



## Rotary International District 9650 E News - Monday 16 December 2019

**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 DG PHIL CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS TO OPEN

The District Conference website will open this week. Registrations for the 2020 District Conference will then be able to be completed on line or the paper form can 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>

The Conference Program will be finalised in the new year and guest speakers will be announced as soon as contracts are signed.

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 including:

Boggabri – Primary School Public Speaking

Coffs City – The Cartoon Bunker

Coffs Daybreak – The Welch Alwyn Project

Tamworth Sunrise – Clontarf Academy Project at Oxley High School

Wauchope – Off leash Dog Park

In addition, successful projects funded by Foundation Grants will also be featured. Image of Venue below:

South West Rocks Country Club



### WHITE ISLAND DISASTER IMPACTS ROTARY



DG Jane Owens from D9500 in South Australia recently updated Rotarians in Australia on the status of Rotarians involved in the White Island volcano eruptions.

Lisa Dallow, who is a member of the RC Adelaide and the District Membership Chair, was found but has burns to 60% of her body. She is presently undergoing treatment in Australia.

Lisa's daughter, Zoe Hosking and husband Gavin Dallow, an Assistant Governor with a long history of involvement in Rotaract and Rotary, were both identified among the dead.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the immediate and extended families in this time of anguish and grief.

### BUSHFIRE RELIEF FROM NEW ZEALAND

D9650 thanks DG Peter Maxwell and D9930 for their donation of \$5,000 to our District Disaster Appeal.

The funds will be used to support the Kempsey, Kempsey West and South West Rocks Clubs projects at Willawarrin and Bellbrook. Image of Willawarrin remnants from fire disaster.

Thank you D9930 for your great support and caring for our local community.



**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)

## MESSAGE FROM BRONWYN HAFEY

This year has been a difficult one for each of us.

So many of our Rotary family are continuing to struggle bravely with the extended drought and recent devastating fires.

Beyond our shores our extended Rotary family are also experiencing unexpected loss.

Thank you all for your care, concern and practical assistance to those in need.

Thank you to the Clubs who have supported our District LIFELINE project.



I appreciate all of the support received to date and invite Clubs to ensure that you consider donating to this Partner's Project Cause if you have not already. The disasters encountered by our District's 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 from Lifeline.

### DG Partner's Project Account:

#### Account Name:

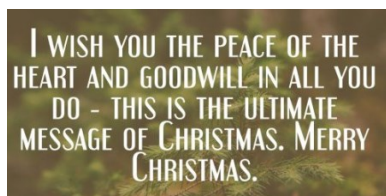
Rotary International D9650 DG Partner's Project

#### For Direct Credit (electronic payment)

BSB: 721-000

Account No: 500143137

Reference Required: Rotary Club Name



As we enter the Christmas Season, may we know and share the peace and joy of this wonderful celebration of Christ's birth.



## ROTARY E CLUB OF DISTRICT 9650 SUPPORTS THE BUSH FIRE DEVASTATED TOWN OF EBOR

Over an extended weekend in December 2019, fifteen members of the Rotary E Club of District 9650 and their partners, embarked on a trip to the small NSW town of Ebor, just north east of Armidale.

Some stayed in their caravans parked behind the hotel/motel while others were accommodated in the motel. Their aim was to perform gardening duties including the planting of two good sized trees the E Club had donated to the Ebor Public School and to erect a new school sign. A school of just seventeen students with an exceptional principal hosted the Rotarians to a morning tea on the Friday with the students and then to a sausage sizzle following the completion of the work on the Sunday.

Ebor has been devastated by the bush fires as well as the drought. Fires came right up to the town leaving behind a black and charred mess.

The Guy Fawkes National Park was burnt including total devastation to the Ebor Falls viewing platform where hundreds of visitors annually witnessed the falls in their splendour.

President of the E Club, PDG John Barwick from Tamworth NSW said, "The experience the Rotarians and their partners had while working at the school was very heart warming. In fact, the E Club is considering going back to Ebor in 2020 to install a water pipe to run from the rear of the school to set up a tap in the school's front yard".

President John handed each student, from kindergarten to year six, an envelope containing a special Christmas message along with a \$10 note. With such devastation in and around the town, it was felt that money would be the best gift under the circumstances. The children were delighted.

The Ebor Hotel/Motel provided a Christmas dinner on the Saturday night for the E Club, with all the usual Christmas delights.

This was a weekend the Rotary E Club of District 9650 members and their partners will never forget.

Article provided by Vice President PDG Barry Hacker  
Rotary E Club of District 9650 Inc.

Photo below:

Members erecting the new school sign from right to left:  
PRI Director John Boag – Tamworth (Front Left)  
"Cowboy" McLaughlin – Tenterfield (Behind John Boag)  
PDG John Barwick – Tamworth (In Akubra Hat)  
PDG Ken Hall – Tamworth (In white cap)  
PDG Barry Hacker – Port Macquarie (Front Right)  
PP Peter Kenny – Port Macquarie (Behind Barry)



**Rotary International District 9650 Conference 2020 - March 20 to 22**

**Diarise Now for a great Rotary weekend**



**Rotary: Strengthening Local Communities**

**Rotary Fun & Learning**



## VALE PDG DON KEIGHRAN

It is with sadness that we report that PDG Don Keighran who was DG 1984-1985 in then District 968 and who was living in Macksville and was an Honorary Member of Macksville Rotary Club passed away on Monday 9 December and his funeral will be held on Thursday 19 December as detailed in the funeral Notice below:



### FUNERAL NOTICE

The relatives and friends of the late

**Donald Gilbert Keighran**  
'Don'

Of Macksville and formerly Beecroft.  
Dearly loved husband of Dorothy (dec). Much loved father & father-in-law of Greg & Wendy, Brad, Rod & Sue and Linda (dec). Grandfather to Lauren, Christina, Adelaide, Robert, Andrew and Sam.

**Aged 89 years**

Are respectfully invited to attend Don's Funeral Service  
At The Uniting Church, Macksville  
On Thursday 19th December, 2019  
Commencing at 2.30pm

Followed by private cremation

**Bernard Lavery**  
Funerals

## PRIORITIES OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

The collective leadership and expertise of our 1.2 million members helps us tackle some of the world's biggest challenges, locally and globally.

We are united by common values and vision for the future as we sharpen our focus with targeted specific causes that will reach communities most in need.

### Guiding principles

These principles have been developed over the years to provide Rotarians with a strong, common purpose and direction.

They serve as a foundation for our relationships with each other and the action we take in the world.

## OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

### FIRST:

The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

### SECOND:

High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

### THIRD:

The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

### FOURTH:

The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

## THE FOUR-WAY TEST

The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and non-sectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships.

The test has been translated into more than 100 languages, and Rotarians recite it at club meetings:

Of the things we think, say or do

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



## AVENUES OF SERVICE

We channel our commitment to service at home and abroad through five Avenues of Service, which are the foundation of club activity.

1. **Club Service** focuses on making clubs strong. A thriving club is anchored by strong relationships and an active membership development plan.
2. **Vocational Service** calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society. Learn more in [An Introduction to Vocational Service](#) and the [Code of Conduct](#).
3. **Community Service** encourages every Rotarian to find ways to improve the quality of life for people in their communities and to serve the public interest. Learn more in [Communities in Action: A Guide to Effective Projects](#).
4. **International Service** exemplifies our global reach in promoting peace and understanding. We support this service avenue by sponsoring or volunteering on international projects, seeking partners abroad, and more.
5. **Youth Service** recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs such as [Rotaract](#), [Interact](#), [Rotary Youth Leadership Awards](#), and [Rotary Youth Exchange](#).

## AREAS OF FOCUS

We direct our efforts in six areas to enhance our local and global impact.

Our most successful and sustainable projects and activities tend to fall within the following areas:

- Promoting peace
- Fighting disease
- Providing clean water
- Saving mothers and children
- Supporting education
- Growing local economies





### Rotary Youth Leadership Award

D9650 Seminar

2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation Centre

(between Tamworth & Gunnedah)

**Sam & Jenny Bailey**

Farmers from Croppa Creek & inspirational speakers who give their time freely each year because they believe in the power of the RYLA program.

Sam & Jenny relay their story of resilience, overcoming all boundaries & understanding that the grass may not always be greener on the other side of the fence.



#### Please Note:

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)



**Join us in Honolulu for the 2020 Convention!**

It's a wonderful way to make friends from around the World

6—10 June, 2020. Register today @ [riconvention.org](http://riconvention.org)

### ROTARY INTERNATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN



#### ROTARY INTERNATIONAL ACTION PLAN

***As People of Action, we share a strong sense of purpose.***

More than a century ago, we pioneered a new model of service leadership grounded in person-to-person connections.

Today, those connections are a network that spans the globe—bridging cultural, linguistic, generational, and geographic barriers—and shares the vision of a better world.

As People of Action, we understand that **fulfilling that vision requires a plan.**

This is Rotary's plan for the next five years:

1. **to increase our impact,**
2. **expand our reach,**
3. **enhance participant engagement, and**
4. **increase our ability to adapt.**

By helping to realize the goals of this plan, you ensure a stronger and even more effective future for Rotary—a tremendous legacy.

Our plan is rooted in our tried-and-true values and builds on the remarkable capabilities and spirit of Rotarians.

It is clear-eyed about the challenges that Rotary and the world face.

It protects the value of human connection in an age of technology.

It lays out a path for bringing great ideas to the forefront of the global imagination of what's possible.

And our plan will provide us with a continuity of vision from year to year, keeping us moving toward fulfilling our shared purpose.

#### INCOMING OFFICE BEARERS ADVICE

I remind you of the need to advise your incoming Office Bearers to Di Hall who is coordinating the District Directory for DGE Debbie Loveday.

The District Directory is a mirror of the information that is loaded on the District Website for Club details as at the date of the printing of the Directory.

As such once Clubs have held their AGM the information of each Clubs Office Bearers is to be loaded into the District Database for the Club Officers for the 2020-2021

year. Please ensure that it is the correct year that you are loading the data into on the District database.

Remember if your members are unable to do this, send a membership list with all details to Di Hall.

Di Hall e-mail details: [dihall605@gmail.com](mailto:dihall605@gmail.com)

**Thank You!!!**