



**Rotary Opens  
Opportunities**

August is 'Membership and New Club Development Month' so this month take the time to celebrate your members and focus on gaining new members!



## THIS ISSUE

*Roadtripping with the DG*

*Membership Month*

*RYLA fun*

## CALENDAR

August 15-22 - RYLA Keepit  
 August 17 - DG visit to Tamworth West  
 August 18 - DG visit to Tamworth  
 August 19 - DG visit to Tamworth First Light  
 August 19 - DG visit to Calala  
 August 20 - DG visit to Inverell  
 August 23 - District Management Meeting  
 August 24 - DG visit to Coffs Harbour City  
 August 24 - DG visit Port Macquarie West  
 August 26 - DG visit Coffs Harbour  
 August 29 - DG visit Lightning Ridge  
 August 31 - DG visit Warialda  
 September 1 - Inverell East

## MUSINGS FROM THE DG

Week four of my Rotary road trip was a meeting with Kempsey West, hosted by President Nathan Warwick. Kempsey West celebrated 50 years of Service Above Self this year in July. The club has been at the coalface of drought and bushfire relief in our area. Community service has included tools for the Upper Macleay, BBQ's trailer raffle. One of the things they supported was Rubicon Australia who have the unenviable job of supporting owners who have lost everything from bushfire by going through the remain of the properties and sifting for anything left of sentimental and financial value. The club has been successful in gaining grants to support local community needs and is famous for their home library service. They were able to help co sponsor a Youth Exchange Student, have a Public Speaking participant as well as the Science challenge. COVID19 had a dramatic effect on these programs and unfortunately after a lot of hard work by the club the events were not able to proceed.

Early start on Wednesday as I headed to Coffs Harbour Daybreak for their breakfast meeting. I am no stranger to this club, and they have always been very welcoming. Wednesday was no difference; their meetings are being held at the International stadium which is a beautiful venue and has all the whizz bang technology. My visit was face to face although some members logged in via zoom and with the technology available our pictures were being seen all around the room from three monitors. President Mark Spencer was my host and we had a lively morning followed by my presentation of Making Membership Memorable.



## E-NEWS CONTACT

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



## MUSINGS FROM DG DEBBIE CONT.

The club is involved in all arms of service and more specifically the Chiedza Project, sponsoring a Parkinson's Nurse, BBQ's Ocean Swim. They partner with other clubs assisting the homeless, heart marathon and triathlon. They have hosted Rymarine and last year was an amazing event with President Marks friend "Harry" of the very famous Thai Cave Rescue was in attendance to really inspire the students.

Thursday, I headed to Tamworth. District 9650 EClub was hosting a face to face and a zoom meeting. I was hosted literally by PDG Ken Hall and Di at their beautiful home. Masters of the art of being hospitable I was wined and dined in style. Our AG Simon Guest was in attendance for which I thank him He is with me next week and should be able to deliver my presentation on his own after listening to me for many visits! People often wonder what an EClub can do in respect of Service Projects. Well they have been involved in the drought relief. Money is donated to them from clubs outside of our district and they have been able to in turn donate some much-needed help to those in financial crisis. They assist with the Tamworth Motor /Show, participate in Ebor Public School projects such as the Xmas Party, the schools garden, improving the patch by assisting with watering facilities. They have an extensive Youth program that has helped with a profoundly deaf student, have been able to assist with the Western Access Program that delivers learning via video conferencing. Moorambilla voices, this enables student to participate in camp leading up to a concert in the future.

Saturday morning, I had the pleasure of opening RYLA 2020. What an amazing opportunity to inspire and support our future leaders. This year RYLA celebrates its 50th Anniversary. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions they are unable to have the BIG party planned. Next year will be the year of celebration. I wish all the participants a truly wonderful, exciting week and know they will rise to the challenge. Thanks to DGE David Mayne, Louise Matthews, PDG Rob Anderson and John Carroll for their dedication to this event and for sharing their expertise in all matters of personal development and leadership.

For those not in the know, as leaders of our District 9650 we are involved with the administration of the district from a financial, managerial and educational perspective. As such we hold quarterly meetings of the Finance Committee and the Management team. Saturday afternoon was our first Finance Meeting where we endeavour to keep our accounts in the black and abreast of the times in respect of technology. This year we have changed the District Accounting program to Xero. Much to the delight of our District Treasurer Pam Foye of Port Macquarie Sunrise Club. The automatic bank feeds allow the district bank statements to automatically feed into the program on its dashboard. Every account is listed, and the Finance team have complete visibility of all accounts. This enables a very clear financial perspective of our account status. Thank you, Pam, for taking the opportunity of upgrading and the extra work involved in converting last year's files. Thanks also to Seachange Accounting for their expertise in this matter.

Remember

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

## NEXT ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Congratulations to Jennifer E. Jones, a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, on being nominated to become Rotary International's president for 2022-23, a selection that will make her the first woman to hold that office in the organization's 115-year history.

A current Rotary Foundation trustee, Jones has been a member since 1997 and has served Rotary as vice president, director, training leader, committee chair, moderator, and district governor. Read more: <https://on.rotary.org/2DDj58H>



# MEMBERSHIP MONTH WITH DIRECTOR JENNY

August is Membership Month, which means it's time to celebrate your Rotary club, your members and the good you do in the community and around the world.

[Click here and head into My Rotary for some great activities to think about how you can join the celebration.](#)

There are also some great reference videos promoted by Membership Voice including:

[Retired and Rotary Ready \(Julie Aubrey\) – how to recruit retired folk](#)

[Linkedin 2020 \(Kate McKenzie\) – How to use Linkedin to identify potential members](#)

[Como Unlimited \(Adelaide and Clementine Kohler\) – the thoughts of two millennial co-presidents](#)

[This Could Be Your Aha! Moment \(Amanda Wendt\) about millennials](#)

Don't hesitate to contact Jenny Sinclair at [hellorotary9650@gmail.com](mailto:hellorotary9650@gmail.com) if you require any support or membership information.



August - Membership & Extension Month

**Membership and New Club Development Month**, a time to focus on Rotary's continuing need for growth, to seek new members and form new clubs.

- Update your classifications list and circulate amongst members and accordingly fill up the Vacancies
- Educate members about membership Procedure
- Induct New Members
- Invite Retracors to join Rotary
- Consider inviting Local Personalities to be Inducted as Honorary Members
- Organise Seminar on Club level & a Public meeting inviting non rotary friends and Rotary Alumni to emphasis Advantages of joining Rotary

## ROTARY FOUNDATION UPDATE

Rotary does a great job of recognising the generosity of Rotarians and other individuals who support The Rotary Foundation.

However, in Australia and New Zealand, about half the giving to the Foundation is a result of fundraising by clubs and there has been no program to recognise clubs for their generosity.

So we're pleased to announce that District 9650 is joining with other districts in the Zone to change that.

We're introducing two new programs: Club Annual Donor Club Major Donor The Club Annual Donor program recognises giving during the past 12 months.

To ensure it is open to clubs of all sizes, the program works on a per-member basis. Like the Major Donor program for individuals, the Club Major Donor program recognises all-time giving and is our way of thanking clubs for their sustained support of our charity.

Both programs recognise all aspects of a club's Foundation giving—to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, Disaster Response, Global Grants and the Endowment. We will be recognising clubs at the end of the 2020/21 year.

For further details, see [www.bit.ly/Club-Recognition](http://www.bit.ly/Club-Recognition)

## ROTARY DOWN

## UNDER

The latest RDU is now out! If you have not yet got a copy in your mailbox [click here to read the online version.](#)

## INSURANCE

## MATTERS

The District Insurance Officer Brett White is kindly asking all clubs to get in touch with him to obtain public liability Insurance Certificate of Currency for 2020-2021 year. Due to Clubs not updating email addresses for their executive, he am providing the certificate of currencies on request or when I approve an event. IF ALL clubs could ensure details are up to date and contact Brett that would be great.

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# RC MANILA CHANGES HANDS

## 71st Rotary Club of Manilla Changeover Dinner 20/07/2020

This year, due to Covid-19, saw our club hold its annual changeover without the presence of our Rotary Anne's or any official guests. The comment was made by one of our long-term members Stuart Faulks, that he didn't think he would have ever witnessed this event.

The club had a remarkably busy year starting with the 70th birthday dinner being held in October 2019, which was well attended with some 80 guests, Rotarians, partners and Official Guests.

In December we lost one of our long term and hardworking members, Brian Brenton. Brian had been a member of the club for many years, and the club misses him and his wife Mary at our dinners and functions. Over the year the club has done a large number of projects including bringing the Rotary Men's Health Education Rural Van to town, hosting members from the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie West and Coffs Harbour and a large number of drought projects.

-Peter Dutton  
President



# FUN FROM RYLA 2020



## CHECK THIS OUT!



Desk from Australia 1935. Made of native Australian woods, the top is decorated with a Rotary logo inlay, it was a gift from Australian Rotarians. Presented to Paul Harris at the end of the Conference of Australian Rotarians held in Melbourne 1935.





## Repairing bodies Rebuilding lives since 1983

Together with Rotarians from Australia & New Zealand, Interplast has been providing life-changing surgery, and ongoing education to medical professionals, across the Asia Pacific region for over 35 years.

During the pandemic, our work has changed but our mission has not.

Rotarians, Clubs & Districts have continued to generously support us during the 2019/2020 year.

**Thank you!**

We could not do what we do without you



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**Rotary Youth Leadership Awards**

**15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2020**

**Lake Keepit ... here we come**



**Lake Keepit Sport & Rec Centre**  
(Between Tamworth & Gunnedah)

**38 Participants**

The most enrolments we have had for many years.

Thank you to all the sponsoring Clubs & employers.

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

## ROTARY DISTRICT 9650 PROJECT



**Donate to:**  
**Rotary International District 9650 Incorp**  
**BSB: 932 000 Account: 100453820**

**Take a minute: Start the conversation**



## NEW STYLE ROTARY CLUBS FORUM Rotary Zone 8



Andy Rajapakse



Karen Purdie



Aydan Erickson

### SESSION 1: Thursday

**3 September 2020**  
**6 - 7p.m. AEST**

- 3 years of Membership Growth Secrets Revealed!
- How We Started 4 New Clubs Tips & Trips
- New Rotary Generation Clubs (NRG) What is the Attraction?

**REGISTER for Session 1**



Nick Courtney



Arie Geerlofs



Rebecca Fry

### SESSION 2: Thursday

**8 October 2020**  
**6 - 7p.m. AEST**

- Starting a Club from Scratch A New Approach
- Innovation In Action The Rotary Social Impact Network

**REGISTER for Session 2**

# REGISTER FOR THE SESSIONS

[Click here to register for session 1](#)

[Click here to register for session 2](#)





# District 9650 Conference

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*International Affair*

**March 12-14th 2021**



**Panthers Bay St, Port Macquarie**

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