



## Rotary International District 9650 E News - Monday 9 September 2019

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

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

### September is Basic Education & Literacy Month

In our world today, more than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. That's 17 percent of the world's adult population.

Rotary International's goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. We support education for all children and literacy for children and adults.

#### HOW ROTARY MAKES HELP HAPPEN

We take action to empower educators to inspire learning at all ages.

The Rotary Foundation supports education through scholarships, donations, and service projects around the world.



Supporting Education

Rotary members make amazing things happen. Some examples of the work of our Rotary Foundation and Rotary Clubs and Rotary members:

- Opening schools: In Afghanistan, Rotary members opened a girls' school to break the cycle of poverty and social imbalance.
- Teaching adults to read: Rotary members in the United States partnered with ProLiteracy Detroit to recruit and train tutors after a study showed that more than half of the local adult population was functionally illiterate.
- New teaching methods: The SOUNS program in

South Africa, Puerto Rico and the United States teaches educators how to improve literacy by teaching children to recognize letters by sounds instead of names.

- Making schools healthy: Rotarians are providing clean, fresh water to every public school in Lebanon so students can be healthier and get a better education.

Basic education and literacy is one of The Rotary Foundation's six areas of focus.

Rotarians know that basic education and literacy are essential for reducing poverty, improving health, encouraging community and economic development, and promoting peace.

Rotary clubs all over the world are taking action to enhance basic education and literacy in their communities. Every community has different needs and different opportunities to serve.

The Rotary International publication, "*Basic Education and Literacy Project Strategies*" helps you ask the right questions, identify real needs, and make the greatest possible impact with the time, energy, and resources you have at your disposal.

**For further information check out the information at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) in "My Rotary"**



**Rotary D9650 2019 Showcase Weekend at Tamworth: Saturday 23 Nov 19 & Sunday 24 Nov 19**

**Important District Dates**  
<https://rotary9650.org.au/events>

**Rotary International District 9650 Inc**

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

Contributions are sought and encouraged. Please e-mail to Neville Parsons [neville.parsons1@outlook.com](mailto:neville.parsons1@outlook.com)

## CONSTITUTION DOCUMENTS ON DISTRICT WEBSITE MORE CHANGES TO PRINTED DIRECTORY

There are three documents in the Documents Library on the District Website: [rotary9650.org.au](http://rotary9650.org.au) to assist Clubs update their Constitution and By Laws. This is required following the recent Council on Legislation.

The documents available on the website are:

- Procedure for Updating club constitution documents 4 Sep 19
- Club constitution 2019 (RI & NSW law compliant) 4 Sep 19
- D9650 2019 Recommended Club By Laws 4 Sep 19

Please contact the District Legal Officer, Maurie Stack, if you have any questions or concerns.

Clubs are encouraged to reflect these changes and adopt the changes as part of the 2019 Club AGM ensuring that appropriate Notice is given to members and that after the AGM the new Constitution is lodged with the Department of Fair Trading.

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### District Database reminder:

Club Presidents and or Secretaries or your Executive Secretary if you have allocated one are requested to keep the District 9650 data base updated with new members, resigned members and any Club Officer role changes.

Di Hall has also offered to load any such details for a Club if your Club does not have the expertise to do so.

Di Hall's email address is as follows:

dihall605@gmail.com—Thank you Di.

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### DG Phil and Bronwyn Club Visits next week:

Mon 9 September - Tamworth West

Tue 10 September - Tamworth

Wed 11 September - Tamworth First Light (breakfast)

Wed 11 September - Calala

Club members and partners are encouraged to attend and warmly welcome our District Governor Phil and wife Bronwyn.

Note:

There will be no Club Visits now until week commencing 30 Sep 19 as DG Phil together with the G Train and many PDGs and some other Rotarians will be attending the DG Symposium and Rotary Institute in Christchurch New Zealand. DG Phil will be away from 15 to 26 September 2019.

### Rotary Club of Port Macquarie

The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie now meets on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at Panthers Port Macquarie at 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m.

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### Photos from DG Phil & Bronwyn's visits last week:

Right:

Armidale Secretary Hugh Beattie, President Grant Harris and Bernie Shakeshaft BackTrack Coordinator receiving a \$13,500 donation for BackTrack, a program that has reduced the juvenile crime rate in Armidale by 80%.



DG Phil With Armidale Central Club Members outside their Book Sorting shed – the Book Sale raises over \$75,000 each year

Below right: Baya Gawi Early Learning Unit: Armidale Central Club sponsored the week-long visit of two staff members from the Baya Gawi Early Learning Unit from Fitzroy Crossing in northern Western Australia to the

Armidale Community Preschool. Pictured above are: Samantha Frank, Terry Inman, Sharna George, DG Phil, Sue Motley from the Armidale Community PreSchool.



Below right: Paul Harris Fellows: The Dorrigo Club honoured two long-serving locals with Paul Harris recognitions.

Peter Tarran (SES) and Linley Gaddes (Dorrigo High School). Photo includes Club President, Bruce Francis.



## 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:**

#### **Audit re Working With Children Check**

Club Presidents and Club Secretaries should have received the following email from Andrew Best (Club & District Support Supervisor) from RI Parramatta Office last week.

*We have recently undertaken talks with the Office of the Children's Guardian, regarding the implementation and verification process relating to the Working with Children Check, (WWCC). The Office of the Children's Guardian monitors and audits organisations to ensure they are meeting their obligations.*

***Rotary clubs in NSW have been selected as part of their audits, and we ask that you give full attention and support to this process.***

*On Wednesday the 4th September 2019, you will receive an email from [compliance@kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au](mailto:compliance@kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au) asking if your club undertakes programs for youth or children. **Please respond to their email.***

*For further information about this process, please review the information page on their website.*

*WWCC Compliance program*

<https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check/employer/compliance-program>

*If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Office of the Children's Guardian (Genevieve Turner on 02 9286 7247), [compliance@kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au](mailto:compliance@kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au) or our office.(that is RI Parramatta Office (p22 Directory)*

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#### **Message from District Foundation Chairman**

##### **PDG Maurie Stack**

In this District we have half a dozen Rotarians who commit to donate US\$1000 (currently about AUD \$1450) per annum to the Foundation – Paul Harris Society (PHS) members and receive this PHS badge .



Our aim is to gradually increase this in coming years. Some Districts have 70-80 PHS members, which means that they are guaranteed to raise \$70,000 - \$80,000 for the Foundation before they start the year.

Our aim is to get another half a dozen Paul Harris Society members this year. Can you help?

If so please complete the Paul Harris Society Commitment Form that is currently being loaded in the District website Library under Foundation documents.

Once completed can you please send the form direct to The Rotary Foundation, Level 2, 60 Phillip Street, Parramatta NSW 2150.

By supporting the Foundation:

You are directly supporting projects by clubs in our District – our District spends far more Foundation funds than we have ever donated.

You will receive a tax deductible receipt from the Australian Rotary Foundation Trust.

You know that that our Foundation overheads are less than 8% – much lower than most other charities in Australia.

All Foundation grants are matched by contributions from individual clubs plus the enthusiastic contributions of time and energy by Rotarians in both the International club and the local Host club.

You will get much better bang for your buck then you can otherwise hope to achieve.

*For further information please contact PDG Maurie Stack. Mob: 0427 668 821, e-mail: [maurie@stacklaw.com.au](mailto:maurie@stacklaw.com.au)*

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#### **Youth Exchange Students enjoy Bonny Hills**

Inbound Youth Exchange students enjoyed a cultural camp at Francis Retreat Bonny Hills.

One of the sessions was with Wauchope/Bonny Hills Surf Life Saving Club Juniors, who provided a presentation on water safety, which included a visit to the Rotary tower. The students then enjoyed a swim in the surf supervised by the surf club members.



Another popular presentation was on dangerous animals of Australia. A huge thank you to all clubs who are hosting a student, giving them a wonderful opportunity to enjoy our Aussie lifestyle.



#### **End-Polio Movie Night**

Have you organised your Club's participation in the Movie for End Polio Now? Our Foundation Director PDG Maurie Stack has some more promotional information for Clubs and the details were in last week's E-News.

Remember to send me some photos of your Movie Night





**Invest in your community...**

**Invest in the future of Rotary**

Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation Centre

2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> May 2020



*RYLA provides an opportunity to extend leadership skills & assists with personal growth. It is a powerful program for your community and for developing a sense of community and through developing future community leaders.*

Application & brochure available on website here:

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

**RYLA supporting the future of Rotary through developing future Rotarians**

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**2019-20 RI President Mark Daniel Maloney**

**Extract Presidential message September 2019**

*We must foster a culture where Rotary does not compete with family, but complements it. We should never expect our members to choose between the two. That means being realistic in our expectations, considerate in our scheduling, and welcoming of children at Rotary events on every level.*

*Often, the young professionals that Rotary needs to attract in order to remain a dynamic 21st-century service organization are the very people who have the greatest family responsibilities. We must not keep these prospective young members away from their families by holding events on evenings and weekends at which their children are not welcome.*

*Every chance we have to pass on the gift of Rotary to young people is one we must take if we are going to grow Rotary and ensure that the next generation is fully engaged in our mission.*

*So let us open our doors and do it in a fun way, with opportunities that make our children and grandchildren want to learn more about Interact, Rotaract, and Rotary membership. Start small if you must — perhaps by holding some of your meetings at more family-friendly times — but think about how you can continue these kinds of events for years to come.*

*Bringing children to Rotary events is not just fun; it also exposes them to the world! Make this a memorable year for your family — and an unforgettable year for the ever-expanding family of Rotary as Rotary Connects the World.*

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**Nigeria reaches crucial polio milestone**

It's been three years since health officials last reported a case of polio caused by the wild poliovirus in Nigeria. The milestone, reached on 21 August 19,



means that it's possible for the entire World Health Organization (WHO) African region to be certified wild poliovirus-free next year.

Nigeria's success is the result of several sustained efforts, including domestic and international financing, the commitment of thousands of health workers, and strategies to immunize children who previously couldn't be reached because of a lack of security in the country's northern states.

"Rotary, its Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners, and the Nigerian government have strengthened immunization and disease detection systems," says Michael K. McGovern, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee. He adds: "We are now reaching more children than ever in some of the hardest-to-reach places in Nigeria."

McGovern says Rotary members in Nigeria play an important role in ridding the country of the disease. "Rotarians have been hard at work raising awareness for polio eradication, advocating with the government, and addressing other basic health needs to complement polio eradication efforts, like providing clean water to vulnerable communities."

Nigeria is the last country in Africa where polio is endemic. Once Africa is certified as free of the wild poliovirus, five of the WHO's six regions will be free of wild polio. Polio remains endemic in Afghanistan and Pakistan, which means transmission of the virus has never been stopped. Dr. Tunji Funsho, chair of Rotary's Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee, acknowledges the milestone but cautions Rotary members about celebrating too soon. He cites the challenge of making certain that routine immunizations reach every child in Nigeria.

"It's paramount that we ensure all doors are locked to the re-entry of the wild poliovirus into our country," says Funsho.

Funsho says to achieve this, Rotary needs to maintain strong advocacy efforts, continue to increase awareness of immunization campaigns, and ensure members raise necessary funds. Rotary has contributed \$268 million to fight polio in Nigeria.

"As the first organization to dream of a polio-free world, Rotary is committed to fulfilling our promise," says McGovern. "Our progress in Nigeria is a big step toward that goal, but we need to maintain momentum so that Pakistan and Afghanistan see the same level of progress."

