



Rotary International District 9650

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

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

THIS WEEKS MESSAGE FROM DG PHIL HAFEY

DISTRICT CHANGEOVER

As advised last week the District Changeover will be held via Zoom on Saturday 27 June at 7.00pm. The program will follow the usual format and will feature some acknowledgements and presentations, my Annual Report (which will be published in E News the following day) and the formal Changeover.

The MC for the evening will be Cluster 8 Assistant Governor, Bruce George.

The actual link is:

Topic: DISTRICT 9650 Changeover

Time: 27 Jun 2020 07:00 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

To Join Zoom Meeting click or use this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84136002346>

Meeting ID: 841 3600 2346

Or via One tap on mobile

+61280156011,,84136002346# Australia

Or via telephone Dial 02 8015 6011

Meeting ID: 841 3600 2346

CONGRATULATIONS JACK WILSON

I wish to add my congratulations to Jack on his well deserved Paul Harris Fellow recognition.



Jack's contribution to the Hastings Rotaract Club has been pivotal to the success of the Club and I look forward to working with him in the future.

For more information and pictures, see the article in this edition of E News and/or the

Hastings Rotaract Facebook page.

REGIONAL PILOT STRUCTURE

Rotarians will remember recent articles on the Regional Pilot Structure where the Planning Group were requesting feedback from Rotarians on the future of Rotary in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands in Zone 8.

PDG Peter Frueh, Co-Chair of the Planning Group, has requested that the RDU article, which contains active links to the survey, be circulated again to all members. The PDF of the article will be circulated with this edition of E News and I encourage Rotarians to make a submission to the Planning Group.

The survey, which only involves three questions, closes on 19 June. Please have your say on this important initiative that will shape the structure of Rotary in our Zone.

VALE SIR CLEM RENOUF

It is with much sadness that we learnt earlier this last week of the passing of Past Rotary International President Sir Clem Renouf.

Sir Clem was a giant in Rotary history as the instigator of the 3-H program (Health, Hunger and Humanity) that led among other things to the polio eradication effort.

Sir Clem was known as the person who started the goal of Polio Eradication.

To the members of Rotary Club of Nambour he was a fellow Rotarian of larger than life. He was their Club's Charter Secretary.

A founding member of the New Farm Club, Clem became District Governor in 1965-66, and went on to serve as President of Rotary International in 1978-79.

Past Rotary International President Ian Riseley wrote this about the passing of Sir Clem Renouf.

"Most of us have heroes, even if the person in question isn't aware of the impact they have had on us.

Since I have been in Rotary, over 40 years, and learning about the history and achievements of our great organization, Sir Clem Renouf has shone as a beacon of achievement, ambition and hope.

The eventual eradication of polio will be his greatest Rotary legacy, but there are many others, and his 1978-79 Presidential theme of "Reach Out" was entirely appropriate of the man."



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

National Youth Science Forum

2020 Session C students act now.....

Following the NYSF Board meeting on 22 May 2020, it was resolved that the NYSF is now in a position to formally offer **Session C students from 2020** a guaranteed place in the **January 2021** Year 12 Program by **14 June 2020**.

As they have already previously been selected, students from the 2020 Session C group will not require new endorsement by Rotary or need to complete another interview. We will also waive the \$65 application fee and students are only expected to pay the 2020 Session fee of \$3150 instead of the revised 2021 fee.

Students wishing to take up this offer are required to respond to the NYSF in writing by June 14 2020 to reserve their place.

The dates for each session are as follows:

- Session A, Canberra, 4-13 January 2021
- Session B, Brisbane. 11-20 January 2021
- Session C, Canberra, 18-27 January 2021

Rotary Clubs who supported Session C students in 2020 are under no obligation provide support to that student again in 2021. You are of course able to contact students/families directly to make an offer of funding should you so wish.

Closing date extended for applications for students to attend in 2021. Now 20 July 2020. Please encourage your students to complete their application form sooner rather than later.

NYSF 2021 YEAR 12 PROGRAM APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN



STEM LAB VISITS • LECTURES • SITE TOURS • WORKSHOPS • SOCIAL EVENTS

With the deferment of the closing date for applications, the district NYSF committee has decided to defer the **interviews until 5-6 September 2020**.

Please pass on this information to you applicants and their parents.

We acknowledge that these are still uncertain times and wish to reassure you that NYSF have very comprehensive Covid-19 risk management and contingency plan.

Should social distancing issues in January be an issue, we will endeavour to run the program during the school holidays later in 2021.

Additionally, we will not be invoicing for participation fees until we are confident that restrictions will be sufficiently lifted to allow the program to proceed.

Invoices will not be issued before October 2020.

To summarise, the important dates for NYSF are:

Session C 2020 students must contact NYSF to request a position in 2021 by 14 June 2020

Closing date for 2021 Applications is now 20 July 2020

District Interviews are 5 – 6 September 2020

Any queries, please direct to Di Hall 0411704654 or dihall605@gmail.com

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE JUNE 2020— EXTRACTS FROM RI PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

All of the incredible people Gay and I met this year — Rotarians, Rotaractors, and the extended family of Rotary — will be an inspiration for the rest of our lives. We visited clubs and projects from Uruguay to Ukraine, from Nigeria to New Zealand, and beyond.

We were privileged to crisscross the globe, circumnavigating it twice and moving back and forth between the Northern and Southern hemispheres. Each country and each stop held its own Rotary magic. While in Zimbabwe in March, we participated in a medical vocational training team mission with Rotarians from India, providing health, hope, and life itself to the thousands who came for treatment. We also felt the energy of more than 300 young people at a Rotary Youth Symposium in Harare. What a thrill it was to be with these young people!

This year Rotary launched our new Action Plan, and I trust each club is putting that plan to use. And I have been energized by the efforts to embrace the priorities I set for this Rotary year: engaging families, providing leadership opportunities for all ages, celebrating our history with the United Nations in its 75th year, and, most significantly, growing Rotary.

As COVID-19 reached around the globe, we found ourselves in a world transformed. We have been forced to connect in ways we could never have imagined, testing our ability to adapt. We have made tough decisions, including canceling club meetings, district conferences, presidential conferences, and, much to our regret, the 2020 Rotary International Convention in Honolulu. Together everyone is placing the public good and welfare first, despite the loss of meetings, events, and experiences that had been planned for years.

As we looked forward to the Rotary Convention in Honolulu, we learned about the aloha spirit. Our Rotary friends in Hawaii showed us that "aloha" means mutual regard and affection. It extends warmth and caring with no expectation of anything in return. The spirit of aloha applies wherever in the world we may live. As Rotarians, Rotaractors, and members of the family of Rotary, we are connected, and as aloha has been defined to me: Our connection to one another is based upon mutual respect for our differences as well as our appreciation for what we have in common. Community is the sum of individuals — individuals who have concern for one another, who care, share, and take responsibility.

As I have witnessed the members of the Rotary community act to care for humanity amid the coronavirus pandemic, I have seen the aloha of Rotary.

We are indeed people of action. Every day, but particularly during this pandemic, the Rotary community has demonstrated its aloha spirit. It is a gift to be shared, and we are each a steward of this gift of Rotary.

Gay and I have been amazed, inspired, and humbled by all of you within the family of Rotary.

Indeed, I would say that the last part of our shared Rotary year was transformational. We found new ways to make the lives of others better, new ways to move forward together. And, together, we will continue to grow Rotary so that we may increase our gift of Rotary to our local and global communities.

Mark Daniel Maloney

MESSAGE FROM DGE DEBBIE LOVEDAY
\$\$\$ HELP NEEDED \$\$\$

Due to the current disappointing exchange rate between Australia and USA, we have a shortfall in our cash contribution for the Global Grant supporting Equipment for the Hospital in Nepal.

Are there any clubs in the district with small amounts of money left over this year?

Can you help with a donation of \$250?

If you can please donate to our Rotary D9650 Account for the Global Grant for the equipment for the Children's and Maternity Hospital being built under the project of Dr Ray Hodgson from the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie.

Account Details follow:

BSB: 932-000

A/C: 100450725

Name: Rotary District Foundation Account Global Grant Mat Hosp Nepal.

MESSAGE FROM ROTARY CLUB OF ARMIDALE AM
PLEASE NOTE NEW MEETING DETAILS FROM THOSE REPORTED LAST WEEK:



A Special Invitation to hear Rotary International President Mark Daniel Maloney speak at the Armidale AM Rotary Club Meeting Wednesday 17 June 2020 at 7:15am.

The Rotary Club of Armidale AM will host **RI President, Mark Maloney**, as their

Guest Speaker on **Wednesday, June 17 at 7.15 am**
This is an opportunity for all Rotarians in District 9650 and beyond to join the meeting, and meet the Rotary International President.

Everyone is welcome – follow the link below to register for the meeting.

<https://bit.ly/3h2p2LL>

You will then be sent the meeting link. The President will speak for 30 to 40 minutes then take questions.

This is your opportunity to hear first-hand how Rotary International is handling things like COVID-19, the cancelled Convention and more recently still – racism.

NOTE: This is a new link that will allow 500 people.

JACK WILSON—PAUL HARRIS FELLOW RECOGNITION

In the Rotary world, to receive a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) recognition is indeed an honour and a privilege.

However, on Saturday afternoon (13 Jun 20) the honour and the privilege was for DGE Deb Loveday and DGN David Mayne when they presented a PHF to incoming Rotaract President Jack Wilson.

Jack started his Rotary journey as so many do, through the 9650 RYLA program then as a founding member of the Hastings Rotaract club. That was just the start.

With Jack's meticulous mind he was fundamental in the establishment and operation of Rotaract in the cluster. Governance and compliance are Jacks strong points and

if anything needed to comply, it did.

As a local School teacher Jack has an inbuilt manner that all are drawn and inspired by him.

He will always go the extra mile and say yes if a hand was needed.

The standout feature of Jack is his 'almost' silent demeanour, but when he does speak it is with authority and wisdom well beyond his years.

Jacks knowledge of Rotary policies and procedures surpasses even some in leadership but that knowledge is never flaunted it is used as an invaluable Rotary tool.

Our DGE & DGN organised to meet at Jack's place for a scheduled meeting to discuss Rotaract matters.

Unbeknown to him the RYLA Management committee had stealthily organised for Jacks Rotary, Rotaract and RYLA alumni to meet outside Jacks house on the front lawn, observing social distancing of course.

An excuse was made at the meeting still underway inside to go outside and there Jack was surprised and in his usual style humbled by his friends and Rotary associates, strategically distanced on his parents front lawn and footpath.

Better still was that the whole citation and presentation was delivered in front of a throng of Zoom participants from throughout the District.

Congratulations to Jack Wilson a worthy Paul Harris recipient and the first to be inducted via Social media in our District.



Photo above: DGE Debbie Loveday presenting Jack with his Paul Harris Recognition watched by DGN David Mayne, RYLA Committee member and RYLA Program Director John Carrol and Hastings Rotaract President Andrew Stokes

A person's most useful **asset** is not a head full of knowledge, but a **heart** full of **love**, an ear ready to **listen** and a hand willing to **help** others.





Saturday 15th – Saturday 22nd August 2020

Lake Keepit Is Waiting

Lake Keepit Sport & Rec Centre
Applications on D9650 website



Congratulations - Jack Wilson PHF

RYLA 2016, RYLA Leader 2017,
Charter member Hastings Rotaract
Jack was sponsored by RC Port Macquarie.
Presented with a PHF13/06/2020
By DGE Deb Loveday & DGN David Mayne

He is a secondary school Maths teacher. Jack is always the quiet achiever behind the scenes, goes about his business in a humble unassuming way, always offering support, shuns the limelight but makes a huge difference.

Jack is someone you want on your team to make sure the i's are dotted & the t's are crossed. He's also a fabulous cook!!

From the RYLA family... congratulations Jack on receiving this Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

NOMINATE NOW for RYLA 2020

Application www.rotary9650.org.au/RYLEA
Personal & professional development for
19 - 27 year old Leaders of the future.
Invest in your Rotary Club & your Community
Applications close 24th July 2020



The program is brilliant, the results outstanding, the experience is life changing.

To sign up for the 2020 Rotary International Virtual Convention go to this link:

<https://www.riconvention.org/en/sign-2020-rotary-virtual-convention>

The program is as follows:

Saturday 20 June 2020

- 8:00 – 9:15 Chicago Time (UTC-5)
Together We Connect – Virtual Convention General Session 1

Sunday 21 June 2020

- 8:00 – 9:15 Chicago Time (UTC-5) – Together We Learn – Virtual Convention General Session 2

Monday 22 June 2020 – Friday 26 June 2020

Featured Breakouts (more details coming soon)

Daily, one breakout will be offered at each of the following times*:

- 8:00 – 9:00 Chicago Time (UTC-5)
- 12:00 – 13:00 Chicago Time (UTC-5)
- 18:00 – 19:00 Chicago Time (UTC-5)

Please be sure to check the date and time that is equivalent to the Chicago date and time in your area.

It is important to note that the sessions do not have to be viewed live, they can be accessed later via the Convention website.

Note:

- 8.00am Chicago time is 11.00pm Sydney time.
- 12 Noon Chicago time is 3:00am Sydney time
- 6:00pm Chicago time is 9:00am Sydney time.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS TO SARAH BROWN

Sarah Brown, the chief executive of Purple House has been recognised in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours with a Member of the Order (AM). Sarah has been working around the clock to deliver renal services to remote Indigenous communities despite lockdowns and road closures.



She counts her career highlights as being a remote nurse and now working closely with Indigenous Australians to deliver dialysis to the bush. "It's been a real journey and a real honour to be able to hang out with this mob for so long," she said. **See Rotary Project next page...**



FURTHER MESSAGE FROM DG PHIL HAFEY:

Attached is an article on a project supported by all Australian DGs for inclusion in E News.

Rotary 2019-20 DGs across Australia Indigenous Volunteer Program Indigenous Health and Skills Project (through Purple House)

Concept

It is considered that Rotary can do a lot more to assist Australia's Indigenous People by undertaking a coordinated approach of assistance rather than individuals or individual clubs acting by themselves on any one project.

Several discussions/meetings have been held with Rotary and Sarah Brown, the CEO of Purple House based in Alice Springs, who has been working in Indigenous communities for many years. Purple House provides dialysis in 14 remote communities in the NT, WA and SA. As a result of those discussions it is considered that the best program of assistance which can be offered is for Rotarians and Rotary volunteers to provide services that increase the skills and knowledge within the Indigenous communities while at the same time providing some improved facilities in outback indigenous communities. Training and mentoring in areas such as nursing, hygiene awareness (eliminate trachoma), carpentry, plumbing and general building maintenance are proposed to be offered in a hands-on way; Rotarians without these qualifications who wish to contribute their time are encouraged to provide an Expression of Interest. The program is proposed to be managed through the Purple House Volunteer Coordinator Program, based in Alice Springs, but providing assistance in remote indigenous community areas. The main target for volunteers will be from Rotary clubs and the caravan wandering Rotary Grey Nomads.

The volunteering program will be part of an initial broader Rotary Foundation Global Grant project providing additional dialysis machines and related equipment in the communities. The Global Grant application is presently being submitted.

2019-20 DGs across Australia have agreed to combine their efforts to introduce this program of medical and skills assistance for Indigenous People. It is intended that the program once started will be ongoing, sustainable and have scope for diversity.

Volunteers

DG Michael Cooke (Tasmania) already has a number of Tasmanian Rotarians who have expressed interest in

being a part of the hands-on activities. Expressions of interest from all Australian Districts is now being sought. When the list of volunteers has been compiled and the various work projects and times of visits have been determined all members of volunteer groups will need to 'log in' with Sarah Brown of Purple House prior to organising inductions, etc. to ensure good management of the services to be provided, and the materials required.

Prior to beginning assistance all volunteers will need induction regarding the activities and cultural issues of the indigenous populations. This will be done in Darwin; Alice Springs; or Coober Pedy.

Accommodation for volunteers will be by caravan (for those having them) with other accommodation to be organised.

The Rotary volunteer approach is actively being sought by the Purple House CEO Sarah Brown as she sees this project as one that can make a real difference to improving the health, comfort and wellbeing of Indigenous Australians and can be ongoing for decades.

Projected

It is proposed that Rotarians and friends of Rotary will nominate themselves now or in the coming years to be volunteers to travel to Darwin; Alice Springs; or Coober Pedy and undergo an induction program before going out to a nominated location, under instructions, to assist with Sarah's programs.

There is no specific start date set for this program. The commencement of the program will be after the opening of borders, closed due to the COVID-19 epidemic and will depend on the number of applicants and their expertise. We ask that the applicants send an email to DG Michael Cooke michael.cooke8@gmail.com to express their interest in joining this program, providing the following details: -

ROTARY PURPLE HOUSE VOLUNTEER PROJECT

Rotary District and State/Territory

Volunteer Name

Contact Phone Number

Email Address

Skill/Trade (if any)

Dates Available (initially during the next 12 months)

Your Transport Type

WWVP Card

We thank you for your interest and await your reply.

It is noted that the COVID-19 epidemic will hinder the commencement date of this program, awaiting the Northern Territory Government allowing access to the remote Indigenous communities, thus it will be some months before there will be a volunteer group proceeding