



**Rotary Opens
Opportunities**



THIS ISSUE

Roadtripping with the DG

RYLA update

Christmas fundraiser

CALENDAR

November 16 - DG visit to
New England Rotaract
November 23 - DG visit to
Manilla
November 25 - DG visit to
Nambucca Valley
November 28-29 -
District Showcase
November 30 - DG visit to
Sawtell

MUSINGS FROM THE DG

It has been another amazing week in the world of Rotary. More new members, another five in total and that is just from my visits. We inducted more Associate members and Alumni, more Paul Harris Fellow recognitions and I got the opportunity to listen to two finalists from the Joan Carpenter scholarship conducted in Quirindi. Membership of Rotary has been very memorable this week again. Keep up the good work everyone, let's broadcast our Rotary message of who we are, and what we do out there in the community, because the community is where we get our new members from.

Monday, I travelled out to Quirindi and had a very memorable meeting there. They have been unable to meet face to face for some time, so it was a night of reconnecting with friends and remembering why we do what we do. I officially inducted Alice Elsley as the president for this year and it was great to see another young person step up and have a go. We inducted two new members, Kim Lawlor and Monique Caslick. Welcome to Rotary ladies! I was privileged to present two Paul Harris Fellows to Nikki Robertson and PP Ian Lobsey. These two people have been outstanding in their Service Above Self. Congratulations Ian and Nikki. During the evening we were entertained by two young ladies who apart from having beautiful voices were embarking on what I am sure will be amazing careers in the world of entertainment. We said farewell to Des and Margaret Waldron who were leaving the area and moving to Cairns to be nearer family, and we wish them all the very best for the future. The club is involved in many service projects and is very Youth focussed headed up by Robert Lewis. They are involved with NUSF, RYLA, YEP, RYAG, support of the Anglican School, in respect of kids in need. This man is an absolute dynamo. I wish I had his energy. He is the complete Rotarian. The evening was hosted by President Alice Elsley who has some great goals and objectives for her year as contained in their strategic plan.

Support and Strengthen our Club:

Foster Club innovation and flexibility.

Encourage members and friends of Rotary to participate in a variety of service activities.

Promote, encourage and deliver membership diversity.

Improve member recruitment and member retention and member satisfaction.

Develop Club leaders and indeed future National and International Rotary Leaders.

Improve community satisfaction with Rotary

Maintain an ongoing strategic outlook for the Club

Alice is supporting the deployment of 30 AED's in the community together with the training necessary to use them. They support Shelterbox, Drought relief and have partnered with the Rotary Club of Concord who have generously supported financially a scholarship for a nurse and the provision of hay, food parcels and feed for farmers during the drought. They support the MHERV van and have been involved in a Xmas carnival in partnership with the Chamber of Trade. One of the most innovative things I have heard this year is the Farmers for Kids project. Quirindi has an airport, but it is not a commercial airport.



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.

Farmers in the locality have been involved in farming the land either side of the runways at the airport. Whatever is grown has been sold and is used for supporting kids in the area. They donate two scholarships a year. They also partner with Galston Rotary whereby Agricultural students come to the area for three days for Ag experience and they have been doing this for 35 years. My thanks to AG Simon Guest for his support during my visits.

Wednesday, I went to my own club for their meeting. This was an International night where Dr. Ray Hodgson was in conversation with Axel Luzius. Axel experienced being smuggled from East Germany across the Berlin Wall (part of the Iron Curtain) into West Germany, hidden underneath filthy straw in a cattle truck. The cattle truck was part of a train that travelled across the line frequently. Hearing about the personal hardships of growing up during the occupation really makes you realise just how lucky we are, and the sacrifices soldiers made to grant us this freedom.

Thursday, I travelled to Moree where I was hosted by another young president Greg Fisher. Greg is a Rylarian who has gone on to join Rotary and now is president of the club. He was joined on the night by his wife and young son who taught us all about microphone technique and how he could master the words Dad Dad! Greg's vision for the year is to re connect, grow Rotary. They are looking at the Rotary park in town that needs rejuvenation. Greg wants to raise public awareness of what Rotary is and does in the community to support their needs. They run BBQ's, trivia nights and are involved in public speaking. They are about to facilitate a junior public speaking competition. Youth services features very strongly in this club, aided and abetted by the Vice Principal of the School who just happened to be a member – great to catch up with you Angela, and thanks for all the photographs. The local schoolchildren are rewarded each year by the Rotary club's donation of book prizes. These are awarded to students who encompass and reflect the Rotary 4 Way Test in their daily lives. I really liked this. Young children are learning our values and get positive reinforcement in the process. Great way to plant the seed of Rotary in our young minds. One the night I inducted two new members to Rotary. Welcome Vesna Stanojevic and Angela Druery. Sorry about my pronunciation of your name Vesna. These two ladies are outstanding in their respective fields of business and banking. Vesna being a manager for the CBA and co-owner of the Jackaroo Motel. Angela is a business analyst and resides in Moree where she can look after her father former past president and AG Stewart Potter. One of the interesting things on the night was Vesna's daughter was in attendance. She was a finalist in the public speaking and her sister is also a candidate for this year.

My presentation of Making Membership Memorable made Natalya think about discussions with her friends at school in respect of things they would like to see in the community. I have been speaking about taking Rotary to the Community and asking what Rotary can do to support your needs. She asked if she and her friends could come to Rotary and discuss these needs. This is exactly what we want to see and hear. Young people sharing their thoughts and aspirations for the town. They could become Associate Members of the club and later maybe think about starting their own Rotaract Club or joining the main club. We discussed the tyranny of distance for the clubs furthest out and how difficult and expensive it is for them to attend Presidents Elects training and Assemblies. Some exciting moments from the year have been a "Back to the Thirties Night, Fairview Fete, Entertainment by the Army Band, Graffiti removal, support for the MHERV van. The most amazing thing was the support given in respect of Hay donations during the drought of \$67K. Well done. I would like to thank another great Rotarian who facilitated me on the evening and was good fun as well Mary Reiner who is the club secretary. She was described on the night as a slave driver, but I am sure this was an affectionate term for, "don't know what we would do without you". Thank you also to AG Bruce George who has attended everyone of my club visits in his cluster. Thank you for your support, some of the visits required some lengthy travel at the end of a working day. I appreciate your input and guidance. These was great nights of fun and fellowship and so much more, where I observed friendships, fellowship and a passion to support the local community.

Today I have been invited to the NYSF orientation meeting online. There are 565 students who have accepted the invitation to join the program this year. These students are our future. They will be at the forefront of science, engineering and technology that will make our old age or older age more comfortable. We look to them to find solutions to the challenges of living in a world that is ever changing, to pioneer branches of new medicine and inventions that support our need for more sustainable energy and to make the world a more environmentally friendly place. Well done everyone for making this happen in a year where the obstacles to overcome were plenty. And Remember...

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

SHOWCASE

With District Showcase less than a fortnight away make sure you have everything ready!

We can't wait to see everyone soon!

ROTARACT PODCAST

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

The podcast is called Chats by Rotaract Australia.

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

The episodes are on Apple Podcast, Spotify, iHeartRadio and everywhere you would listen to a podcast.

[OR you can click here and listen!](#)



1st – 8th May 2021
Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation

Leader 2021
SARAH CARROLL

2020 Sponsor RC Port Macquarie West

Currently studying Bachelor of Education & planning to transfer to Masters of Secondary Education. "I know that going into my future career as a teacher, the mentality & skills RYLA has taught me will make me more equipped to lead & be a mentor. The quote during RYLA that resonated with me & will definitely make me a much more patient & forgiving person going into the future in my personal relationships & also in my career as a teacher is as follows – "you judge yourself by your intentions but others by their actions."



CHRISTMAS CARD FUNDRAISER

2020 has thrown us quite the curve ball this year I think it's fair to say - with key themes of isolation and loneliness.

Through lockdowns and border closures, we have learnt the importance of communication, reaching out and spreading love (not germs) when we can't be physically present.

And so the Rotary Club of Tamworth Sunrise say bring on a new fundraiser for our club - Christmas cards!

Our members have submitted designs and we have created a 10-pack of Christmas cards for just \$20 a pack, with all proceeds going to our projects and charities. The idea is if each member can reach out to 10 people this year we can hopefully improve mental health and morale as we tiptoe into 2021.

If anyone would like to order a pack of cards from the club please email taylor.fletcher89@gmail.com, and we can arrange collection from the District showcase OR postage for a small fee.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE – PORT MACQUARIE 12-14TH March 2021

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Following the Ecumenical Church Service on Sunday 14th March 2021, we will be having a Service of Remembrance, acknowledging all Rotarians in District 9650 who have died from 31/3/2018 up till the conference in 2021.

(Note - this is for two years, as we were unable to hold this service earlier this year due to Covid.)

Please send the following –

the name of your deceased Rotarian,

the name of your club.

His/her date of death,

PLUS a photo (head-shot) in a jpeg file as an attachment.

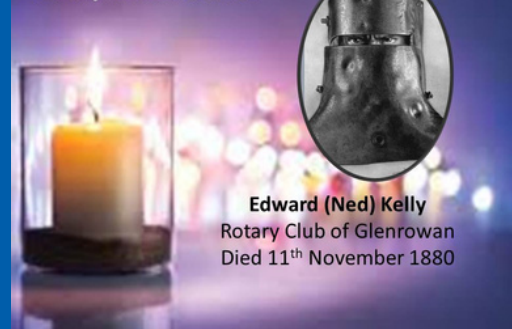
Please send to Kerry Medway (R/C of Port Macquarie)

via email- kerry@kerryedway.org ASAP,

so we can start collating a power point for the service. THANKYOU."



Rotary Remembrance



Edward (Ned) Kelly
Rotary Club of Glenrowan
Died 11th November 1880



Stranded kids! Let's extend the hand of friendship Rotary style.....

The NSW Department of Education has an International component. It provides opportunities for students to study under the NSW system from anywhere in the world. There are students hosted and educated in Sydney from all over the world. These students are high school age.

COVID -19 has impacted on their organisation.

Students who are studying in Australia are stuck! They can't fly home for the Christmas vacation.

Their organiser is seeking placement for about 5 students for about 3 nights in the last half of January.

Is there a club or a group of clubs who would host these students and give them a country experience at this time? Can we show them the good life outside of Sydney?

If you would like to discuss this further, contact Di Hall 0411704654



District 9650 Conference

Rotary an

International Affair

March 12-14th 2021



Panthers Bay St, Port Macquarie

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