celebration and farewell at Dorrigo Showgrounds, with food provided by local chef Kenton Shaw
- Sunday morning, meet at the Glade Picnic area at Dorrigo Rainforest, for breakfast and rainforest walk!

D9660 FINANCE COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEETING DATES

Date & time D9660 Finance Committee meetings for 2022-2023:

- Saturday 13 August 2022 at 4:00pm via Zoom
- Special Meeting with Board via Zoom between 24 to 28 September 2022 to sign off final Audits of D9650 and D9670 ready for distribution to Clubs in preparation for AGM Saturday 26 Nov 2022
- Saturday 5 November 2022 at 4:00pm via Zoom
- D9660 AGM Saturday 26 November 2022 at Tamworth West League Club with D9660 Showcase to follow til 1:00pm Sunday 27 November 2022
- Saturday 11 February 2023 at 4:00pm via Zoom
- Saturday 6 May 2023 at 4:00pm via Zoom

Also note the tentative D9660 Board Meeting dates 2022-2023:

- Sunday 21 August 2022 at 2:00pm via Zoom
- Special Meeting with Board via Zoom between 24 to 28 September 2022 to sign off final Audits of D9650 and D9670 ready for distribution to Clubs in preparation for AGM Saturday 26 Nov 2022
- D9660 AGM Saturday 26 November 2022 at Tamworth West League Club with D9660 Showcase to follow til 1:00pm Sunday 27 November 2022
- Sunday 27 November 2022 at 1:30pm after Showcase with Zoom link available
- Sunday 26 February 2023 at 2:00pm via Zoom
- Sunday 21 May 2023 at 2:00pm via Zoom

ROTARY CLUB SIGNS IN TAMWORTH

P.P. Deb Barnes from Tamworth First Light, made a suggestion at a Cluster 6 meeting last year, that we replace the Rotary Club Signs that are situated on the 5 roads as you come into Tamworth and Manilla. They were all out dated and in a poor condition.

AG Simon Guest and the Cluster 6 Presidents all agreed. Money was sourced from the District Finance Committee. Simon liased with Rotarian Geoff Galloway (Owner of Allsopp Signs) and an all in one new Rotary Sign was designed a long with a new map of the Tamworth region.

Involved in the Project were, President Taylor Fletcher and Ben Mobilio, PP Barry Biffin, PDG Ken Hall and Geoff Galloway. Pictured are PP Deb Barnes and AG Simon Guest, who were also heavily involved.

Simon Guest,
AG Cluster 6



DISTRICT 9650 IS GIVEN THANKS

FROM YOUTH INSEARCH



Supporting Youth Insearch is not new to District 9650. Rotarians have been supporting this incredible youth program for almost 20 years, mostly quietly behind the scenes. Rotarian (and Magistrate) Mal MacPherson, saw the value in this program as an effective alternative for young people who came before him at court. Rotarian Kate George from Inverell has been a Volunteer Support adult attending camps and young people for years also. They are both excellent people to contact if you want to hear more about the program from fellow Rotarians – people who support this program because they believe in its effectiveness – not simply because it's their 'pet project for the year' or whom they work for.

At our RYLA dinner this past week, Youth Insearch Regional Coordinator/ Rylarian and past RYLA Leader/ Leader's leader and now an Inverell Rotarian Meg Hanlon presented our District a framed poster with messages from participants thanking our District for their continued support of the program. Being able to fund young people to attend camps or to assist with funding for the bus which takes them to/ from home to camps at Lake Keepit are simple ways WE as Rotarians can make that positive and lasting difference in a young person's life.

You'll be excited to know that Youth Insearch participant, leader and now staff member Neilani Botha, who spoke of her experiences at our District conference, has just become a Rylarian, attending the camp this last week. I'll connect with her to find out how she found it.

Don't forget to connect with your community's youth services to tell them about Youth Insearch!

X Heather Mayne

Never have I been prouder to be a Rotarian - our generous district has supported Youth Insearch to empower young lives for over 20 years.

Last night I presented District 9650 with messages of thanks from volunteers and young people. We truly appreciate everything you do. What a dream come true for me to work with both Youth Insearch Foundations and District 9650.

Meg Hanlon





HEN MUSTER

Following a decision to remain largely low key, a FaceBook promotion was undertaken with a catchy flyer and link to a prebooking page. This was promoted across the local FB community group and selling pages with much interest raised over a four week period leading up to the sale and collection dates of 20th and 27th March.

An appropriate venue with lots of room and good coverage was found as a collection point Bearing Accessories in Tamworth (owned by President Henry Melssen). Located in the industrial area in Taminda it was a perfect location.

The numbers pledged and collected on the online form were loaded on the farm each Sunday morning. The collection was early between 7 and 9am each Sunday morning to ensure the best welfare outcome of the laying hens being rehomed. Purchasers were asked to provide their email and mobile phone numbers when logging their request to purchase birds. A confirmation email was then sent to each purchaser confirming receipt of the request and details of purchase requirements. The email also thanked them for their support of our Rotary project and attached the flyer asking them to promote to any family and friends that may be interested. A courtesy text was then also sent to each purchaser on the Saturday night prior to collection reminding them that they had laying hens to collect the following morning.

Demand was firm and on the first Sunday in Week 1 we sold 207 hens for a total of \$2,110. Word of mouth worked well and the second Sunday in Week 2 we sold a further 266 hens totally \$2,740. The total raised for the project was then \$4,850.00 from 73 people purchasing c. 473 hens.

There is nothing more satisfying in Rotary than receiving positive feedback on your project. We received a number of comments on our Facebook promotions post-purchase with photos of eggs laid and how happy people were with their purchase.

The most satisfying feedback received, however, was this photo sent through of the reaction of a very thrilled young lady Clare when her mother Laura returned home with the hens she purchased.



Overall this project was a great fundraising result for our Club. The hens were priced at just the right level to make money for charity and at same time make them affordable and attractive for those wanting brown laying hens.

We have already had a number of enquiries as to when we would be running the next Hen sale, so if our Rotarian Farmer is happy to run another, the Club could make this a twice-yearly event.

James Hindmarsh

TENTERFIELD AND TORRINGTON

DONATIONS

The Rotary E-Club has had 2 projects on hold for a while because of COVID restrictions and recent flooding, however, on Friday 22nd April we were able to progress these.

Project 1: During the bush fire episodes in the New England area, Mr Mitch Ford of Tenterfield lost his life tragically whilst fighting the fires, leaving behind his widow Kerry. My wife Vicki and I, together with Club members John & Dorothy Barwick travelled from Tamworth to Tenterfield to meet with Kerry to make a financial presentation to support her during her challenging times. This project was instigated by Club member Warren (Cowboy) McLaughlin, and we thank him for his coordination through local friend Gina Carpenter. We met with both Gina and Kerry at a local Tenterfield Café, had morning tea and presented her with her cheque.

Project 2: Also, during the bushfires in the New England area the small village of Torrington lost 14 homes and devastated the area. Again, club member Warren McLaughlin came to the fore and convinced our Club to support the small village in some way. The Club agreed to financially support some renovation work required at the Community Hall in replacing the front and rear fire doors. On our return trip from Tenterfield (above), we called in at Torrington where 10 of the locals met with us and provided us a lovely homecooked lunch. At the conclusion of lunch John, Dorothy and myself were able to make our financial presentation to the group which was very much appreciated.



Unfortunately, our Club President, Ken Hall was unable to attend as was project coordinator Warren McLaughlin, however that gave John & Dorothy Barwick and Vicki & myself the opportunity to carry out these important presentations. A long day trip, but very rewarding being able to not only help an individual during a difficult time, but then also assist a small village who sometimes feel they have been forgotten.

Thankyou again to Warren, John & Dorothy and my wife Vicki.

Steve Beaton
President Elect

