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## THOUGHTS AND REFLECTIONS WITH DGD

As we come to the 'pointy end' of the Rotary year, the rubber has hit the road once more with the combined District assemblies. Districts 9650 and 9670 have had two wonderful District assemblies as precursors for the new District 9660. Tamworth and Kurri Kurri the first week followed by Dubbo and Port Macquarie the next. Despite the inevitable 'little' technical 'hiccups' that are to be expected when linking two sites with associated 'breakout' rooms. All in all, every attendee that I spoke to after enjoyed their experience. Some for their first time while others a repeat showing. Of note was the gentleman who told me last night that he had been to Rotary Assemblies and Rotary meetings like this for nearly forty years and this was by far the most informative and well put together ever. It saddens me when I hear some Rotarians say to me, "I'm not going, it's the same old same old" when in fact its not. From my own point of view, after nearly a quarter of a century in Rotary, I am amazed at what is being presented at PETS and Assembly's over the last few years.

As we start to roll out Club Changeovers, I believe some clubs still

haven't declared their dates yet. Please let me know as soon as possible so we can schedule the visit and allocate myself or a PDG to officiate.

It is encouraging to see that clubs are once again meeting more regularly as we emerge into the new post COVID world. Please reinvent new ways to meet, share in your community and fundraise. Adaptation seems to be our middle name and it's amazing how clubs have utilized the 'brains trusts' within their clubs to move with societal changes.

I realize that a lot of clubs are still struggling with member numbers and they have been concerned with their current and future viability. This is not a time to panic. Each club's viability depends on many factors and age demographics is only one. There is a club in our District that has been successfully operating for many years with what other clubs would determine as dangerously low member numbers however that happens. Membership numbers oscillate because of many factors. The cessation of a club is by far the last resort and one of the saddest days for any community to lose a Rotary club. It is also unnecessary in that our District has in place several mechanisms to support and encourage not only the acquisition of new members but also the support of club officers and general membership. Our wonderful membership and PR Director Jenny Sinclair is willing and able to help. Jenny has a myriad of proactive ideas streamlined to help clubs with their individual needs. Please utilize this vital District resource as Jenny has a long record of helping those clubs in need. Remember to 'hand in' a club Charter is a very sad day for Rotary but it's a Tragedy for a community. Please don't wait until your problems and issues get too big. Act now and ask for help.

Keep flying our Rotary flag and always revel in our motto "Service Above Self".

Most sincerely yours in Rotary,  
DG David



**Please ask them back....**

We urge ALL Clubs to invite the RYLarian(s) they have sponsored in 2022 to return & give a presentation at Club level.



# COFFS CITY MOTORSPORT

Now that the country has opened up again, the Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour City are keen to get the inaugural Coffs Coast Festival of Motor Sport up and running this year.

The event will start with a major motor show on 5th November 2022 and will conclude on 27th November 2022 with a stage of the FIA rally championship. In between, the Coffs Coast and surrounds will host multiple motor sports events for locals and visitors. The organisers hope to attract competitors and spectators from as far away as SA, VIC, QLD and all of NSW.

The goal of the festival is to fill the void left after the Coffs Harbour World Rally Championship round moved back overseas and to build up to the FIA round of the Asia Pacific Rally Championship, which Motorsport Australia are bringing to the Coffs Coast in November.

The Festival's organisers envisaged putting something together to attract people to the Coffs Coast a week or two before the rally and to increase attendees by giving them more to see or become involved in during the month.

The pandemic meant that planned Festivals in 2020 and 2021 couldn't proceed. but that cloud proved to have a silver lining: interest in the Festival grew to the extent that the organisers had to increase the Festival from two weeks to four so that events don't overlap.

The Festival now covers the area from Kempsey in the south (where there will be a hillclimb [cars], an off-road event and a huge motorbike "Sultans of Slide" flat track racing event) to Grafton in the north (where there will be another car hillclimb and also a giant speedway event). Meanwhile, Coffs Harbour will host a massive car show, a bike show the following weekend, and events for motorbike flat track and motorcross, kart racing, plus rally cross, another hillclimb [cars again] and a burnout competition at Raleigh Raceway.

The Festival of Motor Sport has developed into a major undertaking but is falling into place. The organisers and Coffs City Rotary believe they can now make it an annual Coffs Coast

event.

Various Coffs Harbour and Sawtell Rotary clubs will be assisting at some of the Festival's events and the organisers hope to contact/promote Rotary clubs in the other towns to get involved if the event organisers need assistance.

If you have any motorsport friends please, please pass on the details for the Coffs Coast Festival of Motorsport. The Festival's website is [www.coffsc Coastmotorsport.com](http://www.coffsc Coastmotorsport.com)



and the organisers can be reached by email at [info@coffsc Coastmotorsport.com](mailto:info@coffsc Coastmotorsport.com)



or by contacting the Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour City. Flyers for this event are at the end of this E-news.



**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

# GOOD IDEA COMES TO FRUITION

The devastation of the recent floods on the North Coast of NSW has been seen by us on our TV screens and possibly experienced by friends and relatives. The tragic stories about those people who lost everything have tugged at our nation's heartstrings. The city of Lismore and the surrounding communities were particularly hard hit. We can all remember the footage on TV of the inundated homes and businesses. This carnage was also replicated in the surrounding country areas with many farmers watching large numbers of stock wash down rivers or be marooned on small isolated pieces of high ground with little food. Their homes and buildings were inundated and essential infrastructure lost.

At a meeting of the Rotary Club of Manilla not long after these tragic events one of our new members, John, asked a simple question. "What can Rotary do for those poor farmers on the North Coast, they must desperately need fodder."

Apart from RAWCS funding some initiatives, we didn't know of any other Rotary initiatives. So, as club secretary I volunteered to find out some more information about what Rotary was doing.

After I contacted AG Simon Guest and gained some information, contact was made with PGD Terry Brown at the Rotary Club of Casino. Terry was organizing the response to the floods for Rotary in his region. When it was suggested that we and perhaps other clubs may be interested in donating hay, he thought that was a great idea and started looking into the details.

John's idea was also taken up by the "Need for Feed Australia" organization at a similar time and with their large resources, they came into the region and did some amazing things to support the farmer's need for fodder.

This didn't mean John's idea was now not going to assist farmers, rather the focus was changed to working through the Norco Rural Stores network to provide farmers with vouchers to purchase much-needed supplies as many had lost everything. The vouchers were used to purchase everything from dog food to steel pickets.

# ROUS ROTAKIDS LEND A HAND

Rous RotaKids didn't hesitate to give a helping hand in making gifts for Rous Public School P & C Mother's Day Stall. The students, and staff, joined energies around a worktable creating beautiful gifts to say "Thank you" to our mums for all that they do, and the love they spread. The level of pride, and required concentration, putting these goods together was certainly evident for all to see as depicted on our students' faces.

Good job everyone!



Through the clubs in our cluster an appeal was organized for further donations to purchase vouchers for the farmers. To my knowledge the clubs of Quirindi, Tamworth, Tamworth First Light, Tamworth Sunrise, E-Club of 9650 along with Manilla have contributed a total of \$6,050.

Terry Brown and his assistant PDG Brian Wheatley, Rotary Club of Lismore, wish to continue to fund these vouchers until later this year when spring arrives. Current plans are for vouchers to the value of \$10,000 to go to Dairy farmers and the same to Beef famers.

Each farmer receives a printed voucher with the name of the club that donated the money for the voucher.

Therefore, I would encourage clubs and individuals to consider donating to this very worthwhile Rotary initiative. Please contact Terry or Brian, they are great to work with and would be pleased to hear from you.

A good idea is worth nothing unless it is acted upon and Rotary certainly has the resources to make things happen.  
Thanks for that great idea, John.

Jim Brown  
Incoming Secretary  
Rotary Club of Manilla



**YOUTH INSEARCH** REBUILDING YOUNG LIVES



**Nelani Botha**; a Youth Insearch participant turned leader and now staff member, spoke to us at our District Conference about how Youth Insearch helped her to find her voice, to believe in herself after years of bullying and family stress.

Now she's a RYLARIAN thanks to a District RYLA scholarship and she is buzzing with new confidence and clear direction for where she wants to go and what she hopes to achieve. She also has a bunch of awesome new friendships from her RYLA experience.

Rotary supporting Youth Insearch can make a significant impact on our young people.

Rotary District 9650 has been quietly supporting Youth Insearch participants for years. In December 2021, the District Youth Insearch fund covered the cost of a bus to take young people from areas within our District to the special Christmas Camp at Lake Macquarie. At times it also subsidizes the cost of the camp fee to help a young person access this life changing experience.

If you or your club wishes to make a tangible difference to this program and young people across our District, you can donate to the DG Partner project account

**BSB: 932 000 Account: 1004 70393 Partner Project 2021-22 Youth Insearch**

**Please tag your club / name as reference**

However, the most valuable thing you can do through your Rotary club and community is to connect with your local youth support agencies, find out what they do, tell them about Youth Insearch and connect them to finding out more about establishing a Place Based Model of support in your local area so young people there can attend Youth Insearch camps and return home to ongoing support and connection to youth supports in their community. It is that stable ongoing support that makes the difference for change for these young people. Please email me if you wish to know more

HYPERLINK "mailto:Hmayne74@gmail.com" [Hmayne74@gmail.com](mailto:Hmayne74@gmail.com)

Thanks for your support 😊



# COFFS COAST FESTIVAL of Motor Sport

Organised by the Coffs City Rotary Club 

# 2022

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# NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH TO 27<sup>TH</sup>



**COFFS HARBOUR** **KEMPSEY**  
**RALEIGH** **GRAFTON**



-  RALLY
-  OFF ROAD RACING
-  SPEEDWAY
-  HILL CLIMBS
-  RALLYCROSS
-  DIRT TRACK MOTORCYCLES
-  GO KARTING
-  BURNOUT COMP
-  MOTOR SHOW
-  BIKE SHOW



For Further Information, Visit [www.coffscostmotorsport.com](http://www.coffscostmotorsport.com) Or Contact Bob Carle on 0411 727 255 or [info@coffscostmotorsport.com](mailto:info@coffscostmotorsport.com)



# The Coffs City Rotary Club presents



## 2022 PRELIMINARY CALENDAR

### Saturday, November 5

#### Coffs Harbour - Coffs Harbour Racing Club

Coffs City Rotary Club presents Massive Motor Show  
Cars, Hot Rods, Commercial Displays (Day / Night)

### Sunday, November 6

#### Raleigh - Raleigh Raceway

Burnout Comp

#### Kempsey - Mount Cooperabung Track

Kempsey Sporting Car Club - Hill Climb

### Wednesday, November 9

#### Raleigh - Raleigh Raceway

Coffs Harbour & District Sporting Car Club - Hill Climb

### Saturday, November 12

#### Coffs Harbour - Coffs Harbour Racing Club

Coffs City Rotary Club presents Massive Motor Bike Show  
All Bikes, Commercial Displays (Day / Night)

#### Coffs Harbour - Coffs Harbour Motorcycle Club Track

Champions of Dirt - Dirt Track Motorcycles (Day 1)

#### Raleigh - Raleigh Raceway

NSW Rallycross Championship (Day 1)

### Sunday, November 13

#### Coffs Harbour - Coffs Harbour Motorcycle Club Track

Champions of Dirt - Motocross (Day 2)

#### Raleigh - Raleigh Raceway

NSW Rallycross Championship (Day 2)

#### Grafton - Mountain View Track

Grafton Car Club - Hill Climb

### Saturday, November 19

#### Kempsey - Macleay District Motorcycle Club Track

Sultans of Slide - Dirt Track Motorcycles (Day 1)

#### Coffs Harbour - Coffs Kart Racing Club Track

Go Karting (Day 1)

### Sunday, November 20

#### Kempsey - Macleay District Motorcycle Club Track

Sultans of Slide - Dirt Track Motorcycles (Day 2)

#### Coffs Harbour - Coffs Kart Racing Club Track

Go Karting (Day 2)

### Friday, November 25

#### Coffs Harbour

Rally - Coffs Coast Rally, a round of FIA Asian Pacific  
Rally Championship

### Saturday, November 26

#### Coffs Harbour

Rally - RESA Safety Motorsport Australia Rally  
Championship

#### Grafton - Grafton Speedway

Race Meeting (Night)

### November 26

#### Kempsey - Off Road Racing (Day 1)

Kempsey-Macleay Off Road Club

### Sunday, November 27

#### Coffs Harbour

Rally - Motorsport Australia NSW Rally Championship

#### Kempsey - Off Road Racing (Day 2)

Kempsey-Macleay Off Road Club

**PLEASE NOTE: All Rally event (November 25, 26 and 27) enquiries to Motorsport Australia**



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# Rotary Districts Changeover



IMAGINE  
ROTARY

*2021-2022 District Governors*

*D9650 David Mayne and D9670 Amanda Roach*

*together with 2022-2023 District Governor*

*D9660 Neville Parsons*

*have great pleasure in inviting you to join them to celebrate the  
last Changeover Dinner for your Districts  
and to celebrate the commencement of District 9660*

*At Laurieton United Services Club (LUSC)*

*2 Seymour Street Laurieton*

*Saturday 25 June 2022*

*6:00pm arrival for 6:30pm Dinner*

*\$40 per person*

*Bookings and payment made direct to the LUSC*

*Phone: 6559 9110*

*Bookings close: 11 June 2022*

*When booking please advise any special dietary requirements*