



Rotary International District 9650 E News - Sunday 21 June 2020

Rotary International President
Mark Maloney (Gay)

District Governor
Phil Hafey (Bronwyn)

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE FROM DG PHIL HAFEY

District Changeover

I have had the opportunity this week to reflect on this Rotary Year as I prepare my Annual Report and Changeover Run Sheet.

This Rotary Year has been like none other for all Districts in Australia, with the majority affected by drought, some impacted by bushfires and all affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

However D9560 is one of only a few Districts that have had to contend with all three.

The cancellation of Showcase and District Conference were probably the two biggest disappointments for us all, as the outstanding work Rotary accomplishes in the Community would have been highlighted and celebrated.

Nevertheless, Rotary's work continues in all Clubs across the District, with special emphasis on drought and/or bushfire relief programs and the support of local needs during this pandemic.

My Annual Report, which will be presented at Changeover and featured in next week's E News, will concentrate on the outstanding achievements of Clubs and Clusters.

Please join the G Train and MC Bruce George next Saturday 27 June via Zoom for a Changeover with a difference.



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Please note that the Zoom account has been upgraded to accommodate more than 100 participants.

The actual link is:

Topic: DISTRICT 9650 Changeover

Time: 27 Jun 2020 07:00 PM Sydney

To Join Zoom Meeting click or use this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84136002346>

Meeting ID: 841 3600 2346

Or via One tap on mobile

+61280156011,,84136002346# Australia

Or via telephone Dial 02 8015 6011

Meeting ID: 841 3600 2346

RAWCS Company Secretary Vacancy

The Immediate Past RAWCS Chair, Michael Perkins OAM, has advised that the Company Secretary, Hank de Smit, has indicated his desire to retire.

The Company Secretary is accountable for ensuring that the Company complies with its statutory obligations under the relevant laws and regulations including maintaining all records and coordinating board and executive meetings.

The Essential Skills and Knowledge include:

- Previous Board Experience desirable
- Secretarial experience in similar positions would be preferred.
- Must be a member of an Australian Rotary Club
- Meets the requirement as a responsible person as per ACNC and ASIC regulations.

Applications close soon and any Rotarian interested must contact DG Phil Hafey in order to receive the relevant documentation including the full Position Description and a document from the Australian Institute of Company Directors which details the Role of the Company Secretary.

The Rotary Foundation 6 Areas of Focus



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www.rotary9650.org.au

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

NYSF 2021 YEAR 12 PROGRAM
APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN



STEM LAB VISITS • LECTURES • SITE TOURS • WORKSHOPS • SOCIAL EVENTS

NYSF (National Youth Science Forum)



Hi! I am Nathanan (Nettie) Holmes from Forster and I attended NYSF in Brisbane in 2020.

I was lucky that this program was the only one which was completed in the middle of the bushfires in January 2020.

There is so much I can say about my experience at NYSF I'm not sure where to start!

One thing for sure is that everyone has their own individual experiences that impacts greatly on their perspective of STEM as a career.

At NYSF there are so many activities to participate in asides from the incredible STEM visits. Depending on the professionals you spoke to, specialist lectures you attended and activities that allowed us to explore Brisbane, it was completely up to us how we decided to experience the programme.

For myself personally, I had the amazing opportunity to visit the popular tourist destination of South Bank in Brisbane. Along with being able to freely wander the university campus on hospitality Sunday, these experiences made me eager to hopefully study in Brisbane in the near future.

As for networking with professionals, I had no idea there were so many differing careers in science! Some of the careers and companies that I learnt about are now some of the most important companies in the attempt to stop CoVid-19 (e.g. CSL and bioengineering).

Even though I am still unsure as to a specialisation, I am set on studying engineering, which never actually occurred to me as a career choice before session.

It really shows that the NYSF can help students who are unsure, find what they want to do in the future.

www.nysf.edu.au

Applications extended to 20 July 2020

Just do it!!

Applications are available online

Applications online at www.nysf.edu.au

Message from Di Hall:

As District Chair, I would be very happy to speak to any Rotary Club about this amazing program, their

organisation and plans for 2021. I could also organise the NYSF CEO as a guest speaker for you.

Contact Di Hall 0411704654 or dihall605@gmail.com

Congratulations Aileen MacDonald OAM

Aileen MacDonald has received an Order of Australia Medal in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours List after dedicating years to the business community, Rotary and the Liberal Party.



Check out the local new stories:

The Guyra Gazette: <https://www.guyragazette.com.au/news/oam-for-aileen-macdonald.php>

The Armidale Express: <https://www.armidaleexpress.com.au/story/6783999/guyras-aileen-macdonald-receives-oam-in-honours-list/>

During the COVID-19 crisis, continuing research into mental health is more important than ever.

DONATE NOW.

Rotary Districts of Australia

LIFT THE LID on mental illness

With only days until the End of Financial Year, there's still time to make a tax deductible donation to mental health research by June 30!

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who has donated to our COVID-19 appeal so far. We have now raised **\$11,500** for important research into mental health, but we would love to get as close to our **target of \$200,000** as possible!

Now, more than ever, we need mental health and suicide prevention research to effectively deal with the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic.

But we can't do it alone. We urge you to consider donating to mental health research today to help Australian Rotary Health **#LiftheLidOnMentalIllness** in these uncertain times and ultimately improve the health and wellbeing of all Australians going forward.

<https://australianrotaryhealth.org.au>

Extract from the Australian Rotary Health website:

Australian Rotary Health is one of the largest independent funders of mental health research within Australia.

We also provide funding into a broad range of general health areas, provide scholarships for rural medical and nursing students, as well as Indigenous health students. Australian Rotary Health provides funding into areas of health that do not readily attract funding, and promotes findings to the community.

Australian Rotary Health is a project of the Rotary Districts of Australia and is supported by Rotary Clubs. We have a broad vision to improve the health and wellbeing of all Australians.

MESSAGE FROM DGE DEBBIE LOVEDAY

\$\$\$ HELP NEEDED \$\$\$

Due to the current disappointing exchange rate between Australia and USA, we have a shortfall in our cash contribution for the Global Grant supporting Equipment for the Hospital in Nepal.

Are there any clubs in the district with small amounts of money left over this year?

Can you help with a donation of \$250?

If you can please donate to our Rotary D9650 Account for the Global Grant for the equipment for the Children's and Maternity Hospital being built under the project of Dr Ray Hodgson from the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie.

Account Details follow:

BSB: 932-000

A/C: 100450725

Name: Rotary District Foundation Account Global Grant Mat Hosp Nepal.

SIR CLEM RENOUF FUNERAL LIVESTREAM

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Friends of Rotary

Due to Covid restrictions numbers of attendees are limited and we must adhere to these rules.

The family of our Late Past Rotary International President have graciously allowed for live streaming of the event. You are welcome to join the live stream

<https://v2.streaming.funeralsuite.com.au/e/PHxkRlyw>

The service for: Sir Clem Renouf

Tuesday, June 23rd 2020 at 12:55 PM (Brisbane)

The best address for written condolences is care of his son Noel:

Noel Renouf, PO Box 373, Kangaroo Ground. Vic 3097,

Or you can email the family care of Noel

noel.renouf@bigpond.com

Donations and memorial contributions may be sent to End Polio Now via their website: <https://www.endpolio.org/donate>

"Rotary takes ordinary men and women and gives them extraordinary opportunities to do more with their lives than they ever dreamed possible"

Rotary  SIR CLEM RENOUF



Sir Clem Renouf
Rotary International President 1978-79

Dare To DREAM

Some things are inevitable

By Justin Baiocchi (E-Club of District 9650)

Now that I am on the wrong side of 40 (to be fair, I've been on the wrong side for some time), I have noticed a very unwelcome development.

Every night, while I sleep, something or someone, is slowly transplanting John Howard's eyebrows onto my own. It started off innocently enough – a stray eyebrow hair here, the odd misaligned hair over there...now however, whomever is doing this to me is working very diligently at giving me the full John Howard makeover.

My hair appears to be in on the act too, rapidly pushing me to a place where I'll soon be forced to ask the hairdresser for the 'John Howard' look when it comes time to discussing potential hairstyles. It has reached the point where complete strangers stop me in the street to discuss WorkChoices.

Seriously though, why is it, that as you age your body stops growing where you want it to keep going – your brain, your hair – but keeps growing just where you want it to stop – your nose, your ears and your eyebrows? Why can't your body direct its meagre resources to where they are needed most? Don't give me ears the size of dinner plates, give me a head of hair that would make an Afghan Hound proud.

Just like ageing is inevitable, from a Rotary perspective, the loss of members is inevitable too. This is even more so the case as we slowly find our way out of the COVID-19 crisis.

There is no doubt that where Clubs had to stop their regular meetings, some of their members may not be there when normal service returns. It's an unfortunate reality that some Rotarians may take this as an opportunity to re-evaluate their time and ongoing commitments and may simply conclude that life after COVID-19 doesn't include Rotary.

There is a solution however, which may help keep these wavering members within the Rotary family – by joining an E-Club.

By now we are all experts on the use of Zoom, Webex, Messenger, FaceTime and the many other ways people and Rotary Clubs have used to keep in touch over the past few months.

Fear of technology is no longer an excuse when it comes to joining or hosting a meeting by Zoom.

So the next time a member resigns from your Club, or hints that they are thinking of leaving, give them a nudge in the direction of the E-Club as an alternative to leaving Rotary completely (or better still, pass their contact details on to the E-Club and we will make the approach). We maybe can't stop ageing, but we may be able to keep more Rotarians in the family, with a little bit of your help.

Rotary 
E-Club of District 9650



Saturday 15th – Saturday 22nd August 2020

Lake Keepit Is Waiting



Lake Keepit Sport & Rec Centre
(Between Tamworth & Gunnedah)

NOMINATE NOW

19 - 27 year old leaders of the future in your community

- Empowering program
- Learned individual & team skills
- Career & personal direction
- Great motivational speakers
- A life changing experience
- Applying the Rotary 4 Way Test

Applications on D9650 Webpage

NOMINATE NOW

Application: www.rotary9650.org.au/Ryla



Personal & professional development for
19 - 27 year old Leaders of the future.
Invest in your Rotary Club & your Community

Applications close 24th July 2020

The program is brilliant, the results outstanding, the experience is life changing.

A Message from your District Governor Nominee Designate... District Governor D9660 2022.23



"I am delighted to have been selected as Governor of the new District 9660 from 1 July 2022. In this role, I will have the support of my wife, Rotarian Patti Parsons, and the (yet to be selected) District

Management Team.

It is my intention that we have the best skills in this Management Team to lead and support Clubs within the new District. I would aim to have a mix of experience and younger talent from both Districts, to ensure we build appropriate succession planning into all District Leadership roles from day one.

I see many opportunities, in bringing our two Districts together, to ensure that the work of Rotarians continues to enhance their communities in every corner of the to be new District 9660.

In my experience, a merger is about communication that will ensure that everyone is encouraged to share the journey, and help build the new District. In doing so, all will be engaged in the process of building a stronger Rotary in our Clubs and in our District.

A District that will function in harmony from day one as 'one team' totally committed to making a difference in each of our communities through Rotary values, culture and programs."

The need for Rotary is far greater today than it has ever been. I encourage Rotary Clubs to have a very clear Club Vision and Strategic Focus that will strengthen the Club, tell our Rotary success stories and engage with our communities.

In doing these things well, we will encourage new members who want to join to deliver real change in their community. Remember, people are more likely to engage in supporting a cause that resonates with their own beliefs, shared experiences and values.

Our task over the next few years and especially in the first year of the new District, is to ensure that we transform our clubs where required. This will result in passionate Rotarians who are engaged with their Clubs, and will continue Rotary's work into the future.

I commit to do all in my power to deliver a very successful first year as your Governor of the new Rotary District 9660 in 2022-2023." PDG Neville Parsons

THE 2020 ROTARY VIRTUAL CONVENTION

Check out the activities here:

<https://www.riconvention.org/en>

You are encouraged to join this International Convention from the comfort of your lounge room...

Rotary INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION





CENTENARY OF ROTARY AUSTRALIA LAUNCH - SAVE THE DATE

Rotary's Centenary is a time of celebration! It is a time to reflect on our past, and take pride in all that has been achieved. It is a time we play our part in the history of Rotary.

Our centenary is also the time to lay the foundations for our future, as we still have much to do. **The key project in our centenary year will focus on stopping the one in 16 children who die in 9 Pacific nations before the age of five.**

We invite you to join Rotarians across Australia on 10th July for virtual fellowship, as well as meet our R100 Centenary Ambassadors, the Governor General and Mrs Hurley, as they launch our national centenary campaign.

By joining us, you will witness the "Passing the Baton" ceremony. The baton that will carry the symbols of our centenary and will travel far and wide across Rotary clubs and Districts

Please pass this invitation on to as many Rotary clubs as possible so that they too can join this event.

We ask too for your support in helping us raise funds for our R100 Centenary project, **"Rotary Give Every Child a Future"; saving young lives in Pacific nations.**

Please expect registration details on how you can join within the next week.

We look forward to you joining in and making your mark on history!

Kind regards,

Garry Browne

Chair—National Centenary of Rotary Committee

Hugh Bucknall

Founder— Centenary of Rotary Campaign



End Malaria for Good!

Call for Donations for Bed Nets / Sprayers / Training

Dear Rotarians & Friends of Rotarians,
Thank you to all who have supported Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM) since the 1990s. As the Rotary Year draws to a close, we call on you to take action - help us "End Malaria for Good" in our partner countries: Papua New Guinea (PNG), Solomon Islands, Timor Leste, Vanuatu and West Timor (Indonesia). RAM Australia plays a critical role in coordinating malaria elimination efforts from Australia for our partners. We work with governments in partner countries, to direct your donations to areas of greatest needs. Great progress was achieved in Timor Leste with 223,000 malaria cases in 2006 to zero malaria and 9 imported malaria cases in 2019. RAM has contributed to this phenomenal success with long-term investments in Timor Leste since 2006. Our partners Vanuatu and West Timor are working hard towards malaria elimination by 2026. We need your help to continue our humanitarian work, to reduce human suffering and prevent economic losses due to malaria. **End Malaria for Good!**

DONATE TODAY

<http://ram.rawcs.com.au/>

* One net costs \$10 *

* Each Sprayer costs \$450 *

* Train & Distribute nets - 10 Health Volunteers costs \$1,600 *

Thank you.

Regards,

Jenny

Dr. Jenny Kerrison

RC North Hobart, D9830 Australia

National Manager for Rotarians Against Malaria

Email: kerrison_jenny@yahoo.com.au

WhatsApp: + 61 400 769 632



Photos above:

Left: Insecticide treated bed net,

Right: Sprayers for spraying insecticides in homes

A Message from our District Interplast Chair Ashleigh Hickman from Rotary Club of Gloucester:

Two year old Anan was one of the lucky patients not to have his surgery cancelled in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Instead, Anan benefited from generous supporters, including Rotary donors, who made an Interplast program in Laos possible before international borders were closed earlier this year.

Anan is a lively little boy from Vientiane, the capital of Laos.

When he was just seven months old, he was badly burnt in a terrible accident. He suffered lifechanging injuries when he was burnt in the open fire in his home.

Although his parents and grandparents were present when this happened, they were unsure how to treat him or where to seek medical attention. Anan's crippling injuries became worse as he got older.

Earlier this year, Anan was introduced to Dr Cameron Keating and Dr James Savundra - two incredibly skilled Interplast volunteer surgeons.

In collaboration with local Laos surgical colleagues, highly complex reconstructive surgery was able to be performed on Anan's tiny body.

The Interplast team performed a full thickness skin graft, together with a split skin graft, to release two severe burns contractures - on his lower right eyelid and his neck. These contractures prevented Anan from completely closing his right eye, and from being able to move his head and shoulder freely.

Thanks to Interplast and Rotary, Anan is now able to close his eye properly and has regained full movement of his neck.

Anan is not alone, however, in needing life-changing surgery.

Across the Asia Pacific, delayed and cancelled surgeries will prove devastating for children and adults alike.

Now more than ever they need Interplast's and Rotary's help.



Virtual Convention breakout – The Rotary Brand

No one takes more pride in the Rotary brand than our members! Be sure to join **The Rotary Brand** breakout on 26 June at 12:00pm Chicago time (UTC-5) for an in-depth discussion on how clubs can strengthen and protect our brand.

[VISIT THE CONVENTION SITE](#)

New! Virtual Meeting Backgrounds Available

Do you want to show your Rotary pride in virtual meetings and conferences? Find and download twelve new digital Rotary and Rotaract-branded backgrounds from the Materials section of the Brand Center.



[VISIT BRAND CENTER](#)



New! PowerPoint Templates Available

You can now download a new PowerPoint template from for club presentations, giving you an updated tool to promote Rotary service, share your stories, and conduct trainings.

Consistently using Rotary's correct visual identity in presentations, and all communications, increases recognition of Rotary in the community.

[VISIT BRAND CENTER](#)

New! Rotary Guidelines on Face Masks and Hand Sanitizer

As more clubs create and distribute face masks and hand sanitizer in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, Rotary has developed guidelines to properly brand, sell, or donate these items. This guide can be found under the Guidelines section of the Brand Center.



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People of Action helps define Rotary for those who don't know us. We're professional, community, and civic leaders who connect with each other and who share a unique perspective and passion for taking action to improve the world. Describing and showing ourselves as people of action creates a personal connection to the organization and emphasizes the impact Rotary makes in our communities.

Tell us how your club takes action. We might feature your club's story in an ad at the next Rotary Convention, or in a future issue of Brand News!