



## Rotary International District 9650 E News - Sunday 8 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 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT MARK D. MALONEY

*Dear fellow Rotarians*

*The health and safety of our members are our top priorities.*

*We are closely monitoring the outbreak of COVID-19 (coronavirus disease) and continuously assessing its potential impact on our operations, meetings, trainings, and other events.*

*Due to the rapidly changing nature of this situation, I encourage you to use your discretion when it comes to club and district meetings and events, and Rotary programs and activities.*

*Canceling or postponing meetings or Rotary-related travel might be appropriate. Even if events are held as scheduled, some people may choose not to take part. And, of course, if the World Health Organization and your national, regional, or local health authorities discourage or prohibit gathering or traveling because of the risk of spreading COVID-19, follow their recommendations.*

*Check My Rotary for our latest information on COVID-19 and any updates to our travel guidance.*

*I encourage you, as leaders in your community, to provide whatever assistance your community needs at this time. Contact your local health authorities to learn what your Rotary club can do to help prepare for and respond to the COVID-19 outbreak.*

*Please accept my best wishes for the health and safety of your family and of all the members of the Rotary family in your area.*

*Kindest regards,*

Mark Daniel Maloney

2019-2020 President, Rotary International

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT-ELECT

Photos top next page: Left: Rotary International Holger Knaack in his Presidents-elect Office; Right: Holger Knaack with his wife Susanne, near their home in Ratzeburg, Germany, believes in trusting young people to steer Rotary into the future.



The following is an extract from an interview in the March 2020 Rotarian magazine with our Rotary International President-elect Holger Knaack, the first president-elect from Germany in Rotary's history:

*Knaack discussed his January 2018 speech at the International Assembly, where he had quoted Paul Harris: "If Rotary is to realize its proper destiny, it must be evolutionary at times, revolutionary on occasions." He then offered his own take on that thought: "To be prepared for the future, Rotary must continue to be revolutionary and must believe in the power of youth."*

*..It's about growing Rotary at all levels. It's about making our organization stronger. It's about retention and growing through new Rotary club models. Rotary is indeed one of the slowest-changing organizations in the world. What we do takes so much time. We have to be much faster.*

*Our core values have always been the basis for what we do. Friendship, diversity, integrity, leadership, service — they will never be outdated. The way we express and live those values, that will change. Our tradition of meeting for a meal might have worked for 100 years. But it doesn't work anymore, because lunch is no longer a central thing in your life. We have to look for models that young people are interested in. Let them decide what kind of Rotary club they would like to join to share our core values. Rotary is a place for everybody: for young and old, for old club models and for new club models. There's no need for very strict rules. Let's enjoy what fits best.*

Rotary Opens Opportunities. It supports our efforts to grow Rotary, because becoming a Rotarian offers prospective members totally new opportunities.

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 9650 INC**

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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

### QUIRINDI ROTARY CLUB SUPPORTS THE BEGA VALLEY

The following was contributed by Quirindi Club President Ian Lobsey:

*Recently we had a fund raiser to send fodder and fencing materials to the Bega Valley. The bushfires there took a terrible toll on the residents. We endeavoured to help two communities by buying locally in Quirindi, where we could. The truck load which arrived down there Friday last carried almost \$20,000 dollars of product. Attached are some photos of the hand over.*



*Photo Left:*  
The fencing materials being loaded from Nu-Rural in Quirindi

*Photo below:*  
Half unloaded at the Salway farm Cobargo



*Photo Left:*  
Martin Wallis handing Tim Salway the donation letter from Quirindi Rotary club President Ian Lobsey.

*Photo below:*  
Donations from Quirindi unloaded at the Cobargo showground distribution area



Congratulations and well done to the Rotary Club of Quirindi & the Quirindi community.

## 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 the District 9650 Conference at South West Rocks 20-22 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 (wheelbarrow, rakes, shovel, 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*



## DID YOU KNOW???

A substantial portion of each Rotarian's Rotary International membership dues are utilised for providing programs, systems and communications – increasingly "My Rotary" is the delivery mechanism for these services. If a Rotarian is not logged on to "My Rotary", then they are not taking advantage of this tool and online resources.

Annual Membership Dues – expense allocation	
Finance	\$4.01
Governance	\$4.16
International Operations	\$6.15
Communications	\$10.96
IT, operations and administration	\$13.97
Programs and member services	\$21.95
Membership Dues	



## DISTRICT GOVERNOR CLUB VISITS

Monday 9 March: Great Lakes

## IMPORTANT TRAINING DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### PRESIDENTS-ELECT TRAINING SESSIONS



#### District Training Assemblies:

##### **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**

#### A MEMBERSHIP GROWTH STRATEGY:

##### **A CLUB MENU**

The notion of a Rotary Club Menu was shared with us by Ana Rajapakse ("Andy") the District Governor-elect for District 9640.

You are encouraged to review this list and to look at the possibilities for extending Rotary in your community with the support of your existing Club.

## OUR MENU

- ▶ TRADITIONAL ROTARY CLUB
- ▶ SATELLITE OF TRADITIONAL CLUB
- ▶ E-CLUB
- ▶ SATELLITE OF E-CLUB
- ▶ ROTARY ALUMNI CLUB
- ▶ CAUSED BASED CLUB
- ▶ PASSPORT ROTARY CLUB
- ▶ CORPORATE ROTARY CLUB
- ▶ YOUNG PROFESSIONALS CLUB
- ▶ YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS CLUB
- ▶ EX-SERVICEMENS ROTARY CLUB
- ▶ FARMERS ROTARY CLUB

## STAR PORT EXPO - 4 APRIL 2020

### HOSTED BY ROTARY CLUB OF PORT MACQUARIE SUNRISE

To be held at Port Macquarie Racecourse 5pm-10pm with the very special guest presenter Prof Fred Watson AM - Astronomer At Large - a wonderfully knowledgeable speaker who is "down to earth" & entertaining when talking of our Universe.

This fundraising event is to assist the Club's goal of the purchase of a telescope for the new re-development of the Observatory building & dome in Rotary Park at Town Beach Port Macquarie.

The Port Macquarie Astronomy Association group are progressing with this reconstruction of a totally new building including an 80 seat Auditorium & venue that will be a community asset and aligning opportunities of ongoing STEM programme development.

The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie constructed this current building in 1962.

There is capacity for 300+ people at this event and the Expo and speaker aspects will be of interest to all ages.

This event occurs on the Saturday

- before Easter & the 1st school term ending
- that Daylight saving finishes



**MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY 2020**  
District 9650

MUNA 2020 will be held at The Francis Retreat, 2 Thomson Place, Bonny Hills from Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020 to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2020. <http://thefrancisretreat.com.au/> For the first time, this year MUNA accommodation will be provided in dormitory style rooms on site.

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## 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**



**URGENT ACTION REQUIRED**  
**Applications are required NOW**  
**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.

Please encourage your members to:

**identify** and **register** participants

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

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

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

The following is a quote from a long term RYLA supporter - Peter Ryan, Director of Inland Technology.



*"RYLA serves as a wonderful opportunity for each participant to take some time out of their hectic young lives to reflect upon themselves, their community, their opportunities and their own developmental journey. Without fail, we have observed real and long-lasting changes in each individual who has participated. They have returned to our workplace with renewed engagement, greater perspective and an observable lift in confidence and maturity. It is amazing just what can be achieved in such a short period of time"*

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

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**ACT NOW**



**Increase Our Impact**

**People of Action are effective problem-solvers.**

Why do Rotarians achieve so much? We invest in relationships. We make decisions grounded in evidence. We know how to mobilize our networks to create solutions that last. And we're always learning from our experiences in projects, clubs, and careers. Throughout the fight to end polio, we've shown what we

can do when we draw on our collective strengths. We've created solutions that match the people they serve. We've evaluated the results to learn from our successes and setbacks.

This is a model we will use again and again in pursuit of our audacious goals: educating the world's children, ensuring equitable access to water and sanitation, helping local economies grow sustainably, and so much more.

Let's seek out new ways to translate our expertise into making a difference—in our communities and across the globe. Let's prove that our impact on the world has only just begun.

**Expand Our Reach**

**People of Action activate and inspire one another.**

We know that our capacity to make a difference is larger when more people unite with us. We want the world to appreciate our ambitious, compassionate, and inclusive spirit—because when they do, they see that Rotary is the source for the person-to-person involvement so many are seeking.

Told widely and emphatically, our stories give people hope that the world can change for the better, inviting listeners to imagine themselves as part of that change, too.

Let's build connections and opportunities that will allow people who share our drive to do the same.

**Enhance Participant Engagement**

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Just like the people and communities we serve, our participants need to feel seen and heard. They're seeking experiences that feel personally and professionally relevant and fulfilling. When they see our dedication to investing in them at every stage of their professional life, our participants are eager to go the distance with us—even at a time when there are many other options for networking and volunteering.

Let's recommit to putting the needs, expectations, and growth of our participants at the centre of all we do.

**Increase Our Ability to Adapt**

**People of Action are inventive, entrepreneurial, and resilient.**

We've shown throughout our history that we excel at finding new ways to lead the world to lasting change. And we've proven in our own careers that we know how to help organizations of every kind move forward. That's why new approaches to our organizing principles don't threaten our sense of who we are.

We're ready to seek out fresh opportunities, create more paths to leadership, open up our conversations to diverse voices, and simplify how we operate—with confidence.

Let's stay true to ourselves and stay ahead of change in our next 115 years.

**The 6 Areas of focus**

We direct our efforts in six areas to enhance our local and global impact.

- Promoting peace
- Fighting disease
- Providing clean water
- Saving mothers and children
- Supporting education