



Rotary International District 9650 E News - Monday 9 December 2019

Rotary International President
Mark Maloney (Gay)
Rotary Club of Decatur Alabama USA

District Governor
Phil Hafey (Bronwyn)
Rotary Club of Laurieton NSW Australia

MESSAGES FROM DG PHIL DISTRICT DISASTER GRANTS

The District Disaster Committee has assessed the applications received.

Congratulations to the following who were successful:
Rotary Clubs of Cluster 7, Coonabarabran, Coonamble, D9650 E Club, Glen Innes, Hastings Rotaract, Kempsey, Kempsey West, Laurieton, Macksville, Manilla, Nambucca Heads, Narrabri, South West Rocks, Taree, Taree on Manning, Warialda and Wauchope.

There were a wide variety of Projects approved including:

Community Gatherings, Country Fairs, Community Thanks for RFS and other volunteers, Family Fun Days and events to support businesses.

Formal emails will be sent to Clubs this week and the funds will be deposited into Club accounts during the week.

FODDER SUPPORT FOR CATTLE FARMERS



RAWCS Deputy National Chair David Pearson, who is also a member of the Guyra Rotary Club, has advised that Rotary has recently received a \$1M donation from a Sydney donor who wants to help struggling cattle producers. This donation can provide significant support to a limited number of producers who are struggling to maintain their core breeding herds in the prolonged drought.

The donor wants Rotary to provide real assistance to genuine primary producers and so the project has been

designed to deliver a B-Double truck load of hay to each selected recipient. This is sufficient fodder to maintain a 100 cow herd for one month. One month closer to rain!! RAWCS have determined that the assistance should be focussed on the most extreme drought affected area, defined by the overlap of the intense drought declared areas and the zone of lowest on-record rainfall.

Recipient farmers should be:

- Genuine cattle producers who need help to keep their core herd together (not part time, absentee or hobby farmers).
- Producers who want and would accept this help.
- Producers who have all weather truck access and the ability to unload a B-Double.
- Producers who have sufficient stock water to keep feeding.

Presidents of Clubs in the selected areas have been contacted directly by David Pearson and Clubs are encouraged to respond to the request to nominate appropriate recipients in a timely manner.

Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Manilla on its 70th Anniversary

Check out the story on the last page. Picture below at the Anniversary Dinner are President Peter Dutton, DG Phil Hafey, Tamworth West President Mal MacPherson



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

Jasmina Marculic Story.

Jasmina (centre) is pictured here with PDG Greg Moran and Sue Moran.

Jasmina undertook Parkinson's Disease research as her PHD scholarship from Australian Rotary Health (ARH) from funding made available from Sue Moran's partners project in the 2014-15 Rotary year with then DG Greg Moran.

Arrangements were made for Jasmina to speak on her ARH Scholarship and Parkinsons Disease Research at the recent

District

Showcase that had to be cancelled due to the bushfires.

Jasmina is from Adelaide but has been working with a research team from Melbourne University.

Nevertheless,

Jasmina still visited as her plane tickets were non-

refundable and she carried out the various activities that were arranged for her visit.

On Thursday 21st November she spoke on her ARH research project at a combined Rotary Club dinner in Inverell. Her flight from Melbourne was challenging as flights were cancelled and delayed resulting in her missing the plane to Inverell and arriving at the dinner about half an hour after it had started having landed in Armidale with a different airline and being met by Greg and Sue Moran.

She gave an interesting presentation on her Parkinsons Disease research to an appreciative audience which was repeated on Saturday night in Tamworth. There were lots of questions after her presentation which she was happy to answer. While in Inverell she also spoke to Senior Biology students at two schools, had an interview with ABC Northwest Radio and featured in the Inverell and Tamworth papers.

She stressed the fact that without the ARH sponsored PhD scholarship she would not have been able to do her PhD and was very grateful to our Rotary District for funding the scholarship through Australian Rotary Health.

Research funding in Australia is very difficult to obtain and she made the point that for every dollar spent there is a fourfold return on investment.

She has been researching Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases which are both diseases of the brain and involve an accumulation of toxic waste products in areas of the brain that affect memory in Alzheimers and movement in Parkinsons.

Her research has involved determining the structure of the receptors in the brain cells that clean up this toxic waste. By determining the structure of these receptors it is then possible to develop and test drugs with a similar structure that can assist the brain cells.

Jasmina indicated that she is also very interested in communication in Science and women in Science so this was a very good opportunity for her to speak about these diseases and her research as well as funding.

During her PhD studies she was funded to attend three international conferences on research into these diseases and has made many contacts. She also organised a conference herself.

When she has completed her PHD thesis, Jasmina plans to gain work overseas working with teams and learning new techniques to aid her work and then return to Australia. She is passionate about this field of work and hopes to be able to continue in this area.

Congratulations to all the clubs that contributed to the Australian Rotary Health PhD scholarship in 2014-15, Sue Moran's partner's project. This was certainly money well spent and recognition of the value of ARH funding in medical research.

Thanks to Sue Moran, Inverell Rotary Club for this story and also for promoting this cause as her Partner's Project in 2014-2015.



Photo above:

Jasmina with Biology Students in Inverell

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**

Sydney Irish Community Water Delivery

The following article has been contributed by PDG Bob Ryan.

This highlights the power of connection and community spirit that started in the Irish Community in Sydney and delivered great support to the Armidale community.

Rotary Clubs Involved:

Armidale North—Armidale—Armidale AM—Armidale Central—Uralla—Walcha—Dorrigo—Guyra.

Irish Community Leaders:

Peter McMahon—Chris Murphy.

Number of Trucks, Cars, Vans, Water Tankers 89

Irish people 128

Pallets Bottled Water 1000/350Bottles a pallet) 310

PODS (1000 Lts) 12

Coles, Woolworth Vouchers \$1,575

- Accommodation Vouchers Mercantile Hotel The Rocks Sydney 50% Discount 41 Voucher supplied.
- Large Container with a variety of Ladies and children's items including 200 ages labeled wrapped Christmas presents for children under 5. Valued between \$8,000 to \$10,000
- Water Tankers carried 350,000 liters. Dumped into a RFS firefighting dam at Armidale airport.

(Debbie Maddox) for distribution to the most needy. The Container of Ladies & children's items were given to the Regional coordinator of the CWA to be distributed to those who have lost everything also those in need.



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exchange



A message from our District 9650 Youth Exchange Committee. For further info contact Committee Secretary Allan Brown.....
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Water Distribution:

Walcha Rotary Club: (20 Pallets)

Local Farmers & Graziers—RFS Volunteers fighting the fires at Yarrowitch (a number of home and sheds have been destroyed—Yarrowitch school (water tanks contaminated by ash, dust and smoke)—Farmers & Graziers in the Nowendoc area and the same at Woolbrook & Niangla areas.

Uralla Rotary Club: (25 Pallets)

In the Uralla—Kentucky—Bundarra—Salsbury Plains—Arding—Kingstown & Wollun Areas including a number of small bush schools.

Landmark Rural Supplies (Armidale / Guyra), **Graz-Ag Rural and vet supplies** (Armidale / Guyra)—**Norco Rural Supplies** (Armidale)—**Elders Rural Supplies** (Guyra)—**Purkis Rural Supplies** (Armidale)

Bob Ryan / Grant Harris (All Areas) including keeping supplies to all the above, also: Blaze Aid—RFS--Small Isolated Bush Schools—Remote Isolated Farmers & Graziers—Retirement Village in Bundarra (No fresh drinking water due to contamination).

The Vouchers were given to the local Rural Councilor

Now is the time you should be considering your position regarding hosting an inbound exchange student arriving in July 2020. Hosting can be of great value to your club and is opportunity to develop a relationship with countries around the world. Please add this topic to your agenda. To help I have attached here a couple of posters which may assist you.

If you would like one of our current inbound students to address your club then please contact me and we will try and arrange for that to happen. If your club does decide to host then also please advise me and if you have a preference for male or female or for a particular country then I can forward that information on to you as I receive it.

From February we will also be seeking applications from interested students in spending twelve months in a foreign country from January 2021. This year we are sending nine students overseas where we could be sending twelve so please consider now about finding suitable students to apply. Again a poster is attached.

To see the countries we are exchanging with if you go to the Yepper heading on the D9650 youth exchange webpage ([District 9650 youth exchange web page](#)) you will be able to read the reports from students who are currently in those countries or who are from those countries.

A world of experiences could be awaiting your club.



Hurry!!

Discount ends
December 15.

Book now!

**Join us in Honolulu for
the 2020 Convention!**

It's a wonderful way to make friends from around the World

6—10 June, 2020. Register today @ riconvention.org



Rotary Youth Leadership Award

D9650 Seminar

2nd – 9th May 2020

Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation Centre

(between Tamworth & Gunnedah)

Reflections of a Past RYLarian – 43 years On

(1976 Intake at University of New England Armidale)

I had just finished high school. I was 18 years of age and my father, who was a Rotarian of the Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour, nominated me to attend something called RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) which was conducted over a week. I was initially terrified and convinced that I was being sent to some weird sect.

How wrong I was. Some 43 years later, I can still say that it was a watershed experience and one of the best weeks in my life. It still brings a tingle to my body when I think about the RYLA experience.

RYLA helped me to put things in perspective, to consider the important things in life and my bigger purpose.

RYLA gave me direction in life, confidence to have a go at anything I wanted to set my mind to. RYLA also led me to understand the importance of community, genuine friendships and the importance of honesty and integrity in relationships.

I have as a direct result of my RYLA experience been actively involved in service clubs for almost 40 years.

I can boast that I have been involved in a wide variety of fund raising and community and charitable activities during that period and I am a richer person because of it. I believe that RYLA provided me the confidence to take on a university degree and achieve a professional qualification which led to my career.

I can say that RYLA has long lasting effects and makes real and positive changes for not only the recipient of the RYLA experience, but also for people around that person.

My plea to all Rotary Clubs is that if you do not know what RYLA is or you do not support it, please do. Find out about it, talk to the young people who have attended.

You will be amazed. It will be the best \$995.00 that you ever spend as a Rotary Club.



Photo Left:
Father & Daughter
RYLarians...

Terry Robinson RYLA 1976 (Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light) with his daughter Amy Robinson RYLA 2010.

Please Note:

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

70 years of Rotary in Manilla

The Rotary Club of Manilla celebrated its 70th year of service to the Manilla Community with an Anniversary Dinner at the Golf last Monday night.

The night was well attended with around 80 guests in attendance. Special guest was Our District Governor Phil Hafey along with his wife Bronwyn from the Laurieton. Visiting members of Rotary clubs from Tamworth West, Barraba, and Quirindi with the support from other Manilla service clubs made it a very enjoyable and successful night.

West Tamworth gave the night a good boost with 29 of its members supporting our club achievement.

Mal McPherson, President of Tamworth West, praised our club for the support it had shown to a cause close to his heart - Youth Insearch.

Jim Brown gave a presentation on the history of our club along with a slide show and invited past Presidents to talk of some memories and achievements along way - John Brand, Grahame Jackson, Stuart Faulks along with Gay told some interesting stories.

The photos on display had the grey matter working overtime.

Cutting the cake were Paul Calokerinos & Stuart Faulks, two of our longest serving members

District Governor Phil presented the club with a letter of congratulations from Mark Daniel Maloney, Rotary International President 2019-20.

A quote from his letter "We all live in our communities, in our countries, together on this planet. And when we join Rotary - when we give back though Rotary with our abilities, our time, and our resources - we are declaring that we know that our presence on this globe carries with it the obligation to serve".

A presentation from Manilla Club was made to District Governor's wife Bronwyn for her project - raising funds for Lifeline.

Special thanks to Manilla Golf Club and volunteer Geoff Clapson, the Manilla Services Club, the Manilla Bakery for the cake & Rob Breese from the Square Man Inn for catering, and to all Members and Ladies of our club for making the night successful.

Photo below:

Attendees enjoying the celebrations.

