



## Rotary International District 9650

### E News - Sunday 16 February 2020

**Rotary International President**  
**Mark Maloney (Gay)**

**Rotary Club of Decatur Alabama USA**

**District Governor**

**Phil Hafey (Bronwyn)**

**Rotary Club of Laurieton NSW Australia**

#### NEWS FROM DG PHIL HAFEY

#### DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2022-2023 - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST INVITED



D9650 Clubs are invited to submit their suggestions for nominations for District Governor for the 2022-2023 year. Such suggestions are to be received by DG Phil Hafey on

or before Thursday 30 April 2020.

D9670 are also seeking expressions of interest from their Clubs for District Governor for this same year, being the first year that D9650 and D9670 will be the one new District.

The nominations received by the respective District Governors will be considered by the Nominating Committee which will comprise the District Governor, District Governor-elect and District Governor-nominee of both District 9650 and District 9670 together with the Chair of the Transition Committee.

The District Governor Nomination Application Form, is located in the Documents Library on the District 9650 Website and is to be returned direct to DG Phil Hafey no later than Thursday 30 April 2020.

By mail to P O Box 92, Bonny Hills 2445 or via email to [phil.hafey@bigpond.com](mailto:phil.hafey@bigpond.com)

Clubs are reminded of the following as specified in the D9650 Policies at 4.05.2.1:

The Nomination Form requires that the Nominee suggestion from the Club be endorsed via a resolution of members adopted at a regular meeting of the club naming the suggested candidate. The resolution shall be certified by the club secretary. A club may suggest only one of its own members as a candidate for governor-nominee. (RI Bylaws Article 12.030.3)

The criteria for eligibility for District Governor include:

- Candidates must, at the time of taking office, have been a Club President and been a Rotarian for 7 years;
- The successful candidate must attend Rotary

Zone 8 and Rotary International training;

- Given this will be for a newly formed District, Rotary International have advised that Past District Governors of either D9650 or D9670 are eligible to apply

The District 9650 & 9670 Transition Committee have scheduled interviews for the position of District Governor 2022-23 of the District created by the merger of D9650 and D9670 for the weekend of 16-17 May 2020 at a venue to be decided

Further information on the position is available from the D9650 representatives on the Transition Committee, PDG Neville Parsons, PDG Maurie Stack and PDG Jo Wilkin.

#### ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS INVITED

This week's Rotary Weekly contains some very interesting information on the history of Rotary's involvement in peace building around the world.

"From a pre-World War I resolution calling for "the maintenance of peace" to our continuing support for Rotary Peace Centres, Rotary and its members have a long history of promoting peace and working to address the underlying causes of conflict in communities around the world."

For more information visit:

<https://www.rotary.org/en/promoting-peace-rotarys-peacebuilding-history-around-world>

For information on Rotary Peace Fellowships, including the application form, go to: <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/peace-fellowships>



#### 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)

## INVITATION TO ROTARY TIMOR-LESTE PROJECT EXPO



DG Ron Degenhart and DGE Merewyn Wright invite you to attend the inaugural Rotary Timor-Leste Project Expo 14-16th August 2020 in Dili, Timor-Leste.

The Rotary Timor-Leste Project Expo is an opportunity for Rotarians, Rotary Clubs and Districts, and other NGOs active in Timor-Leste, to display their projects, seek partners and funding opportunities, and network with people with an interest in the community development of Timor-Leste.

Hosted by Rotary District 9550, the Rotary Club of Dili, and the Rotary Club of Dili Lafaek, the Project Expo will be held at the Timor Plaza Hotel in Dili.

A visit to Timor-Leste will change your life. It is a beautiful country inhabited by the friendliest of people, proud of their independence, and determined to make improvements to their communities.

Tours will be arranged both before and after the Expo to enable visitors to experience the countryside outside of Dili, and learn more about Rotary's work here. Further details of the tours are now available on the website.

For registration and further information visit the website: [www.rtlpf.org.au](http://www.rtlpf.org.au)

Looking for an International Project that will make a real impact?  
Seeking partners for a project that will make a difference?

FIND WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR AT...

# ROTARY TIMOR-LESTE PROJECT EXPO

14 - 16 AUGUST, 2020  
DILI, TIMOR-LESTE

FIND OUT MORE ON THE EXPO WEBSITE  
[www.rtlpf.org.au](http://www.rtlpf.org.au)

Rotary PEOPLE OF ACTION

## NEWS FROM WALCHA ROTARY CLUB

It's been an especially busy week in Walcha with catering at the Walcha Races on a damp Friday which was the culmination of much planning, organisation and hard work by our members and their partners. Saturday races were cancelled due to wet weather which left us holding quite a lot of foodstuffs but thanks to a very constructive relationship with the Lions Club we were able to sell to them tons of steaks and sausages for their big catering

effort at the Walcha Show in one month's time. Shopkeepers were helpful with returns and Rotarians won the opportunity to eat delicious sandwiches for several days – waste not, want not. So, it was not our usual big fund raiser this year but still a good project for fellowship blended with enjoyable work.

On 11 February Walcha welcomed DG Phil Hafey and Bronwyn for their rescheduled annual visit which coincided with a visit from four representatives of the Seven Hills RSL Club in Sydney. Phil held everyone's attention with his interesting address including focus on building stronger communities and opened our eyes to sourcing grant funds from outside Rotary. Bronwyn really brought home the valuable work of Lifeline and the ongoing need to train counsellors.

The RSL Club representatives were with us to pass on a donation of \$50,000 for drought relief having chosen Walcha and Bingara to receive \$50,000 each. Walcha Rotary Club was selected by the RSL Club to organise distribution of the funds which was achieved with the very valuable assistance of Debby Maddox from the Rural Financial Counselling Service. Debby also attended for the occasion. Each of 100 recipients will receive an untraceable gift card loaded with \$500 which they are asked to spend in Walcha businesses. Through heartfelt speeches and private conversations, Club members really showed the gratitude of the community.



Photo above: DG Phil Hafey & Walcha President Andrew Corlette with Seven Hills RSL representatives

The following day Rotarians took the Seven Hills boys on tours of two local farms where they learned green paddocks are great but drought hardships are far from over. The boys were bowled over with good old country hospitality, getting lots of local history, lessons in farm management, did inspections of historical shearing sheds, gazed out on spectacular vistas from hill tops and tried their hands at driving Polaris buggies in challenging terrain. On their second night in town we treated them to dinner at the Commercial Hotel and parted with hugs as best friends forever.

Just to keep us on our toes, on Saturday 15 February Rotarians were out at the monthly Walcha Farmers' Market cooking up breakfast and brunch, but at the same



## WALCHA ROTARY CLUB NEWS CONT.

time displaying RI Project Banners to make sure our profile in the community carries the message that Rotary is about a lot more than barbecued sausages. With a quick change of costumes Walcha Rotarians were delighted to host the inland section of the District Public Speaking Semi-finals on Sunday 16 February. After illness and a late withdrawal there were only three contestants but also a good group of supporters. All three speakers excelled themselves and drew highly favourable comments from the adjudicators with Jessica Li of Walcha and Alyssa Duncan of Moree going through to the finals at South West Rocks Conference.



Photo above: DG Phil Hafey with Jessica Li and the adjudicators.

### DISTRICT GOVERNOR CLUB VISITS

Tuesday 18 February: Wingham  
Monday 24 February: Uralla  
Thursday 5 March: Gunnedah 2380, E Club  
Monday 9 March: Great Lakes

### NYSF UPDATE FROM DG PHIL

Rotary Clubs who provided financial support for students to attend Sessions A or C of the NYSF, which were scheduled for Canberra, would be aware of issues relating to the reimbursement of fees following the cancellation of the sessions.

The Australian District Governors have written to the NYSF and meetings are scheduled this week to develop an action plan to resolve the many issues that have arisen.

In addition, the District NYSF Chairs will be meeting this week in order to clarify many of the issues and concerns. As soon as there is any more news, I will pass the information on to Club Presidents and Secretaries.

### STAR PORT EXPO - 4 APRIL 2020—HOSTED BY ROTARY CLUB OF PORT MACQUARIE SUNRISE

To be held at Port Macquarie Racecourse 5pm-10pm with the very special guest presenter Prof Fred Watson AM - Astronomer At Large - a wonderfully

knowledgeable speaker who is "down to earth" & entertaining when talking of our Universe.

This fundraising event is to assist the Club's goal of the purchase of a telescope for the new re-development of the Observatory building & dome in Rotary Park at Town Beach Port Macquarie.

The Port Macquarie Astronomy Association group are progressing with this reconstruction of a totally new building including an 80 seat Auditorium & venue that will be a community asset and aligning opportunities of ongoing STEM programme development.

The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie constructed this current building in 1962.

There is capacity for 300+ people at this event and the Expo and speaker aspects will be of interest to all ages.

This event occurs on the Saturday

- before Easter & the 1st school term ending
- that Daylight saving finishes



### IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

#### PRESIDENTS-ELECT TRAINING SESSIONS

##### SUNDAY 1 MAR 2020 - TAMWORTH

Presidents-elect Training (Western) at Tamworth

##### SUNDAY 8 MAR 2020 - PORT MACQUARIE

Presidents-elect Training (Eastern) at Port Macquarie



**MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY 2020**  
*District 9650*

MUNA 2020 will be held at The Francis Retreat, 2 Thomson Place, Bonny Hills from Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020 to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2020. <http://thefrancisretreat.com.au/> For the first time, this year MUNA accommodation will be provided in dormitory style rooms on site.

Three meals, morning and afternoon tea will be provided each day by the Retreat's staff.



## 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**

Attendees to be 19 - 27 year old looking to develop their own personal purpose and profile for life.



## RYLA needs YOU!!

Please encourage your members to:  
**identify** potential participants  
**tell** them about the RYLA program  
**share** the positive impact it will have on their lives  
**encourage** them to apply  
**encourage** employers in your Club to sponsor an employee  
**invest** in the future of your Club

**RYLA is the future of Rotary...**

**The program is brilliant, the results outstanding,**

**the experience is life changing.**

Application & brochure on

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

### REMINDER TO ALL CLUBS

Past President Glenda Barber is seeking nominations for District Awards. The actual Nomination Form and the overview of the Awards was distributed to Club Presidents and Club Secretaries and Assistant Governors prior to Christmas.

Please, Please, Please revisit this and meet the deadline for Nominations ... Glenda at this stage has been inundated with Nominations... not really she has one nomination for one trophy... at least the judging process for that one trophy will be very easy!!!

### EVAN BURRELL ENLIGHTENS DGE DEBBIE LOVEDAY'S 2020-21 MANAGEMENT TEAM

*Extracted from Article prepared by District Rotaract Rep Laura Telford:*

Mr Burrell said Rotary needs to evolve and that requires the organisation - and clubs - to move with the times. "Using social media is an easy way for clubs who are doing great things to show others what they are doing," he said.

"Social media is where the conversation is happening. In the past it was done around the water cooler but people are moving into the digital space and clubs need to use it. "But again what hasn't changed is that Rotary at its core is about people helping other people.

"People see change as what you will lose but in reality

change should be about what you can gain and Rotary has a lot to gain by embracing change. "We help people all over the world, funding education

scholarships or community gardens and promoting our message to show what we are doing is how others will see the need and relevance of service clubs."

Incoming Rotary District 9650 governor Debbie Loveday said now more than ever Rotary is needed in the world but "changing how we have always done things" is inevitable and disrupting the traditional is how the organisation will stay current.

### Lightning Ridge Fire Station Captain, John Bevan receives Australian Fire Service Medal in 2020

#### Australia Day Honours List

The Australian Fire Service Medal (AFSM) is the highest honour an Australian firefighter can receive - John received this Award for outstanding service to Fire and Rescue NSW over the past 32 years. Congratulations John.



### INVITATION FROM ROTARY CLUB OF GLOUCESTER

## Mind Matters Marathon

Mental health is not a quick fix in fact it is a marathon. So lets us introduce you to the Mind Matters Marathon. This will be a fun yet challenging event where we are inviting teams of people to walk a mile in "their" shoes and spend the night walking around the oval. We are challenging teams to fundraise and get sponsorship for the event as a way of raising money for lifeline and rotary health.

With this in mind we are laying down the gauntlet and inviting you all to join the challenge. Bring one or bring many but be prepared to step it up and win

Date: Starts March 7th at 4pm

Ends: March 8th at 10am

Venue: Gloucester recreation center and surrounding sports grounds.

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Cost:\$20 per person or \$50 per family - (2 adults & 2 children under age of 12)

