



Rotary International District 9650 E News - Monday 12 August 2019

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

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

The Value & Power of Connections

Dick and Pip Smith present \$1m to RAWCS

In February 2017 the Rotary Australia Benevolent Society (RABS) launched its Compassionate Grants program with funds donated by Dick and Pip Smith. The grants were able to be provided to Rotary Clubs across Australia to assist people doing it tough for whatever reason. Rotary Clubs needed to, as a minimum, match the amount of a grant so that Dick's \$1million would at least be doubled in helping the disadvantaged in our communities.

By October 2018 the original \$1million was completely allocated to more than 100 support programs providing more than \$2.5million worth of assistance. As a result, during July 2019, Dick Smith wrote saying:

"Pip and I were delighted with the work done by Rotary following our last major donation in 2016. We like the idea of the Dollar for Dollar Grants so much that we have decided to make another \$1million donation to Rotary on the same basis".



Dick & Pip Smith with RAWCS' Chairman John McClaren

On Wednesday 7th August, at a function organised by the Sydney Rotary Club, Dick handed a cheque for \$1 million to John McClaren, the Chairman of Rotary Australia World Community Service.

Utilising the experience gained during the distribution of the previous donation, the Compassionate Grants Committee, chaired by President Bob Cleland from the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie, will continue to encourage Clubs and Districts to assist individuals in their communities who are doing it tough.

Bob said that although Drought Relief would be a major focus for RABS funds, there are so many other people in our communities in need of help and where possible these funds will be used to assist those who qualify.

For more information, go to www.rawcs.org.au click on Programs and then on **Dick Smith Matched Funding**.

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Chairman
Rotary Australia Compassionate Grants Committee (RACGC)
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Pip Smith, RC Port Macquarie President & Chairman RACGC Bob Cleland, Dick Smith & DGE Debbie Loveday

Important District Dates

<https://rotary9650.org.au/events>

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www.rotary9650.org.au

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

THIS WEEKS DG's MESSAGE

This week Bronwyn and I have visited Clubs in Clusters 2 and 4 and we have seen a variety of projects and fundraising ideas as well as participating in the induction of a new member in Taree.

In addition, we met with the Tuncurry Forster and Forster Old Bar Beach Clubs as they prepare to merge to form the Tuncurry Forster Old Bar Club.

Members of both Clubs have already unanimously agreed to the merger and the formalities required by Rotary International and the Department of Fair Trading are now progressing. There is no doubt that the merged Club will have a greater impact in their community.

There are two topics of discussion that have been common during our Club visits. Following the Council on Legislation, all Club must update their Club Constitution and By Laws and the appropriate documents will be available on the District website this week. If you have any problems accessing the Documents Library, please do not hesitate to contact me.

The other topic is the use of Rotary Logos. My Rotary provides all the information that Club Officers require to ensure that all Rotary images are used appropriately.



I encourage all Rotarians to use the resources available in *My Rotary* to boost their Club's profile in their local community.

This week RI President, Mark Maloney, sent an email to all Clubs featuring two excellent End Polio Now videos which are suitable for Club or Community meetings. If your Club did not receive the email, please contact me.

In conclusion, Bronwyn continues to be so encouraged with the positive response to her project – LIFELINE.

See Attached Photos from this last weeks visits on Page 4 of this week's E-News.

Contributions to the DG Partner's Project



For the preferred direct deposit details are:

Account: Rotary International DG Partner's A/c

BSB: 721-000 Account No. 100143137

Please forward copy of direct deposit details to our District Treasurer Pam Foye pamfoye1@gmail.com

If you still use cheques please make cheque out to:

DG Partner's Project 2019-20

Please send cheques to:

Pam Foye

District 9650 Treasurer,

PO BOX 5562

Port Macquarie NSW 2444

All members—please note

Rotary D9650 2019 Showcase Weekend at Tamworth

Saturday 23 Nov 19 & Sunday 24 Nov 19

This will also include the D9650 Special General Meeting to receive and adopt the Audited Financial Reports for the District for the year ended 30 June 2019.

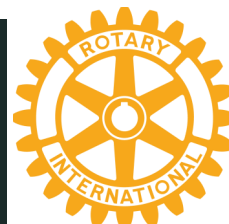
This will be a great learning & fellowship weekend.

MORE CHANGES TO PRINTED DIRECTORY

Rotary Club of Tamworth - new email address

tamworthrotaryclub@yahoo.com.au

Please advise changes to DG Phil Hafey and Di Hall



ANNOUNCING RYLA LEADERS 2020

2nd – 9th May 2020 Lake Keepit

Rebecca Banks – Youth Insearch Worker
RC Inverell

Sally Foster – Reg Nurse (Renal Unit)
RC Port Macquarie Sunrise

Travis Parker - NAB Business Banking
RC Taree North

Zack McDonald – Insurance Broking
RC Tamworth First light

Leader's Leader - Benjamin Clarke
3rd year Medicine
RC Port Macquarie West

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

AUGUST—MEMBERSHIP MONTH

This is the perfect time to celebrate your club's members and consider the many options available for strengthening your membership.

MESSAGE FROM OUR DISTRICT FOUNDATION CHAIRMAN

Many clubs ordered Centurion Towers last year. I have ordered another 500 Towers plus 500 Poles – which enable the Towers to be used again. I have received an initial 50 Towers and 150 Poles – available as PDG Maurie Stack says on a “first in best dressed” basis.

Please contact PDG Maurie Stack direct.

Phone: 0427 668 821

Email: maurie@stacklaw.com.au

MESSAGE FROM RC GUNNEDAH 2380

The Rotary Club of Gunnedah 2380 will be holding the 43rd Annual Gunnedah Gallop, which is a family fun run, on Sunday 8 September 2019. The Gallop has two courses - one of 8km and the other of 2km. Rotarians and friends are invited to come to Gunnedah to support the event as well as help the local economy as it battles the crippling drought.

To nominate you can contact the club at gunnedah2380@gmail.com or register on the day.

Pat Walls

President Gunnedah 2380 RC

SHEKHAR MEHTA OF INDIA SELECTED TO BE 2021-22 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Shekhar Mehta, of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, West Bengal, India, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2021-22. He will be declared the president-nominee on 1 October if no challenging candidates have been suggested.

Mehta acknowledges that current membership trends are a challenge and says that membership development should be Rotary's highest priority. He believes that focusing on regional plans, successfully transitioning Rotaractors into Rotary clubs, and increasing diversity and female members could yield a 5 percent net growth



in membership each year.

“A major brainstorming is needed to find effective solutions suited to different areas of the world,” says Mehta. He adds that regional ethos and culture have to be taken into account to find localized solutions, as “one size does not fit all.” He believes Rotary can extend to new geographical areas and countries.

As a strong proponent of Rotary's strategic plan, Mehta says he will encourage clubs to use action plans and reinforce the core values of Rotary.

Mehta says Rotary needs to become more contemporary and adaptable by focusing on partnerships with governments and corporations, expanding partnerships with organizations that specialize in Rotary's areas of focus, and investing in technology.

Mehta, an accountant, is chair of the Skyline Group, a real estate development company he founded. He is also a director of Operation Eyesight Universal (India), a Canada-based organization.

Mehta has been actively involved in disaster response and is a trustee of ShelterBox, UK. After the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, he helped build nearly 500 homes for families affected by the disaster.

Mehta pioneered a program that has performed more than 1,500 life-changing heart surgeries in South Asia. He is also the architect of the TEACH Program, which promotes literacy throughout India and has reached thousands of schools.

A Rotary member since 1984, Mehta has served Rotary as director, member or chair of several committees, zone coordinator, training leader, member of The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers, and district governor. He is also the chair of Rotary Foundation (India).

Mehta has received Rotary's Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Awards.

He and his wife, Rashi, are Major Donors and members of the Bequest Society.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES

A VALUABLE SOURCE OF ADVICE FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PARRAMATTA OFFICE

These resources include ‘how-to’ guides, links to RI resources, along with guidelines on who to work with at Rotary when dealing with various issues.

We have attempted to organise these resources in a way that you will find quick and intuitive.

To get started, click this link to the [Resource Guide for Club Officers](#).

Please save this PDF on your computer so that you always have ready access to it.

While our objective is to save you time in performing your role, the information will also be useful to others in your club.

The information is not confidential so feel free to include the above link in your club bulletin and, if you have a club website, we would encourage you to place the link there as well. It would also be beneficial for districts to include these resources in their bulletins and website.

District Governor Phil Hafey & Bronwyn's visits last week in photos & one Feeling a million dollars:

Top Left -Inducting Taree's newest member, John Roetman, Top Right—Rotary Park in Taree featuring a historical photo montage – well worth a look

Middle Left—Inspecting the trees the Taree Club planted during PRIP Ian Riseley's year, Middle right - with Robin Norton, Kempsey West President, and AG Cluster 2 Peter Lawry

Bottom Left - With Laurie Easter, Foster Old Bar Beach President, Ian Croker, Foster Tuncurry President and AG Cluster 4 Murray Difford. Bottom Right DGE Debbie & RC Port Macquarie President Bob Cleland Feeling a Million dollars

