



Rotary

Rotary Opens  
Opportunities

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Friends of Rotary in Parliament

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Assembly  
5 May RYLA 50 Years Anniversary  
Dinner  
8 May District Finance Meeting  
16 May District Assembly Narrabri  
22 May R C South West Rocks  
Changeover  
23 May District Management  
Meeting  
29 May R C Barraba Changeover  
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Macquarie  
5 June Hastings Rotaract  
Changeover  
5 June Armidale AM Changeover  
6 June R C Lower Midcoast  
Changeover  
7 June R C Kempsey Changeover  
7 June R C Warialda Changeover  
8 June R C Moree on Gwydir  
Changeover  
8 June R C Wauchope Changeover  
10 June R C Nambucca Valley  
Changeover  
11 June R C Moree Changeover  
12 June R C Armidale North  
Changeover

## E-NEWS CONTACT

If you have something for  
the E-news please email  
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au before 5pm on Friday to  
make sure it will appear in  
the next edition!

## MUSINGS FROM THE DG

As I write this ENews clean ups are still happening along the east coast. I believe it will take many months if not years for people's lives to return to some sort of reality. The sad passing of the HRH Prince Philip has just been announced. What a great man! He worked tirelessly behind the scenes promoting hundreds of causes including his own Duke of Edinburgh Awards. He will be sadly missed by many.

The Duke was an honorary member of The Rotary Club of Edinburgh and a great friend to all Rotarians. He was an honorary member in a few clubs including Kings Lynn, Windsor & Eton and London.

He wrote a forward to the 1984 history of Rotary book entitled "The Golden Wheel" by David Shelley Nicholl.

## Upcoming District Assemblies

Have you all responded to District Secretary Patti Parsons and let her know who is attending? 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 18 April 2021 - Job Link Plus Byrnes Avenue Tamworth

Sunday 16 May 2021 - Crossing Theatre, Narrabri

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

## The Rotary Foundation – April 2021 World Reporting Analysis for District 9650

Thank you to everyone who is participating in a global grant for keeping your reports up to date. I received this email from the Stewardship sector of Foundation.

On behalf of the Trustees, thank you for participating in The Rotary Foundation (TRF) grants programs to serve communities in need. I am writing to update you on the world reporting analysis conducted in April 2021. The analysis is performed on a quarterly basis to track each district's compliance with reporting requirements for Rotary Foundation grant projects.

I am happy to inform you that District 9650 was 100% up-to-date with reporting requirements for grants sponsored by the district and its clubs as of the April 2021 analysis. The Trustees rely on district leaders to ensure that stewardship guidelines are being upheld worldwide and they thank you for your efforts. We recognize the hard work involved to maintain this level of compliance and encourage your district and its clubs to continue your good work. At the time the analysis was conducted, District 9650 had 4 grants in paid, funded, and reported status.

Well done everyone concerned. It is important that we do the right thing so as to not compromise any future Global Grant applications.

## Rotary Youth Exchange

On 19 March the Board of Directors of Rotary International met to discuss Rotary Youth Exchange and the continuing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. President Holger issued a letter to leaders shortly following the meeting to announce their difficult and saddening decision to suspend Rotary Youth Exchange in-person exchanges until 1 July 2022. The Board considered feedback from the discussion with the Rotary Presidents and Youth Exchange leaders, your emails and letters, and recommendations from the Pandemic Task Force. Although we know this is disappointing for so many of you, we as your staff team will be here to support you in the year ahead as you prepare to resume exchanges.

## Crisis management plans

As stated by RI's Board of Directors in 2020, districts must now have a crisis management plan (CMP), in order to comply with certification requirements. The original deadline for a CMP to be implemented was 1 July 2021. However, given the Board's most recent decision, **the deadline has been extended to 1 July 2022.**

# MUSINGS FROM DG DEBBIE CONT.

All types of in-person exchanges (long-term, short-term, inter-state, inter-country, etc.) are not permitted per the Board's decision. In accordance with Rotary's youth protection policies for unauthorized exchange activity, any district found to be participating in any exchange activity contrary to this guidance will have its certification to participate in Rotary Youth Exchange suspended for a period of two years. Any activity that puts students at risk will have serious repercussions.

## 2021-22 annual certification renewal mailing

At the beginning of May 2021, all governors-elect will receive the 2021-22 annual certification mailing. Although the RYE program will be suspended for the 2021-22 Rotary year, governors-elect must renew their district's certification in order to remain certified. As you know, exchanges cannot be planned without being certified. Renewing your district's certification ensures that you can plan exchanges for the 2022-23 Rotary year, and that your district team will be trained, prepared, and committed to youth protection and safety.

## World Immunization Week is 24-30 April - Join with Rotary to promote the power of vaccines

During World Immunization Week, 24-30 April, join with Rotary to combat vaccine hesitancy and misinformation by spreading the facts about why #VaccinesWork.

With decades of experience fighting polio, Rotary plays a key role in informing people about the power and effectiveness of vaccines. As COVID-19 vaccines become more available, Rotary members are using our experience in fighting polio to help communities with their vaccination education and organization efforts. And today, because we and our partners have worked so hard, wild poliovirus remains endemic in only two countries: Afghanistan and Pakistan. But to eradicate it there and to prevent a resurgence in other parts of the world, we must continue to build trust in vaccines and raise funds for polio eradication, including vaccine delivery.

This year, you can take action for World Immunization Week in three easy ways:

1. Download and share our new two-minute video, "Rotary Inspires Leaders in Global Health," and show it to your clubs. In it, global health leaders like U.S. infectious disease expert Dr. Anthony Fauci, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Co-Chair Bill Gates, UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta H. Fore, and World Health Organization Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus talk about what Rotary has achieved in the fight to end polio.
2. Post graphics and other content from Rotary's World Immunization Week Toolkit on social media with the hashtags #EndPolio and #VaccinesWork.
3. Donate to Rotary's PolioPlus Fund to help us and our partners deliver polio vaccines to vulnerable children. Your contribution will be tripled, thanks to the Gates Foundation.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:hdurey@bigpond.com)

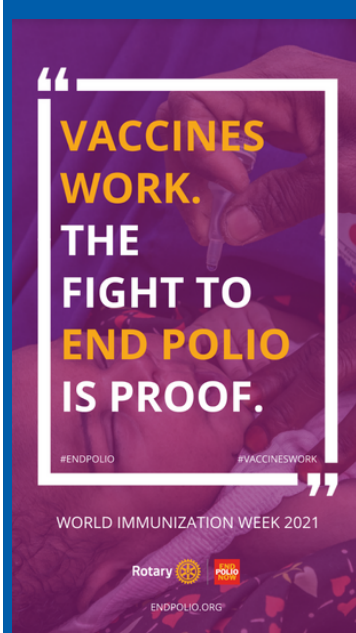
## RAWCS Flood Appeal

Assistance to those impacted will get them back into accommodation and some normality of life quickly. Click the link below to donate.

<https://donations.rawcs.com.au/57-2020-21>

## Remember,

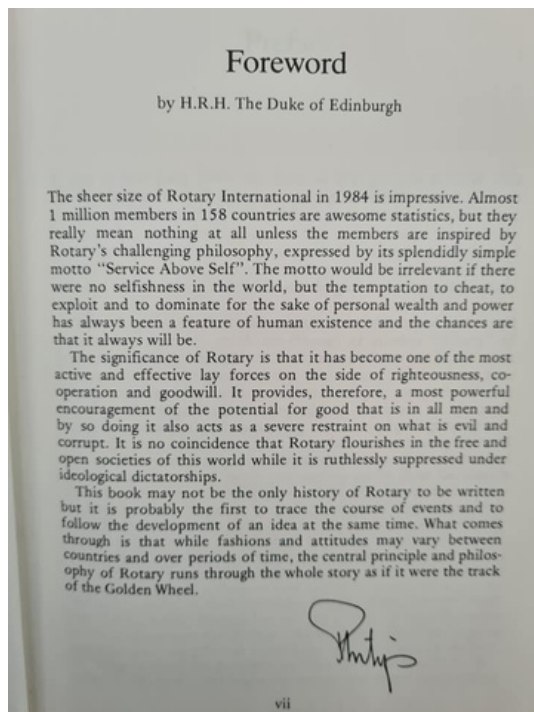
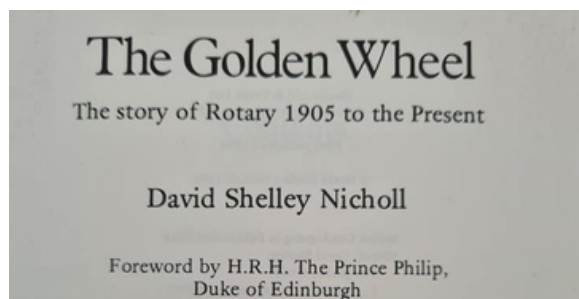
*Opportunities are like sunrises – If you wait too long you miss them!*



## 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 \(Library of Proteins\).](#)



# LAUNCH OF HUMANITY IN ACTION – THE CENTENARY OF ROTARY IN AUSTRALIA COMMEMORATIVE BOOK – ON APRIL 8, 2021.

Many Rotarians travelled from near and far to Canberra on Thursday, 8th April. Many former and incoming Rotary International President's and Directors, Past and current District Governors, Past and current Club Presidents, Rotarians, family and friends.

The accommodation became the 'Rotarian Hotel' and was lovely to meet for the first time or re-acquaint with old friends before embarking on the short journey to Governor House. We were warmly welcomed into one of the many exquisite rooms and you could feel the nervous energy and excitement that we all were truly part of something very special.

The Governor-General of Australia His Excellency the Honourable General David Hurley AC DSC FTSE and Mrs Hurley hosted the launch of Humanity in Action the centenary of Rotary in Australia commemorative book. After speeches and presentations, we were able to tour the home, which I highly encourage others to do on open days. Our hosts were superb and very gracious and as we bid them farewell, we returned to Hotel Rotary for dinner and a wonderful presentation to Bob Aitken AM and acknowledgements to the committee and archive team that dedicated many hours, months that turned into years for some to collate, gather and present a record of the amazing 100 years of Rotary in Australia.

## ROTARY FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES

Recently DGE David Mayne had the opportunity and privilege to attend the NSW State Parliament, friends of Rotary International Launch. This is a fantastic initiative and well received by the senior Rotarians present. An opportunity to meet with both Houses of Parliament representatives and see just how much they see Rotary as an important 'driver' in the community. It was also pleasing to see how many Parliamentarians are also active Rotarians. Building this bond with the seat of authority in our state is crucial in positive and proactive collaboration.





Rotary



District 9650 celebrates

# 50 PLUS YEARS OF RYLA

One of Rotary's most successful youth programs

**WEDNESDAY 5TH MAY 2021**  
**6PM for a 6.30 start**

**BLAZES AUDITORIUM, WEST TAMWORTH LEAGUE CLUB**  
**58 PHILLIP ST, TAMWORTH**

**HOST 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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Please advise dietary requirements



## RYLA Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

**1st – 8th May 2021**

Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation Centre

**Celebrate 50+ Years of RYLA in D9650**

Dinner Wednesday 5th May 6pm for 6.30pm

West Tamworth Leagues Club \$50pp

**RSVP by 23rd April**

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Entertainment & presentations from  
past & present RYLarians

Guest Speaker Australian of the Year 2020  
Local Hero - Founder of BackTrack  
**BERNIE SHAKESHAFT**



“To all young  
Australians' having  
a hard time –  
help is on the way

Bernie Shakeshaft,  
CEO BackTrack Youth Works  
Australian of the Year -  
Local Hero 2020



Rotary  
Australia &  
New Zealand



CELEBRATING  
**100**  
YEARS

What can you  
do for peace?

## The future of PEACE LEADERSHIP

**21 - 22 April 2021**

Online Symposium

[peaceleadership.org.au](http://peaceleadership.org.au)

### Plenary Lecturers



**PROF TILMAN RUFF AO**  
Founding Chair of ICAN,  
2017 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate



**NATASCHA HRYCKOW**  
Coordinator UN Panel of  
Experts on Somalia



**DR EMMA LESLIE AM**  
Executive Director, Centre for  
Peace & Conflict Studies



**JOSÉ RAMOS-HORTA AC**  
Nobel Laureate, Former  
President of East Timor

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How to develop a peace project  
Engage in facilitated discussions

#### SESSIONS ON

INDIGENOUS  
RECONCILIATION  
FAMILY VIOLENCE  
ECONOMICS AND PEACE  
HUMANITY &  
HUMANITARIAN AID  
BUSINESS &  
HUMAN RIGHTS  
WHAT YOU CAN DO  
FOR PEACE

### Panel Discussion: How do we reverse the Doomsday Clock?



**IAN H.S. RISELEY OAM**  
Past President of Rotary  
International



**THE HON GARETH EVANS AC**  
Former Politician & Academic



**STEVE KILLELEA AM**  
Founder, Institute for  
Economics and Peace

2 DAY PROGRAM | \$66 REGISTRATION | [PEACELEADERSHIP.ORG.AU/TIX](http://PEACELEADERSHIP.ORG.AU/TIX)

### Attention all Rotary and Rotaract Clubs!



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](http://www.nysf.edu.au)

Happy to speak to any club who would like more information. [dihall605@gmail.com](mailto:dihall605@gmail.com) 0411704654



recommend it to anyone interested in science and mathematics in their futures.

Chelsea Storey was sponsored by the  
Gunnedah Rotary Club.

NYSF was an enriching experience both through the new online aspect of the program due to covid, and the face to face visit I got to attend for two days in Newcastle. The face-to-face visit was definitely my favourite of the two aspects because I got to meet new people and make new friends who have similar interests to me. It was a shame that we didn't get to experience the full 14-day face to face program because our friendships would have developed over the two weeks a lot more than they did over two days. Overall, I am glad I got to partake in this science program and would