



Rotary International District 9650

## E News - Monday 2 March 2020

Rotary International President  
Mark Maloney (Gay)

Rotary Club of Decatur Alabama USA

District Governor

Phil Hafey (Bronwyn)

Rotary Club of Laurieton NSW Australia

### MESSAGE FROM DG PHIL HAFEY

#### LAST WEEK FOR CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS

This is the last week for Rotarians and guests to register for the 2020 District 9650 Conference.

Detailed information on the keynote speakers John Brogden AM, Ian McNamara AM and John Reid is available on the Conference Website: <https://www.rotary9650.org.au/district-conference>

Also, on the website is information on the two Australian Rotary Health PHD Scholars funded by recent DG Partners Projects and a program summary.

(The details were also provided in E-News 10 February 2020.)

In addition, there will be four sessions at Conference where Clubs from D9650 will highlight significant projects they have accomplished and the processes they followed to ensure success.

These projects include:

*Port Macquarie Sunrise:*



*Tacking Point  
Lighthouse*

*Port Macquarie*

Tacking Point Lighthouse restoration

*Boggabri: Primary School Public Speaking Competition*

*Coffs Harbour City: The Cartoon Bunker Gallery*

*The Cartoon  
Bunker Gallery  
Coffs Harbour*



*Coffs Harbour Daybreak:*

Welch Allyn Monitor  
Project

*Presentation of Monitors to  
Coffs Harbour Hospital  
team*



*Tamworth Sunrise:*

Working with the Clontarf Foundation at Oxley High School

*Wauchope: Off Leash Dog Park*



*Past President Rotary  
Club of Wauchope  
Kathryn Stephens with  
her Guide Dog Nessy  
at the Dog Park*

*Dorrigo: End Trachoma 2020 project*

The online registration form is available at: [https://php.rotary9650.org.au/conf\\_2020/registration.php](https://php.rotary9650.org.au/conf_2020/registration.php)

#### Why Should you attend the District Conference?

- To learn how Rotary builds better communities
- To learn how through Rotary we as Rotarians have the opportunity to change lives... the most critical one being our own
- We will hear the latest updates from Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation from the Rotary International President's Personal Representative
- We will have the opportunity to mix and mingle with our other D9650 Rotarians and their partners and to establish new friends and contacts from all over the District
- You will certainly have an amazing experience and have great food and great fun. **Register Now!**

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Contributions are sought and encouraged. Please e-mail to Neville Parsons: [neville.parsons1@outlook.com](mailto:neville.parsons1@outlook.com)

## ROTARY BUSHFIRE RECOVERY SUPPORT PROJECTS

### TOOLS FOR UPPER MACLEAY FARMERS

During the November fires last year in the upper Macleay Valley (Kempsey Shire) 63 houses and 170 out-buildings were destroyed, and 23 houses and 70 outbuildings were damaged.



With so many sheds destroyed there are so many farm, garden and handyman tools gone.

So, anyone attending PETs in Port Macquarie or District 9650 Conference at South West Rocks in March, please check your sheds and garages for any surplus tools you can collect and fit in your cars.

Tools can be anything from Handyman (screwdrivers, drills, spanners etc etc), Gardening tools (rakes, shovel, wheelbarrow etc etc) and Farmers (Fencing strainers, tractor tools, hoe, pliers etc etc).

The list is endless. **I just request good quality tools.**



Tools can be left in the Friendship Room (Rotary Club of Kempsey West table). Our Club will get the tools from South West Rocks to Upper Macleay for farmers.

Thankyou in participation

*Robin Norton*

*President RC Kempsey West*

### NAMBUCCA VALLEY SUPPORT

The Rotary Clubs of Macksville and Nambucca Heads have worked together and partnered with the community to help those impacted by Novembers bushfires.

#### *Fundraising*

The Bushfire Benefit Concert held at Macksville Football Ground on Saturday 12 January was a community organised event pulled together by Bowraville's Dianne Potter and her friends and supported by Rotary. Diane also organised last years Woodstock in the Valley event at Macksville Showground. The Bushfire Benefit Concert raised \$7,500 which was banked in the Rotary account.

Louise Welsh, a school music teacher at a Sydney School and who grew up locally, organised a school concert and through this and direct donations from her

schools community also banked \$7,500 with Macksville Rotary Club where her father, Kevin Welsh is a past member.

The new owners of the Cubana Resort Nambucca Heads, where Nambucca Heads Rotary meet, have contacts in the Northbridge Rotary Club. That Rotary club conducted a fundraiser and deposited the \$15,000 they made into the Nambucca Heads Rotary Club account.

A \$4,000 Rotary Foundation emergency relief grant was also accessed which has been used for bushfire relief work.

In addition an amount of \$5,000 from previous Rotary community fundraisers has been directed to bushfire relief making an amount of \$39,000 the total funds being used.

#### *Bushfire Relief*

Rotary has taken care to identify ways to assist those who suffered loss in the fires in order to reach as many of those in need and to provide meaningful help.

Cheques totalling almost \$12,000 have been sent to all people they knew about who lost their home to the fires. Comprehensive lists of people who lost homes are not readily available due to privacy laws so Rotary went with the best list they could get.

*BlazeAid* has done an incredible job with reinstating fire damaged fences.

Rotary has supported them with just over \$12,000 to purchase tools, materials and catering for volunteers.

The remainder of the money raised is being spent through cooperation with the South Arm Hall Bushfire Relief work.

The largest project is the tool library but other things supported include helping with the provision of portable toilets and an art therapy class being investigated.

*(refer story in last weeks E-News)*

#### *Tool Library*

A total of 64 houses were lost in the Nambucca Valley fires and this devastating loss has been well reported. What is not reported as often however is that there were hundreds of sheds also lost.

These sheds housed the people's non-domestic assets and in particular the tools they need to rebuild. The fact that the sheds are destroyed means they have nowhere to store any tools even if people have the financial capacity to acquire them. So a tool library will speed up the rebuilding of the communities houses, sheds and fences.

A tool library works exactly the same as a book library. The acquisition of the inventory is complete as is the background work of entering everything into a catalogue. A shipping container has been provided which has been fitted out with shelving to be stocked with the inventory. Special software designed for operating tool libraries has been made available at no cost. This will have the inventory catalogue of the more expensive items held plus borrowers details and will monitor lending of the more valuable items. Other tools including cheaper smaller tools and donated used tools will be loaned on an honour system and not monitored by the computer system to keep administration as simple as possible. Borrowers will be required to agree to the terms and conditions of the library and to sign a waiver in which they accept the responsibility to use all tools borrowed properly safely. Loans will only be made for people undertaking rebuilding projects.

The Nambucca Valley Tool Library is expected to commence in early March.



## DISTRICT GOVERNOR CLUB VISITS

Thursday 5 March: Gunnedah 2380, E Club

Monday 9 March: Great Lakes

## IMPORTANT TRAINING DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### PRESIDENTS-ELECT TRAINING SESSIONS



### SUNDAY 8 MAR 2020 - PORT MACQUARIE

Presidents-elect Training (Eastern) at Port Macquarie

**Bookings were due by Friday 28 February**

**Other Training dates coming up:**

**Sunday 5 Apr 2020**

District Training for Incoming Club Offices at Armidale

**Sunday 19 Apr 2020**

District Training for Incoming Club Offices at Port Macquarie

**Sunday 3 May 2020**

District Training for Incoming Club Offices at Gunnedah

**Please schedule in your diaries NOW**

### ST. PETER'S SECONDARY SCHOOL VIRAGALUR, TIRUCHIRAPPALLI DISTRICT, TAMIL NADU, SOUTH INDIA (RAOAF) PROJECT 49-2019-2020

The School has 250 girls and 600 boys and is financially quite poor, most parents being in basic agriculture with many children having to walk to School from many kilometres away as there is no bus service.

The area has to cope with two monsoon periods each year.

*The following has been provided by Leanne Doran the Publicity Officer and president-elect of the Rotary Club of Uralla:*

The Rotary Club of Uralla and funds from an anonymous donor provided AUD \$12,000 for the "Digitisation and upgrading of St Peter's Higher Secondary School – Viragular – 621722 Tamilnadu, South India in development phases from 2020 with the support of the "Rotary Australia Overseas Aid Fund".

Phase I has been completed

Computer lab upgrade with 6 new computers, to provide high quality learning, e-learning, improve educational outcomes to be comparable to City schools

Renovation of the library and additional infrastructure. New and refurbished furniture, painting, flooring and pest control. These facilities help students to be competitive for employment in higher level Government and non-Government sectors. Provides better social harmony.

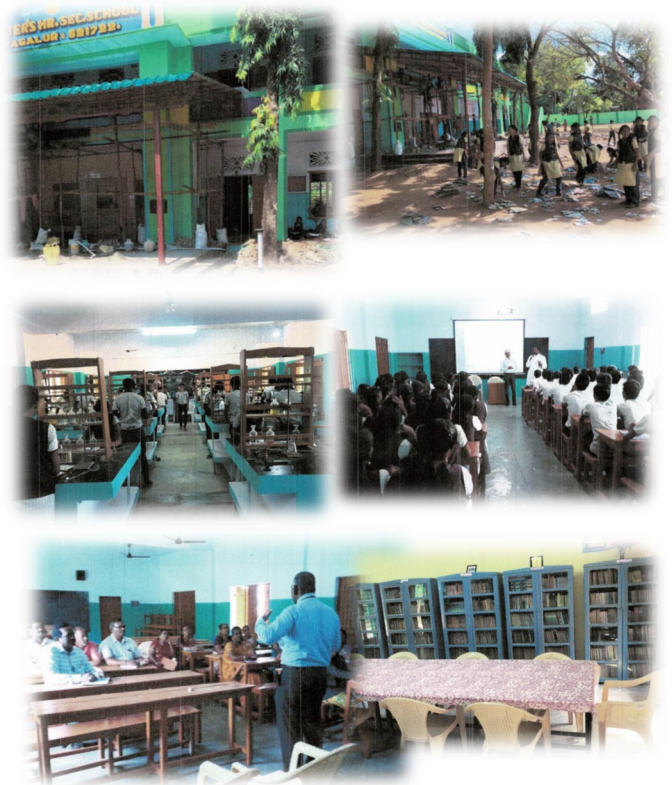
Science lab equipment and facilities upgrade, studies of science develops practical thinking.

Upgrade playground, sports equipment, level sports field and build stage. Helps promote leadership, teamwork, problem solving, crisis management, fitness and stamina. Training of teachers and staff for digital education and mentoring

Headmaster, Father L. Robert Selvan, reports there are future phases of development required to provide education on par with other modernised schools in India, however the completion of Phase 1 will create positive changes on the demographic environment and will create better economic and social development in the area. Fr. Robert gratefully acknowledges the support rendered by the good souls of Uralla, NSW, Australia.

The project has also provided funds for a Professor of Education and the Dean of a business school to train all staff in IT knowledge to use 'Smart' classroom technology.

Photos extracted from the *Report provided by Gordon Fuller Project Manager & International Director The Rotary Club of Uralla.*



## Rotary International District 9650 Conference 2020 - March 20 to 22 South West Rocks Country Club

**Diarise Now for  
a great Rotary  
weekend**



**Rotary: Strengthening Local Communities**

**Rotary Fun &  
Learning**



## Rotary Youth Leadership Award

### D9650 Seminar

2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> May 2020

### Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation Centre

Attendees to be 19 - 27 year old looking to develop their own personal purpose and profile for life.

**RYLA needs you and your Club to get your ASK into gear... please find your 2020 RYLA candidate (s) NOW**

Please encourage your members to:

**identify** potential participants

**tell** them about the RYLA program

**share** the positive impact it will have on their lives

**encourage** them to apply

**encourage** employers in your Club to sponsor one of their employees

**invest** in the future of your Club and your community

**RYLA is the future of Rotary...**

**The program is brilliant, the results outstanding, the experience is life changing.**

Application & brochure on  
[www.rotary9650.org.au/RYLEA](http://www.rotary9650.org.au/RYLEA)

All enquiries to go to:

Louise Matthews E: [lmjew@bigpond.com](mailto:lmjew@bigpond.com)

### RYLA Leader's Training

Leaders for RYLA 2020 attended training on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at Rotary Lodge in Port Macquarie.

The District Management Team is excited with the prospect of these young RYLarians furthering their journey as Leaders of the future in their workplace & the community.



Back L-R: John Carroll(RYLA Program), Travis Parker (Wauchope), Zack McDonald(Tamworth), Benji Clarke (PortMac), Bec Banks(Inverell), Andrew Stokes (D9650 C'tee), DG Phil Hafey

Front L-R: Louise Matthews (RYLA Sec/Mum), Sally Foster(Port Mac) David Mayne(D9650 RYLA Chair)

Absent: PDG Rob Anderson

**ACT NOW**



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## GATES FOUNDATION EXTENDS ITS MATCH OF DONATIONS TO ROTARY FOR POLIO ERADICATION

On 22 January 2020, Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced that they would extend their long-term fundraising partnership, which generates up to \$150 million annually for polio eradication.

Under the agreement, Rotary commits to raising \$50 million a year over the next three years, and each dollar will be matched with an additional two dollars by the Gates Foundation.

This expanded agreement will yield up to \$450 million for polio eradication activities.



In a video address at the 2020 Rotary International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA, Bill Gates told incoming district governors that the partnership with Rotary needs to continue.

"The Gates Foundation's longstanding partnership with Rotary has been vital to fighting polio," Gates said. "That's why we're extending our funding match, so every dollar that Rotary raises is met with two more."

He added, "I believe that together, we can make eradication a reality."

The funding will support polio eradication efforts such as disease surveillance, technical assistance, and operational support for immunization activities.

The partnership between Rotary and the Gates Foundation has yielded \$2 billion, and Rotarians have given countless volunteer hours to fight polio since Rotary started its PolioPlus program in 1985.

Be a part of the fight to end polio and have your donation matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Visit [endpolio.org](http://endpolio.org) to learn more and [donate](#).

### Polio eradication in Pakistan: Rotary members will finish the job

Pakistan is one of two countries that continues to report cases of polio caused by the wild poliovirus. Aziz Memon, an incoming Rotary Foundation trustee and chair of the Pakistan National PolioPlus Committee, explains what motivates Rotarians in Pakistan to finish the task of polio eradication.



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**END POLIO NOW**