

Rotary Club of Decatur Alabama USA

Phil Hafey (Bronwyn) Rotary Club of Laurieton NSW Australia

Vale: PDG Neville Clark OAM

Your E-news Editor only learnt today (Sunday 22 September) that PDG Nev Clark from the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie West passed away last Sunday 15 September. Nev's funeral is to be held Monday 23 September at Port Macquarie Crematorium at 10 am. Our thoughts and prayers are extended to Nev's family and many friends at this sad time. Very special and warm wishes are extended to the members and families of the members of the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie West and to all those Rotarians from our District that have had their Rotary journey enhanced through connecting with PDG Nev Clark. DG year 1997-1998.

Rotary Zone 8 Conference - Christchurch

Our G-Train have had meetings and training with their respective Governor Class Groups in Christchurch New Zealand from Monday through to Thursday this week. The photo below is our District's "G-train" at the multi-District "G-Train "cook off" in the park in Christchurch that was held on Thursday lunchtime. From all accounts we should be very proud of our



"G-Train's" effort and I have it on good authority (from DGE Deb) that our District's resultant pizza was the best!!!

For our District Governor-elect (DGE) Debbie Loveday this was additional training and preparation for her DG year 2020-2021 and the last training with her DGE Class before heading to the International Institute in San Diego in January 2020.

District Governor Nominee (DGN) David Mayne had the first of the formal training in preparation for his DG year in 2021-2022 and David was joined by his wife Heather. This was the opportunity for David & Heather to meet their class of Governors from Zone 8.

District Governor Phil Hafey attended the District Governors Symposium which is the annual meeting for the DG class from the Australian, New Zealand and South Pacific Districts. DG Phil was accompanied by Bronwyn and son Nicholas.

We will all benefit from the learnings that our G-train received in beautiful Christchurch prior to the start of the Zone 8 Rotary Conference on Friday 20 September.

The Conference theme was "Regeneration" and it was very apt for Rotary and in Christchurch the beautiful city that itself is regenerating from the 2 earthquakes earlier this decade and the March shootings.

Our District was well represented at the Conference and you will see some images within this week's E-News of some of our Districts representatives. The representatives included: PDG's Lorraine Coffey and Dennis, Bob Ryan & Margaret, Maurie Stack & Dee, your E-News Editor, District Treasurer Pam Foye, Director Bruce George, Rotarians Dr Ray Hodgson & partner Helen,

Brittani Michelle, and Rotaract District Rep Laura Telford.

One of the highlights of the Conference was the presentation to Dr Ray Hodgson of the Zone 8 Humanitarian of the Year Award. Photo right: Dr Ray Hodgson with RI President Mark Maloney at Ray's stand where he was able to sell approx. 100 of his books.



Important District Dates https://rotary9650.org.au/events

Rotary International District 9650 Inc www.rotary9650.org.au

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

The Rotary Zone 8 Conference through the pen of our Photos below - thanks to Laura and some Rotary special **District Rotaract Rep Laura Telford**

and RI President Mark Maloney.



Kia Ora from the land of warm jackets and sheep. Attending my second Zone 8 Australia and New Zealand Rotary Conference has been a blast and being able to see a new place like Christchurch has been wonderful. Meeting old friends and making new ones is one of my favourite things when attending a Rotary or Rotaract event.

While is was disheartening to see so few rotaractors at the conference there were a number of excellent speakers who have me a lot to think about.

Young innovator Ludovic Grosjean spoke about doing more to help the environment and with the recent Global Strike for climate change was especially relevant.

It made me think a lot a lot growing up by the ocean in Adelaide and taking the gorgeous and clear water for granted.

After my two year stint out west before moving to Port Macquarie I think there is so much we as humans, Rotarians and Rotaractors could and should do to help the environment.

My other favourite speaker was Ruby Seeto who had raised half a million dollars (yes you read that right!!) For a hospital in New Zealand after she was diagnosed and was treated for liver cancer as a child. She had a small idea to raise \$600 by selling tea towels when now in 10 years has become a huge international project.

Going to a conference like this takes precious time and money away from doing something else but I find immense value in connecting with amazing humans doing extraordinary things.

This conference has filled me with a sense of purpose and renewed passion for helping promote and empower our young people to make a difference in our world.

Also meeting and chatting to current Rotary International president Mark Maloney and his wife Gay, Rotary International Zone 8 director Raffi Garcia, Foundation trustee Per Høyen and past RI President Ian Riseley was pretty cool. Talking and championing Rotaract from a club, district and national level was so satisfying and made me incredibly proud of all the work we have done and reminded me of the work yet to be done.

Laura Telford D9650 Rotaract Rep

Guests is Christchurch.

Photo: Past RI Director Noel Trevaskis, Gay Maloney Below: District Treasurer Pam Foye, DGE Debbie Loveday, Past RI President Ian Riseley OAM & Laura





Left: Pam, RI Director Rafael M Garcia III, Debbie & Laura

Right: Rotary Foundation Trustee & Past RI Director Per Hoyen, Debbie and Laura.





Left: Doctor Ray Hodgson proudly holding his Zone 8 Humanitarian Award. Congratulations Ray. We are so proud of you and the great work that you do.

Right: Director Bruce George from Inverell at the rotary Showcase in Christchurch with his early Christmas present... Yes it is a BMW



Rotary International District 9650 Conference 2020 - March 20 to 22 South West Rocks Country Club

Diarise Now for a great Rotary weekend



Rotary Fun & Learning

Rotary: Strengthening Local Communities

PRIORITY 1

IMPACT

People of Action are effective problem-solvers.

PRIORITY 2 REACH

People of Action activate and

inspire one another.

PRIORITY 3

ENGAGEMENT

People of Action strive to understand the needs of others. People of Action are inventive, entrepreneurial, and resilient.

The New Rotary International Strategic Plan



Action Plan

As People of Action, we share a strong sense of purpose. More than a century ago, we pioneered a new model of service leadership grounded in person-to-person connections.

Today, those connections are a network that spans the globe-bridging cultural, linguistic, generational, and geographic barriers-and shares the vision of a better world.

As People of Action, we understand that fulfilling that too. vision requires a plan.

This is Rotary's plan for the next five years:

to increase our impact, expand our reach, enhance participant engagement, and increase our ability to adapt. By helping to realize the goals of this plan, you ensure a stronger and even more effective future for Rotary - a tremendous legacy.

on the remarkable capabilities and spirit of Rotarians.

world face.

It protects the value of human connection in an age of technology.

of the global imagination of what's possible.

And our plan will provide us with a continuity of vision from year to year, keeping us moving toward fulfilling our shared purpose.

This is our Action Plan.

PRIORITY 1 - Increase Our Impact

People of Action are effective problem-solvers.

Why do Rotarians achieve so much?

We invest in relationships. We make decisions grounded in evidence. We know how to mobilize our networks to create solutions that last. And we're always learning from our experiences in projects, clubs, and careers.

can do when we draw on our collective strengths. We've created solutions that match the people they serve.

We've evaluated the results to learn from our successes and setbacks.

This is a model we will use again and again in pursuit of our audacious goals: educating the world's children,

ensuring equitable access to water and sanitation. helping local economies grow sustainably, and so much more.

Let's seek out new ways to translate our expertise into making a difference-in our communities and across the globe. Let's prove that our impact on the world has only just begun.

PRIORITY 2 - Expand Our Reach

People of Action activate and inspire one another.

We know that our capacity to make a difference is larger when more people unite with us. We want the world to appreciate our ambitious, compassionate, and inclusive spirit-because when they do, they see that Rotary is the source for the person-to-person involvement so many are seeking.

Told widely and emphatically, our stories give people hope that the world can change for the better, inviting listeners to imagine themselves as part of that change,

Let's build connections and opportunities that will allow people who share our drive to do the same.

PRIORITY 3 - Enhance Participant Engagement

People of Action strive to understand the needs of others. Just like the people and communities we serve, our participants need to feel seen and heard. They're seeking experiences that feel personally and professionally Our plan is rooted in our tried-and-true values and builds relevant and fulfilling. When they see our dedication to investing in them at every stage of their professional life, It is clear-eyed about the challenges that Rotary and the our participants are eager to go the distance with useven at a time when there are many other options for networking and volunteering.

Let's recommit to putting the needs, expectations, and It lays out a path for bringing great ideas to the forefront growth of our participants at the center of all we do.

PRIORITY 4 - Increase Our Ability to Adapt

People of Action are inventive, entrepreneurial, and resilient.

We've shown throughout our history that we excel at finding new ways to lead the world to lasting change. And we've proven in our own careers that we know how to help organizations of every kind move forward. That's why new approaches to our organizing principles don't threaten our sense of who we are.

We're ready to seek out fresh opportunities, create more paths to leadership, open up our conversations to diverse voices, and simplify how we operate-with confidence.

Throughout the fight to end polio, we've shown what we Let's stay true to ourselves and stay ahead of change in our next 115 years.

PRIORITY 4 ADAPT



Invest in your community...

Invest in the future of Rotary Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation Centre 2nd – 9th May 2020

The story of RYLA is best told by an employer of a RYLARIAN Alumni....

"RYLA serves as a wonderful opportunity for each participant to take some time out hectic young lives to reflect upon themselves, their community, their opportunities and their own developmental journey. Without fail, we have observed real and long-lasting changes in each individual who has participated. They have returned to our workplace with renewed engagement, greater perspective and an observable lift in confidence and maturity.

It is amazing just what can be achieved in such a short **out via the enews for the District.** period of time." **Resolution Comments.**



Peter Ryan Director Inland Technology

Application & brochure available on website here: <u>www.rotary9650.org.au/RYLA</u>

RYLA supporting the future of Rotary through developing future Rotarians

Rotary D9650 2019 Showcase Weekend - Tamworth

Saturday 23 Nov 19 & Sunday 24 Nov 19

This will include the D9650 Special General Meeting to receive and adopt the Audited Financial Reports for the District for the year ended 30 June 2019. The online form to submit comments will be available from 1 to 8 October. Comments will then be translated and emailed to Council

This will be a great learning & fellowship weekend.

Please discuss at you Club and encourage attendance. name and district of the submitter. This will also be a great opportunity for newer members in our Clubs to attend and to learn and see Rotary beyond the Club. A link to the online comment form will be emailed to all Council members when the 2019 resolutions are published."

Council on Resolutions 2019 Message from PDG Ken Hall

"The Council on Resolutions (COR) will begin in October 2019.

To help you materials and resolutions, will be found on the Councils page of **My Rotary**.

On 1 October, Rotarians will be able to read resolutions at <u>my.rotary.org/cor/vote</u>.

Voting buttons will be added on 15 October, so that representatives can begin voting on each resolution, and voting will close on 15 November. Representatives, please make sure to submit your votes by 15 November. Results will be posted by 20 November.

Members of Clubs can contact me with their views after October 1 and I will send them out via the enews for the District. Resolution Comments.

For the 2019 COR we are trying something new: **comments**. When the COR opens, Council members will have the opportunity to submit comments on any of the resolutions. This is your opportunity to have your voice heard.

Comments will have the following parameters: 1. Comments can only be made by Council members, both voting and non-voting. Comments do not need to be approved by the district and are considered the opinion of the member.

2. Comments must be about a specific item and are limited to 100 words of the language in which they are submitted. Representatives may submit up to 5 comments.

3. Reasons why the member is supporting, opposing, or wishing to make a general comment must be included in the submission.

4. Comments without substance or those that may be offensive will not be published at the discretion of the chair. For example, the statement "I support this item" does not include supporting reasons.

5. Comments must be submitted using the online form by 8 October 2019. Comments made after this date, incomplete comments, and those not submitted on the form will not be distributed.

The online form to submit comments will be available from 1 to 8 October. Comments will then be translated and emailed to Council members by 25 October, though voting will still open on 15 October. Comments will include the name and district of the submitter. A link to the online comment form will be emailed to all Council members when the 2019 resolutions are published."