



**Rotary Opens
Opportunities**



THIS ISSUE

Roadtripping with the DG
Help Manilla Rotary Club
West Kempsey RC fundraiser
RYLA update

CALENDAR

February 13 - District
Finance Meeting
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Management Meeting
February 21 - District
Management Training
March 12-14 - District
Conference
March 27 - District
Assembly Port Macquarie
April 14 - District
Assembly Tamworth
May 2 - District Assembly
Narrabri
June 26 - District
Changeover

MUSINGS FROM THE DG

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope you have all had a good Christmas. Maybe not the Christmas planned but a good one, nevertheless. I believe we are all hoping for a much better 2021. Let us hope that we have hit rock bottom and the only way is up.

Last Wednesday I hosted an outdoor luncheon for my Rotary Club, and this was well attended. It was good to see DGE David Mayne and Heather on the day. Rotary is about fellowship as well as service above self. We have talked about Making Membership Memorable last year and part of that is staying connected in difficult times and preserving the friendships and connections. Hosting small gatherings is a great way to do this. People can bring a plate to share which reduces the financial burden and therefore inclusive for all.

Next week I have been invited to attend an Evening with Kempsey Rotary. They have special guests author Kim Hodges, Local Member for Oxley Pat Conaghan and Rotarian Charlie Barnett. I have attached their flier so if anyone is in the area and would like to attend, please register with Eventbrite, or contact President Belinda Fowler, details on flier.

Centenary of Rotary in Australia 2021

Are there any clubs planning a Centenary Project in this District? Can you let me know? Next newsletter I will have details of a project that is simple, fun and that everyone can have a go at.

Distribution of the Centenary of Rotary in Australia – 1921-2021 Commemorative Book

The Rotary International Zone 8 History and Archives Committee is nearing completion of a 350 plus page, quality, printed in colour, hard covered book to mark the Centenary of Rotary in Australia on April 21, 2021. Current indications are that the book will be printed in March 2021 to be available for distribution in early April.

Each Rotary Club will receive a free copy of the book, while a supply will be available for Libraries and a limited number will be available for sale.

Rotary Down Under will be asked to run a story on the project and advertise the opportunity for pre-orders of the book. Pre-orders for the Centenary book – at \$25 (plus postage) each? Pre-orders can now be placed via email address – hdurey@bigpond.com The print run is limited, and books will be sold on a 'first in' basis?

DISTRICT CONFERENCE –

"Rotary an International Affair"

12-14th March 2021, Port Macquarie Panthers

Registrations are Open – please register at <https://www.rotary9650.org.au/>

We have some amazing speakers including Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons, Peter Baines OAM, and Dr Ray Hodgson. We will showcase some of our great local projects so please come along.

Conference Trophies

You will have received a letter from PP Glenda Barber recently. If you have a trophy can you, please get it to your AG who will be attending the District Management Training on 21st February 2021. If your club has achieved something spectacular and many of you have during this COVID year, there are several trophies that are open to competition. Submissions for District trophies should be forwarded to PP Glenda Barber (gbarber@midcoast.com.au) by 19th February 2021.



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.

Membership Matters

There is a very interesting article on the My Rotary website called 3 Ingredients to Keep Members Happy. The article deals with the problem of member apathy and details some interesting ideas to re-engage Rotarians. The author is Barton Goldenberg, who is past governor of District 7620, and a member of the Metro Bethesda Rotary Club. He has spent the past 35 years created and implementing customer strategy for global, best-in-class organizations. Have a look, its worth a read. It can be accessed at <https://blog.rotary.org/2020/12/18/3-ingredients-to-keep-members-happy/#more-11344>

Nominations for District Rotaract Representative 2021 - 2022.

Last week E News editor and District Rotaract Representative (DRR) Laura Telford sent out some information regarding the election of our next representative for 2021-2022. Information for this position can be accessed at <https://bit.ly/34Zbmg7>

Are you familiar with the recent Rotaract Policy updates? If not go to <https://my.rotary.org/en/recent-rotaract-policy-updates>

Presidents Elects and Secretaries Training (PETS) for 2021-2022

Please note that PETS this year is 6th March 2021 in Armidale and 21st March 2021 in Port Macquarie. It is very important for you to attend. You will receive a copy of the Presidents manual "Lead Your Club" and all the information needed for you to preside over your club. Be up to date with all the changes for the current year and have the opportunity to ask questions. In the Rotary learning centre there are numerous courses by role that you can complete to assist you. Go to My Rotary/Learning Centre/Learn by Role/Club Role/ and select the role that applies to your incoming position.

Club Changeovers - have you got your changeover date for your club organised? Have you let your AG know the date? I would really like to ensure that the changeovers are attended by either myself or my representative. Please give dates to your AG at your next cluster meeting. This will ensure we can get a spreadsheet going and help make your special night memorable.

District Governor 2023 -2024 District 9660

Applications are now open for the position of District Governor 2023 – 2024 for the new District 9660. The following is an extract from RI bylaws setting out the requirements for a DG:

16.010. Qualifications of a Governor-nominee.

Unless excused by the board, the person selected as a governor-nominee shall at the time of selection:

- (a) be a member in good standing of a functioning club in the district;
- (b) have served as club president for a full term or as charter president for at least six months;
- (c) demonstrate willingness, commitment, and ability to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of a governor in section 16.030.;
- (d) demonstrate knowledge of the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of governor as prescribed in the bylaws; and
- (e) submit to RI a statement that the Rotarian understands those qualifications, duties, and responsibilities, is qualified for the office of governor, and is willing and able to assume and faithfully perform those duties and responsibilities.

16.020. Qualifications of a Governor.

Unless excused by the board, a governor, when taking office, must have attended the international assembly for its full duration, have been a Rotarian for at least seven years, and continue to possess the qualifications in section 16.010

Please give this opportunity some consideration and I await your call.

Please see attached information. Applications close 31st March 2021. If you would like to apply for this position, please complete the nomination form and return to me at dloveday@hdl.com.au.

Please note: Past District Governors of this district are eligible to apply.



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

IMPORTANT ROLES AS BRAND AMBASSADORS...

As brand ambassadors, we must adhere to the Rotary brand standards in order to strengthen our recognizability and unity. Please always check and be sure that Rotary branding is used in a correct and consistent way while sharing materials in this Facebook group and other platforms / communication channels. Keep in mind that even good intentions are watering down Rotary brand if not used correctly. Refresh your knowledge by taking Our Logo: Representing Rotary course at Rotary Learning Center

LOGO BASICS



INTERESTING INFORMATION FROM RISPO

THE POWER OF CONNECTION WITH DIVERSE COMMUNITIES WEBINAR

As part of Rotary's ongoing commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI), the RI Membership Development team have been hosting a series of webinars focusing on actions we can take to be an inclusive organisation and ensure our clubs reflect our community. The most recent webinar, The Power of Connection with Diverse Communities, focuses on the importance of building authentic and lasting connections to demonstrate we mean what we say. [Watch the webinar](#) to:

- Acknowledge our unconscious bias
- Champion the value and benefits of connecting with diverse communities
- Learn to build authentic relationships, especially when it comes to volunteering

USEFUL MEMBERSHIP LINKS

- Watch this [short, animated video](#) produced by Rotary International to learn more about e-clubs and how they work. It features the Rotary E-Club of WASH, D9980
- Get a quick introduction into cause-based clubs by clicking on [this video](#) from RI
- Don't forget to see what is happening in 'Anytown', the RI video about why we need to think about starting new style Rotary clubs
- Read South Australian Rotarian/Rotaractor Katey Halliday's article on [3 ways to create a harassment-free zone](#) in your club or district. Not only is Katey a DEI specialist in her day job she is also part of the Rotary International DEI taskforce, working on action plans to make Rotary more diverse and inclusive. Remember to subscribe to [Rotary Voices](#)

NEW STYLE ROTARY CLUBS FORUM: 3rd SESSION – CAUSE-BASED & SATELLITE

In the third session of the New Style Rotary Clubs forum, you will learn about starting and nurturing two different styles of clubs: cause-based and satellite clubs. Our three speakers have first-hand experience and practical advice: Chris Bloore (NZ) was the charter president of the Rotary E-Club of WASH, D9980 – one of the first and most successful cause based clubs in the world. DGN Matt McLeod (NZ) has established three satellite clubs. Josephine Bell is Chair nominee of an established satellite club in D9640 (Australia). [Register here](#) to get sent a copy of the recording or subscribe to the [RISPO YouTube channel](#).

WINNERS ANNOUNCED!

The Rotary Club of Kempsey West in 2020 ran a great fundraiser raising funds for vital projects in the community,

The Online Raffle closed on Christmas Day and the winners have been drawn and notified. 1st Place - 75" LED TV - Sharryn Blackwell (Kempsey NSW) Ticket Number: #561

2nd Place - Weekend Away at Byron Bay - Tim Loomis (Kempsey NSW) Ticket Number: #195

3rd Place - Hunter Valley Hot Air Balloon Ride - Paul Campbell (Blue Mountains NSW) Ticket Number: #495

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR WINNERS!

We sold 827 tickets at a value of \$4,135. Our costs were \$3,791.36. Giving us a profit of \$343.64.



Rotary Youth Leadership Award

19 - 27 year old leaders of the future

1st – 8th May 2021

Lake Keepit Sport & Rec Centre
(between Tamworth & Gunnedah)

Applications on website

www.rotary9650.org.au/Ryla

HIGHLIGHTING CLUB PROJECTS

I have permission from DG Debbie to proceed with that project started by an Armidale Rotarian last year.

I will be putting together a document that showcases each Club's Signature Community Project/Activity. There will be one page per club in our District.

This will contain some information about the project, plus also what other other community activities each club normally does in their town.

The document was going to be a reference document for clubs looking for ideas for projects. Now it will be a celebration of what Rotary has achieved in our District in the first 100 years of Rotary in Australia!

Please see attached document to this week's e-newsletter!

-District Community Director
Kel Walls

Rotary District 9650

Club Community Projects



Club Name and Town	
Club Signature Community Project/Fundraiser	<i>Please provide a brief description of the major community project/fundraiser that your club is recognised for in your community.</i>
Regular community activities	<i>List the other community projects that your club is regularly involved in.</i>
Signature Community Project/Fundraiser Details	<i>Provide a description of your signature community project/fundraiser. Please Include some photos (3-4) that we can use in the bottom section of your club's page.</i>
Club contact person	<i>Provide the name of the best person/s who could provide information about this project should another club wish to implement something similar.</i>

PROCESSING PHF APPLICATIONS

RI has limited days for dispatches so the cut-off dates for processing all PHF applications are as follows:

- 9 December for Australia (need allowance for Mail Post deliveries) Any applications processed after these dates will be shipped for January 2021 next year.
- 8 December for NZ (need allowance for Mail Post deliveries) Any applications processed after these dates will be shipped for January 2021 next year.
- 7 December for Philippines (need allowance for FedEx deliveries) Any applications processed after these dates will be shipped for January 2021 next year.

Please note, we can't accommodate any last minute PHF requests because of the restrictions and postage delivery delays.

District 9650 Project 2020-2021 is to support Lifeline



Crisis Support. Suicide Prevention.

Donate to

Rotary International District 9650 Incorporated
BSB: 932 000
Account No. 1004 53820

MANILLA ROTARY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Manilla Rotary has been shortlisted to win a share of \$5,000 funding under the Greater New England community funding program.

To help simply click here:

<http://www.greater.com.au/community/community-partnerships/greater-new-england/>

Choose Cast Your Vote from the drop down box/select Rotary Club of Manilla/click on the small up-arrow (which is next to the number of votes already recorded)YOU CAN VOTE EVERY HOUR until the end of January!



WE NEED YOUR VOTE!

Help us win a share of \$5,000
in **#GreaterNewEngland**
community funding program

GreaterBank



KIM
HODGES
Join Us!

Rotary



AN EVENING WITH KEMPSEY ROTARY

Monday 18th January 2021

@ Kempsey Macleay R.S.L. Club

\$35pp incl. 2 course meal

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS

Author **KIM HODGES**

Local Member for Oxley **Patrick Conaghan**

Rotarian **Charlie Barnett**

Rsvp by 14th January 2021

E-mail: belindaefowler3@gmail.com

Mobile: 0421 592 867

Or register with Eventbrite here:

[https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/
an-evening-with-kempsey-rotary-
tickets-134718650109](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/an-evening-with-kempsey-rotary-tickets-134718650109)



LIFT THE LID
on mental illness

DISTRICT CONFERENCE – PORT MACQUARIE 12-14TH March 2021

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Following the Ecumenical Church Service on
Sunday 14th March 2021, we will be having a Service of Remembrance,
acknowledging all Rotarians in District 9650 who have died from
31/3/2018 up till the conference in 2021.

(Note - this is for two years, as we were unable to hold this service earlier this year due to Covid.)

Please send the following –

the name of your deceased Rotarian,

the name of your club.

His/her date of death,

PLUS a photo (head-shot) in a jpeg file as an attachment.

Please send to Kerry Medway (R/C of Port Macquarie)

via email- kerry@kerryedway.org ASAP,

so we can start collating a power point for the service. THANKYOU."



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

1st – 8th May 2021

Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation

Leader's Leader 2021

SALLY FOSTER

Nurse Unit Manager (Renal)

Port Macquarie Private Hospital

President Elect – Hastings Rotaract

" RYLA 2019 taught me how to lead myself, But RYLA 2020 gave me the confidence to lead others. In March 2020 I was able to develop my professional career further becoming a Nurse Unit Manager. In my personal life I have gained further leadership positions as President Elect Hastings Rotaract. I have learnt many skills about life since my time as a participant. I'm looking forward to the opportunity to help others become stronger leaders during my role as Leader's Leader in 2021."



NEED A SPARE LEG?

Do any Rotarians need or know of an avenue for three sets of adult prosthetic legs to be distributed? Please get in touch today!

We have been contacted to see if they could be of any use to a project and would love to give them a new home!

Please contact Sara Hankin President of Dorriggo 17924 Rotary Club if you can help!.

82capella@gmail.com or 0408289365