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Rotary International District 9650

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Rotary International President
Mark Maloney (Gay)

Rotary Club of Decatur Alabama USA

District Governor

Phil Hafey (Bronwyn)

Rotary Club of Laurieton NSW Australia

NEWS FROM DG PHIL HAFEY

CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED

The profiles of three keynote speakers and the Rotary International President's Personal Representative are detailed below and will be available this week on the Conference Website

<https://www.rotary9650.org.au/district-conference> .

The District Conference will also highlight projects from many Clubs including Boggabri, Coffs Harbour Daybreak, Coffs Harbour City, Port Macquarie Sunrise, Tamworth Sunrise and Wauchope.

Registration forms are also available on the above website. **Please register before 7 March, 2020.**

Rotary International President's Personal Representative - PDG Jodie Sparks



Jodie's involvement with Rotary began in the early 1990s when she attended Handicamp, a District 9470 Youth program supporting people with disability.

On the conclusion of the program she joined Rotaract and enjoyed over seven years as a Rotaractor before being asked to join Ascot Rotary in 2000.

Jodie transferred to the Rotary Club of Southern Districts in 2015.

At club level Jodie has held most Board positions, and was President at Ascot in 2006-07. Jodie was awarded Ascot's inaugural Rotarian of the Year in 2009.

She is currently serving as Club Secretary at Southern Districts.

At District level Jodie served as an Assistant Governor for two years, on the District Handicamp committee for nine years – serving as chairperson 2012-18; PR chair 2009-10; Membership Chair 2012-13; District Trainer 2014-15, 2016-17 and 2018-19; RYPEN/RILA committee member 2014-16 and on the District Foundation committee 2013-19, currently holding the role of Polio Plus and Fundraising Chair.

Jodie was District Governor in 2011-12 – one of the highlights of her time in Rotary.

She has volunteered her professional skills to work on the District Newsletter, Website and Directory.

Jodie is a Rotary Leadership Institute trainer and is a trained Club Vision Facilitator, serving as part of the

District 9465 Visioning Team.

Jodie has been part of the Zone Training team since 2016 and has been an International Assembly Training Team leader in San Diego in 2018 and 2019.

She appreciated the challenge of Zone training coordinator in 2019.

After serving as an Assistant Rotary Coordinator (looking after the two WA Districts) in 2015-18, Jodie is proud to be serving on the RI committee of Young PDGs for the second year.

Jodie was privileged to represent the committee at the RI Board Meeting in January 2018.

After many years in corporate marketing and management roles, Jodie feels fortunate to manage the Western Australian Motor Industry Foundation, a WA charity that supports families with disability with the transport program Wheels for Hope.

Community Programs Manager at Royal Far West - John Reid

Extensive small business and project management experience in a variety of industries including tourism, hospitality, sports and not-for-profits.

John looks to help small businesses or business units in areas of overall business management, budgeting and strategic planning, business development and basic John can be engaged for term contracts, consulting roles or part-time activities. Also available for locum business management for proprietors or managers who wish to take a vacation and need the wheels to keep turning.

Hospitality, sports and community development are his key industries of interest. John enjoys taking a hands on approach and his experience ranges from operating small businesses such as a pie café, promotional clothing and boutique accommodation establishments to running business units in larger organisations.

John recently gained his bus licence as part of engagement in bus operations at Forrest.

A very satisfying challenge.

Conference Key Note Speaker Profiles continued next page:

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John Gilbert Brogden AM

John is an Australian businessman and former politician.

He was appointed Chief Executive Officer of Landcom in May 2018.

John is the Chairman of Lifeline and Furlough House Retirement Village.

He was Leader of the Opposition in New South Wales from 2002 to 2005.

He was a Liberal Party member of the New South Wales Legislative Assembly from May 1996 until his resignation in August 2005, representing the electorate of Pittwater. After politics, he served as the CEO and chairperson of various organisations in the financial services sector. He is a leading advocate for suicide prevention.

On Australia Day 2014 he was made a Member of the Order of Australia for significant service to the community, particularly to Lifeline, to the business and financial sectors, and to the Parliament of New South Wales.

In May 2018, John Brogden was appointed as Chief Executive Officer at Landcom. Prior to this appointment, he was Chairman of the Board at UrbanGrowth NSW/Landcom from 2012 to 2018. Prior to this he was the Managing Director & CEO of the Australian Institute of Company Directors from 2015 to 2017, the CEO of the Financial Services Council from 2009 to 2015 and the CEO of Manchester Unity from 2006 to 2008.

John also holds honorary positions as the Patron of Kookaburra Kids, Sailability Pittwater, Bilgola Surf Lifesaving Club and Avalon Beach Surf Lifesaving Club.

John's previous non-executive directorships include Abacus Australian Mutuals (Chairman) from 2006 to 2009, BBI – The Australian Institute of Theological Education (Chairman), NIA Pty Limited (health.com.au) from 2011 to 2015, Sydney Ports Corporation from 2010 to 2012, Australian Private Health Insurance Association and the Australian Friendly Societies Association.



Ian McNamara AM

Commonly known as "Macca", is an Australian radio presenter, singer-songwriter and producer, best known for hosting the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's long running radio program "Australia All Over" on the ABC Local Radio network.

McNamara graduated from the University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Economics degree before working as a jackaroo. In 1973 he played the guitar with Col Joye and the Joy Boys.

McNamara first joined the ABC in 1974, in the industrial relations department, but moved to the rural department two years later as a rural reporter.

He then spent 12 months in television, working on *A Big Country* and *Countrywide*, before returning to rural radio in 1980 as a reporter and, eventually, the presenter of *Australia All Over*.

In 1984, he was appointed executive producer of the current affairs program *City Extra* (a 2BL current affairs show), but late in 1985 he returned to the Regional Radio Unit as executive producer of programs including *Morning Extra*, *Australia All Over* and *Resources*.

In the 1994 Australia Day Honours McNamara was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for "service to the presentation and promotion of Australia's non-urban culture, through the radio programme *Australia All Over*".

DG CLUB VISITS RESUME IN THE WET

This week Bronwyn and I had the pleasure of visiting Clubs in some of the drought affected areas of our District and everywhere we went it rained and has continued to rain since. It was wonderful to see smiling faces and positive attitudes.

The Coonabarabran Rotary Club has been supporting their local community members affected by the drought for many years and they have distributed large amounts of goods to families, sponsored many community workshops and events in addition to providing financial support. It was inspiring to hear how they have been supporting their local community.

One of the first tasks I was asked to perform was to welcome a past president and tireless worker for the Club and the Community back into the Rotary family.

Personally, it was a great pleasure to be asked to induct Marie Knight OAM as a member of the Club.

Photo Left:

DG Phil inducting Marie Knight OAM as a member of the Coonabarabran Club



While in Coonabarabran we took the opportunity to visit the Rotary Book Shop – currently operating 5.5 days a week in an excellent location and staffed by Rotarians and volunteers.

Photo above left: DG Phil

contributing to the success of the Book Shop

This is an excellent project which provides significant funds for the Club.

Our visit to Coonamble was one of contrasts – as we left the meeting there was a dust storm and when we woke in the morning it was raining. Some parts of Coonamble have had over 200mm of rain since we left.

One of the highlights of our visit to Coonamble was the opportunity to present a Paul Harris Fellow recognition to Russell Reynolds for his tireless contribution to the Rotary Club and the Community. It was obvious that this came as a complete surprise to Russell – it was also obvious that the recognition was well deserved.

Photo Left:

DG Phil and Russell Reynolds



DG'S VISITS LAST WEEK (CONT)

Another highlight was the visit of two members from the Recreational Vehicle Fellowship of Rotarians (RVFR) who had visited Coonamble the previous year and assisted with the local rodeo.

The RVFR members were concerned about the lack of signage on the BBQ trailer used by the Club and decided to organise appropriate signage.

Brian Chapman and Don Eather, both members of the Tamworth West Club, presented the signs to the Club and promised that the RVFR would return this year to assist at the rodeo – an offer that was gratefully accepted.



Don Eather, Keith Cain, President Emily Ryan and Brian Chapman with one of the signs.

Barraba Rotary Club has worked tirelessly to support their local community, both in the town and on the land. At the time of our visit they were preparing for the annual show, a three day event that involves most of the community with Rotarians actively involved in many aspects of the show. Despite the tough times, it was great to see the positive attitude and the strong desire to support the local community.

On Thursday we were scheduled to visit some of the projects of the Gunnedah West Rotary Club. Due to the rain, we could only view them from the car but no one complained.

Gunnedah West celebrates its 75th birthday in March and it was a pleasure to present the official RI Certificate to President Mark Kesby.

President Mark is wearing his special Rotary Shirt – if you think that has an impact, have a look at Evan Burrell's Facebook page to see his suit!! It was also a pleasure to present the Club with banners recognising their outstanding contribution to the Rotary Foundation in 2018-19.



The Gunnedah West Club are to be congratulated on their outstanding achievements and involvement in the community. One of their more interesting projects is the restoration of the grave of the first Mayor of the town – I am sure they will not stop at one.

The Tamworth Sunrise Club is one of the youngest in our District and it was a pleasure to present them with their official letter congratulating them on their 10th birthday.



DG Phil and President Paul Hagley

This Club is involved in so many activities and the atmosphere in the room was excellent. I am looking forward to hearing them outline their involvement with the Clontarf Academy at Oxley High School at the District Conference in March.

Tamworth Sunrise has a tradition of excellent, amusing fine sessions and this meeting was no exception.

Last week the Sergeant had fined people who were not wearing a watch as some members had been tardy. This was Angie Pearson's response.



This week we are visiting Glen Innes and Walcha. At Walcha we will be joined by members of the RSL Club who will be presenting a donation to assist drought affected farmers and visiting local farms and businesses.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR CLUB VISITS

Monday 10 February:	Glen Innes
Tuesday 11 February:	Walcha
Tuesday 18 February:	Wingham
Monday 24 February:	Uralla
Thursday 5 March:	Gunnedah 2380, E Club
Monday 9 March:	Great Lakes

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

PRESIDENTS-ELECT TRAINING SESSIONS

SUNDAY 1 MAR 2020 - TAMWORTH

Presidents-elect Training (Western) at Tamworth

SUNDAY 8 MAR 2020 - PORT MACQUARIE

Presidents-elect Training (Eastern) at Port Macquarie

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**



Rotary Youth Leadership Award

D9650 Seminar

2nd – 9th May 2020

Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation Centre

(between Tamworth & Gunnedah)

Attendees to be 19 - 27 year old looking to develop their own personal purpose and profile for life.



One of Rotary's most successful youth programs celebrates 50 years in D9650.

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www.rotary9650.org.au/Ryla

REMINDER TO ALL CLUBS

Past President Glenda Barber is seeking nominations for District Awards. The actual Nomination Form and the overview of the Awards was distributed to Club Presidents and Club Secretaries and Assistant Governors prior to Christmas.

Please, Please, Please revisit this and meet the deadline for Nominations ... Glenda at this stage has been inundated with Nominations... not really she has one nomination for one trophy... at least the judging process for that one trophy will be very easy!!!

OAM for Coonabarabran Rotarian

It was a double celebration for the members of the Rotary Club of Coonabarabran when Marie Knight was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for her innovative and compassionate work in agriculture. The other reason to celebrate was Marie's decision to be re-inducted into the club, following a period of needing to concentrate on dealing with the rigours of the drought.

Rotary Youth Exchange Urgent Request: We are currently accepting applications from students interested in being a part of this great program. Can you please approach your local high schools and see if they have any potential students. **Applications should be sent to the secretary Allan Brown Phone 02-65535813 or email secyepd9650@gmail.com by the 10th May.**

Also we are seeking clubs interested in hosting a student from July this year. Please discuss this at your next meeting and let me know if your club is interested. Applications will begin arriving shortly so get in early to get the best preferences. Remember for each student we bring in means another opportunity for a student to go overseas.

DG Phil and Bronwyn's visit this week was the perfect opportunity for Marie's re-induction.

As the creator of the 'Lamb Jumpers' Helping our Farmers' Facebook page, Marie has led a program to produce and distribute more than 85,000 handmade jumpers to farmers affected by the drought. The farmers had been struggling to deal with abandoned baby lambs during winter, and the jumpers were a solution. The project grew to include garments for farmers themselves - beanies, jumpers for children - and even for calves and baby kangaroos. 'You name, it, we've put a jumper on it, says Marie.

It was a totally unexpected development when women across the country began to respond to a simple comment on Facebook offering a few spare jumpers that Marie had on hand and didn't need. When the pattern was published by a magazine, the jumpers began to roll in by the hundreds, and suddenly there was a need to receive, sort, package and then post or send them on to wherever they were needed. Rotarians and members of the CWA helped. It turned out that, as well as saving the animals, the knitting was providing women with a much-appreciated opportunity to become a part of the solution to the drought and its hardships.

Then another opportunity emerged. People were sending in photographs of their lambs in jumpers, and it was decided to create from them a calendar. They sold very well, raising funds for both the Rotary Club and the Coonabarabran CWA. Marie was also instrumental in bringing Ian McNamara, or Macca from the ABC, to town to host a dance in the Town Hall. It was a night that brought people together, a night to remember.

Marie hopes to use the connections that have developed from the 'Lamb jumpers' phenomenon to strengthen the links between city and country that have been created. It has been connections such as these that have been instrumental in helping people to get through these most difficult of times. Photo below:

President Ian Bell, DG Phil, Marie Knight & Lindsay Wilkin

