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Rotary International District 9650

E News - Monday 3 February 2020

Rotary International President

Mark Maloney (Gay)

Rotary Club of Decatur Alabama USA

District Governor

Phil Hafey (Bronwyn)

Rotary Club of Laurieton NSW Australia

NEWS FROM DG PHIL HAFEY

I received the following letter from Rowley Tompsett, Chair of ShelterBox Australia:

Dear Governor,

I know there has been discussion in some Rotary Clubs concerning ShelterBox's non-deployment in Australia to support our current bushfire crisis. As you will be aware, many Rotary Clubs have been significant, long-time supporters of ShelterBox and deserve an explanation. I take this opportunity to explain how we make decisions on deploying disaster aid, focussing on the current Australian situation. You may wish to pass this information to your Clubs.



You can be assured ShelterBox is very much aware of the current situation and is closely monitoring events as they unfold. We are extremely concerned for the people affected by the Australian

wildfires and we are working with local contacts, including Rotary and the Australian Red Cross, to understand the kind of support we might be able to offer families who have lost their homes.

While the situation is devastating for people, wildlife and the environment across the affected area, we need to do more to understand whether there might be a role for ShelterBox to play in responding.

In understanding if we can support people who have lost their homes to disaster, we look at factors like what people need and if our emergency shelter is suitable. We also need to take into account the ability of the country to support its own people, if international assistance has been requested, and look at the state of core infrastructure like power, communications, roads, hospitals and schools.

Currently the most suitable emergency shelter options for the people who have lost their homes is focusing on hotels and government supported shelter. There may be gaps in those being supported and we are working to understand whether any of our aid would have a place, or whether we may be able to support the response through coordination with Rotary or other agencies.

While we are not responding at this time, we will continue to carefully monitor and understand whether there may be a place for ShelterBox aid.

We rely on assessments by Australian and State Government agencies to provide us with relevant information and requests for assistance.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR CLUB VISITS

Monday 3 February:	Coonabarabran
Tuesday 4 February:	Coonamble
Wednesday 5 February:	Barraba
Thursday 6 February:	Gunnedah West
Friday 7 February:	Tamworth Sunrise
Monday 10 February:	Glen Innes
Tuesday 11 February:	Walcha
Tuesday 18 February:	Wingham
Monday 24 February:	Uralla
Thursday 5 March:	Gunnedah 2380, E Club
Monday 9 March:	Great Lakes



Thank you to the Clubs who have supported our District LIFELINE project.

I appreciate all of the support received to date and invite Clubs to ensure that you consider donating to this Partner's Project Cause if you have not already.

The disasters encountered by our District's communities have greatly impacted the very social fabric of our community and there has never been a more critical time for the crisis support workers from Lifeline.

DG Partner's Project Account:

Account Name:

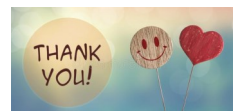
Rotary International D9650 DG Partner's Project

For Direct Credit (electronic payment)

BSB: 932-000

Account No: 500143137

Reference Required: Rotary Club Name



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www.rotary9650.org.au

Contributions are sought and encouraged. Please e-mail to Neville Parsons: neville.parsons1@outlook.com



Reminder to Club Treasurers from The Rotary Foundation

Hi Everyone

We really need your help. Below you can see an example of bank statements from our Finance team. These are examples of unidentified deposits. As you can also see it costs \$16 to try and trace each one of these and we get them EVERYDAY.

We have attached a simple how to transfer funds to our accounts but it does not seem to trickle down to the club treasurers. Can we ask a really big favor and that is to somehow get this information directly to the treasurers in the Clubs in your district. The savings from an administrative point of view would be great if this process was followed.

You will see below in one of the identifiers... Rotary Club of W. This is the most common issue and if you could help to solve that one alone, it would be a massive time and cost saver. If they don't know their Club number, PLEASE ask that they DO NOT WRITE "ROTARY CLUB OF ..." as reference is limited by bank to 16 spaces for letters to identify the sender.

Yours in **Rotary** service

Mark Anderson

Senior Coordinator | Fund Development

Rotary Foundation

Account name	THE MANAGER THE ROTARY FOUNDATION OF	
	ROTARY INTL	
Account number	000 0100 345 225	
BSB	332-084	
Currency	AUD	
11/12/2019	MACU	1,000.00
20/12/2019	raffle, pers donat BENDIGO BANK	355.00
30/10/2019	polio train ride w Rotary Club of W	1,100.00

Please note the following information and refer to the Information Sheet distributed to your Club President & Club Secretary with this week's E-News.

Please ensure that your Club Treasurer and Club Foundation Director / Chairman receive a copy of this Information Sheet.

Contributions to THE ROTARY FOUNDATION Australia

Website

Rotary's preferred way of receiving contributions is via rotary.org/donate.

Australians should specify AUD as the currency, in order to receive a tax-deductible receipt.

Website transactions are by credit card, so may not be suitable for some Rotary Clubs.

Electronic Funds Transfer

Non-tax-deductible donations from **clubs & districts**, as well as contributions to the **Endowment Fund**, should be paid into the **TRF Account**:

St. George Bank

Acct Name: The Rotary Foundation

Acct No: 100345225

BSB No: 332 084

Reference: **Club number + club name**
(without "Rotary Club of") eg: "18010CastleHill".

Note - your Club Number is in the District Directory with

your Club Information.

Tax-deductible donations from (or on behalf of) **individuals and businesses** (and from tax registered clubs) should be paid into the **TARFT Account**:

St. George Bank

Acct Name: The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust

Acct No: 551038195

BSB No: 332 084

Reference: **Donor name + ID number**

For multiple donors: **M + club number + club name** and email the list of donors.

Contributions to TARFT will generate a TAX RECEIPT for Australian tax deductibility.

When paying by EFT, please send a copy of the bank receipt and/or TRF Contribution Form.

When we don't receive this information and have to run a trace, it is time-consuming and expensive.

Always copy RISPPPO, even when you have already sent an email to your District / Club Officer.

Emails should be sent to risppo@rotary.org – for enquiries, call +61 2 8894 9800.

Credit Card

Credit card contributions can be:

phoned through to the RISPPPO Office
(+61 2 8894 9800)

mailed to the RISPPPO Office using the Contribution Form (PO Box 1415, Parramatta, NSW, 2124).

For security reasons, credit card payments **should NOT be emailed**.

Cheque

Cheques should be mailed to the RISPPPO Office using the Contribution Form (PO Box 1415, Parramatta, NSW, 2124).

For all payment methods, **don't forget to let us know to which fund** the donation should be directed – Polio Fund, Annual Fund, Endowment Fund or any other Fund.

Did you know?

PHF Medallion

The purchase of Paul Harris Fellow Medallions can only be handled through the Rotary Shop – cost US\$15.00. Go to:

<https://shop.rotary.org/paul-harris-fellow-medallion>

While these online orders go to Rotary International, fulfillment is handled by the South Pacific and Philippines Office in Parramatta.



Additional Message from PDG Maurie Stack - Foundation Director

No doubt your club is thinking about ways it can support OUR charity the Rotary Foundation as we distribute funds raised during the year. You will find on the Rotary District 9650 website under

*Documents Library/The Rotary Foundation a document **Foundation Contribution Form**. That tells you how to make a donation either as a club or as an individual.*

When you transfer by direct transfer please note that the bank only allows you 16 spaces and if you start with "The Rotary Club of..." you will run out of room. Then the Foundation has to spend time and money tracing where the money came from. So just put the rest of your name e.g. "Taree On Manning" NOT "The Rotary Club of Taree on Manning".

Remember that your donations can through District Grants effectively support amazing projects of clubs in our District.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

These dates include critical District Training dates for incoming Club and District Officers.

It is important that all incoming officers attend the sessions that are arranged for them in their region.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 8-9 FEB 2020

District Management Team Training Port Macquarie

SUNDAY 1 MAR 2020

Presidents-elect Training (Western) at Tamworth

SUNDAY 8 MAR 2020

Presidents-elect Training (Eastern) at Port Macquarie

22 MAR 2020

D9650 District Conference at South West Rocks

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

SATURDAY 27 JUN 2020

District Changeover at Laurieton

NYSF YEAR 12 PROGRAM 2020 CANCELLATION INFORMATION

As you are aware, the NYSF was forced to prematurely end Session A, evacuate the students under emergency timelines, and completely cancel session C of the NYSF Year 12 Program 2020 due to the smoke impact from the Australian bushfires near the ACT resulting in the closure of ANU Facilities and accommodation.

The NYSF is a not-for-profit charity and has a longstanding and much-valued relationship with Rotary, the Founding Partner of the NYSF. This partnership sees Rotary donate many hours of in-kind support and assistance in selecting and facilitating the orientation of NYSF students. Many Rotary clubs also sponsor students directly, with contributions varying from club to club and also year to year. We are very grateful for this support and deeply value our association with Rotary.

The NYSF sent email updates on these events to District Chairs for distribution to Rotary Clubs in their district. We also turned to social media and tagged Rotary Down Under to try to ensure Rotarians were informed as quickly as possible.

Due to the timeframes and the urgency of the evacuation, it was not possible to contact each Club directly and we believe it may have taken some time for some Rotarians to find out about this. In the future, we will be looking at the best communication channels to ensure Rotary Districts and Clubs with students impacted by events such as these can find out what is going on as early as possible.

For the students who have missed out or experienced a shortened session this January, the NYSF is currently working with our insurer and other service providers to consider what reimbursement is available to cover the out of pocket expenses incurred by the students and their families.

The insurer has advised that the NYSF insurance policies are only likely to cover out of pocket expenses for each student and do not extend to covering the staff/consumable costs of the NYSF nor the Partners who sponsor students, including any Rotary contributions and any other grants students may have received.

Session A and C students will shortly receive a form from the NYSF so we can identify how they were funded and to what extent. Rotary Clubs may receive emails asking for verification of what they paid and/or what the students' families contributed. Students will also be asked to identify any other funding they received (e.g. Equity Scholarships).

NYSF spends the funds from students and Rotary Clubs in good faith from early in the year to plan and deliver the program, travel and accommodation. Hence, the NYSF has still accrued significant costs for each session even though two ended up being cancelled. Many providers request payments for the January services well in advance and the majority of those costs are not refundable with short notice of cancellation.

One action that would significantly aid us financially would be for Rotary Clubs to consider foregoing the contribution they made to the student fees to go some way towards covering the non-recoverable costs of the program for the NYSF. We hope Clubs may see fit to support us in this manner.

The NYSF appreciates the many offers of help we have received from Rotary and scientific organisations to work with them on providing additional specialised alumni experiences in each state and online for the students impacted by the cancellations. Currently the NYSF is gathering all of these ideas and offers of help, and will soon start planning a year-long Alumni Program that caters specifically for these students from mid-February onwards.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

The District Conference website is open for on-line Registrations. A paper form can also be downloaded.

The 2020 District Conference will be held at picturesque South West Rocks from 20-22 March 2020.

To access the Conference website go to:

<https://www.rotary9650.org.au/district-conference>

In addition to the registration forms, the website features the Conference Promotional Video and a "who to contact" list.

This year's Conference will feature successful projects from a number of Rotary Clubs and successful projects funded by Foundation Grants will also be featured.

The District Conference is highly recommended for all Rotarians and partners.

Register now!!!

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

2nd – 9th May 2020

Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation Centre

(between Tamworth & Gunnedah)

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

Brochure & applications on website

www.rotary9650.org.au/Ryla



One of Rotary's most successful youth programs celebrates 50 years in D9650.

Please join us in celebrating this milestone with the 2020 RYLarians

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday 6th May 2020

Further details will be provided once finalised.

RYLA aims to:

- Demonstrate Rotary's respect & concern for youth;
- Provide an effective training experience for selected youth & potential leaders;
- Encourage leadership of youth by youth;
- Publicly recognise young people who are rendering service to their communities



BERNIE SHAKESHAFT NAMED AUSTRALIAN LOCAL HERO OF THE YEAR 2020

Bernie Shakeshaft, who works with at-risk teenagers in Armidale to help them on the path towards employment and further education and training, has been named in the Australia Day Awards as this year's Australian Local Hero.

Mr Shakeshaft established BackTrack in 2006, a program which has since supported more than 1000 young people towards finding work and education opportunities and expanded into other NSW towns.

He has had a great connection with Rotary Clubs initially in Armidale and more recently throughout the District and has been a Keynote Speaker at many Rotary functions including District Conferences.

In accepting his Award Bernie Shakeshaft stated:

"I started BackTrack, seriously as simple as this - to keep kids alive, to keep them out of jail, and to chase their dreams," Mr Shakeshaft said in accepting the award.

"To be recognised and stand beside so many cracking Aussies is touching, and it's humbling.

To be here because some kids who were locked up in a juvenile detention centre that I have never met who saw our documentary and made the nomination, makes it even more special.

"Sometimes, I think we underestimate the power and the potential of our young people. Our youth are our nation's most valuable asset. As parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters and friends, our kids bring us together. As a nation, they're our future. As a society, they're the most honest barometer of how we're tracking."

For further information on "BackTrack" visit the website:

<https://backtrack.org.au/>

INVITATION FROM TAMWORTH ROTARY CLUB

A Special Dinner to celebrate the "girl from Guyra" Gemma Sisia. Gemma's achievements at the School of St Jude are amazing. The School now comprises 3 campuses, 1800 students, boarding facilities for 1200, 25 buses, 29,000 hot meals provided each week & employs over 290 (95% being Tanzanian). Also supports 350 graduates as part of the Beyond St Judes program.



Date :	Tuesday 24 March 2020
Guest Speaker:	Gemma Sisia
Venue:	Diggers Ballroom, West Diggers Club, Kable Av
Time:	1800 for 1830 (6.00pm for 6.30pm)
Meal:	Dinner and wine
Cost Per Person:	\$50
RSVP:	10th March 2020
Booking contact:	Sue-Ellen Nash 0428 623 229 sue_ellennash@yahoo.com

