

Celebrate your members

AUGUST 2020



Rotary Opens Opportunities

August is 'Membership and New Club Development Month' so this month take the time to celebrate your members and focus on gaining new members!

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CALENDAR

August 11 - DG visit to Kempsey West

August 12 - DG visit to Coffs Daybreak

August 13 - DG visit to EClub Tamworth

August 15 - District Finance Meeting

August 15-22 - RYLA Keepit

August 17 - DG visit to Tamworth West

August 18 - DG visit to Tamworth

August 19 - DG visit to Tamworth First Light

August 19 - DG visit to Calala

August 20 - DG visit to Inverell

August 23 - District Management Meeting

MUSINGS FROM THE DG

This week started on Sunday in Armidale at the Public Speaking Finals, hosted by District Youth Director Kate George.

We were treated to some marvellous speeches and an amazing impromptu. Answers were well constructed with elements of humour. Well done to all the speakers and congratulations to Elizabeth from Gloucester.

Monday evening, I visited the Rotary Club of Uralla. Thank you to President Leanne Doran for her hospitality. Uralla club has been involved with the drought relief programs for a couple of years now, but is famous for their Antique Fair, Art Show and Chook Auctions. This year like all our clubs they are looking for projects and service that can be completed during this COVID19 crisis.

Tuesday, I moved on to Walcha, where I was taken on a trip around the town by President Dan Micallef. He said he thought I should be kept under control for my visit. 😊 Good luck with that one! I was shown some of the wonderful projects the club has completed and walked along the riverbank enjoying the many sculptures along the way. The walk finished at the Clubs project to provide exercise equipment for the community to use. The club has large sheds on Council ground to store all their goods in. This year President Dan is hoping to fund a BBQ area on crown land, support the Backpacks for Kids program and re invigorate the membership drive. It was a big turnout for my visit supported by the Mayor and the Bowling Club Secretary.

E-NEWS CONTACT

If you have something for the E-news please email editor Laura Telford at laura.telford@rotaract.org.au before 5pm on Friday to make sure it will appear in the next edition!





MUSINGS FROM DG DEBBIE CONT.

Wednesday, I found myself at the Commercial Hotel in Boggabri, hosted by President Alex McKenzie. The freezing cold night was offset by the warm welcome and the shot of port to send me on my way back to Narrabri. This club is the undisputed kings of battery recycling. I was given all the facts on collection, storage and shipment of high-risk products. The batteries are smelted in Newcastle. The board astonished me with the \$500 to \$600 per tonne for the old batteries. I was speaking about relevant projects for communities and this one must certainly be relevant when I was told that the cotton industry go through a tonne of batteries every two years. The club shares and alternates fundraisers with the local Lions club.

Thursday I was in Narrabri for the day. President Graheme Herbert gave me the grand tour of some of the club projects. There were plenty to observe. Planting trees, BBQ areas, exercise equipment in the park. They built the clock tower in the town centre. The highlight of the day was a visit to Graheme and Julie's to look at the 'you beaut!', whizz bang, swiss army knife of a BBQ trailer, designed by Graheme and waiting for its Rotary wrap. This trailer is built with women in mind. The criteria from PP Julie was that three women must be able to operate it. The trailer has two large Eskis on the front with space for a generator. Solar panels on the roof power a 240-volt battery, that provides lighting and hot and cold running water for the stainless sink. A shelf underneath stores tables and chair. Each side of the trailer lifts to provide shelter and inside are two gas powered BBQ's that swing out for easy access. There is a pull-down preparation area or table. This was an outstanding achievement! At the meeting that evening I was lucky to meet with up with Barry Keys who joined the Rotary Club of Narrabri when he was 28 years old, some 58 years ago. Congratulations Barry.

I wonder if there are any other Rotary members in the District who have been a member of their club for longer than 58 years. Let me know.

How wonderful is that! If you would like to contact me please either call my mobile 0418 298 912 or email dloveday@hdl.com.au as I am away from home most of the time now and won't get your message. In this COVID19 environment I have taken the opportunity to visit as many clubs as I can fit in during the week. Let's hope it can stay that way!

Remember

Opportunities are like sunrises - If you wait too long you miss them!

NEXT ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Congratulations to Jennifer E. Jones, a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, on being nominated to become Rotary International's president for 2022-23, a selection that will make her the first woman to hold that office in the organization's 115-year history.

A current Rotary Foundation trustee, Jones has been a member since 1997 and has served Rotary as vice president, director, training leader, committee chair, moderator, and district governor. Read more: <https://on.rotary.org/2DDJ58H>





PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Elizabeth Howarth representing the Rotary Club of Gloucester took the winner's podium following the Public Speaking final in Armidale on August 2nd .

A small (due to Covid restrictions) and enthusiastic audience was treated to a very high standard competition. Elizabeth and fellow contestants, Alyssa Duncan (Rotary Club of Moree), Jessica Li (Rotary Club of Walcha) and Jorjabelle Munday (Rotary Club of Port Macquarie) delivered passionate, inspiring and thought provoking prepared speeches.

The topics chosen were very varied; rural mental health, passion, the impact of the media on youth and the concern of race in the modern age. The impromptu section is often the decider in this contest. Not this year. The contestants thrilled with their eloquent responses to the topic, "What is my to do list?" We heard about checklists, multicoloured highlighters, existential crises, nihilism and different kinds of "to do lists".

It was disappointing that the Conference was not able to be run this year but it was wonderful that these four fantastic speakers were able to compete in the final at last.

Congratulations to them all and to their support teams of Rotarians, families and friends.

ROTARY FOUNDATION UPDATE

Rotary does a great job of recognising the generosity of Rotarians and other individuals who support The Rotary Foundation.

However, in Australia and New Zealand, about half the giving to the Foundation is a result of fundraising by clubs and there has been no program to recognise clubs for their generosity.

So we're pleased to announce that District 9650 is joining with other districts in the Zone to change that.

We're introducing two new programs: Club Annual Donor Club Major Donor The Club Annual Donor program recognises giving during the past 12 months.

To ensure it is open to clubs of all sizes, the program works on a per-member basis. Like the Major Donor program for individuals, the Club Major Donor program recognises all-time giving and is our way of thanking clubs for their sustained support of our charity.

Both programs recognise all aspects of a club's Foundation giving—to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, Disaster Response, Global Grants and the Endowment. We will be recognising clubs at the end of the 2020/21 year.

For further details, see www.bit.ly/Club-Recognition

ROTARY DOWN

UNDER

The latest RDU is now out! If you have not yet got a copy in your mailbox [click here to read the online version.](#)

INSURANCE

MATTERS

The District Insurance Officer Brett White is kindly asking all clubs to get in touch with him to obtain public liability Insurance Certificate of Currency for 2020-2021 year. Due to Clubs not updating email addresses for their executive, he am providing the certificate of currencies on request or when I approve an event. IF ALL clubs could ensure details are up to date and contact Brett that would be great.

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This is a remarkable story of cross-cultural cooperation in the development of Donydji, an Indigenous Homeland in Arnhem Land.

They have been supported by the Rotary Club of Melbourne and Vietnam Veterans working with the young men of Donydji. The film charts the Donydji community's transition from nomadic life to the digital age, from the 1960s to the present day, and the work of genetic anthropologist Dr Neville White.

EndTrachoma by 2020 has been given the exclusive opportunity to hold screenings around Australia to not only benefit our EndTrachoma project, but also to help the Donydji community and enlighten as many people as possible about our Indigenous Australians.

The cost is \$10, shared equally between EndTrachoma2020 and Donydji. We encourage you to watch this movie.

For more information about EndTrachoma by 2020, contact District Chairman PDG Ian Dyball on 0427 931 333 or idyball@ozemail.com.au or visit www.endtrachoma2020.org.au

COMMUNITY PROJECTS WITH DIRECTOR KEL

During the training day held recently, where we all the incoming District Directors had our 30 minutes of different aspects of rotary information, I mentioned that I would provide some information for any clubs that were having difficulty in choosing a Community Service Project for their club to commence.

I realise that most clubs probably have a list of projects to do, or that have been requested of them by various organisations that don't have the resources themselves.

However, some clubs in towns where there a multiple Rotary clubs have mentioned that they have issues finding a project that will benefit the community, set their club aside from the others in the town, & provide the opportunity for its members to "get their hands dirty" & be seen as Rotarians helping the community.

I have located on MyRotary website about 4 documents that clubs may find of assistance which are attached with the E-news email.

- * Community Needs Assessment -A ppt by PDG Bill Gormont District 7120, 03/2017 *
- *Rotary International Publication - Community Assessemnt Tool
- * Rotary Club Service Committee 2016-19 "Lead your Club"
- *Rotary International "Community Assessment Tools" -A resource for Rotary projects

For more information please reach me kelwalls52@yahoo.com.au.

HELP END TRACHOMA

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Rotarians, Clubs & Districts have continued to generously support us during the 2019/2020 year.

Thank you!

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Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

15th – 22nd August 2020

Lake Keepit ... here we come



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

38 Participants

The most enrolments we have had for many years.

Thank you to all the sponsoring Clubs & employers.

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

ROTARY DISTRICT 9650 PROJECT



Donate to:
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Take a minute: Start the conversation



NEW STYLE ROTARY CLUBS FORUM Rotary Zone 8



Andy Rajapakse



Karen Purdue



Aydan Erickson

SESSION 1: Thursday

**3 September 2020
6 - 7p.m. AEST**

- 3 years of Membership Growth Secrets Revealed!
- How We Started 4 New Clubs Tips & Trips
- New Rotary Generation Clubs (NRG) What is the Attraction?

REGISTER for Session 1



Nick Courtney



Arie Geerlofs



Rebecca Fry

SESSION 2: Thursday

**8 October 2020
6 - 7p.m. AEST**

- Starting a Club from Scratch A New Approach
- Innovation In Action The Rotary Social Impact Network

REGISTER for Session 2

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[Click here to register for session 1](#)

[Click here to register for session 2](#)



District 9650 Conference

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March 12-14th 2021



Panthers Bay St, Port Macquarie

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