



Rotary International District 9650 E News - Monday 25 November 2019

Rotary International President
Mark Maloney (Gay)

Rotary Club of Decatur Alabama USA

District Governor
Phil Hafey (Bronwyn)

Rotary Club of Laurieton NSW Australia

ROTARY DISTRICT 9650 SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

The Special General Meeting to receive and adopt the 2018-2019 Audited Financial Statements was held on Saturday 23 November 2019.

The Resolutions Adopting the 2018-2019 Audited District Operating Accounts and the Committee Accounts were carried unanimously by the Clubs represented in person or via Proxy at the meeting.

Thank you to the majority of the Clubs that responded and voted.

At the meeting appreciation was extended to the District Treasurer 2018-2019 Graeme Andrews and our District Auditors KLM Accountants for their work in ensuring that the Audited Accounts were distributed to our Clubs at the required time.

As Finance Committee Chair I say Thank You for your support and your participation in the Special General Meeting. (Neville Parsons)

EXTRACT FROM ARMIDALE REGIONAL COUNCIL FACEBOOK PAGE Saturday 23 Nov 19

The luck of the Irish was with Armidale today when a convoy of Irish folk delivered truck loads of water to the region from Sydney this afternoon. The water delivered here to the airport dam will be used for much needed aerial firefighting by the RFS. This is a wonderful gesture



of support for our region and we couldn't be more appreciative. Thank you



BUSHFIRE & DROUGHT GRANTS, APPEALS & PROJECTS - \$50,000 AVAILABLE

\$50,000 available for Rotary Clubs to respond in their local community

At the District Management Committee meeting held on Sunday 24 November, the first round of District Grants for the support of communities affected by the drought and/or bushfires were announced.

Preference will be given to projects that support and strengthen the local community (eg community gatherings, workshops, BBQs for affected groups and community support groups) rather than the provision of goods.

The amount available in this round is up to \$4,000 per Club and there is a maximum of \$50,000 available. There is no requirement for a financial contribution by the Rotary Club or any other organisation.

The application form has been sent to all Presidents and Secretaries with the issuing of this E-News on Sunday evening 24 November 2019. (Cont. next Page)

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

Bushfire & Drought Grants, Appeals & Projects **(Continued from first page)**

These District Grants are funded from the District Disaster Fund and financial contributions to this fund from Rotary Clubs, Community Groups, Businesses and Individuals are most welcome.

The District Account details for donations are:

BSB: 932000

Account Number: 500131356

Account Name: RI D9650 Disaster Relief



There are also a number of RAWCS Projects operating within the District. They are:

Macleay Valley Bushfire Relief Fund

Description: To provide financial support to our rural community, assisting in the rebuilding and repair of farming businesses and assisting people who have been detrimentally affected by the recent fires in NSW.

Sponsored by: Rotary Club of Kempsey

Project Number: 47-2019-20

Armidale and Northern Tablelands Bushfire Disaster Relief and Traumatized Farmers in Need

Description: The aim of this project is to provide immediate and direct support and relief to the victims of the recent bush fires in and around the Armidale Local Government Area. The primary victims of these devastating and destructive fires are farmers who have significantly suffered loss and emotional trauma. There has also been loss of life due to the catastrophic nature of the fires and unpredictable nature of the event which unfolded. Many have lost homes or incurred serious damage to their properties. The Rotary Club of Armidale AM is working closely with Debby Maddox, the Rural Financial Counselling Officer for NSW Northern Region who has over 1,000 rural and regional families in need who are seeking assistance due to their trauma and lack of support services.

Sponsored by: Rotary Club of Armidale AM

Other Partner: Rural Financial Counselling Service NSW

Project Number: 46-2019-20

Taree & MidCoast Bushfires Appeal

Description: Financial assistance for those in the MidCoast Area who have lost their homes in the catastrophic bushfires of November 2019

Sponsored by: Rotary Club of Taree on Manning

Project Number: 41-2019-20

Manilla and Barraba drought relief

Description: To provide direct relief to farmers and local businesses in these two towns and to cater for a community event including food, entertainment and light refreshments for those affected by the drought.

Sponsored by: Rotary Club of Port Macquarie West

Other Partner: Rotary Club of Manilla

Project Number: 38-2019-20

Wauchope Rotary Club Hay Fund

Description: To purchase hay for dairy farmers in the Hastings and Manning area.

Sponsored by: Rotary Club of Wauchope

Project Number: 28-2019-20

Bushfire traumatized farmers in need

Description: This project seeks to provide immediate support to the victims of the Bushfires east of Armidale known as the Bees Nest Fires. These predominantly farming people have suffered significant loss and emotional trauma. The Rotary Club of Armidale is working closely with Debby Maddox, Rural Financial Counselling Service - NSW - Northern Region who has over 100 farming families in need who are seeking assistance due to their trauma and lack of support services.

Sponsored by: Rotary Club of Armidale

Other Partners: Rural Financial Counselling Service NSW

Project Number: 22-2019-20

Neighbours in Need, Narrabri, NSW

Description: To provide assistance & support for those affected by drought in our area

Sponsored by: Rotary Club of Narrabri

Project Number: 18-2018-19

Drought Relief NSW

Description: To provide monetary and other assistance to Australian farmers who have been impacted by the current drought.

Sponsored by: District 9650

Project Number: 2-2018-19

To donate to any of the above RAWCS projects,
Go to <https://rawcs.org.au/>

3 local RACG projects are on the home page, click on the donate now [blue button](#). To find another project click on "Explore Projects" (Top of Page). To narrow the search criteria scroll down to District and select 9650.

Click on your project of choice.

There are certainly plenty to choose from.

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

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**Rotary Fun &
Learning**

COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION REPRESENTATIVE

The selection committee – RI Past Director John Boag, PDG John Barwick, PDG Garry Johnson, PDG Harry Durey and PDG Ken Hall – all of whom have participated in a Council on Legislation selected PDG Bob Ryan as District 9650's representative for the Rotary International Council on Legislation in 2022 and Council on Resolutions annually 2020 to 2022 and PDG Ian Jackson as the alternate.

FROM PRESIDENT OF ROTARY CLUB OF NARRABRI - JULIE HERBERT

Dear fellow Rotarians,

It is with much sadness that I announce the passing of our friend and fellow Rotarian Clive Norrie.

Clive passed away 20 Nov 19 at Jessie Hunt Nursing Home about 7.15pm aged 90.

Clive was a Rotarian for over 30 years. A steadfast member of initially the Quirindi and then Narrabri Club's, Clive was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow in 1997 and served for a period as the President of the Rotary Club of Quirindi. Our thoughts & prayers are with his wife Margaret, son & daughter-in-law Rotarian Phil and Pat and their extended family.

The following information has been provided by Clive's son and Narrabri Rotarian Phil Norrie:

Clive first joined Rotary in 1969 with the Quirindi Rotary Club. He held a number of positions and was President 1972/73. He headed up the project to build a sportsground in the early seventies. He pulled out of Rotary in 1974 when we bought "Mollee" at Narrabri. Clive joined Narrabri Rotary in 1989 and was a very active member participating in projects and working bees and enjoying Rotary fellowship. He was very active in a project that involved a small truck fitted up with a large vacuum that picked up cotton that fell by the roads during cotton harvest time. That project raised many thousands of dollars in the mid nineties.

He was a great supporter of the Bowelscreen project for many years, we owe Margaret's life to that project as she was picked up with the early stages of bowel cancer in the first year or two and is still with us today.

Clive and Margaret went on a couple of Friendship Exchanges to Europe and were regulars at District Conferences for many years. They had many friends in Rotary in District 9650.

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Clive is survived by Margaret, Philip (Narrabri Rotary) and Pat Norrie, Sue O'Connor (Tamworth First Light), and

Ian and Sharyn Norrie. His other daughter Jan Marshall predeceased him in 2007.

Our prayers and thoughts go to the Norrie families and the Rotarians & communities that have been "touched" by the service & contribution of the late Clive Norrie.

TAREE & MIDCOAST BUSHFIRE APPEAL UPDATE

The following is an extract from an email update from PDG Maurie Stack on Thursday 21 Nov 19:



Photo left is compliments of Dave Armstrong Prime7 Cameraman

We had front page Manning River Times yesterday, an online story in the Sydney Morning Herald today as well as prime news last month. Prime have prepared a Prime/Rotary advertisements supporting appeals which they will be running from Monday.

Our latest figure is a total of 141 donations totalling \$78,089 including the Dick Smith \$15,000 and the pledge of \$20,000 from a Taree business couple which has now been received.

We also have a firm pledge of \$5000 from the Rotary Club of Castle Hill in Sydney and I have been talking to a representative of one of the Muslim communities in Sydney who says that they have raised between \$10,000 – \$15,000 for bushfire victims in our area which they want to personally come up and donate as a matter of solidarity with fellow Australians. I have suggested that they donate it to our cause and that we will have EFT-POS cards specially printed with the name Rotary plus the name of their community and they can come up to present the cards to people whose needs we have assessed. He is speaking to his community.

So the short answer is that our figure is just short of \$85,000 with a possible extra \$10,000 – \$15,000.

And the figure includes \$25 from my eight year old grandson Julian Stack from Berry on the south coast who has donated his winnings on the Melbourne Cup (about which he had been very excited).

But our list of people who have lost homes keeps increasing so the need is enormous.

Below is the link to the Manning River Times Story:

<https://www.manningrivertimes.com.au/story/6503768/service-clubs-bushfire-fund-continues-to-grow/?fbclid=IwAR1qyzhVfQrfxNC74A84H5iRW9bNoU4rmVqrAOptyXV72rSmQTUNN1ZXcCg>



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Rotary Youth Leadership Award D9650 Seminar

2nd – 9th May 2020

Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation Centre
(between Tamworth & Gunnedah)

Attendees to be 19 - 27 year old looking to develop their own personal purpose and profile for life.

RYLA inspires and creates leaders of the future.

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Jessica Smallwood RYLA 2018

(Front row 3rd from the right)

"There's no doubt about it, RYLA changed my life. From the guidance to help me find my path, to the confidence to change my career and start studying to become a nurse.

This October, I was chosen as 1 of 20 to participate in the Outbound Mobility Program to spend 16 days in Shanghai, China, learning their nursing ways in the biggest training hospital in the country. These experiences have shaped my future to be a bright one as an excellent nurse!"

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Brochure & applications on website

www.rotary9650.org.au/Ryla

DG Partner's Project Account:

Account Name:

Rotary International D9650 DG Partner's Project

For Direct Credit (electronic payment)

BSB: 721-000 Account No: 500143137

Reference Required: Rotary Club Name



MESSAGES FROM DG PHIL

AN OUTSTANDING OFFER FROM NEW ZEALAND

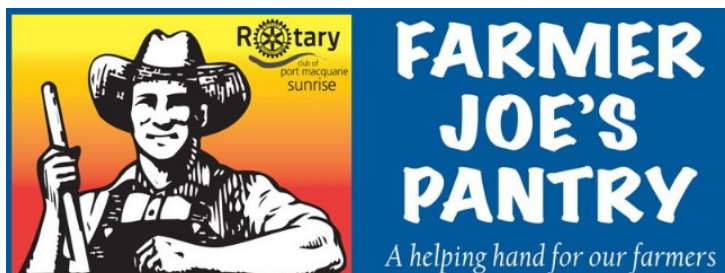
DG Peter Maxwell from D9930 has advised that his District will be contributing money to our Disaster Fund. In addition, there have been offers of free accommodation in D9930 for those affected by the bushfires.

Rotary Clubs who are aware of people who will be in a position to accept the generous offer should contact DG Phil Hafey for details.

BOOK SALES – WHAT TO DO WITH INTERESTING BOOKS! (From the Taree North Bulletin)

Bob Nelson reported that he had some good news on the book sales. Bob has been taking selected books to the Lawson's auctions for many years. From time to time we have received cheques which are always welcome. Last month two books sold, one for \$280.00 and the other for \$2,000.00. Goes to show how perseverance can pay.

AN UPDATE FROM FARMER JOE'S PANTRY



Thank you to District Treasurer Pam Foye and her very enthusiastic team of Port Macquarie Sunrise Rotary and other Volunteers Farmer Joe's Pantry in Wauchope is really making a difference.

Please check out the Facebook Page at this link and "Like It" <https://www.facebook.com/farmerjoespantry/>

Photos:

Volunteers sorting the many donated non-perishable goods



Deputy Mayor of Port Macquarie Hastings Council Lisa Interman at the Official Opening with Rotary Club of Port Macquarie Sunrise President Carolyn Ireland

