

**ISSUE 35 BOB'S JOTTINGS**

**15 MARCH 2018**

Congratulations to the Conference Chairman, John Thwaites and Elsie and their entire team – it was a very tight schedule but all the Keynote speakers and the speakers for each 10-minute spot stayed to time and we found 15-minutes in the first morning session to discuss Merger / Not to Merger before morning tea – the food for morning teas and lunch and the catering for the Friday and Saturday nights was excellent. Murray Hartin entertained in his own inimitable style - the Last Club Standing lived up to its reputation with Lightning Ridge receiving a number of Awards plus being the inaugural winners of PDG Rob Anderson's "Last Club Standing" trophy. A huge thankyou from DG Bob Ryan and Margaret for the support of all the Rotarians and partners and Friends of Rotary who attended to make this Conference the success it was.

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**PARTNER'S PROJECT – PLEASE FORWARD CHEQUES MADE OUT TO:**

**PARTNER'S PROJECT 2017 – 2018**

**District Treasurer, (Lisa Eaton) at**

**18 Bishop Crescent**

**ARMIDALE NSW 2350**

**Please forward copy to [ryanmb@westnet.com.au](mailto:ryanmb@westnet.com.au)**

**FOR DIRECT DEPOSITS FOR PARTNER'S PROJECT details as follows**

**Name – Rotary International D.G. Partner's Account**

**BSB 721-000**

**Account no 100143137**

**Please forward copy to [ryanmb@westnet.com.au](mailto:ryanmb@westnet.com.au)**

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## **ROTARY AGAINST MALARIA (RAM)**

This email is being sent to all RAM District Chairs, Regional Coordinators and Exec Committee.

**Bill Gates** now believes that we can eliminate malaria in the Asia Pacific area by 2025 and Julie Bishop (representing Australia) has agreed to join the **End Malaria Council**, co-chaired by Bill Gates to increase our Government's commitment to the task. Read all about it in the 'Australian' newspaper story from yesterday by following the link below:-

[www.theaustralian.com.au/news/health-science/bill-gates-asks-for-australias-help-in-ridding-asia-of-malaria/news-story/474ade9f0e0f8c84d4033b6b5953476b](http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/health-science/bill-gates-asks-for-australias-help-in-ridding-asia-of-malaria/news-story/474ade9f0e0f8c84d4033b6b5953476b)

*Definitely worth a read and for Rotary a rather neat step into our next **major international project** as our work towards the Elimination of Polio is now so close. (Editor)*

**David Pearson**

**National Manager: Rotarians Against Malaria.**

**Director: Rotary Australia World Community Service Ltd.**

Ph/Fax 61 2 67792616

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"**Jambo**" is hello in swahili. We welcomed the four members from the Ugandan GSE Team this morning. The Ugandan Team from District 9211 who were exploring the Rotary GSE program for the first time, hence the four members of this team were all mature and experienced Rotarian's, who chose our district to 'check out' how we manage GSE teams and the opportunities offered by the program prior to accepting and sending their own teams. A GSE Team for District 9650 will visit Uganda in May 2018 and attend the District 9211 Conference. District 9211 is comprised of the whole of the Republic of Uganda (Uganda) and the southern adjacent country of the United Republic of Tanzania (Tanzania). The District had 123 Clubs (87 in Uganda and 36 in Tanzania) and 3,380 members at the beginning of 2016-2017.



The team members from left to right of the photo below with President Jenny during the exchange of Rotary Banners are: **Joan Kabayambi**, who works in Public Health specialising in maternal and child health programming. (Team Leader) **Unice Chira**, who works in Logistics and Human Resources. **Peter Lusembo**, works as an Agriculturist and Research Officer. **Mary Awor**, is an Office Administrator in planning, implementing and maintenance.

The GSE Team spoke in turn about their personal and business lives, the Rotary Clubs and projects they are currently working on in their district. Upon chatting with the GSE team about our current 'Stationery Packs to PNG' Project, it was noted to be an excellent project for the children in the District of 9211. So it was motioned that the GSE Team would take home with them to Uganda a number of Stationery Packs for their schools to benefit also from this amazing project. **NOW.... That is Rotary in Motion...**



"**Safari njema**" is safe journey in swahili and we wish our new friends a very safe journey as they visit Australia. (This page is courtesy of Port Macquarie Sunrise Bulletin)

## Purpose of the GSE Program

Traditionally the Group Study Exchange (GSE) program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for business and professional men and women ages 25 to 40 years, who are in the early years of their professional lives. The program provides for professional study groups of four (4) non-Rotarian team members and one (1) Rotarian Team Leader to travel for four weeks, staying in the homes of Rotarians when possible. It offers vocational visits to observe vocations as practiced in another country as well as impacting on team members' long term careers through exchange of ideas, cultural experiences (people, languages, diversity and institutions), fellowship opportunities and Rotarian involvement for International Service through provision of different vocational perspectives for their team.

**GSE Visit:** Our Club farewelled the Ugandan team at a very successful function on North Brother Mountain last Sunday. Thanks to Ian and his large band of helpers who contributed to the success of the day. In addition, several of our members attended the GSE team presentation at Port Macquarie. I look forward to the team's presentation at Conference and will be exploring global grant possibilities. Below are a selection of photographs taken at the two functions. (courtesy of Laurieton Rotary)



**Rotary District 9650 is looking for a Rotarian Team Leader for a Group Study Exchange (GSE) visit to (Leggo Land) in Denmark.**

**Are you interested and need more information?**

**Please contact PDG Ian Jackson 0417 258 879 or [ibjackson2@bigpond.com](mailto:ibjackson2@bigpond.com).**

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**ROTARY CLUB OF GLOUCESTER has A NEW SECRETARY –  
COULD CLUB SECRETARIES PLEASE TAKE NOTE.....**

The new Secretary is **PP Ashleigh Hickman -email is [9650sec@gmail.com](mailto:9650sec@gmail.com)**

*A reminder that Ashleigh is also available as a guest speaker to all Clubs regarding Interplast*

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## **FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL ABOUT CLEAN WATER**

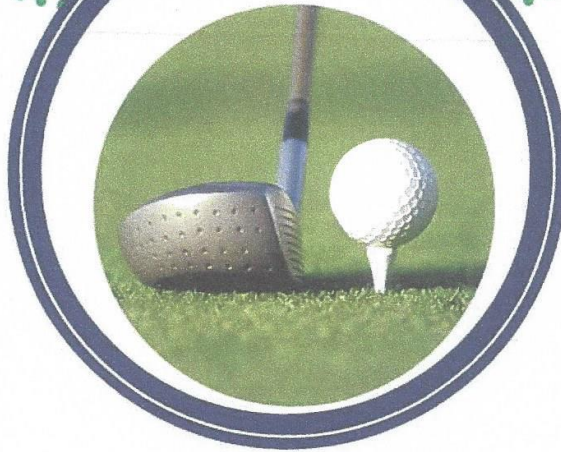
Clean water and sanitation is a human right. When people, especially children, have access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene, they lead healthier and more successful lives.

We don't just build wells and walk away. Rotary members integrate water, sanitation, and hygiene into education projects. When children learn about disease transmission and practice good hygiene, they miss less school. And they can take those lessons home to their families, expanding our impact.

(courtesy of RC of Armidale North)

## **GOLFERS**

**What a great idea and am sure many of you would like to participate or at least express interest..... TURN TO THE NEXT PAGE TO SEE WHAT IS ON OFFER.....**



ROTARY DISTRICT 9650  
Invites you to  
express an interest in a  
**GOLF FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE**  
with  
District 9640

- An exchange up to 2 weeks**
- Up to 6 couples ( one of the couples must be a Rotarian)**
- Playing golf 5-6 different courses**
- Home hosted preferred**
- Reciprocal arrangements**
- Also sight seeing in your area**

Please respond to  
Debbie Loveday  
District Community Service Director 9650  
[dloveday@hdl.com.au](mailto:dloveday@hdl.com.au)



## ROTARY CLUB OF COFFS HARBOUR

### BCU Triathlon....Mike Brown:

This annual event finished today (Sunday 4). The preliminary events were on the Saturday afternoon and the finale today. It is a huge event particularly when you get there at 5:30am on Sunday when you see workers and competitors swarming all over the Jetty area, amazing.



Our part of the process operated to a high standard of efficiency and effectiveness. The catering aspect went smoothly except for a few dropped sausages and eggs.

Supplies and equipment were of a high standard

A job well done with Mike leading the gang of merry workers

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## ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA UPDATES

### Progress towards malaria elimination in Timor

Thanks to tremendous support from Rotary Districts all over Australia we are close to submitting a Rotary Foundation Grant application for a total budget of USD\$240,000 to support Timor Leste's drive for **Malaria Free Certification**.

The Global Grant has been supported by contributions of District Designated Funds from 15 Districts and is proposed to provide 40,000 LLINs and 80 IRS sprayers to protect vulnerable populations in the border areas assisting with a funding shortfall created by reallocated priorities by the Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB and malaria.



### Tafea province of Vanuatu recognised for achieving malaria-free status



The province of Tafea in southern Vanuatu has been recognized for its achievement of eliminating malaria in an award ceremony organized by the Government of Vanuatu.

The elimination of malaria incidence in Tafea marks a great success of the malaria programme of the Ministry of Health, accomplished in collaboration with donors and development partners including the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Global Fund. Interestingly RAM's first field project in 1993/4 was supporting malaria control in Vanuatu.

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**NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM (NYSF) applications opened yesterday - Thursday, 1 March 2018 for Year 11 students.**

This is a twelve (12) day residential Science Camp with three (3) sessions held in January 2019 of which two (2) are in Canberra and one (1) is in Brisbane.

**Please note that Di Hall from Tamworth will be taking over as District Chair from 1 March 2018**

All enquiries with regards to NYSF should now be directed to Di Hall by mobile – 0411 704 654 or via email [d9650nysfchair@gmail.com](mailto:d9650nysfchair@gmail.com) .

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**“You told me to hang your mother’s picture in the hallway.”**



Talon Buxton was inducted into our Rotary Club last week. He was born and raised in Broken Hill. He travelled around a bit before he went to school & lived in Port Augusta, Dubbo and out in the bush for a little bit as his father worked along the dingo fence, doing regular maintenance by day and rabbit shooting by night. One of his earliest memories is with his Dad at night rabbit shooting with him, Talon had an old cork pop gun, & his Dad would tell him, " Son as soon as I shoot, you shoot too and we will see who gets the rabbit? " "We all knew who got the rabbits but at the time Talon thought he was pretty amazing, especially being able to hit a rabbit with a little toy pop gun!"

Talon loves cars, older ones especially, he has had a few old cars and his latest edition is an old V8 Mercedes 420SEL. He moved to Port Macquarie when he was 16. His ambition was to be a motor mechanic, so he became an Electrician! Go figure!

He did his apprenticeship in Port Macquarie, married Kristie & started a family & when qualified, moved to Mount Isa, He started out at Clancy Corp as a pretty green tradesman with no mining skills but with big ambitions and work ethic He knew he could become an integral part of the company. He started working as a breakdown electrician & rose to become supervising manager.

Talon & Kristie now have five children & moved back to Port Macquarie to be closer to family & to start a new electrical business CLANCY CORPORATION. Talon is excited to be part of Rotary & is looking forward to helping where he can.

Welcome - Talon.

**Congratulations Talon and welcome to the Rotary Family.....**

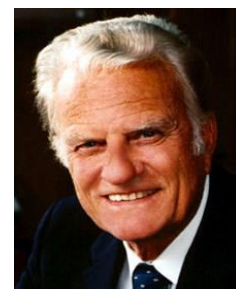
(Courtesy of Port Macquarie Club)



**“The greatest legacy one can pass on to one’s children and grandchildren is not money or other material things accumulated in one’s life, but rather a legacy of character and faith.”**

- Billy Graham

(Courtesy of RC of Port Macquarie)



## Photos from our Exchange Student to Denmark:

Our Club's Rotary Exchange Student to Denmark Baillie Pinnock has been enjoying her time at Language School and is quickly making new friends. She will continue to send us reports on her visit.



(Courtesy of the RC of Taree)

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### Rotary Club of Kempsey West

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**Sat Mar 17, 2018**

**All day RYLA 2018**

**Where:** Yarrahapinni Adventist Youth Centre, 366 Grassy Head Rd, Grassy Head NSW 2441, Australia

**Calendar:** Public Calendar

**Created by:** West Kempsey Rotary

**Description:**

RYLA 2018 is to be held on Saturday 17th March - Saturday 24th of March at Yarrahapinni Adventist Youth Centre Grassy Head (Near Macksville). Application forms for the 2018 RYLA program are now available by clicking on the link below. A Dinner Function will be held in Macksville on Wednesday 22nd March at Macksville RSL.

**Sun Mar 18, 2018**

**All day RYLA 2018**

**Where:** Yarrahapinni Adventist Youth Centre, 366 Grassy Head Rd, Grassy Head NSW 2441, Australia

**Calendar:** Public Calendar

**Created by:** West Kempsey Rotary

**Description:**

RYLA 2018 is to be held on Saturday 17th March - Saturday 24th of March at Yarrahapinni Adventist Youth Centre Grassy Head (Near Macksville). Application forms for the 2018 RYLA program are now available by clicking on the link below. A Dinner Function will be held in Macksville on Wednesday 22nd March at Macksville RSL.

**All day Gladstone Quality Markets**

**Where:** Gladstone NSW 2440, Australia

**Calendar:** Public Calendar

**Created by:** West Kempsey Rotary

**Mon Mar 19, 2018**

**All day RYLA 2018**

**Where:** Yarrahapinni Adventist Youth Centre, 366 Grassy Head Rd, Grassy Head NSW 2441, Australia

**Calendar:** Public Calendar

**Created by:** West Kempsey Rotary

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**Tue Mar 20, 2018**

**All day RYLA 2018**

**Where:** Yarrahapinni Adventist Youth Centre, 366 Grassy Head Rd, Grassy Head NSW 2441, Australia

**Calendar:** Public Calendar

**Created by:** West Kempsey Rotary

**Description:**

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Centre Grassy Head (Near Macksville). Application forms for the 2018 RYLA program are now available by clicking on the link below. A Dinner Function will be held in Macksville on Wednesday 22nd March at Macksville RSL.

### 6pm Rotary - General Meeting

**Where:** Kempsey Macleay RSL Club, 1 York Ln, Kempsey NSW 2440, Australia

**Description:**

All Members who are not attending are required to RSVP by 12pm on the day of the meeting. Call Tim Loomis' Office on (02) 6562 2295. \*\*\*\* [If you have a late apology, please call the RSL Kitchen direct on (02) 6560 1108] \*\*\*\*

**Wed Mar 21, 2018**

### All day RYLA 2018

**Where:** Yarrahapinni Adventist Youth Centre, 366 Grassy Head Rd, Grassy Head NSW 2441, Australia

**Calendar:** Public Calendar

**Created by:** West Kempsey Rotary

**Description:**

RYLA 2018 is to be held on Saturday 17th March - Saturday 24th of March at Yarrahapinni Adventist Youth Centre Grassy Head (Near Macksville). Application forms for the 2018 RYLA program are now available by clicking on the link below. A Dinner Function will be held in Macksville on Wednesday 22nd March at Macksville RSL.

### All day 2018 RYLA Dinner

**Where:** Macksville Ex-Services Club, 16 Cooper St, Macksville NSW 2447, Australia

**Calendar:** Other Events

**Created by:** West Kempsey Rotary

**Description:** More details to come...

**Thu Mar 22, 2018**

### All day RYLA 2018

**Where:** Yarrahapinni Adventist Youth Centre, 366 Grassy Head Rd, Grassy Head NSW 2441, Australia

**Calendar:** Public Calendar

**Created by:** West Kempsey Rotary

**Description:**

RYLA 2018 is to be held on Saturday 17th March - Saturday 24th of March at Yarrahapinni Adventist Youth Centre Grassy Head (Near Macksville). Application forms for the 2018 RYLA program are now available by clicking on the link below. A Dinner Function will be held in Macksville on Wednesday 22nd March at Macksville RSL.

**Fri Mar 23, 2018**

### All day RYLA 2018

**Where:** Yarrahapinni Adventist Youth Centre, 366 Grassy Head Rd, Grassy Head NSW 2441, Australia

**Calendar:** Public Calendar

**Created by:** West Kempsey Rotary

**Description:**

RYLA 2018 is to be held on Saturday 17th March - Saturday 24th of March at Yarrahapinni Adventist Youth Centre Grassy Head (Near Macksville). Application forms for the 2018 RYLA program are now available by clicking on the link below. A Dinner Function will be held in Macksville on Wednesday 22nd March at Macksville RSL.

**Sat Mar 24, 2018**

### All day RYLA 2018

**Where:** Yarrahapinni Adventist Youth Centre, 366 Grassy Head Rd, Grassy Head NSW 2441, Australia

**Calendar:** Public Calendar

**Created by:** West Kempsey Rotary

**Description:**

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### All day Housebound Library Deliveries

**Where:** Kempsey Library, Corner of Elbow & Tozer streets, West Kempsey NSW2440, Australia

**Calendar:** Library Roster

**Created by:** West Kempsey Rotary

**Description:**

Member: Chris Cooney - Please Sign In and Out of the Book at the Library. - Deliveries must be made on the Saturday.

The books can be picked up from the Library on the Friday afternoon and returned on the Monday morning. - If this date does not suit, or if you require assistance, please contact Nathan Warwick so we can make the arrangements.

**Tue Mar 27, 2018**

### 6pm Rotary - Board Meeting

**Where:** Kempsey Macleay RSL Club, 1 York Ln, Kempsey NSW 2440, Australia

**Description:**

All Members who are not attending are required to RSVP by 12pm on the day of the meeting. Call Tim Loomis' Office on (02) 6562 2295. \*\*\*\* [If you have a late apology, please call the RSL Kitchen direct on (02) 6560 1108] \*\*\*\*

**Tue Apr 3, 2018**

### 6pm Rotary - General Meeting

**Where:** Kempsey Macleay RSL Club, 1 York Ln, Kempsey NSW 2440, Australia

**Description:**

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*Excellent way to keep Club members informed of what is happening within their Club and, in this instance, the enormous amount of time given to ensure that RYLA is such an amazing success each year whilst other events are being fitted in and around RYLA.*

**Congratulations RC of Kempsey West.**

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**Wauchope Rotary Club Guest Speaker** our member Vern Harvey. Vern spoke of his work with Kairos Prison Ministry Australia. This has been a long-time passion of Vern and he has recently been appointed National Chairman of the group. Kairos Prison Ministry Australia is an interdenominational Christian ministry reaching out to incarcerated individuals, their families and those who work with them; to bring sustainable meaning and hope in the place of loneliness, isolation and despair. This work is accomplished through four distinct yet interdependent programs. Some interesting statistics

There are 40,000 people in the 70 Prisons spread across Australia

- 92% male and 40% on remand awaiting trial and or sentencing.
- About 20% are indigenous
- 50% have been in prison before
- 10% are in maximum security
- The cost to keep a prisoner incarcerated is \$300 per day or \$100,000pa.
- For many repeat offenders Prison is home and their "safe place"
- Vern volunteers and works with men and women prisoners

The program is inter-denominational and volunteers do not preach but focus on "listen listen love love" Further information is available at the Kairos Prison Ministry website <http://kairos.org.au/> (courtesy of RC of Wauchope)

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