



Rotary Opens Opportunities

THIS ISSUE

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MUSINGS FROM THE DG

These past few weeks have seen most of the clubs in the District celebrate the last year and congratulate their boards on the many achievements that happened over the last year. Clubs have also inducted and welcomed their new Presidents and boards for 2020-2021. I have been most fortunate to have attended quite a few either on zoom or face to face. I would like to thank all the clubs for their invitations. It has been an honour and a lot of fun. Some were funnier than others. The Rotary Club of Coffs Daybreak decided on an underwater theme where we dressed the part and had an appropriate virtual background. Some were black tie, and some were traditional. In all cases I was inspired by the work the clubs had managed to complete during the year. Some clubs I visited for a face to face changeover. Thank you to Rod Edwards, Nambucca Valley, Bob Cleland, Port Macquarie, Lance Fletcher, Lower Midcoast, and Julie Herbert, Narrabri. Having connected with so many Rotarians has really got me very enthusiastic about this year and Rotary's ability to adapt to COVID19 and carry on their good work.

I was described as all shiny and brand-new Friday night, let's hope I can shine some positive energy throughout the district in the coming year. RIP Holger Knaack said he wanted us DGE's at the San Diego training to be disruptors and in one of the newsletters this week there was a quote which said, "Do not follow where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." I say Let us blaze a new trail of fellowship and service, and showcase our activities throughout all the media outlets in our District and beyond.

If anyone needs help with their Public Image please do not hesitate to contact our Public Image Director, PDG Brian Beesley, details in the directory. Did you get your E-News last week? Laura is sending to all Rotarians and Rotaractors on the District Database. If you didn't get yours check your spam, clutter or junk file because it may be sitting there. It is sent using the BCC option in the email so your email addresses remain private. We did get 50 or 60 bounce back. This may be because your email address is incorrect. Please check with your Club Secretary if you have changed your email address and get it updated.

CALENDAR

July 18 - Taree North Book Sale
 July 20 - NYSEF applications close
 July 20 - DG visit Coonamble
 July 21 - DG Visit Coonabarabran
 July 22 - DG visit Barraba
 July 23 - DG visit Gunnedah 2380
 July 23 - DG visit Gunnedah West
 July 24 - DG visit Tamworth Sunrise
 July 27 - DG visit Great Lakes
 July 28 - DG visit Wauchope
 July 29 - DG visit Port Macquarie
 July 31 - DG visit Port Macquarie Sunrise

E-NEWS CONTACT

If you have something for the E-news please email editor Laura Telford at laura.telford@rotaract.org.au before 5pm on Friday to make sure it will appear in the next edition!





ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

For the 2020-21 Rotary International year Holger Knaack will be the RI President. He, and wife Susanne hail from Germany and are keen to open the doors to opportunities for Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors across the globe.



MUSINGS FROM DG DEBBIE CONT.

Suitably inspired I have commenced a new project with my club. I had a call for help from Nepal who are doing it tough with COVID19, and many suicides. The club want help with washable feminine hygiene products. Now I know some clubs are already heavily involved with supporting Days for Girls. I wanted Rotary to connect with a new group in the community and get some help with this. Monday afternoon I met with Sam's Natty Knitters. They have been knitting for the homeless and making koala mittens and kangaroo pouches during the bushfire. The knitters and Sue English from Makerspace in Port Macquarie jumped on board with this. Our plan is to construct items free of charge and dispatch to Nepal. This will help them out of a crisis. When driving out to Narrabri I got to thinking of how this can be sustainable. A sewing machine donated to a lady in Nepal might help create an industry in the Regional areas so they can continue in the future supporting themselves. I am speaking with PP Ranjeev Shrestha from the Rotary Club of Dhulikhel on this matter and will keep you posted. Stay safe and connected and remember,

Opportunities are like sunrises - If you wait too long you miss them!

STAYING COVID SAFE

These are still complicated times and although COVID restrictions are slowly lifting we can consider ourselves fortunate that we don't live in some countries that are still in or approaching catastrophic infection levels.

We as Rotarians and Rotaractors must remain vigilant and abide by a National 'duty of care'. As restrictions lift, we will be returning to more community contact and possibly face to face as we start to engage again as Rotarians. I strongly recommend that Rotarians and Rotaractors complete this Federal Government COVID-19 course. It only takes 20 -30 minutes to complete and a certificate is generated at completion. Some organisations are now requesting that staff and volunteers complete this course before they can continue in employment or community activities. I believe Rotarians would do well to be proactive and individually complete this simple, brief course. <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covid-19-infection-control-training>.

-DGE David Mayne

To build a stronger membership, Holger says Rotary must focus on increasing the number of female members and transitioning Rotaractors into Rotarians. He believes that the People of Action campaign offers new public awareness possibilities for Rotary. "This campaign conveys our global image while still respecting differences in regions and cultures," he says.

A Rotary member since 1992, Knaack has served Rotary as treasurer, director, moderator, member and chair of several committees, representative for the Council on Legislation, zone coordinator, training leader, and district governor. [For more on Holger click here.](#)



WELCOME TO NEW VOCATIONAL DIRECTOR

JULIE HERBERT

Julie Herbert, from the Rotary Club of Narrabri is the District's new Vocational Director and can be contacted via email at julieherbert@bordnet.com.au.

In her own words Julie says: "I came to Narrabri in 1988 after having grown up in Nambour on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland. I worked as a research scientist with CSIRO at the Myall Vale Cotton Research Centre for two years before taking up a similar role with the University of Sydney Plant Breeding Institute for three years.

It was while learning to fly in 1990 that I met my husband Grahame.

For almost five years I served as the the secretary/treasurer of the Namoi Aero Club before the demands of family saw me retired from the role. From 1993 until 1996 I was an observer at the Ionospheric Prediction Service which was located on the same grounds as the CSIRO Australia Telescope.

Seeing a local opportunity, I started a retail business which sold predominately books and music and ran this quiet successfully for just over 16 years before I decided on a change. In 2012 I commenced work as the accounts payable officer for a resource company before transitioning to the role of plant maintenance and data administrator.

I joined the Rotary Club of Narrabri in 2011, following my husband who has become a member just over two years before. I have served as Secretary/President Elect in 2018-19 and have just completed my term as President.

NEW ENGLAND FUNDRAISER

Last week we introduced to the fabulous fundraiser currently being organised by New England Rotaract. If you would like a ticket in the raffle here is the link, <https://go.rallyup.com/rotaractnewengland>

ROTARACT

District Rotaract Representative Laura Telford was recently interviewed for a Rotaract Podcast currently being made in Canada. She was the first Australian interviewed and spoke about her Rotaract journey and what is happening is D9650. If you would like to listen [click here](#).

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is all about having a Conversation and with August being Membership month join District Membership Chair Jenny for a Membership conversation to prepare!

There will be no formal agenda but rather a discussion on how can we help each other, share ideas and take action!

Sunday, July 26, 2-3pm Via Zoom.

To join the meeting Zoom Meeting use this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84373542997>
pwd=NDY0V3FzNFBFdHZrMG50Vjd0ZTJ5Zz09 or [click here!](#)

Meeting ID: 843 7354 2997 Password: 118775

NEW AG FOR CLUSTER 3

For the new Rotary year Immediate Past DG Phil Hafey is the new AG for Cluster 3. Phil takes over from Trish Affleck-Mooney who has been doing a phenomenal job over the last few years. To contact Phil email phil.hafey@bigpond.com



This opportunity only knocks ONCE!! NYSF is for YEAR 11 students ONLY!!

Hi! I am Emily de Berg and I was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Taree on Manning. NYSF was truly one of the best weeks of my life! From 9-hour train rides with people I will cherish for life to the many challenges and science visits, NYSF will be something I'll remember forever. The people that you meet will help you push through those last months of the HSC and even kickstart your STEM career.

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RYLA is the future of Rotary



This signage was done pro-bono by Rotarian John Elliot (Prickle Patch Signs, Macksville) for the Rotary Club of Nambucca Valley. The sign is to be erected on the new hospitality training facility that was to be done this year at the Drasa Secondary School in Fiji. This work is being funded through a Global Grant sponsored by the club and through a district contribution. All being well, we hope to complete the work next year when travel to Fiji is open again.

This is part of the Rotary Fiji Schools Project. This ongoing international project was started in 2005 and during the last 15 years has had 118 team members travel to work in schools in Fiji.

Twelve Rotary clubs in Australia and two international clubs have directly contributed support to the project. As a result of involvement in the project, three teachers have joined a Rotary club in Fiji and two schools have joined as corporate members.

These new members recently played an active role in distributing food parcels to families affected by the loss of income due to COVID-19. The project currently works with over 25 schools in providing technology hardware, books, professional development, and teaching resources. In 2012 the project established The School of Hospitality at Drasa Secondary School and in 2021 the training facility will be expanded with the construction of an accommodation unit.

This will allow students to be fully trained in housekeeping, catering, and dining room service and provide them with greater opportunities to gain employment in the hospitality industry. For more information [click here](#).



July - (Non Designated Month)

Start of new Rotary officers' year of service.

- Tree Plantation
- Reduce, Re-Use, Re-Cycle Waste

MEET OUR NEW DISTRICT GOVERNORS



Jon Wilson (D9650)
Jon is a past president, youth director and secretary of the Rotary Club of Bay View, Claremont, WA. A redneck newswoman to Rotary, he joined largely due to Rotary's motto of Service Above Self. With Rotary in WA undergoing significant change in the years ahead, Jon has committed his time and professional expertise to chart a sustainable direction for District 9650 through 2020-21 and beyond. A business psychologist by trade, he has always had a keen interest in assisting those based organisations in better managing their people and the challenge that change often brings. Jon and wife Michelle have been married almost 25 years and have two adult children who have both been exposed to Rotary and its many opportunities for youth development.



Colin Burns (D9645)
Colin joined the Rotary Club of Geraldton, WA, in 1988 and served as a director and club president. Colin's major Rotary moment was his first attendance at a District Conference and joining a team of volunteers on a project in Senegal. After transferring to Western Australia, Colin joined the Rotary Club of Cottesloe where he served as a director and club president. Colin's belief in the Rotary Foundation is evidenced by his membership of the Paul Harris Society and his recognition by The Rotary Foundation as a Major Donor and Bequest Society member. Colin and his wife, Sandra, have two children and two grandchildren.



David Jones (D9610)
David's first experience of Rotary was as a member of the Rotary Club of Nourlangie, SA. David joined the Rotary Club of Mitcham, SA, in 2003 and served in several club positions, including president in 2007-08. From 2008 to 2010 he was a member of the district's RYLA/RYVEN and Youth Exchange Committees and in 2012 became a member and chair of the combined Districts 9500/9520 AHI Indigenous Health Scholarship Committee for seven years. In May 2011, David was team leader for the 9520 Group Study Exchange team that visited Sweden. In 2016-17 he served as district secretary and conference treasurer and in 2017-18 as assistant governor Group 7. David and wife Lyn, also a past Rotarian, have three adult sons.

Mervyn Wright (D9580)
Mervyn's Rotary involvement began as a Rotaract where she served as the district Rotaract representative for QLD, where she served as District 9580 from 1990 to 1992. Mervyn joined the Rotary Club of Ayrle Beach, QLD, in 2006. Mervyn served as president of both the Kyring and Ayrle Beach clubs. At district level she has served as an assistant governor, district representative and district public image chair. Mervyn was born in Brisbane and grew up in the Bundaberg region. After a 10 year career as a primary school teacher, teacher librarian and deputy principal, serving in many areas of Rotary, she retired in 2014. Mervyn is married to Stan, and her interests include photography and travel.

Adele Hughes (D9670)
Adele was introduced to Rotary in 1995, when she joined the Rotary Club of Gladstone, QLD, where she served as president, secretary, and many committees. She is also a founding member of the inner Wheel Club of Fort Collins, CO, where she has served as president, secretary and committee chair. Adele changed her name to Adele and more time at Agnes Water. A desire to bring Rotary to the Sunshine Coast saw Adele as one of the charter members of the Rotary Club of Discovery Coast, where she has served as secretary for two years. Over the years Adele has enjoyed travelling on BAA's expeditions to Kenya, India and Laos. Adele and Wade have four children and 10 grandchildren.

Neil Black (D9680)
Neil joined Rotary in 2009 with the Rotary Club of Kyring, QLD, where his father was also a member. During his time with the club he has held many club positions including six years as Foundation chair, served as club president in 2012-13 and obtained Club of the Year. On a district level Neil has served as public relations chair in 2013-14 and as assistant governor for five years from 2014. Neil enjoys being active in Rotary and has participated in many events, including Rotary Future Leaders Seminars, Institute, PETS and R1 Conventions in Sydney and Toronto, where he met many fellow Rotarians and gained insight into how clubs from around the world operate and achieve their successes.

Secretary Madi Bignall
Madi joined the Rotary Club of Temar Valley, WA, in 2017 to make an impact on her local community which she loves so much. She quickly became the club secretary and went on to be president of the club in 2019-20. Madi has taken on lots of professional development opportunities within Rotary, but really enjoyed her time as RYLA. She is coming into the District Rotaract Representative role for District 9650 this year as well and is looking forward to leading her district to achieve incredible things. Madi lives in Laurenceton and works within the travel industry, with a passion for Taiwanese tourism.

Treasurer Clare Lawlor
With a passion for all things numbers and finances, Clare is taking on the role of Treasurer for Rotaract Australia in 2020-21. Clare was charter president of the Rotaract Club of CSU Wagga, Wagga, NSW, in 2016, and has been the District Rotaract Representative for District 9700 for the past three years. Clare has been a pioneer for Rotaract in her district and was part of the inaugural team for RYLA Oceania. She is also a charter member of the Rotary Social Impact Network. Passionate about volunteering and regional communities, Clare is excited for the next chapter of her Rotaract journey.

Governance Director Ben Hill
Ben joined Rotaract in 2014 as charter president of the Casey-Cardinia Rotaract Club, VIC. Ben has been a Rotaract member in 2020. Before joining Rotaract, Ben was named Casey Young Citizen of the Year in 2014, which led him to discover the plans for a Rotaract club while attending a Rotary ANZAC Day breakfast. Ben studied IT and business at Swinburne University and currently works as a software engineer in the telecommunications industry.

Patrice Robinson (D9630)
Patrice was introduced to Rotary in 2005 on moving to St George in western Queensland, where she was director of nursing. She has held various board positions, serving as president and secretary. Patrice has been Western District 9650's assistant governor and public relations and marketing director for District 9650. She has been a leader in a Rotary Youth Exchange visit to PNG and part of the District 9650 Drought Relief Committee since its inception in 2014. Patrice has been a member of the Club of Australia Honours since leaving St George in 2018. She believes the key to proactive, innovative membership is to encourage members to seize the opportunities Rotary provides.

Andy Rajapakse (D9640)
Andy is a champion in attracting millennials and young professionals to Rotary with D9640 now home to the most under 40s in Zone A. As district membership chair in 2017 and district public image chair 2018-20, Andy changed the dynamics of D9640 with innovative membership and public image campaigns, he has formed two new clubs on the Gold Coast, including the 20th youngest club in the world. Andy was introduced to Rotary in St Lanka 24 years ago, when past RI President Ravi Randwan was district governor nominee designate. He led a Group Study Exchange team from St Lanka to Denmark in 2006 and has spoken at over 100 Rotary clubs in 15 countries and at the RI Virtual Summit in June. He is a RI Service Above Self Award recipient and a Major Donor to the Rotary Foundation.

Debbie Loveland (D9650)
Debbie was invited to join Rotary in August 2010 and has served as both club service director and president. An active member of her club, she has established two BAA/C's projects, Rural Hospital for Nepal and Debbie's Dancers, and recently obtained a global grant for US\$34,000 for vital equipment needed at the Gauraham Hospital in Nepal. Debbie has initiated numerous service and fundraising events within her own Rotary club and is a committee member and assistant governor for the Rotary Australia Compassionate Grants Program. She became District 9650 community services director in 2016 and District 9650 chair of the Rotary Australia Benevolent Society in 2017. Debbie has three adult children and three grandchildren.

Communications Director Laura Telford
The lady behind Rotaract Australia's social media and communications is Laura Telford. Laura is coming into the role for a second term and is also the District Rotaract Representative for District 9650 for the third time in 2020-21. She was introduced to the Rotary family when she was living in outback Queensland and, after moving to Port Macquarie, NSW, quickly made a home for herself in Rotaract. Laura has been working in media and communications for over seven years and is passionate about sharing stories that matter. She also has an excellent collection of earrings and is always taking recommendations.

IT Director Brayden Willrath
Brayden has been working with technology all his life. From his first IT business fixing computers at 14, through to owning and remotely running a retail IT store in a shopping centre in Inos, QLD, it's fair to say Brayden knows his way around technology pretty well. Brayden has been involved with Rotaract since 2013 when he first completed RYLA. He is a past president, secretary and treasurer of Melbourne City Rotaract, VIC, and has close ties with Rotaract IT to build a succession team to enhance and utilise IT resources and fully realise the technology available to help build and keep clubs running more smoothly.

Immediate Past Chair Ada Galin
Ada has been a part of the Rotary family since 2015 when she first attended RYLA. She immediately felt a sense of purpose and co-chaired the Rotaract Club of the Sunshine Coast in District 9600. The following year, she became District Rotaract Representative for District 9600. In 2018, Ada was elected as vice-chair for Rotaract Australia, became chair in 2019-20 and is now serving her final year on the Executive Board as the immediate past chair. Outside of Rotaract, Ada works in mental health and currently resides in Toowoomba, QLD, with her partner and pet cat, Teal.

D9650 spotted in Rotary Down Under in July! DG Debbie and DRR Laura were both feature in the July edition of RDU as leaders of Rotary and Rotaract in Australia. If you have not seen it check out the magazine online now by clicking [here!](#)

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