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**SERVE TO
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THOUGHTS AND REFLECTIONS WITH DGD

As we Sadly, this is my second last 'Thoughts & Reflections' as District Governor. It has been a tough couple of weeks with a COVID outbreak going through some of our young and not so young Rotarians as well as at last being able to formulate a visitation plan for club changeovers. Barraba last week and Lightning Ridge last night showed that Rotary still has a major impact in their respective communities. It continually amazes me how much a community values their Rotary club and sees them as important and influential 'stakeholders'.

Of late I have noticed that although the majority of clubs have brilliantly emerged from this pandemic relatively unscathed there are other clubs in our District that are hurting. They have not been able to regain the momentum they had prior to the COVID outbreak and not only have projects, programs and fundraising suffered but membership decline has hit some clubs in a big way. Even though you may feel despondent and think of 'throwing in the towel', this is a time to reach out for help and support. Your AG's and the District Management team are there to help. All clubs go through this from time to time. The only thing that has

to roll out Club Changeovers, I believe some clubs still changed are the new vibrant ways to gain members and community interest in Rotary.

Changeovers are a great time to inspire and encourage not only existing members but also potential new members to your club. Make your Changeover a time of celebration. A joyous time to reflect on the achievements of the past, the way your club has re invented itself through the pandemic and look forward to what is planned. Communities look to Rotary as leaders, as 'movers and shakers'. I recently spoke to a Mayor from a different District, who was not a Rotarian however, commented sadly on the fact that his town recently lost its Rotary club and he felt it "was like the soul had been ripped out of the town". I feel sometimes that we are all lured into negativity when in fact we have lots to celebrate in the Rotary world. Rotary is still 'kicking goals' at home and worldwide and we need to remember and celebrate these victories and revel in these achievements.

You are a Rotarian. Remember what brought you to the point where you had that little wheel pinned to your chest. Remember why you are a Rotarian and reclaim your fervent desire to make a difference in serving others. Remember that you are not above or below others, but you are set apart as someone who puts 'service above self'. I want to personally thank you all for all that you do as part of the Rotary family.

DG David



Barraba Changeover



D9650 RYLA Reunion
28 – 29 May Dorrigo

Huge thank you to 2013 RYLarian, Richie Goddard & the RC of Dorrigo for organising & hosting past RYLarians for the gathering.
Chilly weekend but magnificent surroundings & great to catch up with everybody.
Hope to do it all again as we join & become D9660.



DAYS FOR GIRLS AUSTRALIA

Days for Girls Australia is a registered Australian not for profit and is a Country Affiliate with Days for Girls International. Volunteers across Australia mobilize to increase access to menstrual products and vital health information for women and girls around the world.

Sawtell Secretary Gerry De Gabrielle came to our club from Armidale and in his first self-introduction to Sawtell members he talked of his desire to run an awareness program for girls and women from underdeveloped countries. The program is well known in some areas and is operating on the Coffs Coast in the Uniting Church Hall at Woolgoolga. With Gerry's drive and determination, an information day finally ran.

Despite timing the Election Day didn't stop people from coming to the information day at Sawtell RSL on the 21st of May. Gerry was encouraged by an attendance of 26 people who came to listen to the presentation and learn about the many ways that everyone can help.

We congratulate Gerry for his persistence. We have done what we set out to do, and that is to spread the word and make the community aware of this humanitarian effort being carried out by a group of everyday people doing extraordinary things to help our sisters in underdeveloped countries around the world. Well done and thanks to those Rotarians and partners who supported the event. As a result of the community is made aware of the program, the Coffs Coast Group is now at capacity and they believe they may now have enough people to start another group at Sawtell.



TECHNOLOGY

TRAINING

Two sessions have been planned for members who are new to DacDb.

1. 12 June 2022 - Database training. 7 pm
2. 19 June 2022 - Clubs who have a district grant. This workshop will show you the process for reporting - both interim and final reports. Have any photos you have taken ready and your financial details and you can finalise it in the workshop.

Let Di Hall know if you are planning to attend and you will receive the link by email.
dihall605@gmail.com

Cheers
Di

QUIRINDI ROYAL THEATRE

Quirindi Royal Theatre saw over 120 people gather to listen to both Craig Hamilton and Allira Robertson talk to them about their own personal journeys with Mental Health.

Kalen from National Recovery and Resilience Agency opened the night with general information regarding help that is available through their agency. Kalen is based in Scone and was very informative regarding the support and services available to you if you have been through a Disaster. The agency provides support and advice to people who have been impacted by natural disasters and or drought.

Allira a former Quirindi lady explained to the audience how her journey with Mental Health started and how she was living life but hiding who she really was. Her journey not only affected her but also those closest to her. Listening to Allira made the audience realise that this is a major health issue and help is not always close to those who need it when they need it. Allira struggled with living in a small rural town and had no real Mental Health care or information.

Craig Hamilton followed Allira with his story of how he went from living a life where everything was going along perfectly and then out of nowhere and for no reason at all depression, anxiety and so much more turned up and turned his life upside down.

Craig was born and raised in the Hunter Valley town of Quirindi High School Canteen Singleton and has spent 16 years working as an underground coalminer in the Newcastle area before embarking on his career as a radio presenter, fulltime in 1999. His life was normal, happily married, a father and no reason to feel he was suffering from any form of Mental illness.

In September 2000, he was diagnosed with Bipolar Disorder after an episode.

After a hospital stay and once he recovered and received the treatment plan he needed, he then set out to create awareness of mental health and also break down the stigma that surrounds those that suffer from mental health issues. He has since become one of Australia's most high profile and most sought-after speakers on mental health awareness, lifestyle, overcoming adversity and work/life balance.

Mental Health Services are not available in so many areas of Australia.

Craig spoke about how he now leads a very busy and fulfilling life. He talked about how he was lucky to have the love and support of his family, his work colleagues and not one friend turned their back on him. He has been and still is supported by these people.



Monique Caslick, David Wallis, Jim McDonald, Craig Hamilton and Kim Lawlor

FACEBOOK GROUP

The District 9660 Facebook page has been launched and is accessible via this link.

<https://www.facebook.com/rotary9660>



I invite you to check it out and to provide your feedback and suggestions for improvement.

There is also a District 9660 - Facebook Members Page, accessible via this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/994961830997038>



This is the group for all Rotarians and Rotaractors in the new District 9960. A place to have discussions, share your Rotary news, projects and success stories, and excitement for Rotary, within the Group rules.

Access to this group is restricted to people who are members of Rotary Clubs in District 9660.

This group provides a space to positively connect with other Rotarians in the district who utilise Facebook. Posts and comments on this Facebook-Members Only page will only be seen by the other group members.

Craig's story made the audience realise that Mental Health does not have a certain "look" a certain "type" or any certain "Lifestyle", it can, and it does affect anyone.

A quote that Craig started his talk with is "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." Craig will not be silent about Mental Health and Wellbeing and he should not be.

Craig is also now a published author and his books were for sale throughout the evening with him signing many of these at the end of the night.

Thank you to so many of our wonderful Sponsors who joined the night. But thank you to all of these as without your sponsorship the Rotary Club would not have been able to put on such a great informative night.

The Quirindi Rotary Club thank each and every one that attended the night. Nights like this is exactly what Rotary is all about. Community is big, helping is great, support is welcome, and you are all part of our great wider community.

Thank you to all those involved in putting on such a great event.

NSW State Govt. Roads to Recovery program

Brackenbury Green & Owen Accountants

Liverpool Plains Shire

Hon. Kevin Anderson MP

Elders Killara Feedlot

Inglewood Wallabadah Pastoral

Whitehaven Coal

GrainCorp

JBS Foods

Quirindi RSL Club

Lexie Bernard

Minister for Mental Health the Hon. Bronnie Taylor with support from Mr Dave Layzell

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

THANK YOU

Thank you to the members that attended the recent District Training sessions and I encourage all to continue to “Serve to Change Lives” as you position to “Imagine Rotary” in 2022-2023.

I also extend my appreciation to all the outgoing Club Officers and a warm welcome to the incoming Club Officers and I hope that you enjoy each of your Changeovers especially the celebration of the impact that you have had on your community and the Rotary world.

DGE Neville Parsons

The Sydney Office of Rotary international is seeing an increase in donations activity ahead of the end of financial year and have provided the attached information as to how to donate to the Rotary Foundation.

The methods below apply to both Club or Individual donations to the Rotary Foundation, whether as part of the Centurion, Paul Harris Society (PHS), Paul Harris Fellow (PHF), Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) or other programs; and to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus or other funds. You are encouraged to review this information as it will assist in the end of year processing of any donations or Paul Harris Fellow recognitions required.
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DISTRICT 9660 UPDATE

With four weeks to go I report that we are down to reviewing District Policies and then preparing to have the District 9660 Board approve the Policies to take into our new District from 1 July 2022.

I had previously advised that Rotary International District 9660 Inc was incorporated on the 25 February 2022 by the NSW Department of Fair Trading.

We have now secured our ABN being ABN: 47 258 228 592 and our Tax File Number and are in the process of applying for the Authority to Fundraise for District 9660.

Your District 9660 Board for the 2022-2023 year is as follows:

Role	Name	Club
District Governor	PDG Neville Parsons	Wauchope
District Governor Elect	Alyn Miranda	Wallsend-Maryland
District Governor Nominee	Bruce George	Inverell
PDG D9650	PDG David Mayne	Port Macquarie
PDG D9670	PDG Amanda Roach	Rylstone-Kandos
District Secretary	Bev Bartlett	Wauchope
District Treasurer	Geoff Alderdice	Morriset
District Rotaract Rep	Jack Wilson	Hastings Rotaract
Area Governor Rep 1	Laurie Easter	Lower Midcoast
Area Governor Rep 2	Pam Wellham	Belmont

The Board met via Zoom on Sunday 29 May 2022 for a Special Board Meeting to review the recommendations from the Tender Sub Committee for the District 9660 Auditor and Banker.

I advise that the Board endorsed the recommendations from the Tender Selection Committee and we congratulate the following successful tenderers:

- Our District Auditors for District 9660 will be Northcorp Accountants from Port Macquarie. Northcorp will commence their responsibility as our District Auditors from 1 July 2002 with the 2022-2023 year being the first year for their Audit. The 2 current incumbent Auditors for both D9650 and D9670 will be responsible to complete the 2021-2022 Audits.
- Our District Banker for District 9660 will be NAB and our Finance Committee Chair Patrick, Treasurer Geoff and myself are now undertaking all the necessary paperwork to ensure that we have the District 9660 operating Accounts open and operational prior to 1 July 2022 in readiness for the 1 July 2022 commencement of District 9660 from Rotary Internationals perspective.

ROTARY

INTERNATIONAL

EXCHANGE RATE

Rotary International have advised that the June Exchange Rate is \$1.39 for \$1US. That compares to the \$1.40 last month.

You can keep up to date with the monthly Exchange Rate applicable for Rotary International payments at this link:

<https://my.rotary.org/en/exchange-rates>



DGE Neville Parsons

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PAYMENTS AND REQUESTS

The following are key roles that are available to support the Board and are invitees to Board meetings:

Role	Name	Club
Public Officer	PDG Don Stephens	Dubbo West
Legal Officer	PDG Maurie Stack	Taree on Manning
Youth Protection Officer	Diana Reynolds	Wauchope
Finance Committee Chair	Patrick Healey	Greenhills Maitland

As was agreed by Clubs in November 2021 as part of the Constitution and Structure approvals, your District 9660 Board is tasked with managing the District's strategic and governance matters.

The District Operations Committee is then positioned to focus on delivering District Programs and operational support as and when required by Clubs direct to clubs.

The Operations Committee reports directly to the Board.

The District 9660 Operations Committee for the 2022-2023 year is as follows:

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District Secretary	Bev Bartlett	Wauchope
Youth Protection Officer	Diana Reynolds	Wauchope
Finance Committee Chair	Patrick Healey	Greenhills Maitland
Area Governor A1	Pam Wellham	Belmont
Area Governor A2	Christine Walmsley	Maitland Sunrise
Area Governor A3	Laurie Easter	Lower Midcoast
Area Governor A4	PDG David Mayne	Port Macquarie
Area Governor A5	Bruce George	Inverell
Area Governor A6	Simon Guest	Tamworth West
Area Governor A7	Kel Walls	Gunnedah West
Area Governor A8	Peter Judd	Dubbo
Team Leader Admin	Bruce George	Inverell
Team Leader Club Development	PDG Adrian Roach	Greenhills Maitland
Rotary Foundation Chair	PDG Greg Moran	Inverell
Team Leader Youth	Andrew Marselos	East Maitland
Team Leader Service Projects	PDG Jo Wilkin	Coonabarabran

The Club Development Membership, Public Image and Learning & Development Committee Chairs are as follows:

Role	Name	Club
Membership Chair	Jenny Sinclair	Port Sunrise
Public Image Chair	Nicole Shanks	Dubbo West
Learning & Development Chair	PDG Ken Hall	E-Club 9650

The Service Projects Committee Chairs are as follows:

Role	Name	Club
Community Chair	Steve Towle	Port Macquarie West
International Chair	Phil Gorton	Wallsend-Maryland
Vocational Chair	PDG Ian Dyball	Taree

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The full listing of Board, Operations Committee and supporting Committees and Coordinators will be available via the District and Club Database – DAC-db for your reference.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS

The 2023 RI Convention will be held in Melbourne over the 27-31 May 2023.

The Melbourne Convention Launch will be at the Houston Convention this week (4-8th June 2022). You can all get a special registration rate for the Melbourne Convention during that time by visiting this site: <https://convention.rotary.org/en>



REGISTRATION STRUCTURE & GOALS

REGISTRATION CATEGORY	04 JUNE TO 08 JUNE 2022	09 JUNE 2022 TO 15 DECEMBER 2022	16 DECEMBER 2022 TO 31 MARCH 2023	1 APRIL TO 31 MAY 2023
Club member, Nonmember, or guest, age 31 or over	\$425	\$475	\$575	\$675
Club member, Nonmember or guest, age 30 or under	\$105	\$125	\$175	\$225
Guest age 5-18	\$20	\$20	\$30	\$40
Guest under age 5	Free	Free	Free	Free
Saturday, House of Friendship only	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$100

Our District 9660 Melbourne Convention Coordinator and Promoter will be Patti Parsons and Patti will distribute further information as it comes to hand as we move into 2022-2023. To help promote the Convention, here is also the link for the promo: [ENGLISH](#)

UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS

Dear Rotary and Rotaract leaders, I have been impressed and moved by how members around the world are responding to the humanitarian crisis caused by the war in Ukraine. The generosity of our donors, combined with the dedicated service of our members, has helped many who need shelter, food, water, and medicine. Districts and clubs like yours are organizing service projects and districts are using Rotary Foundation disaster response grants to help people affected by the war. We want to showcase your meaningful work.

Rotary Showcase

We invite you to share your efforts on Rotary Showcase if you haven't done so already. We know that Rotary and Rotaract clubs are taking action, and we want to know how your club is helping. Did you know that you can use Rotary Showcase to find funding, volunteers, materials, and partners?

Here are a few of the many projects around the world so far (QR codes for this write up are in the right hand column):

- European Rotaract clubs organize to help Ukrainian refugees: <https://www.rotary.org/en/european-rotaract-clubs-organize-help-ukrainian-refugees>
- Rotary clubs unite across continents to collect and deliver medical aid to Ukraine: <https://www.rotary.org/en/european-rotaract-clubs-organize-help-ukrainian-refugees>
- Rotary's network enables rapid humanitarian relief for Ukrainian refugees: <https://www.rotary.org/en/rotarys-network-enables-rapid-humanitarian-relief-ukrainian-refugees>



Now we want to hear from you. Use Rotary Showcase (https://map.rotary.org/en/project/pages/project_showcase.aspx) to tell us and others about the good work your club is doing to respond to the war in Ukraine, whether it's through disaster response grants or by using locally donated funds or supplies. Locally supported efforts



If your club or district is helping Ukraine without using a disaster response grant, post it on Showcase but also please send a very brief summary of those efforts, mentioning the monetary value of any donated funds or in-kind contributions, to Marco Nicosia in Rotary's office in Zurich: marco.nicosia@rotary.org.

Rotaract participation in disaster response grants

People have asked whether Rotaract clubs can participate in disaster response grants. Districts can apply for these grants, and we encourage Rotaract clubs and Rotaractors to take part in district efforts to help Ukraine, whether or not it's through disaster response grants. And we encourage districts to include ideas proposed by Rotaractors in their disaster response grant projects.

Thank you for helping us obtain a more accurate global picture of all of the work that Rotary members are doing for Ukraine. Thank you for your leadership and dedication to Doing Good in the World in these times of crisis.

Sincerely,

John P. Hewko
General Secretary and Chief Executive Officer
Rotary International

NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM

2023

Year 12 Program
10 - 24 January

CALLING ALL YEAR 11 STEM ENTHUSIASTS!

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Hybrid program with digital and in-person content, so you can attend in a way that suits you!
- Specialist lectures, workshops, and masterclasses from Australia's leading STEM experts (including Nobel Prize winners).
- Digital and in-person visits to some of the world's most advanced STEM facilities.
- Exciting STEM challenges to showcase your ideas and work on real-life applications.
- Social events to connect and network with your fellow future leaders in STEM!



National Youth
Science Forum

www.nysf.edu.au