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Changeover
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Changeover
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7 June R C Wialda Changeover
8 June R C Moree on Gwydir
Changeover
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Changeover
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Changeover

MUSINGS FROM THE DG

This weekend is our first District Assembly inland at Tamworth. If you didn't make it to this one, please try and get to one of the others. Currency, fellowship, and a wealth of new ideas and enthusiasm can really help kickstart your year. Unfortunately, the road up to Walcha is still blocked so the journey will probably take another hour via Dorrigo or Gloucester. The heavy rains have caused such havoc in the area, and it looks like more is forecast this weekend to add to the misery for many.

CLUB OFFICERS 2021-2022

Can you please ensure that you report your incoming officers on the My Rotary website. If you don't do this, they will not be able to access information pertinent to their role for the coming year.

PLEASE DO IT NOW

Upcoming District Assemblies

Please respond to District Secretary Patti Parsons and let her know you are attending in good time. It is important to know well in advance to ensure the venue is adequate and we comply with COVID restrictions. Also, we need to know how many to feed! (very important)

Sunday 16th May 2021 Crossing Theatre Narrabri

Sunday 30th May 2021 Charles Sturt University, Ellis Parade Lake Innes Port Macquarie

RAWCS Flood Appeal Timor Leste

<https://directory.rawcs.com.au/69-2020-21>

Rotary Australia World Community Service Limited (RAWCS) in response to the flooding in Timor, has sought advice on the most appropriate means of responding to this disaster.

Timor Leste is in COVID lockdown and so the provision of any physical help at this time is not practical. As services are stretched it is important for all aid to be delivered in the most efficient and effective manner – to this end RAWCS is recommending that Clubs and Districts utilise the Rotary Australia Relief Fund Appeal which not only provides tax deductibility but more importantly is able to consolidate donations and direct them through Rotary Clubs on the ground in Timor. Immediate needs for food, clothing and shelter can largely be met through local sources if funding is made available. Clubs and Districts are urged to put their donations through this national appeal as this coordination will simplify how Clubs in Timor can distribute the funds to where they are needed most.

In the longer term RAWCS is examining a collaborative assistance project with East Timor Roofing for the development of steel framed housing to assist families relocate out of flood prone areas where the Government will now not allow them to build or rebuild.

As the situation on the ground is still in the assessment phase RAWCS will continue to monitor what is needed where and if appropriate look at further assistance.

RAWCS is also in contact with DFAT to determine if there are any additional ways that we can assist in the area under these difficult COVID conditions.

Should you have any questions about our response and how you can assist, please do not hesitate to contact Andrew Woodward, CEO RAWCS. E: Andrew.Woodward@rawcs.org.au

RAWCS Relief Fund Mid West Areas of WA following destruction caused by cyclone Seroja

The Donation Link is <https://directory.rawcs.com.au/73-2020-21>

A relief fund has been established to receive donations to help out those families and businesses in towns like Kalbarri, Northampton and a several other Townships in the Mid-West areas of Western Australia affected by the destruction caused by Cyclone Seroja.

E-NEWS CONTACT

If you have something for the E-news please email editor Laura Telford at laura.telford@rotaract.org.au before 5pm on Friday to make sure it will appear in the next edition!

MUSINGS FROM DG DEBBIE CONT.

Centenary Centurions

This month, Rotary marks 100 years of service in Australia and New Zealand. What better way to celebrate than by becoming a 'Centenary Centurion'!

Centurion is a district program that encourages all members to give \$100 or more—in local currency—to the Foundation's Annual Fund each year.

If you're not already a Centurion, why not become a Centenary Centurion now by advising your Club Foundation Chair of your pledge and making a \$100 contribution. And if you're already a Centurion, just make sure to fulfill your \$100 pledge soon and you'll be a Centenary Centurion too.

This is also the perfect time to make your club a Centenary Centurion Club, with 100% of members becoming Centurions!

In our centenary year, many people in our communities face enormous challenges. The need for Rotary has never been greater. You can be confident that your Centurion contribution will empower a Rotarian with a great idea to deliver a high impact project that provides a better life to people in need.

The easiest way to contribute is to login to My Rotary and click Donate.

Commemorating a Centenary of Rotary in Australia

It's official. The book to mark the centenary of Rotary in Australia - 'HUMANITY IN ACTION: Celebrating 100 years of Rotary clubs in Australia and island neighbours' - is now complete.

Five hundred and twelve pages of historical text, stories of Rotary achievements through the various eras, dozens of pages of club, district and personal data - along with an amazing gallery of dated and modern images went to the printer during the first week in March.

ORDER YOUR COPY OF 'HUMANITY IN ACTION' FROM – \$25 plus postage - PDG Harry Durey – Phone: 0407 005 910; email: hdurey@bigpond.com

District Changeover – Saturday 26th June 2021 Panthers Port Macquarie 6.30pm.

We will be sending out invitations to our changeover and would love it if we could get as many of you supporting as possible. This will be a fun evening where we can wine and dine and enjoy some fabulous after dinner entertainment from Matt Zaab from the Taree on Manning Club. We heard a little from him on the Sunday morning at Conference and I am certain people will be very happy to listen to more. Let us get behind this event, celebrate the last year and welcome DGE David Mayne and Heather to theirs. I want the 26th June to be a special night for all.

Remember,

Opportunities are like sunrises – If you wait too long you miss them!

Host a Lift the Lid Walk for Mental Health in Your Local Area

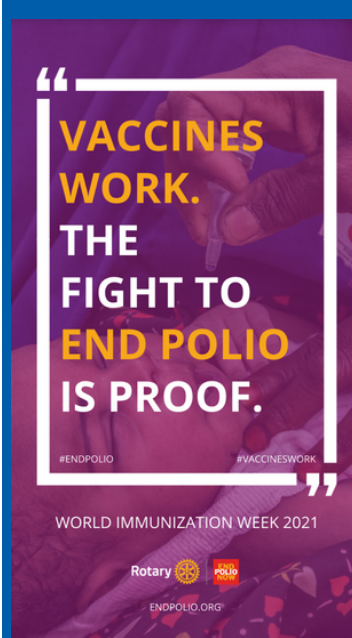


We're doing a call out for Rotary Clubs who want to host a Lift the Lid Walk for Mental Health in their local area!

Contact kara@themediahut.com.au for more information on how to get started.

[Lift the Lid Walk Website](#)

Celebrate 40 Years With ARH



ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA

Check out this video from RAM representative Ashleigh Hickman. This is an update in research at the University of Queensland UQ it will be of interest to Rotarians.

[.2021 03 14 Ten News Malaria Segment \(Library of Proteins\).](#)

Attention all Rotary and Rotaract Clubs!



Kari Donaldson was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Boggabri. NYSF was an incredible experience. Life-changing in the way that it deepened my passion for STEM and presented all the opportunities a career in STEM could offer me. It catered for every interest and opened me up to new areas such as science communications which I had no idea about before. In the new online format, we were given unique opportunities, hearing from a vast range of STEM pathways and various professionals; from the CERN in Switzerland to Geologists working in Antarctica to Australian Nobel Laureate Barry Marshall and even the iconic Dr Karl (he really does know the answer to every question). The overall experience was made by the people part of it. Whether that be staff, presenters or fellow NYSFers, we all shared a common passion for STEM, and they made the experience the most worthwhile. Although I could not meet face-to-face, the program accommodated this limitation and gave us time for casual online interaction to develop these invaluable connections. I am lucky to be part of an amazing alumni community for the rest of my life. I am filled with the utmost gratitude to have been involved in NYSF, and I urge every high school student with even the slightest interest in STEM to apply for the NYSF Year 12 program- you won't regret it! Thank you to the Rotary Club of Boggabri for sponsoring me for the program and thank you to everyone involved in NYSF. It is an amazing program!

Applications for NYSF 2022 will be available online from early April 2021. Planning has already begun to offer another brilliant Science program for current Year 11 students in January 2022. It's time to find the students in your community who will benefit! It would be fabulous if every club found ONE student – fabulous for Rotary and Rotaract but more importantly, fabulous for the students! www.nysf.edu.au Happy to speak to any club who would like more information. dihall605@gmail.com 0411704654

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION UPDATE

Registration for the 2021 Rotary Virtual Convention and Preconventions is now open. You can go to the convention website to access registration. Once you click on the REGISTER or REGISTER NOW button, you will be directed to the official registration site, Cvent, where you can complete the registration process and learn more about registration and program details.

The special registration rate of \$49 is available till 7 May 2021. After that, the registration fee is \$65.

- The 2021 Virtual Convention will open innovative opportunities to learn and to engage with the family of Rotary, near and far.
- Together, we'll inspire action, strengthen our commitments, work on our challenges, and celebrate our successes.
- Join us virtually to explore how our digital network makes our global relationships more powerful.
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Register now – cheapest RI Convention you will ever attend!

Maurie Stack

2021 Rotary International Convention Promotion Team

SHARING NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY!

Last year sometime with the District Newsletter you forwarded a UNE Taste Testing Fundraiser Flyer. I just wanted to let you know that Port Macquarie Sunrise have organised a taste testing for our club, as well provided connections for our local Inner Wheel Club and Marine Rescue. So thanks to your flyer, \$4000 was recently earnt in Port Macquarie, with plans to do another taste testing soon.



FOUNDATION UPDATE!

We have received our progress report for the first nine months of this year and our district is within a bull's whisker (or is that a cat's roar) of having a bumper year in terms of support for the Rotary Foundation. However most clubs leave their contributions till the last quarter of the year so it all depends on you and your club - if you haven't yet donated to the Foundation.

30 June will be the end of my three years as your Rotary Foundation Director. I would love to go out on a high and leave a real target for incoming chair Greg Moran! You can help to set that target for Greg by personally and as a club donating to The Rotary Foundation now. Don't leave it to June or the staff at Parramatta will get busy and it will be receipted in Greg's year...

I have made it my mission over the last three years to promote projects and we have been wonderfully successful in attracting enormous funds from the Foundation to support a series of fabulous projects. No matter what we donate in the next three months, we won't go close to having total donations anywhere near what we have received from the Foundation over those three years. It's a great piggy bank when you can withdraw more than you put in.

Thank you all for your support over the last three years. Please continue to support Greg in the coming year.

But donate now...

Maurie Stack

Rotary Foundation Director



District 9650 celebrates

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WEDNESDAY 5TH MAY 2021
6PM for a 6.30 start

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58 PHILLIP ST, TAMWORTH

HOT CLUB: RC TAMWORTH FIRST LIGHT

\$50 per person
Dress: Cocktail/Jacket & Tie

Guest Speaker

Australian Local Hero of the Year 2020
BERNIE SHAKESHAFT
Founder of Backtrack

DIRECT DEPOSIT

Account: Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light
Bank: NICU | BSB: 802 298 | Account: 10065200 | Reference: Your Name

RSVP: FRIDAY 23RD APRIL

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Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Applications are Closed

Thanks to a magnificent response we have a

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We go into Camp 1st – 8th May

We're full at Lake Keepit, but please join us

for our RYLA Dinner on Wed 5th May.

RSVP by Friday 23rd April.

Refer to eNews ad for details



Rotary
Districts of NSW



Emergency
Services
Community
Awards

WHAT IS THE DOROTHY HENNESSY OAM EMERGENCY SERVICES YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP?

In 2018 the Rotary Districts of NSW Emergency Services Community Awards saw the creation of the NSW Dorothy Hennessy OAM Emergency Services Youth Scholarship. This scholarship was an initiative by the former Minister of Emergency Services, The Hon Troy Grant MP. The Scholarship is open to volunteers between the age of 18 and 25. The winner receives support for training, obtain educational materials/equipment, or opportunities to further their career goals.

"This scholarship celebrates our young volunteers and honours the outstanding contribution of an individual in providing support to their community. A Rotary NSW panel will determine the most deserving candidate." Mr Grant said.

Nominations are encouraged from each of the following Emergency Service Agencies: NSW SES, NSW RFS, Marine Rescue NSW, NSW Volunteer Rescue Association and Surf Life Saving NSW to recognise these young outstanding volunteers for consideration of the scholarship.

HOW DO I NOMINATE SOMEONE FOR AN AWARD?

Fellow ESA members, Rotarians and the general public are encouraged to submit nominations via the Awards website. www.RotaryESCawards.org.au

KEY DATES:

Nominations Open: 30 March 2021

Nominations Close: 9 May 2021

Finalists Announced: 16 June 2021

Awards Dinner: 14 August 2021 (Subject to government advice)



NEW SOUTH
WALES