



## Rotary International District 9650

### E News - Sunday 19 April 2020

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

**Rotary Club of Decatur Alabama USA**

**District Governor**

**Phil Hafey (Bronwyn)**

**Rotary Club of Laurieton NSW Australia**

#### **THIS WEEKS MESSAGE FROM DG PHIL HAFEY**

Last week E News featured an invitation to join Health Minister and Rotarian, Greg Hunt MP in a webinar.

Over 500 Rotarians did, and for those interested in seeing the webinar, the link to the recording is:

<https://youtu.be/H5h1VqJwAjA>

As Rotarians are becoming more accustomed to the electronic meeting format, more is being achieved.

Club Boards are meeting effectively and decisions are being made in relation to Club activities in the long and short term and planning for projects in the community is being undertaken.

The popularity of Zoom prompted the Finance Committee to recommend that more accounts be purchased by District to enable more Clubs to book Zoom activities through District.

This will assist the smaller Clubs who are not in a position to purchase their own accounts. When details are finalised they will be published in E News.

Most of us have taken the opportunity in recent weeks to catch up on a few odd jobs around the house, in the garden or in the office.

Now is probably a good time to look around your Rotary Clubs and find the odd jobs that have been in the "to do" file. Examples include:

- Is the Club's website up-to-date including the correct Rotary branding?
- Have all incoming officers been recorded in My Rotary? (Over 50% of Clubs have not recorded the Foundation Director and/or Membership Director and 30% of Clubs have not recorded the incoming President, Secretary and Treasurer details.)
- Is the RDU Data Base up to date? (Instructions from RDU on how to do this have been sent to all Presidents and Secretaries with this week's E-News.)
- Does the Club's Social Media presence need updating?
- Is the Club letterhead ready for 1 July 2020?
- Has the Club prepared an information brochure using the template in My Rotary?

#### **Zone 8 Humanitarian of the Year Award**

Last year Port Macquarie's Dr Ray Hodgson was presented with this award at the Christchurch Conference and nominations are being called for this

year's award.

This annual award recognises a person, either Rotarian or non Rotarian, who, through their actions, is exemplary in their leadership, caring, and commitment to the welfare of humanity, either within Zone 8 or globally.

It is to be awarded to a person who inspires others to action, and who selflessly improves and enriches the lives of both individuals, and the greater society.

If any Club knows of a suitable candidate, please contact me this week.

#### **A message from Bronwyn Hafey**

While we are all doing our best to be content in our isolation, we are hopeful that in the coming year we will have the opportunity of fulfilling what we had hoped to achieve this year.

We know that apart from the drought and fires so many are continuing to experience great anxiety, fear and loneliness in our present circumstances, and the necessity of providing ongoing support throughout our District is vital.

As well as scholarships for additional 24-hour telephone crisis support personnel we want to provide the opportunity for community members throughout our District to attend and share in Community Based Training and Follow up Support.

This "responsive" training will enable us to listen, respond and support our family, friends and community members appropriately especially as we re-enter our greatly changed society.

In light of this, please keep our Partner's LIFELINE Project in your minds as you finalise the sharing of your finances.

#### **DG Partner's Project Account:**

##### **Account Name:**

Rotary International D9650 DG Partner's Project

##### **For Direct Credit (electronic payment)**

**BSB:** 932-000

**Account No:** 500143137

**Reference Required:** Rotary Club Name or individual donor's name

Thank you so much. I look forward to meeting with you all in the not too distant future.

Keep safe and well.

Kindest regards,

Bronwyn



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## CONTRIBUTION FROM PDG BRIAN BEESLEY—

Membership Director Di Christian and Public Relations Director Brian Beesley are holding a special meeting this Wednesday Night (22 Apr 20) at 8pm.

**The topic is "What Preparations can you take to make sure Rotary is alive and well in your town after the Isolation period".**

### Brief of the meeting:

The closure period is a real concern for many businesses and is also one that Service Groups like ours must prepare for. We are after all ... creatures of habit.

*Will many Members be content with the new "Normal" and not return to Rotary?*

With larger group meetings likely to be out of bounds for some time ... it is possible that meetings like Rotary could be unable to be held in the foreseeable future.

No doubt businesses will be the first to be given a clearance .... but supposedly non-essential gatherings like Rotary may well be impacted for a longer time.

- *Will Rotary in your town survive?*
- *What are some fundamental changes we could make to the way our Rotary work is done and our Friendship component be maintained?*
- *Are there some opportunities that exist now that were not foreseen earlier?*
- *Can we do our Rotary Work and enjoy it in a new way?*
- *Are there a new group of Members who may be sitting at home right now who would join Rotary with a new vision?*
- *Would it be best to just sit and wait to see what happens .. and make our decisions when the future is clearer?*

### Preparation for the meeting.

To gain maximum benefit think about the following points.

1. Across District 9650 Rotary disbursements have traditionally exceeded 1 Million dollars per annum. Our Membership has over 1350 skilled adults who contribute an uncalculated number of Service hours to our communities. How will our towns be affected by the loss or diminishing of the above points?
2. Diana will give us some up-to-date statistics on our Membership for us to use in our thinking. How has your Towns Rotary Membership looked in the recent past? Are there a pool of people we have left largely untapped in our community who would like to use Rotary as a means of social interaction and community service? Has the period of isolation allowed us to re-think our relationship with our friends and neighbours? Has this Re-think kindled a spirit of Community Involvement that was dormant 3 months ago? Who cares .. perhaps Service Groups like Rotary have passed there "use by date" and should just slip away?
3. Assuming we look positively towards a Rotary future .... What planning should we make now? How can the results of our discussion be best fed into our District and Town Rotary preparation for next year? Is it possible or desirable to do a full "reset" of the way Rotary operates in 9650 and in our towns?

Finally ... a meeting like this could go on forever and become a "talkfest of believers or detractors".

### Di Will Chair the meeting and the Agenda will be:

- 1) Brian will give a brief opening across the topics above.
- 2) Di will speak to her statistics of Membership for the District.
- 3) We will open the discussion to determine **IF** we should do any preparation now.
- 4) For those who believe .... "No we wait and see" .. then they are welcome to leave.
- 5) **IF** there are any who think we should prepare ... we will discuss in a structured way the thoughts tendered.

Time limit is 1 hour for the meeting.

**IF** a further meeting is called for ... the date and time to be set with an Agenda to follow.

To be most effective each participant needs to give pre-meeting thinking to the topics above and make some notes.

Please keep your thoughts and comments concise and structured.

Brian will write out a progressive summary of the Meeting should further work be required by those attending.

**The meeting is open to every Rotarian in 9650 ... it is after all Your Rotary.**

### Meeting details—a Zoom Meeting.

**Topic:** Rotary after the isolation

**Time:** Wednesday 22 April, 2020 at 8:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 308 727 6174

Password: 9650

Brian Beesley (PR Director 2019-2021)

Phone 0419 634 275



#### Clean your hands thoroughly

for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, or an alcohol-based hand rub.



#### Cover your nose and mouth

when coughing and sneezing with a tissue or a flexed elbow. Put the tissues in the bin.



#### Avoid close contact

with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.



#### Stay home if you are sick.

[health.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus](https://health.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus)



COVID-19 symptoms



Practise good hygiene



Practise social distancing



Stay home if you can



## **CYCLONE HAROLD - SOUTH PACIFIC AND VANUATU**

As most of us are now aware Cyclone Harold recently ravaged its way through countries in the South Pacific, a Category 5 Cyclone, it has caused incredible damage through the Solomon's, FIJI and Vanuatu.



### **Vanuatu**

The Islands of Vanuatu are well known to a lot of us as we have carried out a significant amount of aid work there and repaired many buildings, including hospitals and schools over the years after previous cyclones. A place special to many of us.

This article was posted on 17 April 2020 by Ami Gunia from Vanuatu:

*"The coronavirus pandemic has now reached 185 countries and infected more than 2 million people. But it has spared Vanuatu, so far.*

*The tiny Pacific island nation is one of very few places on Earth with no confirmed cases of COVID-19.*

*Cyclone Harold, however, did not spare it.*

*The category 5 storm, one of the **strongest ever recorded** in the Southeast Pacific, caused catastrophic damage when it struck April 6.*

*Nearly 160,000 of the nation's 300,000 residents were impacted, according to Oxfam.*

*The U.N. estimates that in some places, **80-90% of the population** may have lost homes.*

*Now, isolated Vanuatu, which is made of some 80 islands stretching across 800 miles of the South Pacific Ocean, finds its response to one disaster hampered by its efforts to prevent another.*

*To prevent the coronavirus from being brought to Vanuatu, officials have banned foreign aid workers from entering the country to help.*

*"This is an internally run response. We need to work together," the country's National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) said on **its Facebook page**.*

*Foreign countries, including **Australia, New Zealand** and China, are flying in aid, but any supplies that enter are being quarantined for three days and disinfected to ensure there is no lingering coronavirus."*

I have been in touch with Shelter Box Australia CEO Mike Greenslade and he has told me that Shelter Box will be supporting the aid effort in Vanuatu again this time.

The impact of COVID-19 means we cannot send our normal response teams into the area and must work through existing NGO's who are already in situ.

Mike also explained that there is no call to send the full Shelter Box and so they will be sending the tent

from the Shelter Box and the Shelter Kit.

The tent costs AUD\$500 and the Kit costs AUD\$120. The Kit contains ropes, tools and a large tarp, amongst other items, and is the most popular as the local people are able to repair houses and waterproof rooves with the tarp.

Our District is preparing to make a donation from the District Disaster Relief Fund to the Vanuatu appeal through Shelter Box and I am happy to say the Rotary Club of Laurieton has already dispatched AUD\$2,000.

Please consider helping the isolated people of Vanuatu by providing a personal donation by credit card, you can donate through the Shelter Box website direct:

<https://www.shelterboxaustralia.org.au/donate/>

For Clubs who would normally donate by electronic funds transfer or by cheque, below is the method you can use:

**For EFT or direct deposit**, Shelter Box bank details are:

Shelter Box Australia, Bendigo Bank, BSB 633 000, account no. 166 780 163, please email [office@shelterbox.org.au](mailto:office@shelterbox.org.au) to notify of your donation.

Cheques can be mailed to:

Shelter Box Australia,  
PO Box 254, Parramatta, NSW, 2124.

The people of Vanuatu are cut off because of the coronavirus but we can still get help to them, any donation no matter how large or small will help.

Please help if you can.

Stay home, stay well and safe.

PDG Ian Jackson

District International Service Director

District 9650 2019-20

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### **Rotary Club of Taree connected and engaged**

Images From the last Rotary Club of Taree Zoom meeting.

The Club has advised that during there last 2 Zoom Meetings they have inducted 3 new members and they

have one more new member to be inducted in the coming weeks.

They have also advised that for each of these 2 meetings has had up to 35 people attending the Zoom Meeting. Congratulations Taree Rotary Club





**BUT.....**we have secured a new date and it will be at Lake Keepit Sport & Rec for RYLA 2020.

### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

Keep those applications coming, so when this Covid-19 pandemic is over we can have the best Camp ever !!

Application & brochure on District website:

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

All enquiries to go to:

Louise Matthews E: [lmjew@bigpond.com](mailto:lmjew@bigpond.com)

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### An Invitation from Gloucester Rotary

#### Olympic Champion Damian Martin to speak this Tuesday(21 Apr)at Gloucester Rotary Zoom meeting

Damian Martin grew up in Gloucester NSW.

He was educated at Gloucester High School.

He spent most of his youth honing his Basketball skills.

He has played Basketball in both the US and Australia.

He plays for the Boomers based in West Australia.

Has represented Australia at Olympic level.

Damian is a Rotarian and has embarked on a new vocation to see "life after basketball".

Hear him speak at **Gloucester Rotary Club Zoom meeting this TUESDAY NIGHT (21 April 2020) at 8pm.**

By all means copy this invitation to any other sports minded people you think would enjoy his talk.

#### Meeting Details to join are ..

**Topic:** Gloucester Rotary Club Meeting (Damian Martin Guest speaker)

**Time:** 21 April, 2020 07:45 PM



To Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/3087276174?](https://zoom.us/j/3087276174?pwd=MmtNcmRYRDJDY29NMyMDM4MU9NUT09)

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### ROTARY DISTRICT TRAINING FOR 2020-2021 YEAR

All Club incoming officers are reminded of the plans in place to deliver via Zoom Meetings what would have been the structured topics for the District Training .

Incoming Presidents and Secretaries will shortly receive the Agenda for a Plenary Zoom Meeting for incoming Club Presidents, Secretaries, Child Protection Officers and Public Officers to be held on Sunday 3 May 2020 from 8:55am to 11:30pm.

This session will address the following key topics presented by DGE Debbie Loveday, District Child Protection Officer Diana Reynolds and District Insurance Officer Brett White together with the District Budget presentation by Treasurer Pam Foye and District Finance Committee Chairman Neville Parsons:

- Overview of R.I. President- elect Holger Knaack (from Germany) Address at the International Institute announcing 2020-2021 Theme **"Rotary Opens Opportunities"** Preliminary viewing recommended: <https://www.rotary.org/en/holger-knaack-sees-opportunities-rotary-change-thrive>
- Overview of the 2020-21 areas of focus for D9650
- Rotary Citation for 2020-2021 Year – a different approach via Rotary Club Central on the rotary.org website via "My Rotary"
- Introduction of the 2020-2021 District Management Committee
- District Budget approval by Presidents-elect in accordance with our District Policies
- District Special project 2020-2021
- Youth Protection - Overview and Compliance
- Insurance Overview - Covers and requirements for compliance

Additional District Training Sessions via Zoom Meetings for Club incoming Officers and other members are being organised.

The dates and times for the "live" Zoom sessions will be advised once finalised with the District Directors and other presenters.

All Zoom Meetings including the District Assembly Zoom Session Sunday 3 May 2020 will be recorded so that members that cannot attend will be able to view the session in their own time via a link that will be provided after the sessions and those details will also be stored on our District Website for ease of member access.

The topics to be covered in these additional sessions that will be scheduled to run for between 40 minutes and 1 hour with time for questions will include the following:

Club President Role & responsibilities	Club Secretary Role & responsibilities
Club Treasurer Role & responsibilities	Public Relations Role & responsibilities
International Service Role & responsibilities	Youth Service Role & responsibilities
Community Service Role & responsibilities	Club Administration Role & responsibilities
Vocational Service Role & responsibilities	Strategic Planning for Clubs & Overview D9650 Plan
Rotary Foundation Role & responsibilities	Good Governance for Clubs
Membership Role & responsibilities	My Rotary & Rotary Club Central