



**Rotary International District 9650**  
**E News - Monday 19 August 2019**

**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 DG's MESSAGE**

This week Bronwyn and I visited Kempsey, Port Macquarie West, Taree on Manning and Taree North. Some of the highlights include:

AG Peter Lawry presenting a certificate from Australian Rotary Health to the President of the Kempsey Rotary Club Belinda Fowler for the Kempsey Club's ongoing support.



Presenting a Paul Harris Award with sapphire to Port Macquarie West Rotarian, Dave Comish for his contribution to the

Port Macquarie Community over many years. This Award was presented at the Port Macquarie Private Hospital Rehabilitation Unit where Dave is undergoing treatment. Also meeting an expat Rotarian who has lived in France for 21 years who visited the Port Macquarie West Club while she was in the area.

A feature continues to be hearing about the exciting projects planned by all the Clubs we visited.

The succession planning by the Taree on Manning Club Donna Ballard (President in 2021-22), Richelle Murray (President in 2020-21), DG Phil Hafey and Rhonda Futterleib (President 2019-20)



The Book Sale venue used by the Taree North Club. See the 2 images below.



On Monday this week (19 August), we travel to Wee Waa and Moree for our Club visits before returning to Coffs Harbour for Club visits and a project tour prior to the Management Committee Meeting on Sunday 25 Aug 19.

Thank you again to all Clubs for your great support of Bronwyn's project, Lifeline. Bronwyn continues to be so encouraged with the positive response to her project – LIFELINE.



**Contributions to the DG Partner's Project**

**For the preferred direct deposit details are:**

Account: Rotary International DG Partner's A/c

BSB: 721-000 Account No. 100143137

Please forward copy of direct deposit details to our District Treasurer Pam Foye [pamfoye1@gmail.com](mailto:pamfoye1@gmail.com)

**Important District Dates**

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

**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)

If you still use cheques please make cheque out to:  
DG Partner's Project 2019-20  
Please send cheques to:  
Pam Foye  
District 9650 Treasurer,  
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### All members—please note

### 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 and one that all members will benefit from attending. Please get a group of your members together and make a weekend of fun and fellowship mixed with Rotary learning. If in doubt, ask someone that attended last year as to the value that they experienced from the weekend.

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### DG Phil and Bronwyn Club Visits next 2 weeks:

Mon 19 August - Wee Waa

Tue 20 August - Moree on Gwydir

Wed 21 August - Moree

Mon 26 August - Coffs Harbour City (Lunch)

Mon 26 August - Woolgoolga

Tue 27 August - Nambucca Heads

Wed 28 August - Coffs Harbour Daybreak (breakfast)

Wed 28 August - Coffs Harbour

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

### Youth Protection News

Provided by D9650 Child Protection Officer Diana Reynolds - For Club review and attention

The **2019 D9650 Youth Protection Policy** was uploaded onto the District website several weeks ago. This policy was endorsed by the 2018-2019 District Management Committee.

While much of the previous policy is incorporated in the 2019 policy, there are some significant new inclusions, namely the **Youth Protection Protocols** that have been adopted for **all District and Club Based District Youth and youth based Vocational programs**.

Proformas for Club Working With Children Check (WWCC) and Rotary Youth Volunteer Information and Declaration (RYVID) Registers are also included.

*Rotary Youth programs are enormously valuable and*

*depend on the goodwill of Rotary volunteers. That goodwill must be respected and maintained, but we must also comply with the law and ensure our first priority is to the welfare of the children/young people in our care.*

*As we are all now aware, the parliament requires all volunteers (including Rotary volunteers) to obtain a Working With Children Check in order to engage in programs/services for children and that check must be verified as cleared by the Rotary clubs. The courts require Rotarians to exercise the standard of care which we would all expect for the protection of our own children and that is a high standard of care.*

*These procedures are intended to play a part in maintaining Rotary youth programs in which the community can continue to have faith. As a Rotary District, we must comply with the Policies of Rotary International as well as the law. (2016 D9650 Youth Protection Policy).*

Should your Club require further information in relation to Child Protection matters then please contact Diana Reynolds.



### 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> May 2020 Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation

Application forms & brochure now online

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

DGN David Mayne & PHF Saphire RYLArian & Rotarian  
Richie Goddard (RC Dorrigo)

### RYLA supporting the future of Rotary

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### RI President Maloney Message

#### How will you connect the world?

Our Rotary service connects us to people who share our values and want to take action for a better world. It connects us to people we might never otherwise meet, people who are more like us than we imagined. And it connects us to people who need our help, allowing us to change lives in communities around the world.

Rotary is implementing a [new strategic plan](#), but the real work of shaping Rotary's future lies with you as we adapt and grow for the future. RI President Mark Daniel Maloney challenges you to strengthen the many ways that *Rotary Connects the World* by building the connections that allow talented, thoughtful, and generous people to unite and take meaningful action through service.

The [2019-20 Rotary Citation](#) will recognize the accomplishments of clubs that support the priorities of our strategic plan and make a positive difference in their communities. Encourage your clubs to work toward the citation's goals.

**The new RI Strategic Plan is available here:**

<https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/about-rotary/strategic-plan>



## District 9650 returns to Kokoda hospital PNG

with team leader PDG Greg Moran Inverell Rotary Club.

"Every trip to PNG is different and brings new challenges and exciting situations" according to Inverell Rotary club's International Director and Team Leader Greg Moran on his return from Kokoda recently.

For example, the amazing welcome we received at St Margaret's Nursing School when we visited to meet the nursing students sponsored for their final year by district clubs including our own club. This welcome included traditional dancing, meeting with staff and students and a lovely morning tea.

A water tank donated to the Anonda School in the previous year by Inverell Rotary Club had been installed and connected to a roof to provide clean drinking water to the school students. The tank was officially opened and dedicated to the Inverell Rotary Club under the Safe Water Saves Lives program. School packs donated by Coffs Harbour Sunrise Rotary were also gratefully received.

*Greg Moran, Sue Moran and Bev Walls at tank opening*



The two other women team members, Sue

Moran and Beverley Walls from Days for Girls visited an adult literacy school at Koko village and were happy to donate more school packs to a very grateful group of people working hard to improve their skills. Sue and Bev also presented about 20 Baby Packs put together by Dorothy Barwick of D9650 e-Club and these were very gratefully received.

*Bev Walls instructing Year 9 students in Days for Girls*

Meanwhile, Greg had his work cut out for him organising local people to help finish off the Kokoda Hospital Nurses container house.



with the constant nightly rain falling during the unseasonal "dry season". Some other minor works and painting of the kitchen area and bedrooms ensured the house was completed and ready for occupation.

We also saw wheel-chairs at Kokoda hospital that had been donated by Warialda Rotary Club in use by very grateful recipients.

Bev was very happy to present reusable sanitary kits under the auspices of Days for Girls to girls and women from the Anonda School and to give them an educational session on the care and use of these kits as well as general hygiene and female anatomy. The kits had been donated by Armidale Days for Girls Chapter. These people attended the session on a public holiday, First Shot Day which is the equivalent of our Anzac Day.

We were amazed to find a group of women at the hospital actually making Days for Girls kits. The women involved were from the different wards around Kokoda and it is hoped that they will be able to make kits for sale as they are very sought after by many of the women. This was organised by Kokoda Initiative which is funded from Australian aid money.

Greg attended the First Shot celebrations at Awala Village where the first shots of the Kokoda Campaign took place. It was a spectacular event with dancers in Traditional dance attire and headdresses and hundreds of people parading and marching. As the only Australian present, he was very surprised and honoured to be asked by the dignitaries to speak off the cuff to the thousand or so people present on behalf of Australia. In PNG "expect the unexpected!"

Photos below:

*Left: Greg Moran with student nurse; Right Kate Jinga, sponsored student nurse with Sue Moran*



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## August—Membership Month

*This is the perfect time to celebrate your club's members and consider the many options available for strengthening your membership.*

*Remember that membership is every member's responsibility... just as it was for the Rotarian that invited you to become a member.*



This house was built around two containers and has involved two teams from District 9650 as well as a number of Tech College students and other local helpers.

*Sam completing the painting on the container house*

The final jobs included digging in a septic tank and connecting it to the house without having it float away

## Laurieton Club at work in their community

*Contribution by PDG Ian Jackson & Immediate Past President Barbara Jackson*

Laurieton Rotary has been involved in a small **community project at Moorland Primary School**, "Paddock to Plate". The Laurieton Club sought a Community Partnership Grant through HCCU for the project and we were successful.

It is noted that this project falls into area of focus as promoted this Rotary year by DG Phil Hafey - for local community projects funded by grants other than Foundation District Grants.

Recently members of the Rotary Club of Laurieton were talking to staff from Moorland Primary School after giving them a small donation for the end of the year. Moorland School is a small local school of 23 students and suffers, as most schools do, with a lack of a robust P & C group.

They were to start a "Paddock to Plate" program so the students could plant vegetables and herbs, cultivate and pick them and then turn them into food.

We offered to fund the purchase of the timber to build a 3m x 3m garden bed. To this end we applied for a Community Partnership Grant through the Holiday Coast Credit Union grants program.

Our application was successful and we received the full amount of the carefully costed project of \$1,234-00. The timber was purchased and the school's General Assistant cut the timber to the required lengths and the Laurieton Rotary "A" team set about building the garden bed.



Day One, (14<sup>th</sup> August) four men times 4 hours to reach near completion and on Day 2, three men x 3 hours to complete and the bed now ready for the eager children to start planting. The project was completed at noon on the 16<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

*Important event  
Morning tea*



The dollar cost to our Club was only the cost of a few additional 'nuts and bolts', all the funding obtained through a local community grant, a total of about 28 hours fun mixed with some effort and the Rotary flag flown high in a small community that now knows what Rotary is all about.

The Principal Lyn Schneider has now promised scones for morning tea and we await the invitation.

*The team end of day 1. Alan Anderson, Lance Forster, Michael Austin & Ian Jackson*



*Complete with soil Day2, The team with Lyn and Rachel.*



## MESSAGE FROM OUR DISTRICT FOUNDATION CHAIRMAN - PDG MAURIE STACK

Many clubs ordered Centurion Towers last year. I have ordered another 500 Towers plus 500 Poles – which enable the Towers to be used again. Maurie has received an initial 50 Towers and 150 Poles – available on a "first in best dressed" basis.

Please contact PDG Maurie Stack direct.

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## MESSAGE FROM RC GUNNEDAH 2380

The Rotary Club of Gunnedah 2380 will be holding the 43rd Annual Gunnedah Gallop, which is a family fun run, on Sunday 8 September 2019. The Gallop has two courses - one of 8km and the other of 2km. Rotarians and friends are invited to come to Gunnedah to support the event as well as help the local economy as it battles the crippling drought. To nominate you can contact the club at [gunnedah2380@gmail.com](mailto:gunnedah2380@gmail.com) or register on the day.