



# Rotary



Rotary International District 9650

## E News - Monday 13 January 2020

Rotary International President  
Mark Maloney (Gay)

Rotary Club of Decatur Alabama USA

District Governor

Phil Hafey (Bronwyn)

Rotary Club of Laurieton NSW Australia

### MESSAGES FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL VIA DG PHIL HAFEY

Rotary International Foundation  
Grants available for disaster  
response efforts



Dear Rotary leaders,

Rotarians close to home and around the world are coming together to support communities affected by natural disasters. Rotary and our project partner in disaster relief, ShelterBox, are extremely concerned for the people affected by the Australian wildfires and are actively working with local contacts to understand the kind of support needed in response to this natural disaster.

**Clubs and districts can now apply for Rotary disaster response grants to support relief efforts. These grants can be used to provide supplies, medical care, and to support rebuilding efforts.**

To make these grants possible, we are asking for both cash and DDF contributions to support our Disaster Response Fund. You can donate DDF by clicking here.

To make an individual gift, please visit:  
<https://my.rotary.org/en/disaster-response-fund>



Learn More About  
**DISASTER  
RESPONSE**



Thank you for your dedication and service on behalf of The Rotary Foundation.

### ROTARY DISASTER RESPONSE GRANTS

The Rotary Foundation supports disaster relief and recovery efforts through grants from the Rotary Disaster Response Fund.

#### What Rotary disaster response grants support

Districts that have been affected by natural disasters can use Rotary disaster response grants to launch their own projects or work with established relief organizations to help their communities recover. Grant funds can be used to provide basic items such as water, food, medicine, and clothing. Districts should work closely with local officials and groups to ensure that the funding will meet a specific community need.

Download Terms and Conditions for Rotary Disaster Response Grants.

The Rotary Foundation also offers funding to support long-term disaster recovery efforts through global grants. Learn more.

#### Who can apply for a disaster response grant

Once qualified for Rotary grants, districts in an affected area or country may apply for a maximum grant of \$25,000, based on the availability of funds. A district may apply for subsequent grants after it successfully reports outcomes from previous grants.

Get qualified for grants.

#### How to apply

The district governor and district Rotary Foundation chair complete the Rotary Disaster Response Grant Application and send it to [grants@rotary.org](mailto:grants@rotary.org).

**For more information... visit this page on the "rotary.org" website**

<https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/apply-grants/rotary-disaster-response-grants>

**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)

**FURTHER NEWS FROM DG PHIL HAFEY:** Attached is a copy of a letter I received today from RI President Mark for inclusion in E News. (Friday 10 Jan 2020)



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Dear District Governors of Australia,

I was saddened to hear of the widespread devastation in Australia from the recent and ongoing bush fires and the growing impact it is having on your country. Gay and I send our sincere condolences to all communities affected.

It is heartening that Rotarians are answering the call in Australia and providing assistance however we can to people in need. The Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) is doing a wonderful job raising funds and dispersing them efficiently. In addition to this resource, I want you to know that Rotary provides several other forms of assistance as well, and you should feel free to request these resources as needed.

As news of this tragedy reaches Rotarians, many will be calling Rotary International, expressing their concern and asking how they or their clubs can help. If your district is undertaking local relief efforts, please let us know by writing to [relief@rotary.org](mailto:relief@rotary.org) so that RI can help promote your initiatives throughout the Rotary network.

Additionally, we encourage you to work with club leaders in your districts to post any disaster relief and recovery projects on [Rotary Ideas](#), Rotary's online crowd contributing tool. Clubs can ask for funds, volunteers, goods, and grant partners. Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike are able to contribute directly to projects and there are no fees to use the tool.

Rotary members are now able to contribute to The Rotary Foundation's [Disaster Response Fund](#), a general fund which supports club and district relief activities. These contributions fund Rotary Disaster Response Grants to support a district's immediate disaster relief efforts. Qualified districts in affected areas may apply for a grant of US \$25,000, pending availability of funds. Districts may apply for subsequent grants after successfully reporting on any prior grants. [Visit My Rotary](#) for more information about the Grant and to apply for funding. Longer term recovery efforts may be eligible for support from The Rotary Foundation through a [district or global grant](#).

The Disaster Network of Assistance – Rotarian Action Group provides advice and support for all aspects of disasters ranging from preparedness through long term recovery and can be contacted for assistance at [dna.rag.contact@gmail.com](mailto:dna.rag.contact@gmail.com).

As always, when organizing a club or district response to a disaster, we encourage you to work with reputable first responder organizations to meet the immediate needs of those affected. ShelterBox is a Rotary International project partner that delivers emergency temporary shelter and other aid following disasters. ShelterBox welcomes contact from Rotarians to jointly assess community needs; we encourage you to engage with them to see what support and service opportunities can be offered. They can be contacted at [rotaryrequest@shelterbox.org](mailto:rotaryrequest@shelterbox.org).

Please know that you have the support of Rotarians around the world as you cope with this tragedy.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Maloney".

Mark Daniel Maloney  
President, Rotary International 2019-2020

#### **DETAILS RE THE FOUNDATION DISTRICT GRANTS**

The D9650 Foundation Grants Chair has advised the District Governor of the successful Applicants for this year's District Grants.

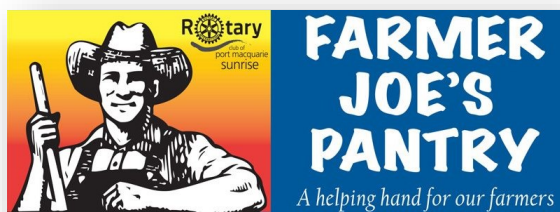
Applicants will now be informed of the outcome of their Application and then the details of the successful

applicants will be reported in the E-News detailing the actual projects that will be delivered with the Foundation funding.

Successful Applicants are reminded to ensure that they respond as required to fulfil the obligations for any Grant received.



## UPDATE FROM FARMER JOES PANTRY



The pantry was officially opened just two months ago and already we have helped in excess of 50 families, most of which now come in with their shopping lists.

We help by providing them with most of their non-perishable foods, toiletries, pet food etc. We also have stocks of clothing, bedding, toys & gifts, so once the families affected by the fires have resettled we are able to assist with these things as well.

We created dozens of hampers prior to Christmas to try to ensure there was something under the tree for everyone.

We are now setting up our back to school section.

The following is an extract of an email that your E-News Editor received from Pam Foye 10 Jan 20:

*Before and after photos as late yesterday we took receipt of two utes and full box trailers FULL of food from the Gold Coast.*

*I could have stayed at the pantry until midnight to get it sorted but had another commitment so had to leave it for my volunteers today. I did however bring in some reinforcements and instead of 2 volunteers had 6 there today who created the "after" shot miracle.*

*Since the South Coast fires our FB page has gone ballistic and a story I did with SBS Foods resurfaced.*

*Overnight we had 67 new views and 30 new likes. I've received four different deliveries from Woolworths home delivery service from Darwin, Sydney & Brisbane.*

*Next week we are going to start making up hampers for our "shy" or too proud farmers and will start some home deliveries via Wauchope Rural Supplies.*

*We also are just waiting for Community housing to rehouse the young woman with 5 kids who lost everything in a house fire in Wauchope two weeks ago. We immediately helped her with food, clothing & shoes and now have beds, mattresses, outdoor settings, washing machine & microwave just waiting for her to be rehoused.*

Photos below - Deliveries before sorting



Photo right:  
order  
restored in  
the Pantry



Check out the Pantry's Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/farmerjoespantry/>

Update provided by District Treasurer & Farmer Joe's Pantry Coordinator Pam Foye

## ROTARY BUSHFIRES NATIONAL APPEAL



Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) has launched the new "**Rotary Bushfires National Appeal**" which is a Rotary Australia Relief Fund [RARF] project – number 68/2019-20.

Organisations and individuals can donate to the fund using the following details:

<b>Account Name:</b>	Rotary Australia Relief Fund
<b>BSB:</b>	067-105
<b>Account No:</b>	10519888
<b>Reference:</b>	DonorName& 68/2019-20

The administration of the project will be the responsibility of the District Governors, or their representatives, of the Districts impacted by bushfires.

Regular updates will be provided in E News.

## ROTARY, TOASTMASTERS LAUNCH NEW COLLABORATION

Rotary and Toastmasters have launched a new collaboration to help their members broaden their networks and increase their positive impact in communities.

Rotary clubs and districts can get involved in this alliance by learning more about Toastmasters, exploring its resources and public speaking tips, or visiting a local Toastmasters club.

Read a blog post about why Toastmasters benefits Rotary clubs and learn more.

Toastmasters can benefit a Rotary club in a number of ways.

- It can improve the quality of your weekly programs by creating a pool of people who can deliver a better talk. Often clubs invite someone to give a program because of their topic, regardless of their skills as a speaker. Imagine having a built in means of training people to deliver better programs.
- It can enhance your leadership training. One of our members joined when he was selected as president-elect of his alumni advisory council. He knew he would have several speaking engagements and joined Toastmasters to practice. Toastmasters members also learn skills in running meetings.
- It can teach your members how to better share their Rotary story with the public. We have developed some great storytellers, and Rotarians have amazing stories to tell.
- It can introduce people to Rotary and show them why they should join. Often, when non-Rotarians join our Toastmasters club, they inevitably hear about Rotary and end up joining.

## REMEMBERING PAST PRESIDENT BRIAN BRENTON



Thank you to President Peter Dutton from the Rotary Club of Manilla for this Memorial to such a fine Rotarian, who served our many communities as a Rotarian of 42 years and passed away after a short illness on 19 December 2019. President Peter reported that being the festive season it

was difficult to contact all of his fellow Rotarians. However there was a strong representation at his funeral. Brian served with the NSW Police force and served in all the towns mentioned in the article below. (by Peter).

He was a dedicated Police Officer and also held many and varied positions in the Sporting Shooters Association and represented Australia as a shooter and in official capacity.

*May I, on behalf of all Rotarians, express our deepest sympathy to Mary, her children and extended family on the death of her dear Husband & friend Brian.*

*Brian joined the Gunnedah Rotary Club in 1977 - this came about after he had been tempted by Rotary GSE program while stationed at Curlewis. Brian was selected as a team member for District 7530 in the USA in 1976.*

*The Rotary Foundation's Group Study Exchange (GSE) program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for businesspeople and professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 who are in the early stages of their careers. The GSE bug really hit Brian, in the next three years he did a total of 43 talks to various groups and organisations regarding the whole GSE experience. From discussions with Brian I know that he really did gain a lot from that experience and till the end was a big supporter of Rotary International and a driving force of the Rotary Foundation within our club.*

*From Gunnedah Brian was transferred to Inverell where he was a member of Inverell Rotary Club. On transfer to Brewarrina he found it not practical to travel 100kms to Bourke and so he was invited to join Lions which he did for three years. Then came Gilgandra Rotary club where he served, among other positions, a term as President and was again selected by District 9670 as GSE Team Leader to District 7600 in the USA, well deserved, this team also included another Manilla resident Eric Deckers.*

*Then he was transferred to Coonamble and joined Coonamble Rotary Club, in 1997 Brian was recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow and in 1999 he received the District 9650 Rotary Foundation District Service Award. He was appointed Assistant Governor for that year and remained in the club until he moved back to Manilla in 2012, and joined us in our Manilla club.*

*During his years in Manilla Rotary he served two terms as treasurer along with his International portfolio, and worked with The Rotary Foundation.*

*"Involvement is the key to being a Rotarian" Brian said. "If you don't want to be involved, why be there?" And he was. Many stories were told by Brian and as you all knew him, they were always in-depth, which kept us entertained.*

*Brian of course could not have achieved all that he did without the support of his wife Mary and his children, for this we all are thankful.*

*I found the following quotation under The Rotary Foundation - if*

*it wasn't written for Brian it should have been.*

*Rotary is in the **People** business and Brian wore this on his sleeve*

**P – Proud or pride-** He was a Proud Man, and this showed through his family, his work and Brian's community commitment.

**E- Empathy** (Concern for others) always

**O- Opportunity** (continually seek the opportunity to assist others)

**P- Peace** (Conflict Resolution)

**L- Literacy** – Kept us well informed

**E- Enthusiasm** (through Leadership and Service) 42 years in all

*"Brian belonged to every country town organisation except CWA and Quota" he once quipped.*

*The number of people here today is certain evidence that Brian will surely be missed by us all. He will be remembered for kindness and I will remember his handshake and smile.*

*PJ Dutton*

*President Rotary Club of Manilla*

Thank you for sharing this great Memorial to such a fine gentleman who we can all be proud was a fine Rotarian who lived by the motto "Service Above Self"

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## MESSAGE FROM ROTARY CLUB OF QUIRINDI

The Rotary Club of Quirindi have created a "Go fund Me" fundraiser to purchase fodder from the local area being the Liverpool Plains and to transport the fodder to the bushfire affected areas in the Bega Valley. Visit:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/quirindi-rotary-fodder-run>



Above image taken from the Go Fund Me Page with the caption below explaining the photo...

Photo below is of the members of the Quirindi Club.

Congratulations to the Club on this initiative of extending the hand of support to other communities in need.



David Wallis  
Organiser • 4 days ago

This photo taken at Pollacks Flat Road, Bega, by Zoe Irvin, is just one indication of the desperation faced by those with livestock in the Bega valley. Our Rotary Fodder Run will be buying local products and distributing them to those in need in the impacted area. Just one bag of calf pellets will feed a calf for one week, and there are 40 bags on a pallet. Many thanks for your continued support for the Quirindi Rotary Club.







communities have greatly impacted the very social fabric of our community and there has never been a more critical time for the crisis support workers.



## IMPORTANT TRAINING DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

These dates are critical District Training dates for incoming Club and District Officers.

It is important that all incoming officers attend the sessions that are arranged for them in their region.

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY 8-9 FEB 2020**

District Management Team Training Port Macquarie

*Sunday 1 Mar 2020*

Presidents-elect Training (Western) at Tamworth

*Sunday 8 Mar 2020*

Presidents-elect Training (Eastern) at Port Macquarie

*Fri—Sun 20-22 Mar 2020*

D9650 District Conference at South West Rocks

*Sunday 5 Apr 2020*

District Training for Incoming Club Offices at Armidale

*Sunday 19 Apr 2020*

District Training for Incoming Club Offices at Port Macquarie

*Sunday 3 May 2020*

District Training for Incoming Club Offices at Gunnedah

*Saturday 27 Jun 2020*

District Changeover at Laurieton

**SAVE THE DATE**



### Message from President Ros Scoble from the Rotary Club of Inverell East

The Rotary Club of Inverell East will be celebrating 50 years on Saturday, 11th July 2020 at the Riverside Function Centre, Inverell.

Flyers with detailed information will be issued closer to the date.

The Club is providing this advance notice to assist those interested in attending to help the Rotary Club of Inverell East celebrate 50 years of Rotary Service to diarise the date and to book accommodation.

### MESSAGE FROM BRONWYN HAFEY:

Thank you to the Clubs who have supported our LIFELINE project, the 2019-20 DG Partner's Project.

I appreciate all of the support received to date and invite Clubs to consider donating to this very timely and important Cause to support our communities.

Thank you to the Clubs who have supported already.

The disasters encountered by our District's

### FOR DONATIONS—DIRECT DEPOSIT TO:

#### DG Partner's Project Account:

##### Account Name:

Rotary International D9650 DG Partner's Project

##### BSB: 721-000

##### Account No: 500143137

##### Reference Required: Rotary Club Name

### RESCHEDULED DISTRICT GOVERNOR CLUB VISITS

Thursday 16 January:	Narrabri
Monday 3 February:	Coonabarabran
Tuesday 4 February:	Coonamble (tbc)
Wednesday 5 February:	Barraba
Thursday 6 February:	Gunnedah West
Friday 7 February:	Tamworth Sunrise
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

Club members and partners are encouraged to attend

### CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

The District Conference website is open for on-line Registrations. A paper form can also be downloaded.

The 2020 District Conference will be held at picturesque South West Rocks from 20-22 March 2020.

To access the Conference website go to:

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

In addition to the registration forms, the website will feature the Conference Promotional Video and a "who to contact" list.

This year's Conference will feature successful projects from a number of Rotary Clubs and successful projects funded by Foundation Grants will also be featured.

The Conference Program will be finalised shortly and guest speakers will be announced at that time.

## 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**

**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.

**Brochure & applications on website**

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

## WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK UPDATE

Our District Child Protection Officer Diana Reynolds has advised that there have been changes that became operational on **1 December 2019** that will impact anyone seeking to renew and update or apply for Working With Children Checks. Note renewal is required every 5 years. The Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC) has imposed new proof-of-identity requirements for anyone applying for or renewing their Working With Children Check (WWCC). ACIC requires these higher standards to minimise the risk of identity theft and to further protect the safety of children. These changes come into effect 1 December 2019.

Once you have completed your application online, you will still need to take your email receipt along with the necessary proof of identity documents to a Service NSW centre to finalise your application or renewal. You can either print out your application email receipt, or just show the receipt on your phone.

The identification documents you provide **must be original, hard copy documents and must include at least one photo ID**. The combination of the identity documents collected must contain the applicant's:

- First name and surname in full
- Date of birth
- Photograph

Types of document you will need

- One commencement of identity document (such as full Australian birth certificate—not an extract or Current Australian Passport)
- One primary use in the community document (such as driver licence)

- Two secondary use in community documents (such as Medicare card and a credit or debit bank card)

Full details are available from the Office of the Children's Guardian website, Working With Children section and the sub-section "Help to apply, renew and update". This is the link to that specific page:

<https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check/applicant/help-to-apply-renew-and-update>

The Summary that Diana Reynolds has extracted will be circulated to Club Presidents and Club Secretaries with this E-News, for distribution to the Club's Child Protection Officer and indeed to all members.

Thank you Diana for this critical advice and update.

## EXPERIENCE THE WARMTH AND WELCOME OF HONOLULU

Aloha, fellow Rotarians and members of the family of Rotary!

Paradise, opportunity, and memories await you at the 111th Rotary International Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, 6-10 June 2020, where we'll connect people of action from all over the world.



Discover the true spirit of *aloha* and Rotary with your family, friends, and fellow Rotarians in Honolulu. It's the perfect setting for the entire family of Rotary to celebrate, collaborate, and connect.

The convention is the best place to find and share your *aloha*, which you'll soon discover is much more than a greeting. Just as Rotary is a way of life for Rotarians, *aloha* is a way of life for Hawaiians — one that focuses on living in harmony, being patient, treating everyone with respect, and sharing joy with your family, or *‘ohana*.

There's no better place than Honolulu to rejuvenate the spirit of Rotary. Join us and share your *aloha* with the entire family of Rotary at the 2020 Rotary International Convention. We look forward to seeing you there.

Me ka 'oia'i'o (Sincerely),

Mark Daniel Maloney 2019-2020 RI President

## The Aloha Spirit

"Aloha" is more than a word of greeting or farewell or a salutation. "Aloha" means mutual regard and affection and extends warmth in caring with no obligation in return. "Aloha" is the essence of relationships in which each person is important to every other person for collective existence. "Aloha" means to hear what is not said, to see what cannot be seen and to know the unknowable.

*Hawaii Revised Statutes, §5-7.5*

