



Rotary Opens Opportunities

September is basic education and literacy month. Rotary's goal is to empower communities to support basic education, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.



THIS ISSUE

Roadtripping with the DG

NYSF update

Laurie Barber OAM

Vale

CALENDAR

September 14 - DG visit to Laurieton
 September 15 - DG visit Lower Mid North Coast
 September 18 - DG visit to Lightning Ridge
 September 18-20 - Zone 8 Rotary Conference online
 September 19 - Coonamble Debutant Ball
 September 21-24 - RYAG Dairy Wingham
 September 21 - DG visit Glen Innes
 September 22 - DG visit to Guyra

MUSINGS FROM THE DG

Last week was all about 'do as I say, not s I do'. I have received my infringement notice and paid it. This week I am very happy to report that there have been no mishaps and no misadventures. Let's hope it stays that way for the rest of my term.

My week started with a visit to the Rotary Club of Woolgoolga where I was hosted by President Julie Marshall. AG for Cluster 1 Pam Stone was also in attendance. It was lovely to see Pam out and about following her recent illness. Thanks to Peter Paff for helping out during this time. This club like every other is re evaluating its participation in community projects and fundraising during this Covid pandemic. They have said goodbye temporarily to the Rotary Auctions which have been the club's flagship fundraiser for over 30 years. They have been involved with the Mulloway School by providing a sensory garden. Last year the community Bush Dance featured very strongly and hosted over 100 enthusiastic participants. The club has been a supporter of the bushfire relief effort co ordinated by Taree and Dorrigo. A past Rotarian from the Friendship Exchange program in 2008 came back and visited the area during the bushfires and was so moved he made a personal donation to help the victims of bushfire. The club is supportive of Heartstart, Hello Orara Valley and the Bush Tucker Box. The club are supporters of ARH and the Cando Cancer Trust. We talked about community partnerships and the club have been involved with The Jim Stevens Seat and plaque to commemorating Jim and his dog Buddha's involvement in caring for the local environment. I was treated to an Acknowledgement of Country by President Julie in the Gumbaynggir language and we all joined in a sing song of Heads Shoulders Knees and toes the Woopi Rotary Way - Gumbaynggir language.

Gaadi burrum бага-бага jiina
 Baga-baga jiina, бага-бага jiina
 Gaadi burrum бага-бага jiina

I can only remember the word for knees..... How about you? ☺

The second visit was to the Rotary Club of Wingham at their Services Club in Wingham. It has been 10 years since I was there at least. Possibly at the end of my footy days when the Wauchope Blues beat the Wingham Tigers! Might have been the year after we won the Group 3 championship! So enough about that I don't want to incite a riot. I was hosted by President Allan Browne, and in attendance was Cluster 4 AG Laurie Easter. The pre meeting board meeting was enthusiastically attended and I was called to account over the joining of our District with District 9670 in a couple of years' time. The questions are very much along the same lines as other clubs and many have raised similar concerns. By the time this newsletter is distributed I am hoping there will have been a significant email to all the Rotarians in both district answering some of the questions and providing a very clear outline of the structure of the new district and how it will be managed. It will be business as usual for the clubs at club level. The club is involved in supporting many projects including the Westpac Rescue Helicopter, Wingham Men's Shed, Billy Cart Race.

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.

They also support the school bus by providing funds to keep it well maintained, and other schools and Day Care. They have also been big supporters of the bushfire relief. One of the very interesting projects was that of a project called "Art and Soul". This is a project of member Ron Hindmarsh an art teacher. The members of the community who have been involved in the Emergency Services and defence are provided an outlet and assistance for their PTSD recovery in the form of participation in art. This has been a very successful project and if anyone would like to emulate this project of need help or a club speaker, please do not hesitate to contact Ron, he will be only too happy to help. Ron mobile: 0409 507 362 E: ronandhelen1@bigpond.com.

My next visit was to the Rotary Club of Bellingin. This was a laugh right from the outset. It was a zoom meeting conducted on a very wet and blustery evening. I was glad to not be driving up the highway. Will visit another time. After sorting some technological issues, nothing to do with Bellingin we all met each other via our screens. The meeting was hosted by President Diana Christian. The meeting seemed to have an awful lot of people attending by the name of Kenneth Lloyd. In fact, nine people by this name. Apparently, this is what happens when there are difficulties logging in. After a lot of amusing comment Kenneth appeared as his real self. I was wondering if this was a membership stunt, looked like they were a hug club! Kenneth a very musical person gave us a rendition of several songs to famous tunes including a 'Welcome to DG' in the tune of Oh My Darling Clementine. I was most impressed, so thank you Ken, very entertaining and a first for me. Bellingin have a very impressive Club Plan and I was given a copy. President Diana says she is happy for me to share, so if anyone wants a look let me know on my visits or contact Diana personally. The club has been involved with funding and supply of defibrillators in the community, partnering with other groups to supply eye drops for the fire fighters. They support the local Men's Shed and have been at the forefront of community work by providing a gift to people in the community affected by the Covid pandemic restrictions. This club like many I have visited are concerned about some people in the community and the effects of continued isolation on their health. It would appear, that we dare to care about so many people, many who we didn't know before but do now, and they know about Rotary which is excellent. A big shout out to PP Jim who was tasked with picking up his children in town during the meeting and proceeded to do so, with his phone on so he could listen and then reconnected when he got back home.

Next week Laurieton, Lower Midcoast, Narrabri – just dropping in again for the fourth time ☺ and Lightning Ridge! See you out there in this great world of Rotary, Stay Safe and Stay Connected.

And always remember,

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



YOUTH EXCHANGE

Our latest YEPPER is now available on our webpage D9650 youth exchange or use this link <https://www.rotaryyouthexchange9650.com.au> to read the latest stories of how our students are handling the time overseas.

BIRTHDAY FUN

Ahead of his birthday on September 1 Ken Hall has sent a target to raise \$1000 for Lifeline. For more information contact Ken via email: hallkr330@gmail.com

ZONE 8 CONFERENCE

Registrations are now open for the 2020 Zone 8 Rotary Conference. It was supposed to be held in Alice Springs but now we will have to go there via the internet. [Click here to register!](#)

ROTARACT PODCAST

In her role as Rotaract Australia Communications Director, District Rotaract Representative Laura Telford has created a Rotaract podcast.

She is interviewing Rotaractors and Rotarians around the country sharing exciting stories about how Rotaractors are continuing to contribute to the world.

It officially launches on September 20 but click this link for a sneak peak.

https://www.buzzsprout.com/1348492/5414389-introduction-to-chats-by-rotaract-australia.mp3?blob_id=21978460&download=true

CONGRATULATIONS PDG LAURIE BARBER ON OAM

Rotarian Laurie Barber OAM has served on the NSW Country Press Association in various capacities, retiring as deputy president upon the sale of the company he represented. He was also a member of Country Press Australia Awards committee.

He wrote the style guide Please Print for the NSW Country Press Association, later adopted by other state associations and then Country Press Australia. Among editorial awards were runner-up Australian Journalist of the year (1980) and NSW Country Journalist of the Year (1993 and 2003) a member of the International Society of Weekly Newspaper Editors "Golden Dozen" (1980).

He edited Inverell History book World of its Own and wrote Massacre at Myall Creek, in state and national libraries and universities and quoted in the Oxford Companion to Australian History (450). Since 1995 he has been, and is still, writing a weekly newspaper column, My Word, appearing in newspaper publications around Australia, the purpose of this column being to encourage a greater appreciation of our language. (this is unpaid work) He is a life member of Jaycees, a former chairman of theme park Timbertown,

Founder of the Inverell Sportsman of the year Committee, is currently Patron of the Hastings Fellowship of Writers. Was a State basketball referee for 50 years. He is now a member of Probus and the University of the Third Age, and a volunteer with Meals on Wheels. He joined the Rotary Club of Inverell East in July 1971 and the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie in December 1982 and is currently the longest serving member of that club.

He has served in many club and district positions, including Governor of District 9650 in 2006-07. While Governor he raised, through Rotary, \$60,000 which was matched by Australian Rotary Health to set up 3 scholarships to research Motor Neuron Disease. He established a Rotary group called Pacific Health Aid, bringing Papua-New Guinea nurses to Australia for specialised training. This is now called Pacific Training Aid. He is a Paul Harris Fellow x3 (a prestigious award within Rotary) And a Gold Companion of Australian Rotary Health. He was district coordinator for a round- Australia bike ride in 2009 run by Australian Rotary Health and aiding Mental Health.

He was on the national board of Australian Rotary Health for 3 years 2013-16 He was nominated for Hastings Citizen of the Year in 2008 and was named Senior Citizen of the Year in 2014. Huge congratulations Laurie on your OAM!



RYLA
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
Lake Keepit 1st – 8th May 2021
(Applications will be available soon on D9650 webpage)

Introducing our RYLA Program Coordinator
JOHN CARROLL

John has given freely of his time to RYLA in District 9650 for over a decade...



John is a revolutionary business leader, an inspiring speaker, an author and a workshop presenter. He blends his knowledge and experience in business leadership, brand marketing and advertising across three continents with a deep passion for personal and organisational development. He has been speaking and facilitating workshops professionally for over 15 years. John holds degrees in Business Administration and Psychology and is a qualified trainer and workshop facilitator. He is the author of "Purposeful: A Step-by-Step Guide to Finding Clear Direction in a Chaotic World" and writes for a number of magazines and online journals. He is an independent keynote speaker, workshop presenter, coach and consultant.

END POLIO NOW

This October Walk with Us is an End Polio Now event to be held across Australia and New Zealand throughout October to raise funds to eradicate the scourge of polio. Corporate sponsorship will cover administration costs so 100% of funds raised by walkers will go to Rotary's End Polio Now programme. To register now and donate [click here](#).

The customised user-friendly fundraising platform will: Allow everyone registering, to select their own walking target as well as determine your own fundraising goal. It will also provide a donation link for walkers to share with friends, family and others.

Let's all walk for those who can't.
Email: kitty@rotaryinaction.org
for more information.

BEIRUT APPEAL

Rotary in Australia have lodged and registered with RAWCS a tax deductible project for donations at the request of the District Governors for the relief and rebuild of Beirut following the disaster where over 200 people were killed, 6500 injured and 300,000 have become homeless.

We are in contact with District 2852 where Lebanon is one of 9 countries within the District and they are preparing a list of projects that will require funding, based on a community needs assessment. PDG's Zaki Dorkham, Bruce Allen, Michael Perkins and myself are working together on this project and Bruce Allen will be in contact with the District Governors of Australia on updates, once we have ranked the projects and costings. We have an article in the upcoming edition of RDU on the appeal as well pushing through it on their social media outlets. We ask if the District Governors can distribute the attached notice of the appeal to all Rotary, Rotaract & Interact clubs in their Districts.

As well we ask if you and the Clubs can share among your social media contacts.



Your donation, no matter how big or small, will assist in the short and long term emergency relief of the people of Beirut. Rotary clubs in Lebanon have already been delivering food packs and assisting with temporary housing.

Rotary are currently having a community needs assessment compiled and developed by a panel of expert NGO's for the long term recovery of Beirut and we will particularly be looking at the health and education needs of the people of Beirut.



Michel Jassar (pictured), is from the Rotary Club of Kesrouan, Lebanon and is also the Chairman of the Rotary District Disaster Relief Committee for Beirut. Michel is working with District Governor Mazen Aluman who is from the Rotary Club of Manama, Bahrain.

Instigated by Castle Hill Rotary Club and supported by the Rotary Clubs of Australia

Please donate to www.rawcs.org.au



VALE PAUL CALOKERINOS

Rotary Club of Manilla loses one of its longest serving members, Paul Calokerinos. Paul had been a member of Rotary for the past 40 years - a great effort. In 1991 Paul was awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship for his service and tireless work for the Manilla community. I can remember when the Ambulance ladies catered for weddings and special events in Manilla during the 1960's - 70's, raising funds for the current ambulance station, often Paul would help the ladies with the food preparation or advice. A thing that I recall about Paul is that whenever the club was having a social function or visiting another club, Paul's hand would be the first to go up and say count me in.

I often thought 'where do you get the energy', we would always pick him up (and Helen when she attended) at the Canberra Café and yes he would be waiting, with Helen making sure he would be warm enough. Paul always had a lot of goodies (Olives and Olive paste) which he would share very generously and would always look for an opportunity to promote Manilla. When it was time to head home, especially if we had visited Boggabri or Barraba, you would have to round Paul up as he was always the last to leave.

Our Christmas dinners were always special with Paul manning the BBQ, with everyone looking forward to his BBQ prawns. Paul had a quirky sense of humour as some of our members discovered when it came to trying a different meal! The Skylight Restaurant was our club's meeting place for many years as well as Changeovers and special functions - Paul, Helen and John always presented a great meal. Invited guests were always eager to attend as they knew they would get a good feast and great company. Paul will be missed as a valuable member, friend and mentor. As we discuss the events of the day, no longer will we be able to ask him who is who - his memory and knowledge of Manilla history was outstanding.

Peter J Dutton
President
Rotary Club of Manilla



NYSF 2021 CANDIDATES CHOSEN



On 5 and 6 September, the District 9650 NYSF committee spent about 14 hours each day interviewing applicants for this amazing program by ZOOM. It certainly was a marathon, but it was fun, challenging and very successful. Three amazing year 12 students who were alumni from the NYSF in 2020 joined up as panel members and were absolutely amazing. They exhibited all the skills and personality and made a most valuable contribution to the weekend. Thank you to Thurkka Jeyakumar and Lucinda Ball from Armidale and Nathanan Holmes from Forster. Great work!

The following students have been offered a place in NYSF 2021

Eliza Boland & Elian Cotter – Armidale Central RC
Georgia Butler & Piyumi Ekanayake – Armidale North RC
Kari Donaldson – Boggabri RC
Hunter Churchwell – Coffs Harbour City RC
Lachlan Eshman – Coonabarabran RC
Courtney Wright – Glen Innes RC
Chelsea Storey – Gunnedah RC
Tayla Mitchell, Joseph Stanley, Cooper Stanley – Guyra RC
Samuel Flood & Oscar Rainger – Inverell East RC
Madeline Howard – Nambucca Valley RC
Imogen Taylor – Narrabri RC
Imogen Taylor, Kashia McGrath, Mackenzie Toone-Spokes, Nina Walters and Gretel Worner – Port Macquarie RC
Mark Batterham & Thomas Boorer – Quirindi RC
Ryan Southern – Tamworth RC
Patrick Grainger & WenYan LimSchneider – Taree RC
Abigail Gammon & Tyler Mathews – Wauchope RC

There were 3 other successful students who were not sponsored by a Rotary Club – Nathan Smith (Taree), Alexander Hall & Lachlan Hey (Armidale)

Special thanks to the Rotary Clubs who found these young people and have prepared them for an experience of a lifetime.

I would like to acknowledge the time and effort of my committee and thank them for their support. These incredibly generous Rotarians are PDG Bob Ryan, Julie Clendinning, Nick Hafey, Jack Wilson, PDG Ken Hall

Many thanks and we are ready to accept any challenges which come in the future!!
Di Hall, District Chair

The Rotary Open of Tamworth 2020



“The Rotary Open of Tamworth” is on again by popular demand and being organised by Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light.

- Be in the running to win the “STUNNING Gold & Blue Jacket”
- Friday 16th October 2020 – 1 tee starting from 10:30am
- Tamworth Golf Club
- Includes a Barbeque lunch on the way around
- \$40 per person
- Individual Stableford in conjunction with 2 person Irish 4 ball
- Book and pay at the Pro Shop with Brock Sampson, individually or as a team of 2 or 4 phone 6765 9980
- Sponsor a hole for \$100 or you may like to donate a prize
- Lots of prizes and fun, BBQ lunch included
- Presentation and drinks to follow the golf
- PROCEEDS donated to LOCAL TAMWORTH CHARITIES

Further information:

Michael Smith – 0408 230 211

Dennis Maunder – 0428 456 017

Deb Barnes – 0411 770 552

David Hinwood – 0418 667 768

SEPTEMBER IS

BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

“Education is a social process. Education is growth. Education is not a preparation for life; education is life itself.”

John Dewey



TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Get Involved





District 9650 Conference

Rotary an

International Affair

March 12-14th 2021



Panthers Bay St, Port Macquarie

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