



## Rotary International District 9650 E News - Sunday 7 June 2020

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**Rotary Club of Laurieton NSW Australia**

### THIS WEEKS MESSAGE FROM DG PHIL HAFEY

#### **District Changeover**

The District Changeover will be held via Zoom on Saturday 27 June at 7.00pm. Further information will be included in next week's E News.

As advised last week, there is a District Governor's message on the home page of the District website: [www.rotary9650.org.au](http://www.rotary9650.org.au) which can be downloaded and used at Zoom or face to face Changeovers.

Last Tuesday I had the pleasure of attending the Port Macquarie West Zoom Changeover where the video was used – it was an 'interesting' experience spending 4 minutes watching myself!

#### **Bushfire Relief funding**

District 9650 has received additional funding from the RAWCS National Bushfire appeal.

The guidelines for the release of these funds include:

1. The funds must go to an individual, and
2. The minimum amount is \$2,000.

The District Committee decided that the best use of these funds was to distribute \$10,000 to three RAWCS projects presently operating in their communities and the Project Managers would liaise with their local Rural Financial Counsellor to ensure that the money goes to those most in need.

The RAWCS projects are:

- the Macleay Valley Bushfire Relief Fund,
- the Taree & Midcoast Bushfires Appeal and
- the project based in Armidale, Bushfire traumatized farmers in need.

The District Governor Committee managing the National Bushfire appeal are now assessing how best to distribute the remaining funds with supporting Global Grants high on the agenda.

#### **Let It Pour**

Rotarians will remember the "Let It Pour" campaign which ran towards the end of 2019. The Committee responsible for the distribution of the funds has announced that \$600,000 will be available to Districts who are still affected by drought as defined by the Department of Primary Industry maps.

I have advised the Committee that D9650 has 48 Clubs in drought or in drought affected areas and decisions will be made soon on how much money will be available to D9650.

The funds will be in the form of



\$250 Drought Relief Cards and the project will be managed by the D9650 Disaster Committee.

#### **Rotary Centenary Australia**



*I received the following message from Garry Browne AM, Chair – Centenary of Rotary in Australia during the week:*

As you would be aware we are approaching the beginning of our Centenary and we are honoured to have the Governor General and Mrs Hurley as joint ambassadors for the Centenary and for the Centenary Project RGECE.

As Chair for the National Centenary Committee, I wanted to take the opportunity of sharing with you the video that our Ambassadors have provided and you are welcome to share this with your Districts and Clubs. In fact I would encourage you to do so.

The link to the video is:  
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/9dtxm0zhefuagy3/AADMxLENKKxjrsCuw-PY8dmNa?dl=0>

Our National Committee for the Centenary of Rotary has a cross section and representation across the whole country and we are keen to ensure that every Rotarian is aware of the celebrations and that we welcome their participation in this once in a lifetime event.

The Centenary is an opportunity to give Rotary a step up in terms of membership, leverage interest and action in the community, build awareness of what an amazing organisation we are and the value we have contributed to our country and of course internationally.

We will be providing and encouraging opportunities for everyone to get involved and in due course be sharing a plan of activities for the next 18 months or so that will allow participation and engagement.

Looking forward to an exciting and invigorating



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A testimonial from Angus Croak who from Coffs Harbour.

Hello! My name is Angus Croak and I attended the 2019 NYSF Year 12 Program, and returned as a 2020 Staffie.

Over the course of the two weeks, I met 200 incredible students, each driven by the same passions as

myself - an interest in STEM.

To this day, we remain in close contact, and I even get to attend university with some of them.

Last year I was fortunate to attend the 2019 London International Youth Science Forum as a result of my participation in NYSF, and was able to interact with people from other cultures and be exposed to not only the intricate fields of science, but also the vast applications that science can deliver across a wide range of disciplines.

As participants, we cannot truly describe the positive effect and significant impact that these programs have on us, shaping not only our careers, but also who we are as people.

Choosing to apply was the most fruitful decision I have ever made.

### And how have you coped with 2020?

2020 has been filled with a lot of unexpected turns!

Due to COVID-19, I (and the majority of ANU students) had to leave the Australian National University in Canberra (where I commenced my degree this year), and return home to Coffs Harbour.

Studying from home is difficult at times, as I cannot be with my friends with whom I have formed a supportive circle.

The ANU has done a fantastic job of catering for its students, and it's hoped that at this stage we will return to campus for Semester 2 commencing in July.



### Message from PDG Ken Hall re Global Grant 1745456

*"this is an interim report from Vijay Gupta on the Global Grant that was organised for the centenary year by the District to place water coolers in 80 schools."*

"Dear Ken

Hope everything is fine at your end.

Regarding the change of scope in Water grant- to utilise the unspent balance for COVID-19, I have not been able to finalise the proper use so far as the requirements are changing with each day.

There was an urgent need for PPE, Masks etc. earlier but now there is an abundant supply from the Government and there is no purpose. our district has also received a Disaster response grant for \$25000 from the Rotary Foundation.

Besides two global grants are also in pipeline - one (\$ 62000) for purchase of 45 portable ventilators to be installed in Government Hospitals (Approved) and second (\$ 50000) for purchase of 5 ambulances - again for government Hospitals.

We are studying the situation and assessing the actual requirement for COVID-19 and will let you know.

In the meantime I am writing the interim report for March 2020 to be submitted by 31st May 2020. During the year gone by, all the 80 Water coolers and Filter units became functional.

Training was also given in some of the schools by our Rotarians only.

But in the rest of the schools, the training is required to complete the final report.

As soon as the schools reopen (now closed due to Corona), we will start the same.

We are thankful to you and your district for helping our district in executing a wonderful project benefiting at least 20000 school children.

Regards

PDG Vijay Gupta"



The old means of accessing drinking water in the schools







**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2020**

## Lake Keepit Is Waiting



Lake Keepit Sport & Rec Centre  
(Between Tamworth & Gunnedah)

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Application [www.rotary9650.org.au/Ryla](http://www.rotary9650.org.au/Ryla)

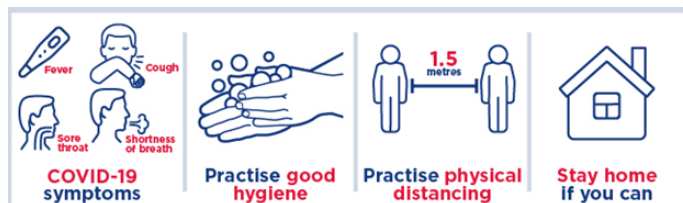
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### Message from Rotary International—to current and incoming Club Officers

This is a friendly reminder to confirm your club membership and officer information in Rotary's database **by 1 July 2020**. We will use this information to generate your July 2020 club invoice.

It is important that your club's member information is up-to-date, because Rotary cannot change the club invoice after it has been generated or accept membership updates with your payment.

**As a current club officer, you can ensure that your club invoice will be correct by checking the accuracy of the information in Rotary's database.** Here is how:

1. Sign in to [My Rotary](#) and choose Manage, then Club & District Administration, Club Administration, and Club & Member Data.
2. Report all new or terminated members and 2020-21 club officers **no later than 1 July 2020**.

Members with admission dates of 1 July 2020 or before will be counted for the July 2020 club invoice.

Members with termination dates of 1 July 2020 or before

will not be counted for the July 2020 club invoice.

Please note that incoming club officers can view data in [My Rotary](#), but cannot make changes.

If you are unable to update your member information online, you can submit the [Member Data Form](#) in one of the following ways:

- Scan and email it to [data@rotary.org](mailto:data@rotary.org)
- Fax it to +1-847-556-2207

In addition, any changes to subscriptions to "The Rotarian" should be reported to [data@rotary.org](mailto:data@rotary.org) prior to 1 July 2020.

For more information about the club invoice, including how-to guides and answers to frequently asked questions, go to My Rotary's Club Administration pages. For help with membership questions, contact: [data@rotary.org](mailto:data@rotary.org).



**To sign up for the 2020 Rotary International Virtual Convention go to this link:**

<https://www.riconvention.org/en/sign-2020-rotary-virtual-convention>

**The program is as follows:**

#### Saturday 20 June 2020

- 8:00 – 9:15 Chicago Time (UTC-5)  
Together We Connect – Virtual Convention General Session 1
- **Sunday 21 June 2020**  
8:00 – 9:15 Chicago Time (UTC-5) – Together We Learn – Virtual Convention General Session 2

#### Monday 22 June 2020 – Friday 26 June 2020

#### Featured Breakouts (more details coming soon)

Daily, one breakout will be offered at each of the following times\*:

- 8:00 – 9:00 Chicago Time (UTC-5)
- 12:00 – 13:00 Chicago Time (UTC-5)
- 18:00 – 19:00 Chicago Time (UTC-5)

Please be sure to check the date and time that is equivalent to the Chicago date and time in your area.

It is important to note that the sessions do not have to be viewed live, they can be accessed later via the Convention website.

#### Note:

- 8.00am Chicago time is 11.00pm Sydney time.
- 12 Noon Chicago time is 3.00am Sydney time
- 6.00pm Chicago time is 9.00am Sydney time.

