



**Rotary Opens
Opportunities**



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Assembly Tamworth

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Narrabri

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Changeover

MUSINGS FROM THE DG

This week I was invited to attend the Hastings Education Fund Annual Gala Presentation. For those of you who are not familiar with this foundation, it is one of 40 local education foundations across Australia that assist school-leavers to access further education and training, thus investing in the future of their rural and regional communities. Our local Foundation is the Hastings Education Foundation and all the clubs in Cluster 3 are sponsors of this Foundation as are many local people and businesses, including my own. However, the reality is that to shape a career or undertake further education, these young Australians must often leave home, travel, and live in or closer to metropolitan centres. For many of them the financial, emotional, and social obstacles are just too great, and they are unable to leave home to take up further education or jobs. CEF has more than 40 local foundations across the country working to support young school leavers to achieve their study and career aspirations. Local foundations are run by groups of volunteers passionate about helping rural and regional young people to achieve their dreams. Over the past 25 years, the CEF family has grown to incorporate several local foundations, all with their own names which are unique to their local area, hence the Hastings Education Fund (HEF). It all started in Boorowa, NSW, in 1993, when a group of community members came together to raise funds for students who could not afford post-school training or further education. The idea soon spread and similar foundations were formed. CEF has since grown into a family of more than 40 local education foundations across New South Wales, Northern Territory, Queensland, Victoria, and South Australia.

CEF Executive Board Members Nick Burton Taylor AM and Julia Burton Taylor OAM were the founding members of the organisation. Their belief in the power of local communities to change lives by providing further education, training and career opportunities is contagious and inspirational. The CEF approach to locally based fundraising, grants and support is a proven success. Independent Research shows that for every dollar invested in our work a return of \$4.99 is created in social value – changing the lives of young Australians, their families, and their communities. Together our foundations have helped over 6,000 young Australian become nurses, teachers, plumbers, accountants, pilots, builders, scientists, hairdressers, and engineers. The Foundations cannot wait to support a future Australian Prime Minister!

The clubs in Cluster 3 attend these nights because it is a great organisation to be a part of and is a prime hunting ground for RYLA participants. Have you got one near you?

AGM's

Many of our clubs will be participating in their annual AGM's, I hope you are all successful in filling the boards positions needed for next year. I have put my hand up for Club Services Director and President Elect, for next year and yes, I will be a recycled president in two years' time. I believe that I have something different to offer this time round.

It is important for all the President Elects and Secretaries to attend President Elects Training Seminar (PETS) in 2021. The dates for these are the 6th March 2021 in Armidale and 21st March 2021 in Port Macquarie. If you are in Port Macquarie for the conference in March why not stay on, have a great week's holiday, and attend PETS before you go home.

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!



MUSINGS FROM DG DEBBIE CONT.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE –

“Rotary an International Affair”

12-14th March 2021, Port Macquarie Panthers

Registrations are Open – please register at <https://www.rotary9650.org.au/>

We have some amazing speakers including Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons, Peter Baines OAM, and Dr Ray Hodgson. We will showcase some of our great local projects so please come along.

On Saturday night there will be a dinner and a show.

The show features the wonderful voices of Rob McDougall, Danielle Belle and Kerry Anne Greenland. For those of us that went to Epiphanies Tamworth a couple of years ago, we all know how great these young professional people are.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Did you all get the email from our Youth Director Kate George? Semi Finals - One on the coast and one inland on 27th & 28th February 2021.

INCOMING ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Please remember to update your club membership and officer information on the RI, District and RDU databases before 1 January 2021. You will be invoiced on what members you have assigned to your clubs. Please check it is correct. It will save all those unwanted emails asking you to pay more. Report all new or terminated members and 2020-21 club officers no later than 1 January 2021.

- Members with admission dates of 1 January 2021 or before will be counted for the January 2021 club invoice.
- Members with termination dates of 1 January 2021 or before will not be counted for the January 2021 club invoice.

If you are interested, you can see your membership changes reflected in Rotary International's database by signing into [My Rotary](#).

Next week's ENews will be the last for this year. E News Editor Laura and I will be taking a break from the ENews for two weeks. The first New Year edition will be 10th January 2021

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

IMPORTANT ROLES AS BRAND AMBASSADORS...

As brand ambassadors, we must adhere to the Rotary brand standards in order to strengthen our recognizability and unity. Please always check and be sure that Rotary branding is used in a correct and consistent way while sharing materials in this Facebook group and other platforms / communication channels. Keep in mind that even good intentions are watering down Rotary brand if not used correctly. Refresh your knowledge by taking Our Logo: Representing Rotary course at Rotary Learning Center

LOGO BASICS



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Community Corps of Parker

Rotary club signature

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ROADTRIPPING WITH DGE DAVID MAYNE

DGE David Mayne was able to take full advantage of relaxed boarder restrictions this week to take up an invitation to attend a charter dinner evening in Stanthorpe QLD.

The Rotary Club of the Granite Belt celebrated their charter on December 12 in the district immediately to our north D9640. DG Andy Rajapakse is a friend of D9650 recently attending the District Showcase in Tamworth. DGE David was delighted to be able to attend and as he prepares to lead the district come July 1 he has already committed to continuing DG Debbie's focus on membership and enhancing the experience for current and new members of the district. Also in attendance at the charter dinner was Jessie Harmen and PDG Harry Durey and his wife Joyce.

TIWI ISLANDS ROTARY PROJECT: PART 2

Part 2 of the joint project between the Rotary clubs of Taree and Lower Midcoast continued on Sunday the 29th November when President David Denning and Assistant Governor Cluster 4, Laurie Easter travelled to Darwin where we were met by fellow Rotarian and Executive Officer, Tiwi Land Council, Leonie Melder and Chief Financial Officer, Derek Mayger.

On Monday morning we were picked up and conveyed to Darwin airport where we boarded a charter flight to Bathurst Island. Arriving at Wurrumiyanga (Nguu) airport we were greeted by the CEO, Tiwi Land Council, Andrew Tipungwuti, Chairman, Gibson Farmer Illortaminni and a large group of local Tiwi residents. The plan was that the RAAF were to fly the 20 boxes of goods from the RAAF Base, Darwin to Bathurst Island with an arrival time of 0930hrs. Unfortunately the best laid plans can sometimes hit a snag which is exactly what happened with a technical issue grounding the C27 aircraft which had flown from 35SQN in Amberley QLD.

Moving to plan B we decided to do a tour of the local area including the Renal Clinic where some of the goods were to be distributed. We attempted to visit the aged care facility where the majority of the goods were destined but due to Covid-19 issues access was not permitted. A quick visit to the local art centre and museum then saw us back at the main community centre where we were invited to speak on the project and Rotary. They were very interested in how the 4 Way Test was used as the cornerstone of our organisation and it was noted that around 30 copies of the 4 Way Test were located around the conference table. After returning to Darwin later in the day contact was made with the RAAF re the future transporting of the goods onto Bathurst Island. A new schedule of 1230hrs on Friday the 4 December was provided.

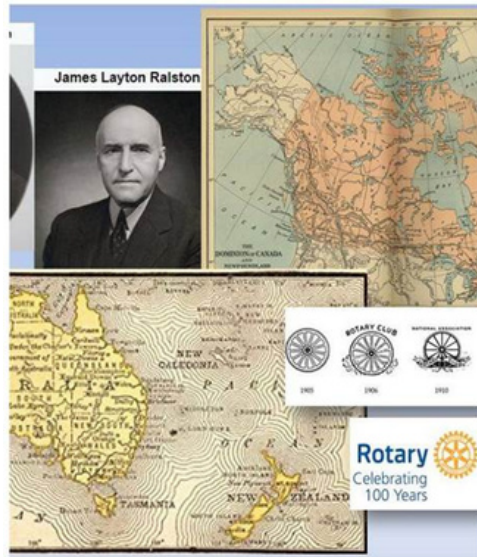
Tuesday saw us take another charter flight to Melville Island, Pirlangimpi, which has a population of less than 500 residents even though it is the second largest island in Australia behind Tasmania. On Wednesday we were invited to attend the funeral of a highly respected Tiwi Elder in Darwin which was attended by many dignitaries including the Honourable Lawrence Costa and former Olympian Nova Peris. Unfortunately David Denning had to return to Sydney on Thursday the 3 December and although quite a tight timeframe I was placed on the passenger manifest along with the Chairman to travel with the goods and do the handover on Bathurst Island at 1330hrs on the Friday before heading back to Darwin Airport and catching my flight back to Sydney at 1630hrs.

Unfortunately again due to operational issues the arrival of the aircraft was delayed yet again until after the departure of my commercial flight back to Sydney. To conclude the project I organised for Executive Officer and Rotarian Leonie Melder, the Chairman and Chief Financial Officer to travel on the RAAF C27 Aircraft along with the Rotary goods to Bathurst Island which were finally delivered at 1730hrs on Friday afternoon and will be distributed on Wednesday the 9 December.

We would like to acknowledge the tremendous support from the RAAF, the ADF, Rotary clubs of Taree, Taree's North, Lower Midcoast and Valley Industries, Taree who all contributed to the success of this much valued project to the Tiwi Islands.

-Laurie Easter, AG Cluster 4.





How it all started...

Rotary was introduced to Australia in 1921 by two Canadian Rotarians, James W Davidson and J Layton Ralston. By 1928, when the first Canberra club was chartered, there were 17 Australian clubs.

Rotary's first headlines The Argus, Melbourne 29th Saturday 26th March 1921: "Lieut.-Colonel J L Ralston, CMG, DSO, KC, and Mr. James W Davidson are visiting Australia as commissioners for the extension among professional and business men of the 'Rotary Club' movement which claims about 80,000 members in Canada, the British Isles and the United States. The Rotary Club movement had its beginning in 1905 and has for its slogan 'He profits most who serves best'. In each club there can only be one representative of each line of business and each profession. Its aim is to encourage and foster high ethical standards in business and profession." Ralston and Davidson only met in Los Angeles on their trip to Australia and New Zealand. But from their endeavours, within weeks, the first Rotary meetings were conducted in Melbourne, Sydney, Wellington and Auckland.

SAM'S NATTY KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS

Sam Openshaw's group has been running now for two years in the Port Macquarie Hastings region with a focus has been on helping those Homeless in the Community. I have delivered everywhere in the Hastings to the Homeless, Sr. Marjorie's Soup Kitchen, Liberty Cottage for Domestic Violence Victims, Port Macquarie Base Hospital.

The Ladies make Scarves, Beanies, Rugs, Crocheted bags, Toys anything they can knit or crochet. Most recently we all made a trip down South to Rainbow Flat to give to those made homeless from the bushfires. The Ladies also gave Christmas Gifts for the Children.

DISTRICT TROPHIES

If you have a District Trophy and are attending Showcase in Tamworth, /please bring it with you.

The District Trophy chair Glenda Barber will be calling for nominations for this year's trophies and awards commencing 1st December 2020.

Closing date for submissions is 19th February 2021.

SAME SAME BUT DIFFERENT?

Have you ever wondered whether you are on a different planet to others when communicating. Well as parents I guess we have all thought at some stage that we were not speaking the same language as our teenage offspring. Here's a light hearted look at our expectations in respect of meetings and others from a different generation!

COMMUNICATING ACROSS GENERATIONS

TRADITIONALISTS (BORN PRIOR TO 1946)

will typically arrive early and expect a paper agenda.

BABY BOOMERS (BORN BETWEEN 1946 AND 1964)

will expect a PowerPoint presentation and are willing to put in any extra hours required if the meeting runs long.

GEN X (BORN BETWEEN 1965 AND 1976)

[participants] will prefer to watch a video and expect the meeting to end by 5 p.m. to honor work-life balance boundaries.

MILLENNIALS (BORN BETWEEN 1977 AND 1997)

will want the meeting to have a strong purpose, and will use collaborative digital tools to share meeting information and expect others to do the same.

GENERATION Z (BORN AFTER 1997)

[participants may] want to call in from a remote location, no matter what the time, because they view the workplace as an anytime-anywhere proposition.

SOURCES

Pew Research (<https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2019/01/17/where-millennials-end-and-generation-z-begins/>)

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PROCESSING PHF APPLICATIONS

RI has limited days for dispatches so the cut-off dates for processing all PHF applications are as follows:

- 9 December for Australia (need allowance for Mail Post deliveries) Any applications processed after these dates will be shipped for January 2021 next year.
- 8 December for NZ (need allowance for Mail Post deliveries) Any applications processed after these dates will be shipped for January 2021 next year.
- 7 December for Philippines (need allowance for FedEx deliveries) Any applications processed after these dates will be shipped for January 2021 next year.

Please note, we can't accommodate any last minute PHF requests because of the restrictions and postage delivery delays.

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BSB: 932 000

Account No. 1004 53820

DONATIONS TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION IN AUSTRALIA

You can transfer your donations (e.g. *Centurion, PHF, EREY, Global Grants, Annual Fund, Polio Plus*) to the bank accounts below.

IMPORTANT: Please always email risppo@rotary.org on or before the transfer so that your donations can be identified.

For Club and District donations:

St. George Bank

Acct Name: The Rotary Foundation

Acct No: 100345225

BSB No: 332 084

For individual and business donations (or Clubs that need a tax deductible receipt):

St. George Bank

Acct Name: The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust

Acct No: 551038195

BSB No: 332 084

DISTRICT CONFERENCE – PORT MACQUARIE

12-14th March 2021

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Following the Ecumenical Church Service on

Sunday 14th March 2021, we will be having a Service of Remembrance, acknowledging all Rotarians in District 9650 who have died from 31/3/2018 up till the conference in 2021.

(Note - this is for two years, as we were unable to hold this service earlier this year due to Covid.)

Please send the following –

the name of your deceased Rotarian,

the name of your club.

His/her date of death,

PLUS a photo (head-shot) in a jpeg file as an attachment.

Please send to Kerry Medway (R/C of Port Macquarie)

via email- kerry@kerryedway.org ASAP,

so we can start collating a power point for the service. THANKYOU."



1st – 8th May 2021

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NEED A SPARE LEG?

Do any Rotarians need or know of an avenue for three sets of adult prosthetic legs to be distributed? Please get in touch today!

We have been contacted to see if they could be of any use to a project and would love to give them a new home!

Please contact Sara Hankin President of Dorriggo 17924 Rotary Club if you can help!.

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