

Rotary Opens
Opportunities

THIS ISSUE

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CALENDAR

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

Well, it is a very early good morning to all of you today. There is a hint of grey light on the horizon. I thought I had better get the ENews written early as I have places to go and people to see this weekend. I try to ensure that Laura has my input before Saturday evening so she has time to put the ENews together and send it. You will appreciate that Laura works full time and it would encroach on her working day if I was late and she had to work Monday night as well.

Last Wednesday I was invited to the District 9650 Centenary Project launch. (World's Longest Washing Line of Socks) Wow what a great effort.

The event was hosted by the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie West and their President Heather Mayne. The idea for this challenge and fundraising is the brainchild of Trevor Gilson. Heather remarked on the day that 'this is what happens when you lock a Rotarian up. Trevor took the opportunity to create something fun, that everyone could get on board with and make some money for charity whilst really raising public awareness of Rotary on the world stage. The idea is to smash the Guinness Book of World Records, Worlds Longest Line of Socks. I know many clubs are actively helping with this project and donating as many socks as they can. Trevor will be at the Conference Black Tie dinner on Saturday 13th March and will update us on who and which clubs are really taking up the challenge seriously.

The morning was attended by many local dignitaries and companies who are sponsoring the event. Sovereign Hills donated a cheque for \$15,000 on the day with the promise of another \$15,000 should we beat the record. If you would like to see some footage on the day click on the following link. Enjoy... <https://www.nbnnews.com.au/2021/03/03/rotary-club-on-a-mission-to-smash-a-guinness-world-record/>

Most of my week has been taken up with Conference matters. I had a meeting with the AV guys. I think they were speaking a different language! Hopefully they have understood my simple English..." just make it work" and we will be fine.

If any of the presenters are reading this ENews then please contact me for a link to the dropbox for your presentations. In Phase AV will check them for compatibility and ensure that you have the right presentation for your slot.

Today I am off the Rotary Lodge where the RYLA leaders are meeting for their training. What a wonderful opportunity to be at RYLA again and help others be the best they can be for their week. Rotarians are leaders because we fulfill many of the qualities of a good leader. They are:

Five Qualities of Effective Leaders

- They are self-aware and prioritize personal development. ...
- They focus on developing others. ...
- They encourage strategic thinking, innovation, and action. ...
- They are ethical and civic-minded. ...
- They practice effective cross-cultural communication.

I have always said that I have been very lucky in my appointment of District Governor in as much as people have shown me such generosity of spirit. No one has a complete skill set and knows all the answers. I have been supported all the way through by my management team and Rotarians I have met along the way who have shared and spared me the embarrassment of falling short of the mark.

After RYLA I will be heading up the mountain for the first time in a couple of months to open the President Elects Training in Armidale tomorrow. It seems only a few days ago that I was embarking on my year with my Leadership Team. I wish DGE David Mayne and Heather all the very best for their year. Please support these training sessions as there is always something new to learn, no matter what your role. It is a great opportunity to reconnect, meet new friends and share experiences. Fellowship and networking are essential parts of being a "Rotarian. Some of you may know that I will be a recycled president in two years and I can assure you I will be attending the training to give me a current knowledge base from which to preside over my club and do the best for the members that I can.



E-NEWS CONTACT

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

MUSINGS FROM DG DEBBIE CONT.

R100 The Future of Peace Leadership Symposium

On April 21, 1921, 32 prominent Melbourne citizens met at Scott's Hotel and agreed to form the Rotary Club of Melbourne, Vic. One hundred years to the day, we will celebrate the centenary of Rotary In Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific with a Peace symposium.

The Future of Peace Leadership and symposium will run over two half days on April 21 and 22, 2021.

Background key points: What can you do for peace?

- For 100 years, Rotary Down Under has promoted the advancement of international, goodwill and peace through its many humanitarian aid and education programs.
- This centenary of peacebuilding is worthy of celebration, but more importantly, it gives us an opportunity to reflect on what we can do in the future.
- The Future of Peace Leadership symposium will bring together leaders in peace and conflict resolution to provide perspectives on challenging global and domestic issues and discuss how we can all contribute towards building a more peaceful world.
- The symposium will appeal to Rotarians, peace practitioners, students and many others.

Title: The Future of Peace Leadership

- Registrations for the R100 Peace Symposium is NOW OPEN. Online.
- Only \$66.00 per person for the two days
- The event will run over two half days the afternoon of 21st and the morning of 22nd April 2021.
- An incredible line-up of leaders in peace and conflict resolution will provide their perspectives on challenging global and domestic issues.
- Speakers will include RI President Holger Knaack, Chair of the Rotary Foundation, PRIP Ravi Ravindran, PRIP Ian Riseley, Nobel laureates Jose Ramos-Horta and Tilman Ruff
- Journalist Ali Moore has agreed to facilitate an engaging panel discussion titled "How can we reverse the Doomsday Clock?"
- For program details, speaker profiles and registration go to <https://peaceleadership.org.au/>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/RotaryMelbourne/status/1363815102646939658>
- LinkedIn Event: <https://www.linkedin.com/events/thefutureofpeace6769576026029867008/>
- Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/p/CLmDupsAovM/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link
- Facebook Group: The Future of Peace Leadership: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/thefutureofpeaceleadership>
- Tags: [#peaceleadership](#) [#rotarypeacesymposium](#)

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.

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.

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:

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

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.

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



ARH UPDATE

The latest Australian Rotary Health newsletter is now available. Check it out now!

<https://mailchi.mp/australianrotaryhealth/your-latest-news-from-australian-rotary-health-2097070>

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!

ARMIDALE AM ROTARY CLUB CELEBRATES 30TH ANNIVERSARY

It may be small, but the Rotary Club of Armidale AM punches well above its weight in community projects, fund-raising and, importantly, fellowship and fun.

The club celebrated its 30th anniversary on February 13, an event which attracted a lot of its past presidents and members, including some who have moved to other parts of Australia. The club was chartered on February 13, 1991, with the Rotary Club of Armidale Central as sponsoring club, Graeme Jones as charter president, and a clear vision to welcome women as members. Mr Jones and two charter members, Max Post and Roy Powell, were present.

Women club presidents have been PDG Lorraine Coffey (twice), Vicki Kembery, Alice Cairns, Wendy McCarthy and incumbent Krystina Micke. The club has also produced two District Governors -- Harry Durey in 2004-05 and Lorraine Coffey 2018-19. Mr Durey now lives in Queensland.

Fund-raising projects include a fortnightly farmers' market, and the sale of specially-grown Christmas trees in the weeks leading up to the festive season. Sponsorships include the Armidale Men's Shed, RYLA attendees, Youth Exchange, and the former Group Study Exchange. The club has supported many community groups as well. A night of reminiscence of the fun of changeovers of years past and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TAREE ON MANNING RC

The Rotary Club of Taree on Manning commenced on 7 March, 1991 as the first mixed club in District 9650, and meetings were held at lunch-time. There were two female members, out of the 25 members at charter. Lyn Pullen, one of the original members is an honorary member today in recognition of her unique status. Another feature of the club was that it created its own club logo, a drawing of a sailing boat with the Rotary wheel depicted within the frame. From the beginning female members took Board positions and were involved in club activities, and still are.

Many Rotarians would remember Rex Solomon who was the club's first President, and under the watchful eye of Taree Club Rotarian Dennis Rees the new club developed a wonderful spirit of fellowship. To have had the support of the Taree Club with their expertise and knowledge of Rotary assisted the new Board members in their first year. Five inaugural members are still active within the club to this day—30 years of Rotary membership is something to be very proud of.

Back then the "Clean Up Australia Campaign" was supported by club members who collected rubbish from public reserves and streets around Taree. Members also assisted with the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal on Doorknock Day to raise funds as part of Community Service.

The club's first exchange student was Malcolm Campbell, from Dunedin, New Zealand who was hosted for four months by Alan and Lindy Prout, and their son Jacob then went to New Zealand to stay with the Campbell family. Four club members participated in FAIM operations in Papua, New Guinea assisting with electrical and medical work, thus setting a pattern of service that many club members have continued to this day.

The Rotary Club of Taree on Manning has contributed enormously to the local community and internationally. The club has hosted many exchange students as well as having outbounders waving the Aussie flag to every corner of the RI world where the program is supported. Over the years club members have participated at District level, with Maurie Stack taking on being the District Governor for 2015-2016. The Bowelscan program, youth exchange, RAWCS, NYSF, public speaking, science and engineering challenge are some of the areas of support over the 30 years, thanks to the enthusiasm and community spirit that binds the club together. In recent years Taree on Manning has changed its meeting times with an AM meeting on the first and third Tuesday of each month, and a lunch meeting each second and fourth Wednesday. Members can attend either meeting time to suit their agenda, or every meeting if preferred. Board members come together regularly (via Zoom these days) to determine the club's programmes, finances and community service opportunities. Happy 30th birthday to the Rotary Club of Taree on Manning.



Autumn Rotary Golf Day Longyard Golf Course



The Rotary Club of Tamworth, First Light
Friday 16th April 2021, 11:00 Shotgun start.
Mixed Event. Individual Stableford. \$45
Book at Longyard on Portal or call 67652988
Lots of Prizes. Lunch, and snack at the presentation.
If you need more information call Deb 0411770552

ROTARY FOUNDATION UPDATE!

Footnote from Foundation Chair

Discovered a late email last weekend from Wauchope Club evidencing a contribution to the Foundation of \$1300. This takes the total from will clubs and individuals to \$27,079. Duly matched we have raised \$54,158 for the Foundation. Great February effort and thanks for your support.

Could I take the opportunity to remind other clubs and individuals to support the Foundation. The exchange rate is even better this month. As previously advised donations to the Foundation are recorded on the RI website in US dollars and this month it costs AUD \$1.26 to buy US \$1. Let's make this a great year for support of the Foundation. In the last year our district projects have received far more from the Foundation than we have ever donated – including US \$230,000 equivalent to AUD \$350,000 at the time of receipt for the Port Club (Dr Ray Hodgson project) equipment for Mothers and Babies hospital in Nepal .

Don't leave it to June – Foundation staff are flat out at that time of the financial year and it is just as likely to be credited in the following year. Give generously. Give now!

-Maurie Stack

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

On Sunday 28th February a group of inspiring young speakers met at Quirindi for the Public Speaking Inland semi-final. Seven students gave passionate and informative speeches covering a wide range of topics. Natalia Stanojevic spoke about refugees, Tahlia Barwick informed about “Unconscious Bias”, Joseph Melville educated about “ Data Collection”, Imogen Taylor discussed “Social Media”, Lachlan Moore covered “Australian Foreign Aid”, Elian Cotter promoted the role of science and Abbie Kent implored us to educate ourselves about “Human Trafficking”. All the speakers tackled the impromptu topic of “My best failure’ with gusto. Tahlia Barwick (winner) and Natalia Stanojevic (runner up) will compete at the District final on the 13th of March. Roxanne Harris and the Rotary Club of Quirindi hosted this event and everything was superbly organised.

GREAT PROJECT IN PORT MACQUARIE

The Emergency Department team at Port Macquarie Base Hospital has 5000 reasons to smile thanks to the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie West. The service club donated a \$5000 Smileyscope to the Emergency Department to help children better cope with medical procedures. The medical grade virtual reality headset distracts children with a visual experience that lessens anxiety and even pain. Thank you, Port Macquarie West Rotary, for literally changing the ED experience for countless children for years to come.



ROTARY YOUTH PROTECTION

Your District 9650 Youth Protection Committee has emailed to all Club Presidents, Secretaries and Youth Protection officers the new Youth Protection annual Training package. It is the responsibility of every club to ensure that club members are aware of the information contained in these documents. Each year, club Presidents are required to sign off on the Insurance and Protection Declaration that this has been completed.

If you would like a member of the committee to present this information to your club, contact Diana Reynolds, email di.perri@hotmail.com or 0412 894 334



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6PM for a 6.30 start

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HOST CLUB: RC TAMWORTH FIRST LIGHT

\$50 per person

Dress: Cocktail/Jacket & Tie

Guest Speaker

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Founder of Backtrack

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Wauchope Rotary - serving the Wauchope Community ...

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Wauchope Rotary Club members are conducting an online auction to raise funds to ensure we can continue supporting our local community. Since COVID19 hit, it has been difficult to organise events. As challenging times call for inventive actions, we have created an online auction site. These amazing prizes have been donated by local Rotarians and friends of Rotary.

We have a range of experiences for you to bid on. Enjoy knowing your funds will be distributed within our community and also support Rotary youth leadership programs.

Get in early and keep an eye on your bid to take advantage of the amazing experiences we have on offer. Auction items include: wood turning lessons, a massage, a sailing experience, Stand up paddle board lessons, a Creative Marketing consultation, home cooked dinners, cleaning and gardening services and much more.

The auction is now live and will end on Friday 12th March 2021. To enter a bid, go to <https://myminiauction.com/wauchoperotary>, choose your item and start bidding.

BID TO GIVE - WAUCHOPE ROTARY AUCTION

Go to: <https://myminiauction.com/wauchoperotary>



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Panel Discussion: How do we reverse the Doomsday Clock?



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