



**Rotary Opens  
Opportunities**



## THIS ISSUE

*Roadtripping with the DG  
International Assembly update  
Uralla Art Show*

## CALENDAR

March 7 - PETS Armidale  
March 12-14 - District  
Conference  
March 21 - PETS Port  
Macquarie  
March 28 - District  
Assembly Port Macquarie  
April 18 - District  
Assembly Tamworth  
May 16 - District  
Assembly Narrabri  
June 26 - District  
Changeover

## MUSINGS FROM THE DG

Hello fellow Rotarians, I hope this ENews finds you well and starting to get organised for your year ahead. Do not forget to add your incoming board to the various data bases otherwise they will not have access to the information they need. If you haven't passed on your changeover date to your AG please do so as soon as is possible so I can co ordinate a roster of my representatives or myself to attend and celebrate your occasion. It has been a weekend of heavy rain here which is good for the land and our water tanks but not so good for others. NSW Junior State Touch was abandoned yesterday, and the District Leadership Team had a slippery trip down the mountain to attend the Management meeting yesterday and today's District Management Training being held at Charles Sturt University. They have an amazing technology set up and theatre style seating in the lecture rooms. President Elects, Secretaries and their boards coming to the Port Macquarie training dates will be able to take advantage of this. It is a year ago that I held my training in Port Macquarie and such a lot has happened in the year. I extend my very best wishes to DGE David Mayne and Heather for their year and the Leadership team supporting them.

### DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Thank you to everyone who has registered for conference and for your support. We have been working hard this week with the management of Panthers to ensure a speedy registration process.

#### If you are in Port Macquarie on Friday:

- Go to Panthers and get a three-day pass for conference.
- Whilst you are there and register with Valda and her Rotary team on the registration and information desk inside Panthers.
- Get your registration lanyard and conference booklet.
- Check your lanyard – the pictures on the lanyard depict what you have paid for.
- There is a table number on the lanyard for the Saturday night dinner.

#### TIP: Panthers has a QR code for all to sign in.

- Download the Service NSW app on you mobile if you can, in advance.
- Scan the QR code whilst in the queue if there is one, be prepared to show the code to the staff at Panthers.

#### We will have COVID marshals and volunteer crew at every event.

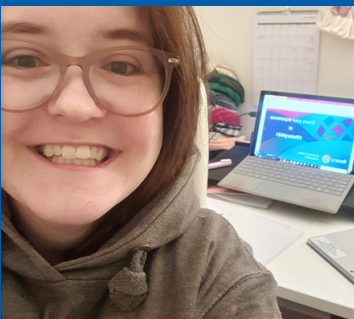
- They will check your lanyard if you are lining up for morning teas, lunches, and dinners.
- If you did not pay for refreshments or lunch, then there are ample cafes in the area.
- It is a rule that everyone will use hand sanitiser – we will have volunteers at every entrance to facilitate that process.
- Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.
- Face masks will be available should you feel more comfortable wearing one.
- Physical distancing should be maintained when walking around the club.
- Do not shake hands, hug or kiss as a greeting.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

- Frequent handwashing with soap and hot water is essential for good personal hygiene.
- Do NOT attend if you are unwell – please seek medical advice and or testing.
- If you are asthmatic or similar and likely to cough please use a mask.
- We have limited the use of multiple touch items such as coffee and tea urns, your understanding would be appreciated.

#### RAWCS WA

Bushfire Appeal WA have some Bush fires threatening life, properties, and animal life. So far, they have already lost 71 properties at this stage and the fires are still raging, winds are expected to increase and create more challenges to some populated suburbs, People are in need of help and Rotarians will be there again to help rebuild however we will need funds and we ask that you circulate this email to your clubs and help promote this appeal. The project number is 62 2019-20, it is in the Rotary Australia Relief Fund and we ask for donations to this link: <https://donations.rawcs.com.au/Default.aspx?ProjectID=1339&ReturnTo=4>



## E-NEWS CONTACT

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for the E-news please  
email editor Laura  
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org.au](mailto:laura.telford@rotaract.org.au) before 5pm on  
Friday to make sure it  
will appear in the next  
edition!

# MUSINGS FROM DG DEBBIE CONT.

## 'UPDATE YOUR CLUB AND DISTRICT WEBSITES'

From Rotary Training Talk, January 2021 Many online courses have been added to the Learning Center. Update your website to make sure your members have access to courses that are important to your district's learning strategy. Most of the Lead Your Club and Lead Your District manuals have already been replaced with learning plans — a series of courses — specific to each role. These plans include Club President Basics, District Committee Basics, and District Training Committee Intermediate. The Lead Your Club: President manual still exists, but most of the Lead Your District manuals will be replaced by July. Use the course catalog to get direct links to all our courses and put them on your local websites. These deep links will take users directly to the course after they sign in to My Rotary. Write to us at [learn@rotary.org](mailto:learn@rotary.org) if you need assistance getting these links.

## '180% INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP' Article by ARC PDG Ida Portella,

Rotary Club of Mareeba The Rotary Club of Katherine located in District 9550 in Australia's Northern Territory has had a 180% increase in membership in this Rotary Year, the club who has had 5 members for a number of years can now boast 14 active and committed members. Club members The club has struggled over recent years, however through sheer persistence and passion they will never quit, they have continued to run projects and programs within its community. Club Secretary, Rotarian Christopher Dixon, has instigated and driven many of these projects and it is through the projects and good PR that has enabled them to attract new members. A few of the projects include the Katherine Rotary Computer Club, Road safety program for indigenous young people and building a men's shed in Katherine's Rotary Park, these are just a few of the many projects that the club is involved with. The club regularly sends press releases and photos to its local newspaper and they have created a good relationship with them, they also have a Rotary display which is located in their local shopping centre. Good Community projects, partnerships with Corporate and other organisations together with great PR is what has helped the Rotary Club of Katherine grow and flourish.

## RI President 2020-21 Holger Knaack.

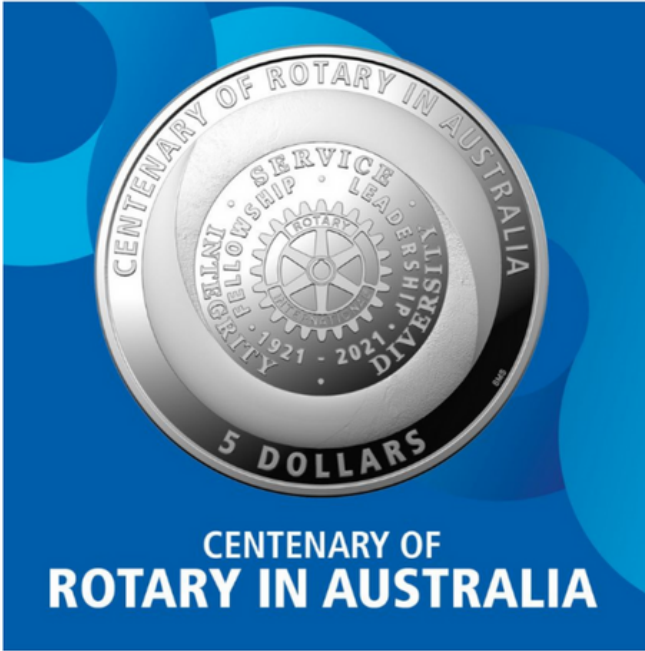
Rotary has a big enough heart. If we open our door wider, we might find a lot of interesting people with new voices and new perspectives. We already have a variety of clubs offering different styles, cultures, and opportunities — and those who do not feel welcome in any particular club might be great candidates for new clubs created on different models. It's important that we make sure every new Rotary member is a good fit for their club. Rotary Opens Opportunities through diversity.

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

### -- Centenary of Rotary in Australia --

In 2021, Rotary marks a centenary of proud community service across Australia. To commemorate the milestone the Royal Australian Mint has produced this elegant silver proof coin. The coin honours the big hearts of the 30,000 Rotary members and 1100 plus clubs across the country, which run programs such as youth exchanges, fundraise for bushfire recovery and bring life changing surgery to the Asia Pacific region.

Available now: <http://bit.ly/2YWUxyM>





**Rotary Youth Leadership Awards**  
1<sup>st</sup> – 8th May 2021 Lake Keepit Sport & Rec  
Application on D9650 webpage

**We need applications now!**

Why invest in RYLA????  
It's an investment in your community.

**From an employer –**

*"RYLA serves as a wonderful opportunity for each participant to take some time out of hectic young lives to reflect upon themselves, their community, their opportunities and their own developmental journey. Without fail, we have observed real and long-lasting changes in each individual who has participated. They have returned to our workplace with renewed engagement, greater perspective and an observable lift in confidence and maturity. It is amazing just what can be achieved in such a short period of time."*

**Peter Ryan**  
Director Inland Technology



Contact: Louise Matthews  
RC Tamworth First Light, D9650 RYLA C'tee  
[Lmjew@bigpond.com](mailto:Lmjew@bigpond.com)

# DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Have you registered yet?

For members of the public to attend, they will walk up on the day of their choice and pay \$10 for a session.

We have had expressions of interest from the Emergency Services and others so far.

If the general public wish to attend and purchase meals or come to the black-tie dinner and show, then they will register online and pay in the normal way.

Remember register now to ensure your seat and avoid the late fee of \$40! Registrations close 26th February 2021

"Rotary an International Affair" 12-14th March 2021 Port Macquarie Panthers  
Registrations are Open – please register at  
<https://www.rotary9650.org.au/>



# CONFERENCE TROPHIES

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.

Submissions for District trophies should be forwarded to PP Glenda Barber  
([gbarber@midcoast.com.au](mailto:gbarber@midcoast.com.au) by 19 February 2021

# INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY A MARATHON EFFORT

A mini marathon was held by myself and Laura Telford recently in the form of the first International assembly. The opening session was at 1am on the 2nd of Feb and the last 3am on the 11th of Feb.

New incoming International President Shaker Meht delivered his theme and emblem 'Serve to change lives'. There were many speakers throughout the general sessions and the mix of countries in the 'Breakout' sessions made it very interesting and informative.

A major point that kept being driven home throughout the assembly was how important Rotaractors are to Rotary and that we need to include them in most facets of operation. When the early morning dust settles I'm sure Laura and I will inform you of a lot more that was presented. Although it was all a bit exhausting it was also enlightening.

-DGE David Mayne

## URALLA ART SHOW - ALMOST HERE

Plans are well underway for the opening of the 43rd Annual Rotary Club of Uralla Art Exhibition to be held at the RSL Memorial Hall, Salisbury Street, Uralla. The Club expects to display around 300 artworks from artists across NSW and QLD with all artworks for sale, there is also an acclaimed Schools Section of talented, budding artists of all ages.

Opening night, which is the social event of the year, is Friday 19th March 2021 at 6:30pm with the Official Opening by Mayor of Uralla Mr Michael Pearce 7:30pm. We welcome local, well known Guest Artist, Katherine Miles. Katherine was born in Armidale, educated in Uralla and Armidale. She loved art at school, but in those early years art wasn't considered gainful employment, so studied Nursing and Midwifery. This became her profession and still is, though less so, today.

Nursing took Katherine overseas and was lucky enough to visit the wonderful art museums of Europe, she was in awe of the 'Masters' works. About 10 years ago she took Folk Art lessons with some friends and this helped to realise the power of the brush and palette. Katherine loves colours especially the purity of nature and the amazing effects of light and shade on subjects. Acrylics are her choice of medium on canvas and board, subjects are variable; flora, fauna, landscapes and some portraits.

Katherine will be present on the night with an impressive display of her art, including an artwork donated for the raffle.

Delicious finger food will be provided by Michael's Café. Cost is \$20 per person.

Subject to covid19 restrictions, if food and drink not permitted \$5.00 entry fee, with tickets available at the door. The ever popular Pete Stanley will provide music. Everyone is welcome, an invitation is not needed. Chairman Graham Carlon said the whole town is behind the Art Show with overwhelming sponsorship and support. After the crippling drought, terrible fire season and the rain, not to forget Covid19, the past few years have been very turbulent.

Opening Daily: 10am to 4pm Saturday 20th March to Saturday 27th March 2021, 10am to 2pm Sunday 28th March

Entry fees: \$5 Adult, \$4 Seniors, Children under 12 years free.

Art Show Contacts: Rae Andrews 02 6778 3751

Bev Stubberfield 0419 607 251

Narelle Solomons email: tonybelbre@yahoo.com

## COME FOR A VISIT!

The Rotary Club of Lightning Ridge extends an invitation to all District clubs to come and visit our COVID free area. The club can host town tours with 'Lightning Ridge icon' John Bevan - who has a wealth of local knowledge, and a fellowship dinner (for a price per head). Due to higher than normal tourist activity, please book accommodation well in advance. Should you require further information, please contact John Bevan 0407 392 778. You can also assist our club and larger community by donating money to our local drought relief, which is still ongoing in this area. President Rory and the committee greatly look forward to your visit.

## DISTRICT MANAGEMENT TRAINING 21-22



## RI CON UPDATE

RI President Holger Knaack has now advised that the RI Conference in Taipei Taiwan from 12-16 June 2021 will be a virtual conference. RI Pres Holger says: "While we are disappointed that we could not have a traditional convention, we are excited about the virtual event being planned for all Rotarians worldwide. This year, we will channel all we have learned about staging the very best in virtual events into a program that promises to open new opportunities for you to be entertained, enlightened and energized. We will share more details about the 2021 Virtual Convention soon."

Maurie Stack

RI Taiwan Conference Co-ordinator for eastern Australia



## Autumn Rotary Golf Day Longyard Golf Course



### The Rotary Club of Tamworth, First Light

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021, 11:00 Shotgun start.  
Mixed Event. Individual Stableford. \$45  
Book at Longyard on Portal or call 67652988



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

## SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021



50 PLUS YEARS

This special celebratory dinner will be held in Tamworth during the RYLA Camp to celebrate 50 Plus Years of RYLA in this Rotary District.

There will be a keynote speaker, past RYLarians, current RYLarians & entertainment to truly celebrate this leading Rotary youth program.

### HOWEVER...

Due to COVID 19 we will be guided by NSW Health, Clubs NSW & Rotary D9650 restrictions at the time of the event. More information to follow as we move closer to the date.

# ROTARACT PODCAST

As many of you know DRR Laura Telford in her capacity as Rotaract Australia Communications Director hosts the Chats by Rotaract Australia Podcast. D9650 is a strong supporter of the Podcast. The podcast is self is a combination of thoughtful interviews and resource based episodes designed to engage and help Rotaractors and Rotarians learn more about Rotaract. Check it out today!

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New Zealand



CELEBRATING  
100  
YEARS



A/Prof. Tilman Ruff AO  
Nobel Peace Prize Laureate



Emma Leslie AM  
Nobel Peace Prize Nominee



Dr. José Ramos Horta AC  
Nobel Peace Prize Laureate



Natascha Hryckow  
Coordinator UN Panel of  
Experts on Somalia

Save the  
**DATE!**

A Peace Symposium to celebrate  
Rotary's Centenary Down Under and to  
acknowledge Rotary's peacebuilding efforts



The future of  
**PEACE LEADERSHIP**

21-22 APRIL 2021

ONLINE SYMPOSIUM

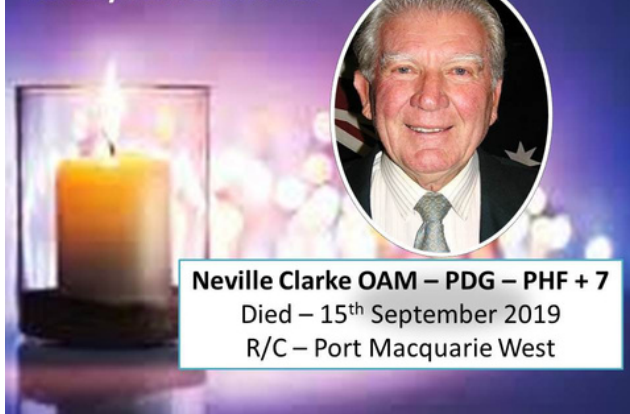
### Featuring

- Outstanding world class speakers
- RI President Holger Knaack
- Past RI Presidents
- Rotary Peace Fellows
- Optional sessions:
  - Family Violence
  - Indigenous reconciliation
  - Economics & Peace
  - Humanitarian Action
  - Business & Human Rights Law
  - Peacebuilding projects

More details and registration  
information available soon

Conference website:  
<https://peaceleadership.org.au/>

## Rotary Remembrance



Neville Clarke OAM – PDG – PHF + 7  
Died – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019  
R/C – Port Macquarie West

DISTRICT CONFERENCE – PORT MACQUARIE  
12-14<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Following the Ecumenical Church Service on  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 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@kerrymedway.org](mailto:kerry@kerrymedway.org) ASAP,

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