



# Rotary Opens Opportunities

August is 'Membership and New Club Development Month' so this month take the time to celebrate your members and focus on gaining new members!



## THIS ISSUE

*Roadtripping with the DG*  
Membership Fun  
District Website Training  
Rotary Citation

## CALENDAR

August 24 - DG visit to  
Coffs Harbour City  
August 24 - DG visit Port  
Macquarie West  
August 31 - DG visit  
Warialda  
September 1 - Moree on  
Gwydir

## MUSINGS FROM THE DG

Week five of my Rotary road trip, I was able to visit 6 clubs in five days. Monday I was collected by President mal McPherson of Tamworth West and we visited a local school where the club had supported the STEM Robotics program. We saw some students in years 1-6 and learnt from the students how they build and coded the robots. We were treated to a demonstration complete with sound effects. It was very impressive. Later that evening I met with the members of Tamworth West and learnt about their projects in town. PDG Bill Forrest presented me with the photo album all the DG's in 9650. The club is big on Youth support including Youth Insearch, Dolly Parton Imagination Library, Mental Health support, Battery sales and of course their Motor Show. They have also supported Dr Ray Hodgson and the Mothers and Babies Hospital in Nepal. Some other charities they support are ShelterBox, Westpac Rescue Helicopter, Ronald McDonald House, Can Assist, PCYC and Riding for the Disabled. I would like to thank the gentlemen for a very informative visit and for the lovely flowers presented to me on the night. A big thanks to Mrs McPherson who thoughtfully donated a vase to keep the flowers alive until I got home at the end of the week. I met a Rotarian of some 59 years on the night which makes him the longest serving Rotarian of my visits so far. Congratulations George Hombsch! Also, congrats to PDG Bill Forrest for 58 years and 100% attendance. What an amazing record.

Tuesday took me to Tamworth club, where I was hosted by President Bruce McCorkell. The club had their NYSF student Ryan also in attendance on the evening and he gave us insight into his hopes and dreams for the future.

The club has many charities it supports, and the major fundraiser is their very impressive book shed. I was lucky enough to visit the book shed on the next day, thank you John Nash for the tour and PDG Ken Hall for pointing out all of the Rotary Projects in the area. Tamworth supports School of St Jude, Blaze Aid, Smith Family, Lifeline, Ronald McDonald House and provides BBQ for the camp draught. They support the breakfast club at the High School and provide and award for TAFE students. PDG Ken Hall took me to the High School where YEP students from over the year here either had a brick in the path or a tree planted in the grounds in their honour. There were some very interesting names there and plaques acknowledging support and participation. Have a look at some of the photos, you might recognise a name or two. What a great project.

Wednesday morning, I visited Tamworth First Light hosted by President Deb Barnes. This was a lively meeting, great breakfast and started the day with a very positive vibe. I was lucky enough to re induct a formers member Chris Watson, who re-joined the club following a short absence due to work commitments. The club supports many worthwhile charities including Lifeline, Westpac Rescue Helicopter, Youth Insearch and Ronald McDonald House. They are currently working on diversifying their membership, a strategic plan and hope to continue to facilitate the Golf Day, Santa Crawl (this sounded like a whole lot of fun, and reminded of the Pagham Pram /race in England, held on Boxing Day). They provide BBQ's for the Variety Bash, Support the Salvos Xmas Drive, Peddle the Peel, and raffles.

## 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!







## MUSINGS FROM DG DEBBIE CONT.

Wednesday evening, I headed to the newly named Tamworth Calala where I was hosted by President Raymond Dart. The club has been involved in many projects including provision of a park in town, which I visited, photos attached. They are hoping to get a grant to continue improvements there and put in a BBQ area. The club is involved in News of Wheels providing all the latest news in an audible format for people with sight impairment of those who don't have access to media. They also support Riding for the Disabled and have an ongoing RAWCS project in PNG. They have a container waiting to leave with many much-needed blankets for the community there. The club supports Blaze Aid, Salvos, Parkinson's, Prostate Cancer, PCYC, Youth Insearch and many other notable charities. Thanks to the guys for a great evening and the after meeting social!

Thursday - A funny thing happened on the way to Inverell! I took the Manilla Road and headed out through Manilla and Barraba. The road went on for some considerable way and tarmac changed to dirt road. I was Nigel No Friends for some time, the only company being the odd mob of calves in the fields. No telephone signal and diesel getting very low, I was very happy to find myself in Bundarra! I looked for a fuel station and found a shed with a black hose and nozzle attached to a star post with Diesel written on it. Not knowing how to drive the apparatus I walked into the shed and asked for help. A very nice elderly gentleman gave me a toothless grin and stated it was all manual out there. He disappeared through a gate and switched on a pump and then proceeded to fill my car. My dad would have loved his shed! With a tank load of fuel,

I proceeded to Inverell. Fun evening here hosted by President Josephine Kelly. Also, in attendance AG Bruce George and wife District Youth Director Kate George. It is always going to be a laugh with the Georges present. The Sargent was a little slow to sit down though and Bruce cross fined me for taking the scenic route to Inverell but did say they might make a Westie of me yet! I think that was a sort of complement. The club supports many local charities including Salvos, St Vincent De Paul, Volunteer Rescue, Lifeline, ShelterBox, Pancreatic Foundation. Is involved with Battery recycling and the RAWCS project in PNG. Facilitated by PDG Greg Moran and wife Sue.

The project was in RDU magazine this month. For anyone who missed it Greg will be speaking about the project at our District Conference March 12-14th 2021. Tiny homes are every current and an affordable option for people wanting to get on the property ladder. Greg uses recycled containers as homes for nurses in PNG. The metal containers being a very suitable alternative as the are not eaten by the local pests. They have an interesting project whereby they sell coffee from East Timor and money from these sales goes to the local community. They are also involved in book sales, battery recycling, and operate a sweep for the Melbourne Cup. Now there's an idea in these COVID times.

Remember...

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





# MEMBERSHIP MONTH WITH DIRECTOR JENNY

Yes it's Membership month and I wanted to share a great idea I heard this week from a Western Australian Club.

It's a timely idea as RYLA is a 'wrap' for 2020 and a great time was had by all! As the Rylarians come back to your Club, consider offering a 12 month Rotary connection or another way to explain it is as an unpaid 'traineeship'.

Sit down with them and unpack their ideas and together find a club or local project that resonates. This provides continued connection with your club members who can assist the Rylarians to develop their skills and ideas. Young people seek out opportunities to develop their soft skills, their employability skills.....such as communication, listening skills, opportunities to develop ideas, accountability, planning skills etc and the list goes on....

Rotarians have these skills in spades and by continuing to build on the momentum generated at RYLA, there is an opportunity to 'pay it forward' and pass on these valuable skills to potential Rotarians of the future. Interested?

Contact Jenny Sinclair, Membership Director on [hellorotary9650@gmail.com](mailto:hellorotary9650@gmail.com) and together we can explore this idea. Sent from my iPad

District website update. New!

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

Extra member information now available on the Rotary district 9650 website:

We have established an alumni & Recognitions sections where each member can store your Rotary experiences. Extra titles can and will be added in time. Recognitions already there are:

Alumni GSE  
Ambassadorial Scholar  
Centurion  
Charter Member  
District Governor  
Friendship Exchange  
Paul Harris Recognition  
Peace Scholar  
Rotary Volunteers Abroad  
RYLA  
Council on Legislation Representative

You can manage your own recognitions by:

Admin Page: my club contact list: [R](#) (at the far right of each members line); Add New or click on recognitions already added to check details.

Let Di Hall [dihall605@gmail.com](mailto:dihall605@gmail.com) know of any Recognitions you wish to be added. The Recognitions can even be one your club specifically only uses.

Let's draw all our excel sheets which are scattered all over the district into one central place where they can be kept up to date by each member.

## District Website Training

Do you need to learn how to navigate the District database?

Topic: District Website Training

Time: Aug 27, 2020 07:30 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83133439451?pwd=WGVwRFc5cHRsMGNWZWlZIVGhUc0FiZz09>

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## GUEST SPEAKER AT WAUCHOPE

The Rotary Club of Wauchope are inviting all interested members of the district to zoom into the meeting on August 25 to listen to Dr Mark Larsen. More information can be found by [clicking here](#).

Zoom details are as follows:

To Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97944294762?pwd=K1pwYUZ2MW9FYUdySEpicjlfZTM1dz09>

Meeting ID: 979 4429 4762

Passcode: 250820

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## BIRTHDAY FUN

Ahead of his birthday on September 1 Ken Hall has sent a target to raise \$1000 for Lifeline. For more information contact Ken via email: [hallkr330@gmail.com](mailto:hallkr330@gmail.com)

## FUN IN CLUSTER 9

On Sunday 16th August, Cluster 9 had their first meeting for the 2020/21 year and for a few years. Cluster 9 clubs, Narrabri, Wee Waa and Coonamble, all met for a beautiful lunch at Pilliga Pottery.

After AG, Emily, decided to take the back roads and get a little lost, she finally arrived and all clubs caught up on what they are doing in their communities and what they are looking at doing post COVID.

It was a great day of fellowship and good food. We look forward to meeting again soon at another local little town and supporting them for our meeting.



# ROTARY CITATION

Congratulations to the following Clubs who are recipients of the Rotary Citation for the 2019-20 Rotary Year: Armidale AM, Coffs Harbour, E-Club of District 9650, Inverell, Kempsey West, Port Macquarie Sunrise, Wauchope.

Your Rotary, Rotaract, or Interact club can earn a Rotary Citation for achieving goals that strengthen Rotary and your club. Goals include increasing club membership, developing sustainable service projects, giving to The Rotary Foundation, and building awareness of Rotary in your community.

For more information [click here](#).

## BUSHFIRE RELIEF FUND UPDATE

DG BUSHFIRE RELIEF FUND - \$164k AVAILABLE

The responses to the bushfire Relief Fund and its effect on affected districts has been remarkable. We have distributed a significant amount of funding to 6 bushfire relief projects that were set up and in some cases covered two or three districts.

We had set aside funding that our original intention was to match these funds with global grants. We received 4 applications before the foundation Shut off access to global grants.

Accordingly, we have decided that the funding we have available should be used for matching grants with clubs and districts who wish to run Programmes that will assist in the rehabilitation of both victims and areas affected by the bushfires. There is approximately \$164,000 available and calling for applications from clubs and districts who wish to match their programmes with a grant.

The criteria are that the programme must assist with rehabilitation in a bushfire affected area and will need to have a RAWCS project number.

Applications will be received by me up to 15th September and then considered by the committee.

For more information contact: PDG Tim Klar Rotary District 9520 2019/20  
Dgtim9520@gmail.com

## DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HARD AT WORK MEETING ON AUGUST 23



## FUN FROM RYLA 2020!







# District 9650 Conference

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**March 12-14th 2021**



**Panthers Bay St, Port Macquarie**

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