



Rotary International District 9650 E News - Sunday 3 May 2020

Rotary International President
Mark Maloney (Gay)

Rotary Club of Decatur Alabama USA

District Governor

Phil Hafey (Bronwyn)

Rotary Club of Laurieton NSW Australia

THIS WEEKS MESSAGE FROM DG PHIL HAFEY

District Assembly

The first Zoom District Assembly was held this morning with over 100 Rotarians participating from the comfort of their own homes. The format worked well with the information clearly presented and participants given the ability to ask questions via the chat feature. As I remarked in my introduction, the continued success of the electronic format is in the hands of the Clubs and participants.

If Clubs do not engage with the training program, download the sessions available and complete the suggested Learning Centre courses then the format will not work. To misquote Past RI President John Kenny's theme, the future of this training format is in your hands.

Image below:

District Governor elect Debbie discussing the opportunities that Rotary can provide.

Over the course of the District Assembly Zoom Meeting there were 117 connections with 130 of our District Rotarians registered for this morning's Zoom Assembly.



Bushfire Grants

Applications for Bushfire Grants closed last week and D9650 will be distributing \$78,600 to Rotary Clubs from the National Bushfire Appeal.

As there was more money than applications, the Committee were able to allocate more than was originally intended to applicants.

It should be noted that no District Funds were required for these grants.

The successful Clubs are:

- Taree on Manning - \$10,000 for the RAWCS Midcoast Bushfire Appeal project.
- Dorrigo - \$5,600 for the provision of 4 Stihl Pole Pruners for 4 local RFS brigades
- Hastings Rotaract - \$5,000 for a "Masks off for Mental Health" Gala dinner

- South West Rocks - \$5,000 for Tools for the Upper Macleay Valley
- Port Macquarie Sunrise - \$8,000 for Farmer Joe's Pantry Community Outreach
- Glen Innes - \$10,000 for Torrington Connect
- Kempsey West - \$5,000 for Tools for the Upper Macleay Valley
- Armidale AM - \$5,000 for the RAWCS project Armidale and Northern Tablelands Bushfire Disaster Relief and Traumatized Farmers in Need
- Armidale - \$5,000 for the RAWCS Project Bushfire traumatized Farmers in Need.
- Kempsey - \$10,000 for the RAWCS Project Macleay Valley Bushfire Relief Fund
- Macksville - \$10,000 for the South Arm Tool Library

The Dorrigo project is an excellent example of Rotary Strengthening Local Communities.

To quote from the application:

During the past Bushfire crisis from August 2019 until January 2020 (BeesNest fire crisis) our 4 x local RFS were under incredible pressure defending property in some very rough terrain.

One of the many issues that came to light was that quite often the bush was too dense and low to get the fire and emergency vehicles into – they had chainsaws on board but no Pole Pruners for the higher overhanging brush and limbs with an extended reach.

"STIHL Pole Pruners (or similar) are ideal for tree maintenance. Thanks to their high torque, even thick branches can be cut effortlessly. Branches

up to a height of approximately 5 metres are easily managed by our telescopic models"

The community will benefit because the emergency vehicles could access the formidable terrain (vehicle or man), cut back trees and limbs over houses and other structures while keeping a 6m distance from the potential hazard.

The 4 x RFS are Tyringham, Megan, Bostobrick and Deer Vale – all small units, manned by incredibly dedicated volunteers with very few resources to protect our valuable community.



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

THIS WEEKS MESSAGE FROM DG PHIL HAFEY (CONT)

Grant Opportunities

During our Club visits, Rotarians would have heard me talk about a number of grant opportunities available to Clubs and as our fundraising opportunities are restricted at present, grants provide a valuable source of project funding.

The Community Building Partnership Program is a State Government grant program with at least \$300,000 available in each electorate.

Applications open tomorrow, 4 May. For more information go to the website:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/projects/community-building-partnership/2020-community-building-partnership-program-guidelines>

For information on grants awarded in 2019 click on this icon on the righthand side:

2019 Community Building Partnership Grants

and then locate the appropriate electorate.

This is an excellent way of understanding the type of projects that the program funds.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Another source of funding information is Regional Development Australia which has 14 branches in NSW. Click on this link to find the branch in your area:

<https://www.rda.gov.au/my-rda/nsw>

I would recommend Clubs signing up for the RDA Newsletters from their area.

Grant Guru is a free service listing thousands of grants and a more detailed service is available via subscription.

Local Councils often have a grants officer who may be able to assist Community Groups and there are many businesses which specialise in grant writing and funding.

UPDATING DATABASES

Further to the recent information re updating databases please note that once the District Database is updated with the details of a new member then that information is sent via the District Database to Rotary Down Under (RDU).

Further if an address is changed in the District database then that will be conveyed to RDU.

Similarly if a member wants to change from Hard Copy to Digital and that is recorded on the District database, then that will also be conveyed to RDU as well.

This information has been confirmed by our District Webmaster Bruce Hemmett

Bruce also advised the following:

The only point I can add is that the our district database can be, and is used by some clubs to, store all their members and clubs information. This amounts to many more feature options than Clubrunner has and at no charge to individual clubs.

I have a plan to add an RI update feature to our district database.

This feature would be done only if our district database was to continue after the merge of our district with district 9670."

SAVE THE DATE



THE 2020 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL CONVENTION



Mark your calendars for 20-26 June for an exciting opportunity to gather online with the family of Rotary for our first online convention.

Now More Than Ever, *Rotary Connects the World*:

The 2020 Rotary Virtual Convention will join you with Rotary participants around the world during a time of unprecedented challenges.

Together, we'll still experience the spirit of Rotary, be inspired by innovation, celebrate our resilience, and explore how clubs are addressing COVID-19.

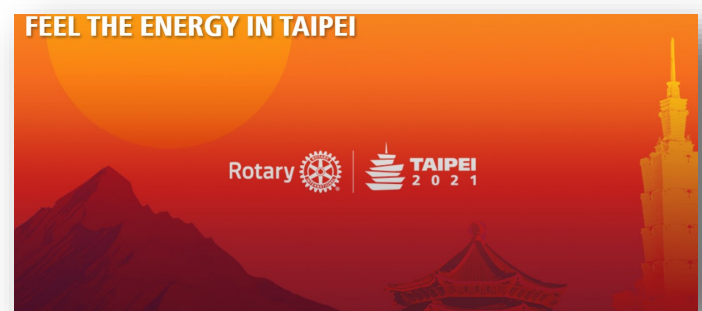
Experience Rotary in action during our Flag Ceremony, witness the power of connection during our general sessions, learn new ways to engage with Rotary during our breakout sessions, find inspiration from our global speakers, and much more.

We have never needed Rotary — and we have never needed each other — more than we do now. We hope to see you online, because Now More Than Ever, Rotary Connects the World.

<https://www.riconvention.org/en/current-convention>

Message from PDG Maurie Stack re 2021 Rotary International Convention in Taipei 12-16 June 2021. See link below:

<https://www.riconvention.org/en/taipei>



Quite a few of our members had registered for the Rotary International Convention in Honolulu in June of this year. That conference has had to be cancelled because of Covid-19. (Note: 2020 Virtual Convention details above)

The next Rotary International Convention will be held in Taipei in Taiwan from Saturday 12 June to Wednesday, 16 June 2021.

Taiwan has a dynamic economy and Taipei (and the country generally) is a great place to visit. De and I had the privilege of attending a District Conference in Taiwan last year and it was truly excellent. Rotary is growing in strength every year in Taiwan.

The usual practice is that registration opens for each Convention during the previous Convention. ...

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RI CONVENTION TAIPEI 2021 (Cont)

That of course won't happen this year but Rotary International President Elect Holger has announced that registration will open on 20 June 2020 at 00:01 Chicago time, and a promotional rate will be offered worldwide from 00:01 Chicago time on 20 June through 23:59 PM Chicago time on 26 June, concurrent with the Virtual Convention dates.

This is 2 days longer than the usual 5 day early bird registration, which is advantageous for the Taipei Convention.

The official registration site will open on 20 June and have forms available for download if needed.

The Taipei tab on riconvention.org is live now with the theme, and more information will become available in mid May.

The early bird rate (US dollars) is \$315 for Rotary club members and guests 31 and over; \$100 for club members and guests 18-30, \$10 for guests 5-18.

For anyone who has never attended a Rotary International Convention they are amazing events with extraordinary entertainment, inspirational speakers from around the world and the opportunity to meet and get to know Rotarians from everywhere.

PDG Maurie Stack

Get a taste of a Rotary International Convention from the comfort of your home by participating in the 2020 Rotary Virtual Convention.



LISTING OF ON-LINE ROTARY CLUBS AROUND THE WORLD:

This highlights the on-line Rotary Clubs and the Streaming Link to join their specific e-meetings.

Thank you to Jack Wilson the current Secretary and incoming President for the Hastings Rotaract Club.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1hK4by_4D040qLuWVlbrsnAsv3GDt7gpwZ1dbgcWulUU/edit#gid=1172159044

A message from PDG Brian Beesley:

Gloucester Rotary Meeting Tuesday 5 May 2020

Claire Deen (Miss Clavels) is going to help us all Cook dinner.

Yep live in the comfort of your own Kitchen!!

If you require a copy of the Recipe please email Brian Beesley before Tuesday - brianbees@gmail.com
Called Miss Clavels Recipe #2

All you need is to have the ingredients ready.

The Lemon Myrtle Labneh will need to be skipped or prepared prior BUT...

The Caramelized Leek, Kale and Zucchini Spelt Tarts will be cooked under Claire's instruction.

Now if you think I know what I'm talking about you are gravely mistaken ... I thought Leek was ... Leak ... the thing radiators got and that Spelt was something I never knew how to do!!

SO ... lets all have a great night with a huge difference .. grab your goodies ... get set up ... and join in before 7pm to "prep up" ... Class starts at 7pm sharp.
Rotary with a difference!!

The link is below ... this by the way will be the permanent link to our weekly meeting. We hold normally at [8 pm](#) so Pres. Li can join ... this week however ... I thought you might like to eat at a civilised hour!! Hence the 7pm. start. The Link you need for this weeks meeting is :

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4562350443>

Meeting ID: 456 235 0443



WEBINAR: PROJECTS THAT CAN BE DELIVERED DURING ISOLATION

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: May 6, 2020 18:00 Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Topic: Projects that Rotary Clubs can deliver during Isolation

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_pZ_3ex2QROeSZlcLd0IGfw

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Regards

Tim

on behalf of Zone Rotary Coordinators

RC PDG Tim Moore (Zone 8)

RC PDG Adrian Roach (Zone 8)

DGE Debbie Loveday has appointed for the 2020-2021 Rotary Year PDG Bob Ryan as the District Director Strategic Planning.

Please contact Bob if you would like his assistance with your Club Strategic Planning. Details below...





The RYLA Committee are very happy to advise we have secured a new date for RYLA 2020 and it will still be at Lake Keepit Sport & Rec for RYLA 2020... subject to the actual COVID-19 Health guidelines permitting.

Saturday 15th – Saturday 22nd August

Keep those applications coming, so when this Covid-19 pandemic is over we can have the best Camp ever !!

Application & brochure on District website:

www.rotary9650.org.au/RYLA

All enquiries to go to:

Louise Matthews E: lmjew@bigpond.com



Our D9650 Interplast Chair Ashleigh Hickman has provided the following update on Interplast.

Since the emergence of COVID-19 as a global pandemic, Interplast's ability to deliver our traditional programs has been severely interrupted.

International travel restrictions have closed all borders across the Asia-Pacific – even for humanitarian work unless it is COVID-19 related.

Interplast's Australian and New Zealand medical volunteers have been required to focus on local COVID-19 responses, preparing for worst-case scenarios in their own countries.

We have been in regular contact with our international partners to ascertain how we can help them at this extremely challenging time. Their immediate needs have changed to focus on COVID-19 preparation and responses, so we are doing whatever we can to support them in this.

Recognising that Interplast is currently unable to deploy surgical and training teams across the Asia Pacific region, the organisation is prioritising virtual mentoring and digital training:

- Allowing medical professionals across the Asia Pacific region to view essential training videos and resources on demand
- Facilitating virtual conversations and case-planning between Interplast's volunteers and our partners
- Providing a secure forum for sharing of ideas, medical responses, and case-planning
- Offering access to medical journals and research materials to build individual practitioner capacity
- Delivering monthly virtual lectures by Australian and New Zealand medical professionals alongside international partners

We are also working on the provision of specialist surgical equipment to hospitals which would otherwise be

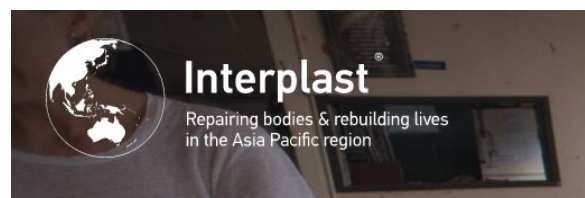
without, and developing Gender Equity and Disability Engagement programs, remotely, with our partners. Although we don't know when 'normality' will resume, Interplast is engaged with relevant Government agencies (both here & internationally) to resume our medical and training programs across the 17 countries where we currently work, as soon as we can.



How can Rotarians, Clubs and Districts in Australia help?

Make a financial contribution to support the immediate needs of the organisation, or to support the resumption of 'traditional programs' as soon as possible.

Share our stories of success, impact reports and social media content to ensure more Rotarians are aware of the work being done.



DISTRICT ASSEMBLY HELD TODAY 3 MAY 2020

In my capacity as District Trainer I thank all participants (130 of you) for your commitment to our Zoom District Assembly.

I hope that those of you that attended experienced not only the power of this technology to connect and learn but also had a true learning morning.

To my very capable Training support team of DGE Debbie, Secretary Patti and District Admin Director PDG Rob I say **Thank You**.

I also say a big **Thank You** to our presenters on the meeting namely DG Phil Hafey, DGE Debbie Loveday, D9650 Youth Protection Officer Diana Reynolds, District Insurance Officer Brett White and Incoming District Conflict Resolution Mediator DGN David Mayne.

Secretary Patti has this evening (3 May 2020) sent to the 2020-2021 Club Presidents and Secretaries as well as the 2020-2021 Management Committee the following:

- Link to the recording of today's Zoom Assembly
- Understanding the Rotary Citation 2020-2021
- List of 2020-2021 District Management Committee
- Approved 2020-2021 District Budget
- Copy of Diana Reynolds' Presentation and her referenced attachments (3) re Child Protection Compliance Guides
- Copy of Brett White's Presentation

Please seek copies of the material from your Club President-elect or Club Secretary-elect.