



Rotary International District 9650 E News - Monday 26 August 2019

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Mark Maloney (Gay)

Rotary Club of Decatur Alabama USA

District Governor

Phil Hafey (Bronwyn)

Rotary Club of Laurieton NSW Australia

IMPORTANT UPDATE FROM THE TRANSITION TEAM RE PROPOSED NEW DISTRICT FOR D9650 & D9670

Contrary to the initial advice received prior to the end of the last Rotary Year and the preliminary advice of the Transition Team composition as included in the E-News dated 29 July 2019 we have been advised that this transition of D9650 (our District) and D9670 (the District to our south) into a new District comprising all of the existing D9650 and D9670 clubs will occur by determination of Rotary International.

The following Statement was issued by the Transition Team Chair after the Transition Team met in Port Macquarie on Saturday 24 August 2019.

"As a result of discussions with RI Parramatta, advice was received that at the upcoming meeting of the RI Districting Committee a recommendation will be made to the RI Board that Districts 9650 and 9670 will become a new District effective 1 July 2022.

Consequently, the Transition Committee comprising the following Rotarians; from District 9650 - PDG Neville Parsons, PDG Maurie Stack and PDG Jo Wilkin; from District 9670 - PDG Brian Coffey, PDG Don Stephens and Julie Dixon, and chaired by PDG Steve Hill of District 9710 has been tasked with implementing this decision.

This Committee at its meeting in Port Macquarie on 24 August started the development of an Action Plan and will be establishing Focus Teams involving members from each district in the following areas:

- Administration/Governance
- Finance/Budget
- Youth
- Foundation
- Services
- Membership
- Public Image
- Training
- Website

Each of these teams will be required to:

- Examine the current situation within both districts in their field of focus
- Determine the differences, problems and benefits of the current situation
- Not be inhibited by what is happening in D9650 and D9670, but make recommendations to the Transition Committee in their area of focus to commence a NEW district.
- Keep the Transition Committee informed of all recommendations in a timely manner.
- Ensure all recommendations comply with the Code of Policies, Constitution and By-Laws of Rotary International and/or The Rotary Foundation.

We recognise that there was an expectation in District 9650 that there would be a second vote regarding the proposed new district but In light of the latest advice received from RI Parramatta any such vote would be redundant.

The Transition Committee is excited with the opportunity for our clubs and members in the formation of the new district. We will be developing a communications strategy to ensure engagement of all stakeholders in this process.

I am heartened by the collaborative approach of the members of the Transition Committee. I have had the benefit of chairing the Transition Committee tasked with the formation of a new district in southern NSW (district 9700 and 9710 becoming district 9705) and I am confident that our committee can deliver a great outcome for your members."

Best wishes

PDG Steve Hill D9710

Important District Dates

<https://rotary9650.org.au/events>

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

THIS WEEKS DG's MESSAGE

This last week Bronwyn and I visited the Rotary Clubs and communities of Wee Waa, Moree on Gwydir and Moree prior to making our way to Coffs Harbour on Sunday 25 August 2019 for the District Management Committee meeting.

Some of the highlights of our visits in photos:

In order of images and left to right:

Bronwyn Cheque: Moree RC President Steve Harris presenting a cheque to Bronwyn supporting her project.

Leo Moree: Leo Reiner being presented with the second half of a certificate for building the Club's new BBQ Trailer. The first half of the Certificate was presented when the job was half completed.

At foot of the adjacent column: Moree Team: AG Bruce George, Bronwyn, Secretary Mary Reiner, President Steve Harris and DG Phil

Below: Dickens: The grave of Charles Dickens' youngest son in Moree.



Below: Moree "P" train: AG Bruce George, President Steve Harris, President Elect Greg Fisher and DG Phil



Moree on Gwydir seats: Don Waghorn and DG Phil at one of the many seats the Moree on Gwydir Club have installed.

Moree Garden: Moree Botanic Garden – Local Threatened Species Garden

Below: Greg and Daniie: Moree Club's Membership Plan in Action. President Elect Greg, Daniie and the Club's newest prospective member.



Rotary D9650 2019 Showcase Weekend at Tamworth

Saturday 23 Nov 19 & Sunday 24 Nov 19

This will also include the D9650 Special General Meeting to receive and adopt the Audited Financial Reports for the District for the year ended 30 June 2019.

This will be a great learning & fellowship weekend.

Beautification at Richardson Oval, Sawtell

The Rotary Club of Sawtell in partnership with Coffs Harbour City Council has completed a tree planting project at Richardson Oval, Sawtell.

In the 2017-18 year, the World President of Rotary Ian Riseley challenged every Rotary Club in the world to plant one tree per member as a way to increase Rotary's involvement in environmental issues. While Rotary's contribution may be small in a worldwide context, it symbolizes the need for greater care and nurturing of our environment and may encourage other people and groups to implement projects, however small, that improve our environment.

The President of The Rotary Club of Sawtell, Warren Hollyman, said, "Ian Riseley wanted Rotary Clubs to think globally and act locally. To take up Ian's challenge, our Club purchased 12 advanced Brush Box trees, fertilizer, organic garden soil and provided the labour for the Richardson Oval project. To ensure successful establishment of the trees, the Club will also provide ongoing watering for the next twelve months. When established these trees will provide shade for spectators and the general public using the area as well improving the aesthetics of the Oval area."

Coffs Harbour City Council greatly assisted with the planning, the machinery to auger the planting sites, the mulch and the provision of tree guards.



Above: District Management Committee with Sawtell Past President Ellis inspecting the project. Below: Sawtell Rotarian Peter Paff, Sally Spinner (CHCC) Sawtell Rotarians Ellis Nicholson, Shayne Della, Alan Freedman and Alison Williams



DG Phil and Bronwyn Club Visits next 2 weeks:

Mon 26 August - Coffs Harbour City (Lunch)

Mon 26 August - Woolgoolga

Tue 27 August - Nambucca Heads

Wed 28 August - Coffs Harbour Daybreak (breakfast)

Wed 28 August - Coffs Harbour

Mon 2 September - Armidale North

Tue 3 September - Armidale

Wed 4 September - Armidale AM (breakfast)

Wed 4 September - Dorrigo

Thu 5 September - Armidale Central

Club members and partners are encouraged to attend and warmly welcome our District Governor Phil and wife Bronwyn.

Other Coffs Harbour Projects reviewed by Management Team—Sunday 25 August:



Southern break wall Foreshore Picnic area

tree projects

Sawtell town cen-





2nd – 9th May 2020

Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation Centre

Application forms & brochure online

www.rotary9650.org.au/Ryla



Andrew Stokes

2017 RYLarian, 2018 RYLA Leader

2019 RYLA Leader's Leader

2019-2020 Pres. Hastings Rotaract

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The District Management team met at Coffs Harbour on Sunday 25 August and were treated to a cross-section of the many community Projects of the Coffs Harbour and Sawtell Rotary Clubs. Thanks to AG Pete Paff and Club Admin Director PDG Rob Anderson for your coordination and showcasing these many projects as highlighted in images within this weeks E-News.

Below is the Management Team outside the Bunker Gallery in Coffs Harbour. Thanks to Director and local rotarian Terry Maguire for the tour. Now for the appropriate Cartoon Caption for this Photo. Suggestions please to the E-News Editor



MORE CHANGES TO PRINTED DIRECTORY

Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour

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Rotary Club of Moree

Meeting Night: Thursday

MESSAGE FROM OUR DISTRICT FOUNDATION CHAIRMAN - PDG MAURIE STACK

Many clubs ordered Centurion Towers last year. I have ordered another 500 Towers plus 500 Poles – which enable the Towers to be used again. Maurie has received an initial 50 Towers and 150 Poles – available on a “first in best dressed” basis.

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