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CALENDAR

February 13 - District Finance Meeting
February 20 - District Management Meeting
February 21 - District Management Training
March 12-14 - District Conference
March 27 - District Assembly Port Macquarie
April 14 - District Assembly Tamworth
May 2 - District Assembly Narrabri
June 26 - District Changeover

MUSINGS FROM THE DG

This week I attended my last official visit. It seems like only yesterday that I started my journey of visiting all the clubs in our district. I have to say that I have had a ball. It has been the highlight of my year so far. Thank you to everyone for your kind hospitality, and for sharing all that you do in your communities in the name of Rotary and the many things you do because you have big hearts.

Monday, I visited President Peter Paff at Sawtell. I can honestly say that the weather was not kind. At least there was daylight on the way to the club, which was not the case for the return. The deafening roar from the wind and the sea, not to mention the horizontal rain made for a trying drive home. The welcome at the club was warm and friendly and all the members turned up despite the weather. I have to say that past comment has been that members don't bother for the District Governors visit. This has not been the case for the past five months. I was treated to a three course Christmas meal, which was amazing. So thank you to the members of the Sawtell club for that. Thanks also to Ros (secretary) for taking all the wonderful photos. The club is involved with the Pride of Workmanship awards, that recognises the 'face' of businesses in town. They also facilitate the Australia Day BBQ's, Sawtell Funday, support Shelterbox and provide books for the Primary Schools. They received a district grant in support of a sensory garden at the local hospital. The club is involved with providing AED's for the local community and hold Trivia nights to help fundraise for the club projects. They are passionate about support the renal dialysis unit of the hospital also. On the night I presented badges for two members inducted the previous club meeting and inducted two new members who moved from Armidale. Welcome to Rotary Ray and Liz Clayton, and welcome to the Rotary Club of Sawtell Gerry and Mary De Gabrielle. Congratulations to Lyn Hollyman who was voted the best mother Christmas and received a bouquet of flowers. I was entertained by husband Past President Warren Hollyman during the evening, who dressed for the occasion as a Christmas Dame Edna wearing a Christmas tree. Everyone entered the spirit of the evening and had a good time.

Wednesday I was back at my own club for their xmas function. I am fast becoming a regular again. It was a big turnout with plenty of guests and everyone enjoyed the festive occasion. Some photos are included in the E News.

The week wrapped up with our monthly conference meeting. I am happy to say that things are coming together nicely. Let's hope we can get this COVID under control and keep it there, until vaccines are available to all of us.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE -

"Rotary an International Affair"

12-14th March 2021, Port Macquarie Panthers

Registrations are Open - please register at <https://www.rotary9650.org.au/>

We have some amazing speakers including Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons, Peter Baines OAM, and Dr Ray Hodgson. We will showcase some of our great local projects so please come along.

On Saturday night there will be a dinner and a show.

The show features the wonderful voices of Rob McDougall, Danielle Belle and Kerry Anne Greenland. For those of us that went to Epiphanies Tamworth a couple of years ago, we all know how great these young professional people are.



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.

Rob McDougall

At 31 years of age Tamworth raised Rob McDougall already has an Impressive list of musical achievements to his name. Having amassed Performance credits throughout Australia, Europe and America, Rob continues to build a reputation as a skilled and versatile musician and actor. He has performed in most of Australia's largest venues, including the Sydney Entertainment Centre, Sydney Opera House, Sydney Cricket Ground, ACER Arena and the Myer Music Bowl. He is in high demand as a Corporate performer throughout Sydney, Melbourne, and Brisbane. In 2019 Rob toured his new Cabaret "I'll be seeing you" and in 2020 he Returned to the role of Javert for Packemin Productions Les Miserables at Riverside Theatre and was subsequently announced as Neville Craven in the Australian production of The Secret Garden, playing opposite Anthony Warlow.

Daniel Belle

Few Australian artists can claim to have had the musical success of Daniel Belle. Boasting a professional career that has taken him throughout Australia, Europe and North America, Daniel has amazed audiences throughout the western world in their thousands and is now widely considered one of the finest voices in the Australian Music Theatre industry. He has toured the world extensively with The Ten Tenors and appeared in Sideshow at the Hayes theatre and My Fair Lady at the Capitol Theatre in Sydney. In 2020 Daniel sang Nessun Dorma on the Opera House steps for Australia Day celebrations, televised live on the ABC.

INCOMING ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Please remember to update your club membership and officer information on the RI, District and RDU databases before 1 January 2021. You will be invoiced on what members you have assigned to your clubs. Please check it is correct. It will save all those unwanted emails asking you to pay more. Report all new or terminated members and 2020-21 club officers no later than 1 January 2021.

- Members with admission dates of 1 January 2021 or before will be counted for the January 2021 club invoice.
- Members with termination dates of 1 January 2021 or before will not be counted for the January 2021 club invoice.

If you are interested, you can see your membership changes reflected in Rotary International's database by signing into [My Rotary](#).

This week's ENews will be the last for this year. E News Editor Laura and I will be taking a break from the ENews for two weeks. The first New Year edition will be 10th January 2021
Merry Xmas to you all, Have a safe and healthy New Year 2021

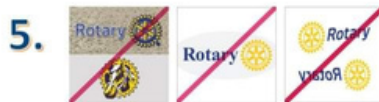
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Opportunities are like sunrises – If you wait too long you miss them!

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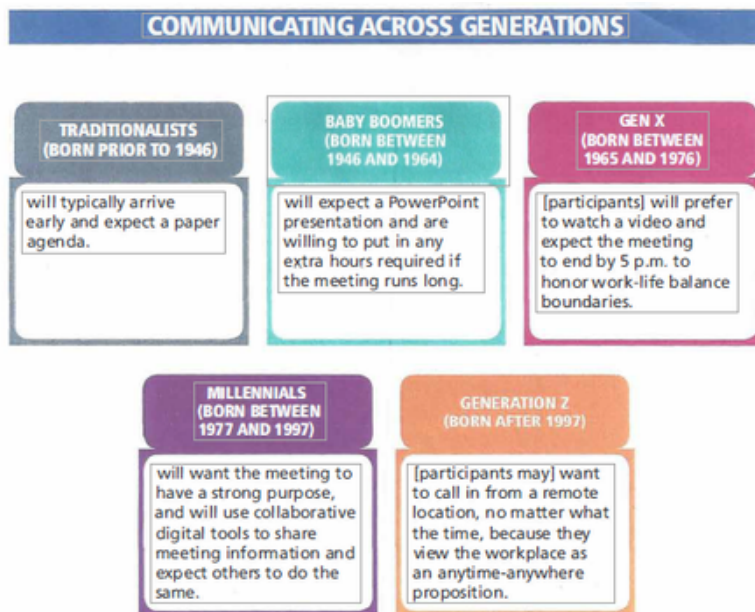
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LOGO BASICS



SAME SAME BUT DIFFERENT?

Have you ever wondered whether you are on a different planet to others when communicating. Well as parents I guess we have all thought at some stage that we were not speaking the same language as our teenage offspring. Here's a light hearted look at our expectations in respect of meetings and others from a different generation!



LAST CHANCE FOR GREAT FUNDRAISER

The Rotary Club of Kempsey West are asking for your help to raise much needed funds to support community projects in the Macleay Valley. This year, with COVID-19 limiting our ability to raise funds in a traditional way, our club has decided to run our first online raffle with some amazing prizes.

The 2019/20 Macleay Valley Bushfires burnt for approximately 8 weeks destroying 66 HOMES, 3 PUBLIC FACILITIES and 170 OUTBUILDINGS. They also damaged a further 100 structures throughout the upper macleay.

Almost 12 months on from the fires starting, many residents are still living in tents, caravans and other temporary accommodation. Your ticket purchase will not only give you a chance to win fantastic prizes, but it will help us fund some very important community projects in these areas and bring normality back to these devastated communities.

All that we ask is that you please forward this email on to your club members or friends and family, and ask that they might consider buying a ticket or two.

Please go to <https://www.kempseywestrotary.org/raffle> for more information and to buy tickets.



HIGHLIGHTING CLUB PROJECTS

I have permission from DG Debbie to proceed with that project started by an Armidale Rotarian last year.

I will be putting together a document that showcases each Club's Signature Community Project/Activity. There will be one page per club in our District.

This will contain some information about the project, plus also what other other community activities each club normally does in their town.

The document was going to be a reference document for clubs looking for ideas for projects. Now it will be a celebration of what Rotary has achieved in our District in the first 100 years of Rotary in Australia!

Please see attached document to this week's e-newsletter!

-District Community Director
Kel Walls

Rotary District 9650

Club Community Projects



Club Name and Town	
Club Signature Community Project/Fundraiser	<i>Please provide a brief description of the major community project/fundraiser that your club is recognised for in your community.</i>
Regular community activities	<i>List the other community projects that your club is regularly involved in.</i>
Signature Community Project/Fundraiser Details	<i>Provide a description of your signature community project/fundraiser. Please Include some photos (3-4) that we can use in the bottom section of your club's page.</i>
Club contact person	<i>Provide the name of the best person/s who could provide information about this project should another club wish to implement something similar.</i>

DISTRICT TROPHIES

If you have a District Trophy and are attending Showcase in Tamworth,

/please bring it with you.

The District Trophy chair Glenda Barber will be calling for nominations for this year's trophies and awards commencing 1st December 2020.

Closing date for submissions is 19th February 2021.

SAM'S NATTY KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS

Sam Openshaw's group has been running now for two years in the Port Macquarie Hastings region with a focus has been on helping those Homeless in the Community. I have delivered everywhere in the Hastings to the Homeless, Sr. Marjorie's Soup Kitchen, Liberty Cottage for Domestic Violence Victims, Port Macquarie Base Hospital.

The Ladies make Scarves, Beanies, Rugs, Crocheted bags, Toys anything they can knit or crochet. Most recently we all made a trip down South to Rainbow Flat to give to those made homeless from the bushfires. The Ladies also gave Christmas Gifts for the Children.



PROCESSING PHF APPLICATIONS

RI has limited days for dispatches so the cut-off dates for processing all PHF applications are as follows:

- 9 December for Australia (need allowance for Mail Post deliveries) Any applications processed after these dates will be shipped for January 2021 next year.
- 8 December for NZ (need allowance for Mail Post deliveries) Any applications processed after these dates will be shipped for January 2021 next year.
- 7 December for Philippines (need allowance for FedEx deliveries) Any applications processed after these dates will be shipped for January 2021 next year.

Please note, we can't accommodate any last minute PHF requests because of the restrictions and postage delivery delays.

District 9650 Project 2020-2021 is to support Lifeline



Crisis Support. Suicide Prevention.

Donate to

Rotary International District 9650 Incorporated

BSB: 932 000

Account No. 1004 53820

DONATIONS TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION IN AUSTRALIA

You can transfer your donations (*e.g. Centurion, PHF, EREY, Global Grants, Annual Fund, Polio Plus*) to the bank accounts below.

IMPORTANT: Please always email risppo@rotary.org on or before the transfer so that your donations can be identified.

For Club and District donations:

St. George Bank

Acct Name: The Rotary Foundation

Acct No: 100345225

BSB No: 332 084

For individual and business donations (or Clubs that need a tax deductible receipt):

St. George Bank

Acct Name: The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust

Acct No: 551038195

BSB No: 332 084

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."



1st – 8th May 2021

Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation

Accepting applications now.....

www.rotary9650.org.au/RYLA

Peace & goodwill..



NEED A SPARE LEG?

Do any Rotarians need or know of an avenue for three sets of adult prosthetic legs to be distributed? Please get in touch today!

We have been contacted to see if they could be of any use to a project and would love to give them a new home!

Please contact Sara Hankin President of Dorriggo 17924 Rotary Club if you can help!.

82capella@gmail.com or 0408289365