



Rotary International District 9650 E News - Monday 27 January 2020

Rotary International President
Mark Maloney (Gay)

Rotary Club of Decatur Alabama USA

District Governor

Phil Hafey (Bronwyn)

Rotary Club of Laurieton NSW Australia

CONGRATULATIONS PDG LAURIE BARBER OAM



Service to the Port Macquarie community has earned Laurie Barber an Australia Day honour. The Rotarian, former Port News editor, author and basketball enthusiast was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the Australia Day Honours List for service to the Port Macquarie community.

Photo of Laurie with his very supportive wife and also tireless working Rotarian Glenda.

Laurie's achievements include being named Port Macquarie-Hastings Senior Citizen of the Year in 2014 and as well as Rotary Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

His commitment to the community has included five years as a Meals on Wheels volunteer until 2019, Timbertown Heritage Theme Park former chairman, life member of Jaycees, patron of the Port Macquarie-Hastings Fellowship of Writers and patron of Port Writers.

Rotary has been part of Laurie's life since he joined the community service organisation in 1971 while in Inverell. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Inverell East for 11 years before joining the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie in 1982.

The past president of the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie and past district governor of Rotary District 9650 (2006-2007) and Laurie also served on the board of Australian Rotary Health from 2013 to 2016.

Laurie devoted almost five decades to journalism and worked at various newspapers including the Port News for 23 years. Laurie has written a newspaper column, called "My Word", since 1995 to encourage a greater appreciation of our language.

CONGRATULATIONS BILL Warburton OAM



Bill is a member of the Rotary Club of Tamworth and a former Rotary District 9650 Finance Committee Chair.

Bill moved to Tamworth 50 years ago as an accountant and, in that time, he's looked after the "dollars and cents" side of many charitable

organisations.

He has contributed greatly to the Rotary Club of Tamworth, Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service, Billabong Clubhouse, Farrer school committee and Australian Country Music Foundation.

Congratulations Bill.

LOCAL COUNCIL AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDEES

CONGRATULATIONS TANIA POWICK - KEMPSEY COUNCIL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Tania Powick was announced the Kempsey Council Citizen of the year for her contribution to the Kempsey community through her work as a member of the Rotary Club of Kempsey and her many other community activities.



CONGRATULATIONS JENNY MCGARRY - ARMIDALE REGIONAL COUNCIL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Rotarian Jenny McGarry, Club Secretary and Treasurer of the Rotary Club of ArmidaleAM has been recognised for her service to the Armidale community and awarded Armidale Citizen of the Year.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ROTARY CLUB OF WAUCHOPE - PORT MACQUARIE HASTINGS COUNCIL COMMUNITY GROUP OF THE YEAR

Photo right: President George Campbell with Award. All at Wauchope Rotary are delighted with this Award that recognises the Clubs broad community contribution.



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

NEWS FROM DG PHIL HAFEY

This week has been dominated by visits to drought relief projects and the announcement of Government Bushfire Special Disaster Grants. As I write this article from Armidale, the rain has been heavy, the dams are filling and the country is green. However, there is still little feed for the animals and crops have yet to be planted so our drought affected communities still need our support.

On Thursday I had the pleasure of visiting Mathew Friend's farm at Black Mountain near Guyra as he received the latest B Double load of hay from the RAWCS Project managed by Dave Pearson, RAWCS Vice Chairman and member of the Guyra Rotary Club. This delivery marked the halfway point in the distribution of \$1,000,000.00 worth of hay to drought affected farmers.

The delivery was also attended by the NSW Deputy Premier, John Barilaro, and the NSW Minister for Agriculture and Local Member, Adam Marshall as the NSW Government has contributed over \$490,000.00 in freight transport subsidies which has enabled RAWCS to double the amount of hay being distributed.

During the visit I discussed the need to continue supporting drought affected communities with Adam Marshall and he confirmed that drought support was still a focus of the NSW Government. The photo below is from Adam Marshall's electorate newsletter and features Dave Pearson, Adam Marshall, Simon Tupper (owner/driver), John Barilaro and Mathew Friend



There was also good local media coverage and the NBN News story can be viewed at: <https://www.nbnnews.com.au/2020/01/23/black-mountain-farmer-receives-b-double-load-of-donated-fodder/>



On Saturday I was in Armidale for the arrival of the Burrumbuttock Hay Run at the invitation of DG Di North from D9675 as the Rotary Club of Sydney is one of the sponsors of the Hay Run.

Over 170 trucks rolled into Armidale on Saturday afternoon with distribution of the hay to commence on Sunday morning. (See photo above of Trucks loaded with Hay in the Armidale Showground.

In addition, there was a concert at the Armidale Showground on Sunday evening.

NSW GOVERNMENT SPECIAL DISASTER GRANTS

The NSW Government has also announced Special Disaster Grants of up to \$75,000 to assist farmers affected by the bushfires in the following LGAs: Armidale, Ballina, Bellingen, Byron, Clarence Valley, Coffs Harbour, Glen Innes Severn, Inverell, Kempsey, Kyogle, Lismore, Mid-Coast, Nambucca, Port Macquarie-Hastings, Richmond Valley, Tenterfield, Tweed and Walcha.

Whilst Rotary Clubs are not eligible to apply, most Clubs are in a position to assist eligible local farmers complete the process.

For further information or to apply for the Special Disaster Grant visit www.raa.nsw.gov.au or call 1800 678 593 to speak to the RAA. Service NSW Service Centres are able to assist producers with information.

RAWCS ROTARY NATIONAL BUSHFIRES APPEAL

The RAWCS Rotary National Bushfires Appeal has raised over \$500,000 and the DGs from the Districts impacted by the fires will be meeting this week to discuss the distribution of the funds.

The "**Rotary Bushfires National Appeal**" which is a Rotary Australia Relief Fund [RARF] project – number 68/2019-20. Organisations and individuals can donate to the fund using the following details:

Account Name:	<i>Rotary Australia Relief Fund</i>
BSB:	<i>067-105</i>
Account No:	<i>10519888</i>
Reference:	<i>DonorName& 68/2019-20</i>

RESCHEDULED DISTRICT GOVERNOR CLUB VISITS

Monday 3 February:	Coonabarabran
Tuesday 4 February:	Coonamble (tbc)
Wednesday 5 February:	Barraba
Thursday 6 February:	Gunnedah West
Friday 7 February:	Tamworth Sunrise
Monday 10 February:	Glen Innes
Tuesday 11 February:	Walcha
Tuesday 18 February:	Wingham
Monday 24 February:	Uralla
Thursday 5 March:	Gunnedah 2380, E Club
Monday 9 March:	Great Lakes



IMPORTANT TRAINING DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

These dates are critical District Training dates for incoming Club and District Officers.

It is important that all incoming officers attend the sessions that are arranged for them in their region.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 8-9 FEB 2020

District Management Team Training Port Macquarie

Sunday 1 Mar 2020

Presidents-elect Training (Western) at Tamworth

Sunday 8 Mar 2020

Presidents-elect Training (Eastern) at Port Macquarie

Fri—Sun 20-22 Mar 2020

D9650 District Conference at South West Rocks

Sunday 5 Apr 2020

District Training for Incoming Club Offices at Armidale

Sunday 19 Apr 2020

District Training for Incoming Club Offices at Port Macquarie

Sunday 3 May 2020

District Training for Incoming Club Offices at Gunnedah

Saturday 27 Jun 2020

District Changeover at Laurieton

A SPECIAL DINNER INVITATION

On behalf of DGE Debbie Loveday and your District Training Team we extend an invitation to any of your members and their partners that will be in or close by Port Macquarie over the weekend 8 & 9 Feb 20 and would like to hear 2 excellent Rotary Speakers present on "The Future of Rotary" at Port Panthers on Saturday evening 8 February 2020.

Both presenters featured will be providing Training for the 2020-2021 District Management Committee at their Management Training that will be held on Saturday and Sunday 8 & 9 Feb 2020 at Port Macquarie.

DGE Debbie determined that the opportunity to have these 2 high profile Rotary Speakers present to representatives of the local area Clubs at the Dinner on Saturday 8 Feb was too good an opportunity to miss.

The Dinner will also enable your members to engage with your incoming District Management Team.

The 2 high profile Rotarian Speakers attending are And Evan Burrell. Refer to brief details attached to this information.

Should you be interested in attending and you Club has not received the Registration Form (that is any Club outside clusters 2, 3 and 4) then please contact your

E-News Editor and District Trainer Neville for details.

Note the cut off time and date for Registrations... 5pm

Friday 31 January 2020

Numbers will be limited to about 60 so it will be a matter of first in will get to go if we get to the maximum numbers.

This is highly recommended for your Board members and any Club member.



DGE D9640 Ana Rajapakse aka "Andy" Entrepreneur, International Marketing Professional, Asia Specialist and a Rotarian in Australia.

Evan Burrell - Rotarian and a digital media consultant – challenges Rotarians: "Let's have fun in Rotary"



CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

The District Conference website is open for on-line Registrations. A paper form can also be downloaded.

The 2020 District Conference will be held at picturesque South West Rocks from 20-22 March 2020.

To access the Conference website go to:

<https://www.rotary9650.org.au/district-conference>

In addition to the registration forms, the website will feature the Conference Promotional Video and a "who to contact" list.

This year's Conference will feature successful projects from a number of Rotary Clubs and successful projects funded by Foundation Grants will also be featured.

The Conference Program will be finalised shortly and guest speakers will be announced at that time.

Why Should you attend the District Conference?

- To learn how Rotary build better communities
- To learn how through Rotary we as Rotarians have the opportunity to change lives... the most critical one being our own
- We will hear the latest updates from Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation from the Rotary International President's Personal Representative
- We will have the opportunity to mix and mingle with our other D9650 Rotarians and their partners and to establish new friends and contacts from all over the District
- You will certainly have an amazing experience and have great food and great fun. **Register Now!**

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

**Diarise Now for
a great Rotary
weekend**



Rotary: Strengthening Local Communities

**Rotary Fun &
Learning**



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.

Brochure & applications on website

www.rotary9650.org.au/Ryla

ROTARY CLUB OF PORT MACQUARIE WELCOMES RETURNING FORMER YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENT

Contribution by Elizabeth Fielding

We have Canadian Jeanette Murphy an ex Rotary exchange student visiting Port at the moment. She was here originally in 1978/79 and today met with 2 of her host mothers June Edwards & Helen Carr for lunch at Garden Village.



Past President Glenda Barber helped me find them and from all accounts they had a wonderful day.

I also arranged for the Port Express to cover it so we should see a great story in the paper in the days to come. Jeanette Murphy is now a Rotarian and is currently the Assistant Governor of district 7090.

I have also taken her to Rotary Lodge this morning and she will attend our starters and finishers this Wednesday and a ladies lunch on Saturday. She leaves for home Monday 27 Jan 20.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM DI HALL

FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE

San Diego 2020. There is an opportunity for 8 people to experience a Friendship Exchange with District 5340 which centres around San Diego in USA.

The dates will be 25 May to 6 June 2020 and then a short plane flight to Hawaii for the Rotary International Conference if you wish. Application Form is available from Friendship Exchange Committee Chair Di Hall.

Deadline for receipt of applications is at close of business on 15 February 2020

There was no Friendship exchange possibility available in Hawaii to coincide with the Conference.

Russia 2223. Application still open for this exchange is 2021. Check the website for the Application form.

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT DIRECTORY 2020-2021

Every Club secretary has received a **membership**

list and a **Club Information** as per the District website. Please check these for accuracy and make any changes needed.

Please remember that the website drives the information in the directory so accuracy is important.

This time of year I try to ensure that the information is correct and I need your help to do it please.

Di Hall

DISTRICT TROPHIES reminder

Glenda Barber reminds all Clubs to get their nominations in for the District Trophies and the trophies back to their Assistant Governors please.

The Assistant Governors should ideally bring any trophies that they have received from Clubs in their Cluster to PETS in March 2020..

Submissions for District trophies should be forwarded to Past President Glenda Barber via email at gbarber@midcoast.com.au or via mail to "33/19 Garden Crescent, Port Macquarie 2444. Submissions must be received by Glenda by 5pm Friday 21st February 2020. The standard application form was attached by Glenda in her letter to Club Presidents and Club Secretaries that issued late December 2019.

INVITATION FROM ROTARY CLUB OF GLOUCESTER "MIND MATTERS MARATHON"

Mental health is not a quick fix in fact it is a marathon. So lets us introduce you to the Mind Matters Marathon. This will be a fun yet challenging event where we are inviting teams of people to walk a mile in "their" shoes and spend the night walking around the oval. We are challenging teams to fundraise and get sponsorship for the event as a way of raising money for lifeline and rotary health.

With this in mind we are laying down the gauntlet and inviting you all to join the challenge. Bring one or bring many but be prepared to step it up and win

Date: Starts March 7th at 4pm

Ends: March 8th at 10am

Venue: Gloucester recreation center and surrounding sports grounds.

Contact: Jade

0401596842 email:

jmispense@gmail.com

Jodie

0438582320 email:

jodiehouse@me.com

Cost:\$20 per person or

\$50 per family—(2

adults & 2 children under age of 12)

Contact Gloucester Rotary Club for more information.



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Register today at riconvention.org
Honolulu, Hawaii, USA | 6-10 June 2020