



# Rotary Opens Opportunities

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## MUSINGS FROM THE DG

This week I have been taking the opportunity to connect with the clubs I am visiting in the next two weeks. Thank you to everyone for your support and assistance. My Rotary road trip starts with visiting our AG for Cluster 9 Emily Ryan at Coonamble club. I am looking forward to meeting their president Jackie Harris and the members of the club. I haven't been out that far before so it will be a very new experience. From Coonamble I go across to Coonabarabran. I have been there before and will be looking forward to meeting up with the club again. PDG Jo Wilkin inducted me into Rotary 10 years ago this September. Seems a very long time ago now. Thanks to Mal Unicomb and the board for facilitating my visit.

Wednesday sees me head to Barraba. Another place I have passed but not stopped in. I am sure there was a footy family that moved there from Wauchope, back in the days of me being a head trainer FAO for Group 3. This COVID crisis has really played havoc with organising face to face visits. Bryan Barrass epitomises "if at first you don't succeed with a venue and dinner try again ... and succeed". Thank you Bryan!

I then go back to Gunnedah where I will be hosted by Gunnedah 2380 for lunch and Gunnedah West for dinner. Thanks for fitting me in. The end of my week I visit Tamworth Sunrise. I have met President Adam Green before when he helped at PETS earlier this year, so I feel I know several members from that club.

Some people have apologised that there would only be a small group or that their club is small. Rotary isn't about numbers, how big or small the club is. It is about quality and from what I have been reading in all the newsletters this past year, we have quality in abundance. If your group is small then, lucky me because I will probably get to speak with all the members.

As COVID spreads in Victoria and now Sydney, we are all trying to re connect but stay safe at the same time. I can assure you all, that if at any time I feel unwell I will cancel my visit.

No one wants a cold at any time let alone COVID19. If you are looking for something different on your club program, how about having a Dorothea McKellar night?

In Port Macquarie we hold this every year. Invite a guest poet and students from the High School to read some of their poetry. It is a most pleasant evening and engages members of the community that you possibly wouldn't under normal circumstances. Poetry is such a creative way to teach reading and comprehension. I still remember all the nursery rhymes I learnt as a child and probably sang to my children.

## CALENDAR

July 20 - NYSF applications close  
 July 20 - DG visit Coonamble  
 July 21 - DG Visit Coonabarabran  
 July 22 - DG visit Barraba  
 July 23 - DG visit Gunnedah 2380  
 July 23 - DG visit Gunnedah West  
 July 24 - DG visit Tamworth Sunrise  
 July 27 - DG visit Great Lakes  
 July 28 - DG visit Wauchope  
 July 29 - DG visit Port Macquarie  
 July 31 - DG visit Port Macquarie Sunrise

## E-NEWS CONTACT

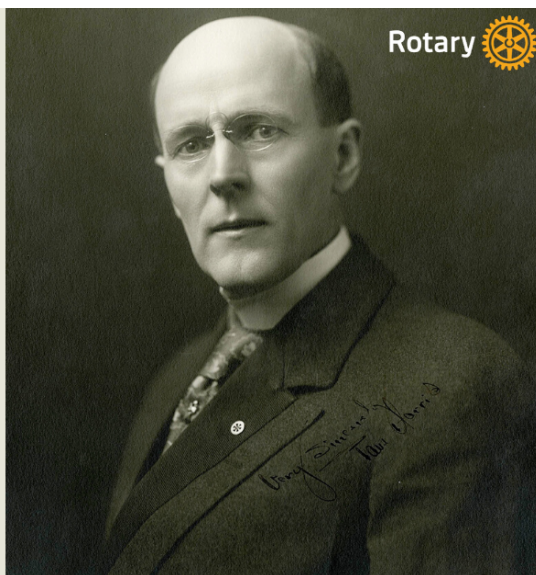
If you have something for the E-news please email editor Laura Telford at [laura.telford@rotaract.org.au](mailto:laura.telford@rotaract.org.au) before 5pm on Friday to make sure it will appear in the next edition!

**"Rotary holds that the interests of society demand that there be a place where [people] of diverse races, faiths, and political parties can meet in happy fellowship, and proposes to provide that place."**

## **Paul Harris**

founder of Rotary

This Rotarian Age (1935)



# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

For the 2020-21 Rotary International year Holger Knaack will be the RI President. He, and wife Susanne hail from Germany and are keen to open the doors to opportunities for Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors across the globe.

## MUSINGS FROM DG DEBBIE CONT.

Fundraising for service projects could be tougher this year. Have you thought of getting a grant to help? Rotary District Grants, Rotary Global Grants, Rotary Australia Compassionate Grants. Community Building Partnership Grants, and the Grants Hub are just a few of the places you can access information. Many of the banks and credit unions have grants available each year.

Newcastle Permanent charitable Foundation can be found at, <https://www.newcastlepermanent.com.au/charitable-foundation/fundingRegional>

Australia Bank is another example and can be accessed at <https://www.regionalaustaliabank.com.au/community/community-involvement>

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

## STAYING COVID SAFE

These are still complicated times and although COVID restrictions are slowly lifting we can consider ourselves fortunate that we don't live in some countries that are still in or approaching catastrophic infection levels.

We as Rotarians and Rotaractors must remain vigilant and abide by a National 'duty of care'. As restrictions lift, we will be returning to more community contact and possibly face to face as we start to engage again as Rotarians. I strongly recommend that Rotarians and Rotaractors complete this Federal Government COVID-19 course. It only takes 20 -30 minutes to complete and a certificate is generated at completion. Some organisations are now requesting that staff and volunteers complete this course before they can continue in employment or community activities. I believe Rotarians would do well to be proactive and individually complete this simple, brief course. <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covid-19-infection-control-training>.

-DGE David Mayne

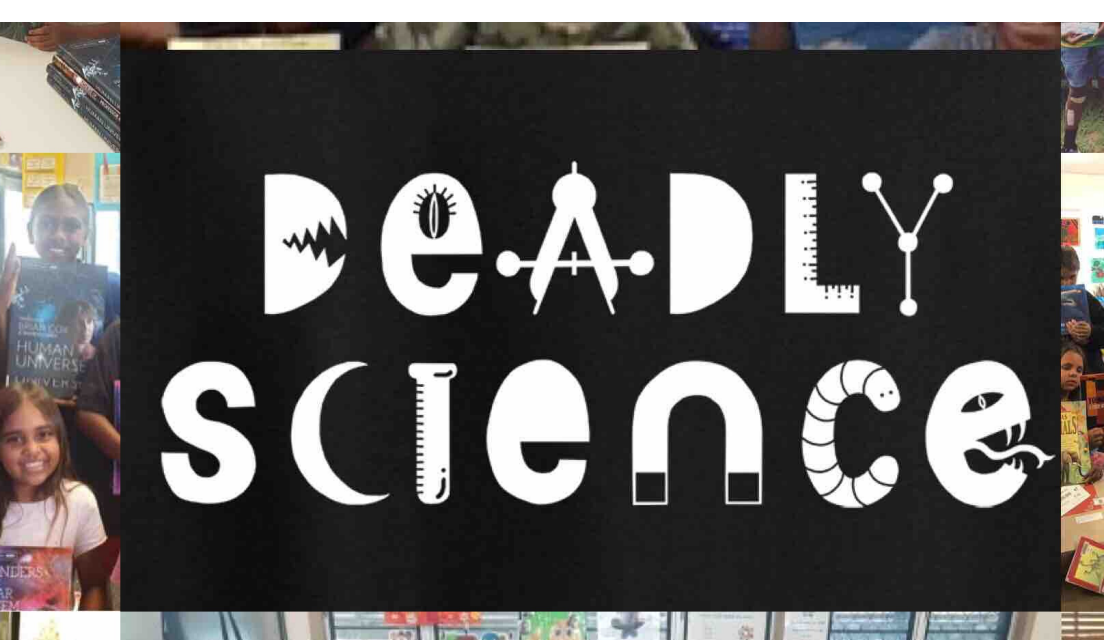


Holger Knaack, a member of the Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Mölln, Germany, began his year as Rotary International president 1 July.

Knaack is an atypical Rotary president, and not just because he wears jeans and eschews ties much of the time.

He's the organization's first German president, and came to that position in untraditional fashion.

Read a profile of Knaack in [The Rotarian](#) and visit the [office of the president pages](#).



## ROTARY CITATION

Starting in July, Rotary club leaders can choose the goals they want to apply toward the 2020-21 Rotary Citation.

Of the 25 possible goals, select 13 or more that you think are the most relevant and achievable. You'll be able to report many of your accomplishments simply by marking the goals "Achieved" in Rotary Club Central. [Download the 2020-21 Citation Goals and Instructions to learn more.](#)

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership is all about having a Conversation and with August being Membership month join District Membership Chair Jenny for a Membership conversation to prepare!

There will be no formal agenda but rather a discussion on how can we help each other, share ideas and take action!

Sunday, July 26, 2-3pm Via Zoom.

To join the meeting Zoom Meeting use this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84373542997?pwd=NDY0V3FzNFBFdHZrMG50Vjd0ZTJ5Zz09> or [click here!](#)

Meeting ID: 843 7354 2997 Password: 118775

## PORT MACQUARIE SUNRISE RECEIVES RACG TO SUPPORT DEADLY SCIENCE INITIATIVE

The restrictions imposed to control the spread of the COVID-19 virus hasn't prevented the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie Sunrise from holding weekly meetings (via Zoom) or from continuing to support worthy causes.

Recently, an application for a \$5,000 Rotary Australia Compassionate Grant (RACG) to help fund an initiative to support Aboriginal kids in western New South Wales was successful. The Club is now in the process of raising \$5,000 to match the RACG through donations and welcomes contributions from other clubs and individuals.

The project is titled Books of Change and was initiated after Corey Tutt, founder of the program known as Deadly Science, addressed a recent meeting.

Corey zoomed in from Sydney and told Sunrise Rotary members about the Deadly Science program which has already provided 9,000 books and other culturally appropriate early reading materials to remote primary schools which have high Aboriginal student populations.

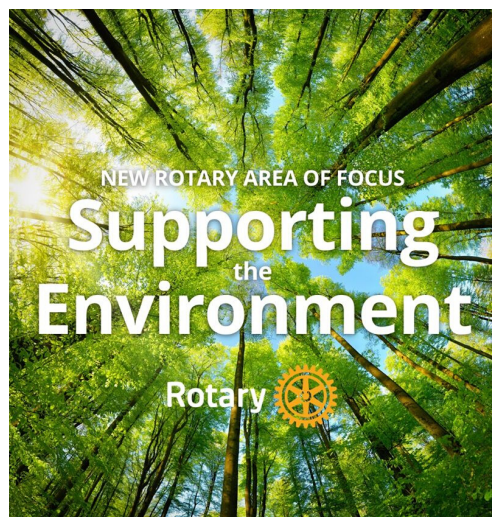
The books and reading materials are all science orientated. The Deadly Science program also established the Deadly Junior Scientist Award and has provided 300 telescopes to isolated Aboriginal communities. Current data shows that only one in four Aboriginal children read at an average rate.

Corey and his team has shown that with access to science books and reading materials that Aboriginal kids readily engage with, not only do their reading skills improve dramatically but with the follow up support provided, school attendance rates improve by around 25%. Corey told Sunrise Rotary members that he funded the first boxes of books himself and even though the Deadly Science Team have recently obtained a government grant, more funding is urgently required to expand the initiative to other locations not yet targeted. When the \$10,000 target is reached the funds will be used to purchase 50 boxes of science books and early learning materials specific to Aboriginal culture.

These will be distributed to selected primary schools in western New South Wales where many of the children are disadvantaged because they are not engaged in vital early learning. Targeted schools within the Kamilaroi Nation of NSW include Brewarrina, Walgett, Gulargambone, Collarenebri & Graves End.

Tax deductible donations may be made by clicking on the following secure link. <https://donations.rawcs.com.au/123-2019-20>





## NEW AREA OF FOCUS FOR ROTARY

The Rotary Foundation Trustees and Rotary International Board of Directors have both unanimously approved adding a new area of focus: supporting the environment. More than \$18 million in Foundation global grant funding has been allocated to environment-related projects over the past five years.

Creating a distinct area of focus to support the environment will give Rotary members even more ways to bring about positive change in the world and increase our impact.

RI President Mark Maloney says that during his travels around the world as a Rotary senior leader he encountered many Rotary members and Rotaractors who advocated for the environment to be an area of focus.

“I believe strongly that our Rotary Foundation programs now have a valuable added dimension to our efforts,” says, Maloney. Foundation Trustee Chair Gary C.K. Huang says that with the global population reaching near eight billion, protecting the environment is increasingly important.

“It is time for us to use our collective resources to invest in a smart and efficient way to protecting our environment,” says Huang.

“We are qualified to take this initiative because we are a global group of problem solvers with diversified talents.

“In 1990-91, RI President Paulo V.C. Costa made the environment one of his primary causes, creating the Preserve Planet Earth subcommittee, which looked at ways clubs and members could conduct environmental initiatives.

“We have finally caught up to Costa [his vision],” says Past RI President Ian H.S. Riseley, chair of the Environmental Issues task force, which championed the new area of focus.

“As a lifelong environmentalist, I’m delighted that our great organization has recognized that the environment is a worthy and appropriate destination for our project activity,” says Riseley. “This is an exciting moment in Rotary history.”

Supporting the environment becomes Rotary's seventh area of focus, which are categories of service activities supported by global grants.

It joins peacebuilding and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation, and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and community economic development.

Grant applications for projects will be accepted beginning on 1 July 2021.

Gifts and commitments from Rotarians and others will be sought to provide global grant support for the new area of focus.

## DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2021

DG Debbie is excited to launch her conference website! [Check it out now and save to get a sneak peak at all the exciting things to come!](#)

## RI CONVENTION 2021

Planning is already underway for the 2021 Rotary International convention! [Check out the video now!](#)

## FELLOWSHIP OF GOLF

The Rotary Club of Maroochydore is hosting the 43rd AGFR (Australian Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians) on the Sunshine Coast Queensland in 2021. [For more information head to the official website or click here.](#)

## PHOTO COMPETITION

The Rotarian's annual photo contest received more than 600 entries from 56 countries and geographical areas this year. The photographs take the viewer from the vast plains of Inner Mongolia to the manmade canyons of Hong Kong. [See the winners and honorable mentions.](#), and meet our judge, photographer Damon Winter, whose powerful, emotional images of Barack Obama's first presidential campaign won him a Pulitzer Prize in 2009.

**NYSF Applications close MONDAY 20 July 2020.** Have you submitted yours yet?



Hi I'm Laura Spooner and I was sponsored by Coffs Harbour Rotary Club. I attended the session A which was cut short by the bushfires. I greatly appreciate every single person who was a part of helping me get to this point. I feel refreshed and almost like a weight has been lifted off my shoulders. One of the many experiences I will remember occurred at the Alumni and Rotarians Dinner where I had the opportunity to talk to an older gentleman who is currently doing a PhD in Philosophy and Religion. It was nice debating some of the hard-hitting subjects that can come with philosophy and religion with someone who had actually studied it. This kind of experience is something I could never have imagined, and it is something that has greatly impacted my life and I will always be thankful for that.

Fortunately, I have two pairs of NYSF socks to remind me constantly of the friends and experiences I shared with an amazing group of friends.

NYSF 2021 YEAR 12 PROGRAM  
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[www.nysf.edu.au](http://www.nysf.edu.au)

Applications close 20 July 2020

Just do it!!



**15th – 22nd August 2020**  
Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation Centre

**Closing Date for Applications**



Application forms on D9650 webpage  
[www.rotary9650.org.au/RYLA](http://www.rotary9650.org.au/RYLA)



July - (Non Designated Month)

Start of new Rotary officers' year of service.

- Tree Plantation
- Reduce, Re-Use, Re-Cycle Waste



## HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP FOR 2020

Continue to connect with the family of Rotary by visiting the virtual House of Friendship through 31 July. Explore, ask questions, and interact with other members at this exhibit, open 24 hours a day, that features Rotary Action Groups, Rotary Fellowships, projects, and partners. Share the experience with your club, family, and friends by encouraging them to visit, too. [To enjoy click here.](#)