



## Rotary International District 9650 E News - Monday 11 November 2019

**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 DG PHIL HAFEY:

#### CLUB VISITS THIS WEEK POSTPONED

Bronwyn and I are disappointed that we have had to postpone our Club visits this week: 11 - 14 November. Whilst we are not in any danger, there are fires to the north, south and west and many of the roads are closed. Given that dangerous fire conditions are forecast for the week and the fire situation is expected to worsen, we had no choice but to postpone the visits until February.

The visits that have been postponed are

Uralla, Walcha, Barraba & Narrabri

At this stage, our visits for 18 – 25 November will proceed as planned.

Monday 18 November - Coonamble

Tuesday 19 November - Coonabarabran

Wednesday 20 November - E-Club

Thursday 21 November - Gunnedah 2380 (Breakfast)

Thursday 21 November - Gunnedah West

Friday 22 November - Tamworth Sunrise

Monday 25 November - Glen Innes

#### DG Partner's Project Account:

##### Account Name:

Rotary International D9650 DG Partner's Project

**For Direct Credit (electronic payment)**

**BSB: 721-000 Account No: 500143137**

**Reference Required: Rotary Club Name**



#### The Salvation Army Launches Disaster Appeal

Unprecedented demand drives \$3M appeal target  
Woolworths leads with \$500,000 contribution

The Salvation Army has launched a disaster appeal to allow Australians to support communities affected by the devastating bushfires in NSW and QLD.

The Bushfire Disaster Appeal will position the Salvos to move beyond the current support of evacuees and emergency personnel and into sustained effort required through the recovery and rebuild phases to come.

Salvation Army spokesperson Major Bruce Harmer says, "Our hearts go out to the families and individuals who have been affected by the bushfires in NSW and QLD. We are currently on the ground providing support and will remain on the ground in the months to come as people begin to recover and rebuild."

The Salvation Army's Emergency Services teams are active at six evacuation centres in New South Wales, including Wauchope, Macksville, Bowraville, Hazelbrook, Ballina and for Old Bar at Taree's evacuation centre where meals are being served to 200 people, including evacuees and first responders.

Major Harmer says "it is unprecedented for our Salvos Emergency Services teams to be active at this many location at one time in one region."

In Queensland, The Salvation Army Emergency Service teams from Noosa and Caloundra are feeding Queensland Police personnel while the Fassifern Salvos SAES team is feeding Queensland Fire and Emergency Services personnel at Boonah.

The effort to raise \$3 million dollars has started with a \$500,000 contribution from leading corporate donor Woolworths. The money is being donated to the S.T.A.N.D Program, the disaster relief partnership between Woolworths and The Salvation Army.

"The most effective way people can help is by making a financial donation which allows us to buy supplies in the local community and provide cash vouchers so people have the dignity of choice in their purchases – that's what we consider to be hope, where it's needed most" says Major Harmer

The Emergency and Disaster Appeal is open now. Australians can donate by visiting [salvationarmy.org.au](http://salvationarmy.org.au), calling 13 SALVOS (13 72 58) or by supporting the S.T.A.N.D Program by making a donation at any Woolworths checkout.

**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)

## Your E-News Editor's Thoughts re a possible Rotary Response to the bushfire devastation in our District

My thoughts are as follows ...

The challenge for all will be how best can Rotary help with this recent disaster while staying focussed on the need with supporting the communities in drought.

Our Rotary District could take a combined effort to support in a tangible way and also in a welfare supporting way the Rural Fire Service and its many local units right throughout our District.

This is because I expect that their need for support and ongoing assistance will continue as we enter the extreme weather predictions for Tuesday this week and then into summer.

This is my early thinking in response to the disaster, so that we as Rotary can keep our RFS teams supported as local units and as individuals.

This is not like the 2017 Pappinbarra Bush Fire Appeal where it was isolated in a small community and the current devastation and its impact and the required dollars are extremely large scale.

My thinking is that this is one where District 9650 and the Disaster Fund could in fact be the catalyst for this support of our RFS units as we are entering likely the worst summer on record.



I know personally, from my past experience as CEO of HCCU and the Community Grant that like lots of local organisations RFS receives Government Funding but the things that make a real difference to their facility and their teams are left to community fundraising.

I believe that Rotary at least in our District could "own" this support which would include the provision of food and refreshments and the little things that an RFS team need.

This may as the summer unfolds be the actual caring for the volunteers own lawns and maintaining their own homes if in fact they are unable to do so because of being on-call and on duty.

I do not feel that this would cross paths with our drought appeals and support which must be sustained and

ongoing but each of our drought affected communities will need their fully functioning RFS as summer impacts. It is intended that this matter be the subject of further discussion at the forthcoming Showcase in Tamworth on 23 and 24 November 2019.



I also ask that you share your thoughts in relation to this proposed District wide support for our RFS Units and share those thoughts with our District Governor Phil and District Governor-elect Debbie so that we can develop the discussion points for the Showcase discussion.

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## CONSTITUTION DOCUMENTS ON DISTRICT WEBSITE

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 2019 Council on Legislation.

The documents available at the following location <https://www.rotary9650.org.au/documents-library> are:

- Procedure for Updating club constitution documents 4 Sep 2019
- Club constitution 2019 (RI & NSW law compliant) 27 Oct 2019
- D9650 2019 Recommended Club By Laws 30 Sep 2019

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## HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP AT DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The House of Friendship at the South West Rocks Conference has been allocated a large, open area which looks out onto the bowling green and gardens.

The House of Friendship will be coordinated by Robin Norton, President of the Kempsey West Club.

Any Clubs, Rotary Organisations (eg Shelterbox, ARH, RAWCS etc) or Rotary Programs (Interplast, Youth Exchange, Friendship Exchange etc) who would like to exhibit in the House of Friendship please contact Robin Norton by phone on 6582 6072 or 0418 176 246 or email [robin.norton@bigpond.com](mailto:robin.norton@bigpond.com)

## 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 SHOWCASE 23 & 24 NOVEMBER 2019

The Agenda and the Registration Forms were issued to Club Presidents and Club Secretaries Saturday 26 October 2019.

The Rotary District 9650 Annual Showcase will be held at Tamworth High School, Willis Street, Tamworth.

The cost for the Showcase excluding Saturday Night Dinner is \$30 per person which includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea on Saturday and morning tea and lunch on Sunday.



The Saturday night Dinner will be held at EconoLodge, 236 Goonoo Goonoo Road Tamworth and will be a Christmas themed Buffet dinner. Cost is \$50 per person.

**Note the above costs are for “Early Bird registrations” received and payments made on-line as per instructions below and where payments are made on or before 15 November 2019.** The cost of the Showcase and the dinner after 15 November 2019 will be per person \$35 and \$55 respectively.

**Absolute cut off for registrations for both the Showcase and the Dinner is 12 noon Thursday 21 November 2019.**

### SHOWCASE WORKSHOPS

The Tamworth Showcase program includes the following Community focused workshops on the Sunday Morning:

- Book sales
- Community assets delivered via Grants
- Effective liaison with schools
- Partnering with other community groups
- Promoting and reporting on the projects

These workshops will be held simultaneously and will provide the opportunity for Clubs to share ideas, successes and solutions.

There will be a brief reporting back session at the conclusion of the workshops.

Other topics that will be covered at the Showcase will be:

- Update and Overview from the D9650 & D9670 Transition Committee
- Child Protection Update
- Rotary Insurances and Covers including required actions by Clubs

- Discussion re District response to the devastating bushfires—refer to thoughts of your Editor on prior page
- Interplast Overview
- Bronwyn Hafey's Partners Project Update
- The Rotary Foundation District update
- Overview of the Farmer's Pantry (refer story on next page)
- Council on Legislation and Council on Resolutions Report
- Saturday Night Dinner Guest Speaker Jasmina Markulic. Jasmina was the recipient of an ARH Scholarship funded by D9650 Partner Project of Sue Moran in 2014-2015. This research is into Alzheimer's & Parkinson's diseases
- Overview of RYLA and Rotaract



- Club AGMs Constitutions and ByLaws
- International Service Projects Showcase including the benefit of RAWCS in supporting such projects
- Preparing for Presidents-elect training

You are encouraged to register as soon as possible.



**PLEASE NOTE: This is open to all Rotarians and is not limited to your Club Officers.**

Any Rotarian is able to attend and indeed Rotarians are encouraged to attend. Newer members are especially encouraged to attend to get a broad overview of Rotary beyond their Club.

Registration Forms and information details are with your Club President & Secretary. If you cannot find the Registration Forms please contact your E-News Editor who is also your District Trainer.

**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](http://riconvention.org)**



## Rotary Youth Leadership Award

### D9650 Seminar

2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

RYLA inspires and creates leaders of the future

Putting Service above self

RYLA challenges participants to work as teams

on how they can add value to their communities.

They present their ideas at the Camp & set about fund raising for the chosen charity/cause/event.

For several years BackTrack has been the recipient.

We have welcomed the participation of eight young men

from BackTrack & have been proud to follow their outstanding achievements since attending RYLA.

To quote Bernie Shakeshaft: "We've got 'em on a roll, we just want to keep 'em on a roll."



*Pictured above: Zac, Marcus & Ducky*

These boys have gone on to be work crew leaders & are assisting as mentors to set up a BackTrack program in the Hawkesbury area.

Congratulation to these RYLArians and to all that have been involved in the success of D9650 RYLA.

### RYLA Adding value to our community

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

**Brochure & applications on website**

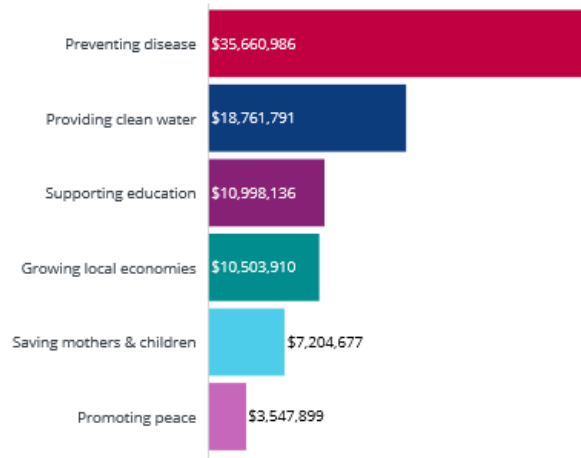
[www.rotary9650.org.au/Ryla](http://www.rotary9650.org.au/Ryla)



At the 1917 convention, outgoing Rotary president Arch Klumph proposed setting up an endowment "for the purpose of doing good in the world." That one idea, and an initial contribution of \$26.50, set in motion a powerful force that has transformed millions of lives around the globe.

## Foundation grants

The Foundation awarded \$86,677,399 in funding to 1,306 grants during fiscal year 2018. Here is a breakdown of causes the grants supported.



The Rotary Foundation is organized as a public charity operated exclusively for charitable purposes and governed by a Board of Trustees. The operations of Rotary International, a member organization, are overseen by its Board of Directors.

The headquarters of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation are in Evanston, Illinois, USA. We have associate foundations in Australia, Brazil, Canada, Germany, India, Japan, and the United Kingdom.

Your generous contributions to The Rotary Foundation are essential to securing and growing Rotary programs throughout the world.



### Our District Treasurer Pam Foye has established Farmer Joe's Pantry in Wauchope.

Treasurer Pam reports as follows:

"Many Wauchope businesses are collection points for donated items. These have all been arranged from the Doing It For Our Farmers campaign which culminates on 14 December when a truck load of non-perishable groceries will be taken across to the Tamworth pantry. It has been decided that all goods collected will now be split 50 – 50 between Wauchope & Tamworth.

Initially we will open each Wednesday & Friday from 10 to 2pm. I have a small band of volunteers and I don't expect to be run off our feet immediately but will do hamper deliveries to known farmers doing it tough.

I am hoping we can still have our official opening on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm."

Well done Pam.