



Rotary Opens Opportunities

July is 'New Leadership Month' for Rotary International. July 1 marks the new year and is a chance for clubs to start fresh.



THIS ISSUE

Thoughts from the DG
Hair cutting fund raiser
Rotary on the Move

CALENDAR

July 27 - DG visit Great Lakes
July 28 - DG visit Wauchope
July 29 - DG visit Port Macquarie
July 31 - DG visit Port Macquarie Sunrise
August 2 - Public Speaking finals Armidale
August 3 - DG visit to Uralla
August 4 - DG visit to Walcha
August 5 - DG visit to Boggabri
August 6 - DG visit to Narrabri
August 11 - DG visit to Kempsey West
August 12 - DG visit to Coffs Daybreak
August 13 - DG visit to EClub Tamworth
August 15 - District Finance Meeting

MUSINGS FROM THE DG

This last week was all about going West. As soon as you emerge from those windy, hairpin roads up the mountain and are presented with that wonderful vista known as the Yarrowitch valley you know you are really on your way. I know my way to Tamworth but after that navigation is best left to the GPS!

I was headed for a rendezvous at Coonamble Bowling Club. I went through a small town called Bugaldie (I am pronouncing this as Bug Will Die owing to the number of kamikaze insects that attacked my windscreen as I travelled on. I can honestly say that town was aptly named as I was vision impaired by the time, I got 5klms down the road.

Thanks to AG Emily Ryan for a most comprehensive tour of Coonamble. I was hosted by President Jackie Harris, (a newbie like me) and we negotiated my DG official visit together.

Coonamble Rotary club certainly punches above its weight. Only 11 members but they partner with every association and organisation they can to achieve their service projects and assist the local community. I will never think of the Rotary sausage sizzle the same way again. They have three vans, feed the thousands at the camp draught, and favourite pick on the menu is a seafood basket, not the humble sanga. They have been involved with District grants for education and literacy, and support for Dementia sufferers and their carers.

Tuesday, I headed towards Coonabarrabran, stopping for lunch at Pilliga Pottery. What a fabulous place, so many quality things to purchase. I had a wander through the town and called in to see Jim at the Rotary bookshop. The bookshop was easily found owing to the clear signage in town. and is a constant source of fundraising for the club. Tuesday evening, I was hosted by Mal Unicomb and members of the Coonabarrabran Club. The club has been at the forefront of drought relief for the community in the past year and continues to explore every avenue of funding.



E-NEWS CONTACT

If you have something for the E-news please email editor Laura Telford at laura.telford@rotaract.org.au before 5pm on Friday to make sure it will appear in the next edition!



MUSINGS FROM DG DEBBIE CONT.

Mals' goal for his year are in line with Rotary International, grow membership and increase public awareness of what Rotary really does in the community and Internationally, as well as BBQ's at Bunnings.

Wednesday I was on the road again to Barraba. The evening was hosted by Bryan Barrass and his membership. Thanks to AG Bruce George and youth Director Kate George for making the trip over to support the evening. Barraba club has been at the centre of drought relief, and manages projects including the recycling of batteries, running the camp draught and other fundraising opportunities in the area. Having only 9 members I am amazed at the productivity of the club. After a great meal we cut a cake to celebrate the Centenary of Rotary in Australia 1921 - 2021.

Thursday saw me at Gunnedah 2380 for lunch. Hosted by pat Walls and attended by AG Rod Browne. Again, a small club but rising to the challenge with an annual fun run which has been going for 43 years, a pop-up restaurant, wine and cheese evenings and a strong youth commitment they really support the local community.

That evening I was hosted by Gunnedah West and President Nataniel Gomes and was attended by the Community Service Director Kel Walls It was a lively evening and one of the president's goals for this year was social integration, more hands on projects. The club recently restored a historical grave belonging to the first mayor of Gunnedah, and hosted the Motorhome Fellowship, providing two meals a day for a week.

I was presented with a Rotary facemask made by the members, great idea and thank you I will wear it with pride. They claim to be the BBQ kings!

I think there would be a few clubs with that very same claim 😊

The last meeting of the week was at Tamworth Sunrise, hosted by President Adam Green and attended by AG Simon Guest. The club-chartered club 10 years ago and boasts a membership of 55. Adams goal this year is to regroup, grow Rotary and the club to 60 members and be involved with a new environmental project. They have been looking at a dilapidated walking path with a BBQ area. These are great projects that benefit the local community and visitors to the area. They support juvenile diabetes, Foundation and ARH.

So this week I have sung for my breakfast, lunch and dinner, and in return have been inspired by the connections all the clubs have with their communities, the partnerships they have made and the relationships maintained despite COVID19.

Connection, fellowship and social integration is paramount in these challenging times. Many clubs in the district have been at the forefront of drought, bushfire, flood and now we are all affected by COVID19 restrictions.

Some people may well feel, isolated, withdrawn, depressed and anxious in the current climate. Look after yourselves and remember we are continuing to support the work of Lifeline in our District this year.

If anyone you know needs help please try and help and if needed call;

Lifeline 13 11 14.

Lifeline text 6pm to 12 AM 0477 13 11 14 or get online for Crisis support chat - lifeline.org.au/crisischat

Take care, stay safe and remember

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

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- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships?
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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

For the 2020-21 Rotary International year Holger Knaack will be the RI President. He, and wife Susanne hail from Germany and are keen to open the doors to opportunities for Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors across the globe.

GET YOUR YEPPER NEWS!

Rotary District 9650 has a long and proud history of sending students on youth exchanges. [Check out the latest news from across our district and around the world now!](#)

ON THE MOVE

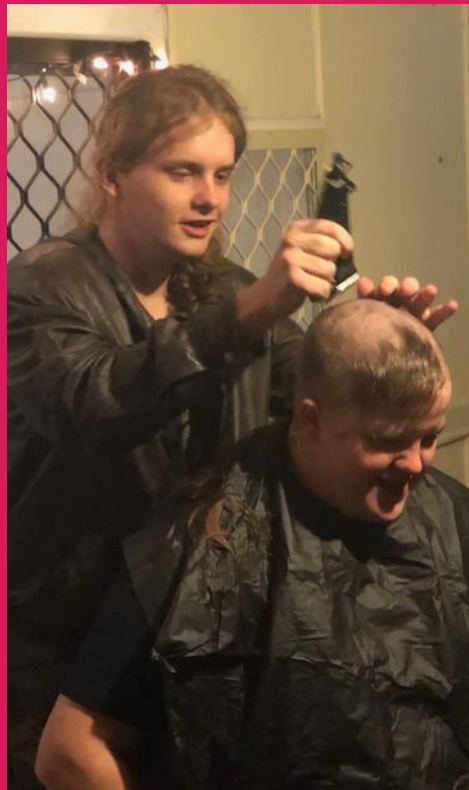
[Check out the latest edition of the Rotary on the Move newsletter out now!](#)

GREAT MARKETING IDEA!

The Rotary Club of Laurieton has come up with a fantastic way to get Rotary front and centre of people's minds creating an awesome bookmark! With many clubs hosting book sales having Rotary themed bookmarks is a great way to ensure the legacy of your book event and Rotary stays with the general public long after they have snapped up a great deal!

HAIR GONE FOR A GREAT CAUSE!

This week New England Rotaract Club president Holly had her head shaved for a fund raiser of epic proportions! She will provide an update on the project in the coming weeks BUT DGE David Mayne made the trek to Armidale to see the action happen up close! The head shave was live streamed on Facebook and via zoom and it was wonderful to see so many people tuning in to support the club!



15th – 22nd August Lake Keepit Sport & Rec

Sam & Jenny Bailey

Farmers from Croppa Creek & inspirational speakers who give their time freely each year because they believe in the power of the RYLA program. Sam & Jenny relay their story of resilience, overcoming all boundaries & understanding that the grass may not always be greener on the other side of the fence.



AUGUST

"Rotary's influence on the heart of the world will be in direct proportion to the number of communities that are exposed to the Rotary ideal. So let us help found new clubs wherever the soil is at all fertile."
PRIP Arthur Lagueux 1950-51



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