



Rotary International District 9650 E News - Monday 16 September 2019

Rotary International President
Mark Maloney (Gay)

Rotary Club of Decatur Alabama USA

District Governor

Phil Hafey (Bronwyn)

Rotary Club of Laurieton NSW Australia

DG Phil's MESSAGE

This last week Bronwyn and I visited the Rotary Clubs of Tamworth West, Tamworth, Tamworth First Light and Calala and their communities.

On Saturday evening Bronwyn, Nicholas and I attended the Lifeline Midcoast Fundraiser Concert coordinated by the Rotary Club of Wauchope. This was a great evening of country and blues music at Wauchope Showground Hall thanks primarily to the local blues band and the local solo artists Hannah Pead, Ken ("Chainsaw") Lindsay and young Angus Gill who will be launching his first CD at the Glasshouse in Port Macquarie this coming Friday evening. (Photo below - Blues Band performing)



This closed out a very rewarding first phase of Club visits as Bronwyn and I are heading to the DG Symposium and Rotary Institute in Christchurch New Zealand. We will be away from 15 to 26 September 2019.

Bronwyn is very pleased with the support of Clubs for her Partner's Project - Lifeline Midcoast that will provide funding for training of more Crisis Support workers and this will enable the telephone support team to continue to respond to the many areas of need for Lifeline services. Bronwyn was delighted to be able to share the details of her Partner's Project at the Concert on Saturday evening last in Wauchope.

Photo at top next column is Bronwyn presenting the details of her Partner's Project and sharing the stage with Rotary Club of Wauchope President George Campbell who had thanked attendees and artists for giving of their time and talent that ensured the successful Concert for Bronwyn's Project.

This was a great example of connecting with talented musicians in your local community to showcase their talent and at the same time raise funds for this great cause.

It was also a great opportunity to connect with the local community to tell the story of Rotary and at the same time showcasing the work of Lifeline Midcoast with a display table.



Photos from DG Phil & Bronwyn's Rotary Club visits last week. These photos tell some of the valuable insights and activities that our DG and Bronwyn experienced this last week.

Photo Right: Rotary Club of Tamworth's Book Sale shed-amazing Open twice a week and sales exceed \$1,000 every week.



Photo left: Rotary Club of Tamworth's BBQ Trailer – very popular in the Community. It is pleasing to see the correct Rotary Branding and the great promotion.

Important District Dates

<https://rotary9650.org.au/events>

Rotary International District 9650 Inc

www.rotary9650.org.au

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

Photos from DG Phil & Bronwyn's Rotary Club visits last week (Continued)



Photo left:

Mal MacPherson, President of Tamworth West Rotary Club, presenting Bronwyn with a cheque to support the Partner's Project.

Photo right: Steve Beaton, President of Tamworth Rotary Club, presenting Bronwyn with a cheque to support the Partner's Project.



Photo left: Bruce Hemmett from Tamworth First Light Rotary Club belatedly receiving his Paul Harris with three sapphires recognition.

Advice of the following new Account Details for District 9650 Partners Project Account:

The Account number for electronic direct depositing has changed following the unification of the core banking systems of Holiday Coast Credit Union into Regional Australia Bank. It is also noted that Regional Australia Bank now has branches in most if not all of the communities in which our District Clubs operate and that will also assist in Clubs directly banking any funds into District Accounts via a local Branch of Regional Australia Bank if a club would prefer. If so it is important to note the actual Account "member number" for any deposit at a Regional Australia Branch.

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

For in Branch Deposit

Member No: 80765 Account: S14.4

Reference Required: Rotary Club Name

DG Phil and Bronwyn next Club Visits :

Mon 30 September - Warialda

Tuesday 1 October - Inverell East

Thursday 3 October - Macksville & Nambucca Heads

Tuesday 8 October - Guyra

Thursday 10 October - Inverell

Saturday 12 October - Lightning Ridge

Monday 14 October - Gunnedah

Wednesday 16 October - Boggabri

Club members and partners are encouraged to attend and warmly welcome our District Governor Phil and wife Bronwyn.

CONSTITUTION DOCUMENTS ON DISTRICT WEBSITE

There are three documents in the Documents Library on the District Website: rotary9650.org.au to assist Clubs update their Constitution and By Laws. This is required following the recent Council on Legislation.

The documents available on the website are:

- Procedure for Updating club constitution documents 4 Sep 19
- Club constitution 2019 (RI & NSW law compliant) 4 Sep 19
- D9650 2019 Recommended Club By Laws 4 Sep 19

Please contact the District Legal Officer, Maurie Stack, if you have any questions or concerns.

Clubs are encouraged to reflect these changes and adopt the changes as part of the 2019 Club AGM ensuring that appropriate Notice is given to members and that after the AGM the new Constitution is lodged with the Department of Fair Trading.

District Database reminder:

Club Presidents and or Secretaries or your Executive Secretary if you have allocated one are requested to keep the District 9650 data base updated with new members, resigned members and any Club Officer role changes.

Di Hall has also offered to load any such details for a Club if your Club does not have the expertise to do so.

Di Hall's email address is as follows:

dihall605@gmail.com—Thank you Di.

Have you diarised and already planned to attend the 2020 Rotary District 9650 District Conference?

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**

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

Rotarians, and partners, who are travelling overseas for any Rotary purpose (Friendship Exchange, Convention, Institute, etc) must complete the **Travel Authorisation Form** located in the District Library.

<https://www.rotary9650.org.au/documents-library>

The form should be submitted to Brett White prior to departure and the Insurance Documents should be taken overseas with you. Note that the Travel Authorisation Form requires a "Fit to Travel" letter from your Doctor.

Rotary D9650 2019 Showcase Weekend at Tamworth

Saturday 23 Nov 19 & Sunday 24 Nov 19

This will also include the D9650 Special General Meeting to receive and adopt the Audited Financial Reports for the District for the year ended 30 June 2019.

This will be a great learning & fellowship weekend.

Please discuss at you Club and encourage attendance. This will also be a great opportunity for newer members in our Clubs to attend and to learn and see Rotary beyond the Club.

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D9650 Rotary Foundation District Grants 2019-20

Applications for District Grants are available from the District website for clubs interested in obtaining.

Funding of up to \$4,000 for a project. Applications must be made by 31 October 2019 to D9650 Grants Chair, Elizabeth Tollis, through the online form provided on the District website, and submitted by email to

elizabeth.tollis@gmail.com

All forms are available on the District website in the Documents Library section.

To access the required documents go to the Documents Library, and on the right hand side you will find

"Quicklinks" - Foundation. Scroll down to the District Grant Application 2019-20, Memorandum of Understanding, Terms and Conditions, Club Qualification and Grant Manual.

There is also a Foundation Training Manual 2016-19 which is still current and should be read carefully.

For a club to gain an understanding of District Grants a PowerPoint presentation is available.

District grants give Rotarians freedom in determining how funds donated to the Rotary Foundation in their district can best be spent. To begin an application a club needs to have a spending plan, a dedicated bank account and account signatories, so if your club is interested in applying for a grant it is a good idea to have all this available before you begin.

Yours in Rotary Service

District Grants Chair Elizabeth Tollis (Rotary Club of Taree on Manning)

Email: elizabeth.tollis@gmail.com

Mobile: 0438982301

World Mental Health Day - 10 October 2019

World Mental Health Day is only 4 weeks away and that's when Australian Rotary Health will be celebrating Hat Day as part of its national "Lift the Lid" on Mental Illness fundraising campaign.

You can get involved with your friends, colleagues or Rotary Club this year by hosting a Hat Day on Thursday October 10 or anytime during Mental Health Month in October.

Your support will help the 1 in 5 Australians who suffer a mental illness every year.

100% of funds raised will go towards vital mental health research at universities across Australia.

Get your Hat Day Host Kit here:

<https://hatday.com.au/host-kit>

Australian Rotary Health is one of the largest independent funders of mental health research within Australia. It also provides funding into a broad range of general health areas, provides scholarships for rural medical and nursing students, as well as Indigenous health students.

Australian Rotary Health has a broad vision "**to improve the health and wellbeing of all Australians**".

<https://australianrotaryhealth.org.au/>

Australian Rotary Health Welcomes New Patron

Australian Rotary Health is pleased to welcome His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), Governor-General of Australia as our newest Patron.



"I am delighted to become Patron of Australian Rotary Health. With one in five Australians affected by depression, anxiety, schizophrenia or another illness, medical research into mental health has never been more important. That is why the work of Australian Rotary Health, its staff and supporters is so critical. By funding research into mental health as well as scholarships for PhD candidates, rural medicine and nursing, and Indigenous Health students, Rotary Health is helping to create a better Australia.

As Patron, I am looking forward to being involved with Australian Rotary Health, supporting their efforts and drawing attention to their magnificent work."

End-Polio Movie Night

Have you organised your Club's participation in the Movie for End Polio Now? Our Foundation Director PDG Maurie Stack has promotional information for Clubs and the details were in 2 Sep 19 E-News.

Please to send me some photos of your Movie Night and a few paragraphs to describe your Movie night.





Invest in your community...

Invest in the future of Rotary

Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation Centre

2nd – 9th May 2020

The story of RYLA is best told by a RYLARIAN Alumni....

"I am so thankful to my Rotary club for sending me to RYLA. The program has boosted my confidence in ways I never could have imagined.

It has opened so many opportunities for me and has helped me to find meaning and a sense of family in my community.

I was also selected to return to RYLA as a leader and again as a leader's leader – allowing me to strengthen my leadership skills, which later led to me pursuing a traineeship as a Youth Insearch leader.

Thanks to my Rotary club I have also had the opportunity to travel the world and contribute to my own community in meaningful ways. I've made amazing friends and have truly learned the meaning of 'bloom where you are planted'."

**Meg Hanlon RYLA
2016, 2017 & 2018**

Sponsor Club:

Rotary Club of Inverell. Volunteer In Timor Leste

RYLA provides an opportunity to extend leadership skills & assists with personal growth.

It is a powerful program for your community and for developing a sense of community and through developing future community leaders.

Application & brochure available on website here:

www.rotary9650.org.au/RYLA

**RYLA supporting the future of Rotary through
developing future Rotarians**



South Pacific and
Philippines Office

Extract from September Regional Bulletin

The Regional Office team has been busy preparing their presentations for the Zone 8 Conference in Christchurch. This is a historic moment: Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands finally coming together as one zone — 'bridging the ditch' and removing one very small division.

It sometimes seems we live in a world that is rife with division. And too much focus on differences has so often led to conflict.

Overcoming these differences, even at a personal level, takes a great deal of introspection. At some point, we need to ask ourselves whether one's particular view of the world is really more important than "the greater good." It is the toughest first step!

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month. This is a cause that is absolutely vital in bridging the gaping divide for those less privileged, especially the children. Education is fundamental to their the ability to surmount challenges in the future.

In Rotary year 2019, Basic Education and Literacy ranked as the third highest Area of Focus, with funding of over USD12.5 million to support projects worldwide.

The video: "Rotary Supports Education", describes how grants from The Rotary Foundation help alleviate the plight of the 17% of the world's adult population who are illiterate.

Copy of the video can be accessed at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WHBg3WcCai8&feature=youtu.be>

"Education has the power to lift families up, make real change, modify behaviour, create healthy habits and open minds... (It) creates security and safety in families so that they can support, provide and make informed and empowered decisions."

Your contributions to The Rotary Foundation impact lives all around the world. For people who would otherwise have been isolated by their educational disadvantage, it provides a path to connect to the world.

Best Regards,

Grace Ramirez

Manager, International Office and Financial Services

NEW COURSES – "rotary.org" LEARNING CENTRE:

The Rotary International (RI) Learning & Development (L&D) team have been busy with creation of new e-learning courses on the **Learning Centre**.

One we highly recommend you take 30 minutes to complete is the **"Preventing and Addressing Harassment"** course. This course reviews Rotary's policy on a harassment-free environment.

Another strong course is the **"Essentials of Understanding Conflict"**. As the RI supporting information states re this course - *"the completion of this module may assist or direct how you approach a difficult conversation with a Club Officer or District Chair"*.

2019 RI Manual of Procedure—available soon

The 2019 Manual of Procedure is scheduled for distribution in October 2019. This will reflect the changes required as a result of the 2019 Council on Legislation. The 2019 Manual of Procedure will be available on-line at www.rotary.org