THIS WEEKS DG’s MESSAGE

This last week Bronwyn and I visited the Rotary Clubs and communities of Coffs Harbour City, Woolgoolga, Coffs Harbour Daybreak and Coffs Harbour.

Coffs Harbour Daybreak’s Welch Allyn monitoring machine project.

By Liz Donnan, International Director, writes:

The Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour Daybreak has partnered with the Mid North Coast Cancer Institute (MNCCI) in Coffs Harbour since 2017 to provide 10 Welch Allyn Connex Vital Signs devices.

Per patient, the devices collect an average of 53 sets of patient vital signs in the medical oncology treatment room and they are able to send these on time and wirelessly to the Electronic Medical Records system, freeing nursing staff to attend to patients. They also are able to improve accuracy of dose administration through bar code scanning of patients, staff administering and the drugs dispensed.

The Nursing Unit Manager, Jill Harrington, who is now MNCCI’s Nursing and Service Delivery Manager, developed this innovation of using the machines to interact with the hospital’s other systems. The innovation is in the software development to connect the machines wirelessly and to interface with existing software.

The project has received 2 Awards recently at the Mid North Coast Local Health District’s 2019 Health Innovation Awards:

It won the Patient Safety First category and it won the prestigious Agency for Clinical Innovation Award.

The project has spread to other Mid North Coast Hospitals and this is a world first as the MNCCI’s Coffs Harbour campus is the first cancer centre in the world to use technology to interface and integrate its vital signs monitors with an oncology-specific electronic medical records system.

Photo top next column:

Anthea Waugh - nurse, Jill Harrington - Innovator

Important District Dates

https://rotary9650.org.au/events

Rotary International District 9650 Inc

www.rotary9650.org.au

Contributions are sought and encouraged. Please e-mail to Neville Parsons neville.parsons1@outlook.com
The Rotary national Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) was conducted in the historic House of Representatives Chamber of the Old Parliament House, home to the Museum of Australian Democracy from 16-18 August. This was the 23rd consecutive MUNA event that the Rotary Club of Canberra Sunrise has run on behalf of Rotary District 9710, with the aim of increasing international understanding and goodwill. Club President, Lain Dare hailed the event a great success, noting the high quality of debate throughout, great enthusiasm from the participants and involvement of a number of embassies and high commissions in supporting the students.

Seventy Year 10 to 12 students from schools in Queensland, NSW, ACT, Victoria and Tasmania participated in the event. Teams of two or three students made up 26 teams, each representing a country to debate six real-world United Nations resolutions over the weekend. The topics, all of which were well researched by students and debated with passion were:

- Measures to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons in the Korean peninsula.
- Regulating International Migration
- International Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space
- Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind
- The Situation of Human Rights in Venezuela
- The protection of journalistic freedoms

We truly believe that all participants in MUNA are winners, coming away with a greater awareness of world issues and the way that the UN operates to bring about change and also making some lasting friendships. Testimonies from some of those that have attended past events show that MUNA can be a life changing experience and one that has shaped their careers going forward.

The MUNA dinner was also a highlight with guest speaker, ‘Fred’ Smith, a long-term Australian diplomat and talented songwriter and musician. Fred spoke about his life and career, including some notable work in both PNG and Afghanistan.

Another highlight of MUNA was the involvement and support from a number of Embassies and High Commissions for the event. Several teams were hosted by their supporting Embassy for a visit and provided information on the country’s position in relation to the debate topics. Diplomatic representatives from the Embassies of Mexico, Afghanistan and Russia joined the participants at the MUNA dinner and gave the students a great insight into diplomatic life and their cultures. This opportunity to meet diplomats and to understand some of the factors influencing a country’s position on world issues was grasped by many participants.

Once again, the Australian National University provided significant sponsorship for the event. The Museum of Australian Democracy also provided great support for the event, and this year showcased their new ‘One Small Step’ tour, celebrating aspects of the moon landing 50 years ago for the students.

MUNA 2019 was a fantastic event and showcased Rotary, contributing clubs, districts, schools and, of course, the participants themselves in a most positive light.

Much of the debate was captured on video and in photos that are available on the MUNA Facebook page - https://www.facebook.com/D9710NationalMuna/.

D9650 was represented by a team from St Columba Anglican School at Port Macquarie and sponsored at Regional MUNA by the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie Sunrise.

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MORE CHANGES TO PRINTED DIRECTORY

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Like to add your name to the list of 14 Rotarians from District 9650 already registered to attend the 2020 International Rotary Convention?

Join us in Honolulu for the 2020 Convention!

It’s a wonderful way to make friends from around the World

6—10 June, 2020. Register today @ riconvention.org
DG Phil and Bronwyn Club Visits next 2 weeks:
Mon 2 September - Armidale North
Tue 3 September - Armidale
Wed 4 September - Armidale AM (breakfast)
Wed 4 September - Dorrigo
Thu 5 September - Armidale Central - Lunch
Mon 9 September - Tamworth West
Tue 10 September - Tamworth
Wed 11 September - Tamworth First Light (breakfast)
Wed 11 September - Calala

Club members and partners are encouraged to attend and warmly welcome our District Governor Phil and wife Bronwyn.

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More Photos from DG Phil & Bronwyn’s visits last week:

Left: Exchange Student Julia Maria from Brazil and President Paul McAra at Coffs Harbour Club

Right: Exchange Student Adam Leskovjansky from Slovakia at Coffs Harbour City

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OVERSEAS TRAVEL

Rotarians, and partners, who are travelling overseas for any Rotary purpose (Friendship Exchange, Convention, Institute, etc) must complete the Travel Authorisation Form located in the District Library.


The form should be submitted to Brett White prior to departure and the Insurance Documents should be taken overseas with you.

Note that the Travel Authorisation Form requires a “Fit to Travel” letter from your Doctor.

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Rotary D9650 2019 Showcase Weekend at Tamworth
Saturday 23 Nov 19 & Sunday 24 Nov 19
This will also include the D9650 Special General Meeting to receive and adopt the Audited Financial Reports for the District for the year ended 30 June 2019.
This will be a great learning & fellowship weekend

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D9650 Rotary Foundation District Grants 2019-20

Applications for District Grants are available from the District website for clubs interested in obtaining.
Funding of up to $4,000 for a project. Applications must be made by 31 October 2019 to D9650 Grants Chair, Elizabeth Tollis, through the online form provided on the District website, and submitted by email to elizabeth.tollis@gmail.com

All forms are available on the District website in the Documents Library section.
To access the required documents go to the Documents Library, and on the right hand side you will find “Quicklinks” – Foundation. Scroll down to the District Grant Application 2019-20, Memorandum of Understanding, Terms and Conditions, Club Qualification and Grant Manual.

There is also a Foundation Training Manual 2016-19 which is still current and should be read carefully.

For a club to gain an understanding of District Grants a PowerPoint presentation is available.

District grants give Rotarians freedom in determining how funds donated to the Rotary Foundation in their district can best be spent. To begin an application a club needs to have a spending plan, a dedicated bank account and account signatories, so if your club is interested in applying for a grant it is a good idea to have all this available before you begin.

Yours in Rotary Service
District Grants Chair Elizabeth Tollis (Rotary Club of Taree on Manning)
Email: elizabeth.tollis@gmail.com
Mobile: 0438982301

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Have you organised your Club’s participation in the Movie for End Polio Now?
Our Foundation Director PDG Maurie Stack has some more promotional information for Clubs and the details are on the next page.
Remember to send me some photos of your Movie Night
Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation Centre
2—9 May 2020
Application forms & brochure online
www.rotary9650.org.au/RYLA

Andrew Stokes
2017 RYLARIan, 2018 RYLA Leader
2019 RYLA Leader's Leader
2019-2020 Pres. Hastings Rotaract

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RYLA supporting the future of Rotary through
developing future Rotarians
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MESSAGE FROM OUR DISTRICT FOUNDATION CHAIRMAN - PDG MAURIE STACK

We've received a brand new End Polio video clip that's
ideal as a lead-in to the Ride Like a Girl Polio Movie Event. It's called 5 Ways to End Polio and runs for 50 seconds. You can view the video at:
https://vimeo.com/355561572/29238996a8

or download a copy at:
https://vimeo.com/rotary/download/355561572/7e191be8e4

In addition, we've had the video converted to Digital Cinema Package format (DCP), which is the format that cinemas will need in order to play the clip before the movie. Here's the info we received from Transmission Films, the movie distributor:

Here is the DCP format version of the Rotary/Polio video to be played in front Ride Like a Girl Rotary previews.

Please ensure you download the bundled files as these contain the DCP file.

Transmission films
https://app.mediaroom.com.au/deliver/146b30b0-a84e-40e6-9604-510b817e839a

Gloucester's Bowden Brothers Red Centre Tour
Details provided by PDG Brian Beesley

The Bowden Brothers are an Indigenous Music band from Gloucester NSW. They play Originals and Covers and have busked and been runners up in the 2018 Tamworth Country Music Awards.

Using the local Rotary Clubs in the areas to Co-ordinate ... they are doing a Goodwill "Red Centre Tour" from Gloucester to Tennant Creek in September this year.

In the boys own words ....

"We are taking our music on the road to share our love of Australia and the music we play. Our home of Gloucester has faced its own interesting times over the past years, and we know we can share our hope and love of our town with Tennant Creek with its challenges.

Its people who make our world and the Bowden's believe they can make a difference with their music.

Tangibly; in the isolation of the “bush” there are many indigenous who cannot access the health services that we can on the Coast. Especially the Mental Health Support services.

Australian Rotary Health sponsor the training of Indigenous Doctors and Nurses to complete their medical training. Most return to work in the Communities they relate to so well. ARH also fund research into Mental Health of all Australians. We are proud to support their work!

The Concerts are free to attend and are aimed to lift the spirits of the people in the towns the “Boys” pass through; Help peoples Mental Health and work with the Youth of the town.

All the Brothers have all been successful in their own careers and present as a positive role model for Indigenous Youth.

The trip has involved scoping the venues and engaging Indigenous artist Dion (Cheeky Dog) from Tennant Creek to design their logo.

Would you consider arranging to join them on the Tour or come to a Concert?

Our aim is to have as many people attend and share the events to help towns struggling with drought through difficult times.

Your help here will be invaluable.

For full details including performance dates, venues and promotional material contact PDG Brian Beesley