



Rotary International District 9650

## E News - Sunday 28 June 2020

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



### RECOGNISING AND CELEBRATING THE ANNUAL CHANGEOVER FROM

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT MARK D MALONEY AND DISTRICT GOVERNOR PHIL HAFEY TO  
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT HOLGER KNAACK AND DISTRICT GOVERNOR DEBBIE LOVEDAY**



A virtual changeover ceremony with 2019-2020 Rotary International (RI) President Mark Maloney and 2020-2021 RI President Holger Knaack.

*Note: that is 2:30am Thursday 2 July Sydney time.*

*Did you know that the "Official Rotary Officers Changeover time" is 12 midnight on 30 June 2020 in Chicago USA. That is 3 pm Wednesday 1 July 2020 Sydney time.*

#### DISTRICT CHANGEOVER 27 JUN 20

On Saturday evening under the excellent chairmanship of Bruce George from the Rotary Club of Inverell (Assistant Governor Cluster 8 Moree Gwydir) 2019-2020 District Governor Phil Hafey formally inducted Debbie Loveday as our District Governor for 2020-2021. Like many aspects of the 2019-2020 Rotary Year the changeover was another first with it being held via Zoom.

Congratulations Phil and Bronwyn on your leadership and support to the Clubs and the Rotarians of D9650 during this very trying year.

Included with the distribution of this week's E-News is DG Phil's Annual Report on the 2019-2020 Rotary Year for D9650.

DG Phil's Message for this last E-News for 2019-20 is on the next page.

We also recognise the District Management Team that has served DG Phil during the last 12 months as well as the 2019 - 2020 Club Presidents who have also led their respective Clubs through the greatest period of disruption and challenges that has ever impacted each of our Clubs.

Congratulations to Debbie Loveday our new District Governor.

We wish you ongoing success for the 2020-2021 year in which we are challenged to look for and take all opportunities as we continue through Rotary to make a difference in our communities, the communities of our region, our country and the world.

We also welcome the new District Management team that are tasked with assisting DG Debbie and Clubs to enhance, engage and expose Rotary in our community. Finally, welcome to all the incoming Club Presidents and Office Bearers.

It is now your time to lead and engage your members and your community in the good works of Rotary and Rotarians.



**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 9650 INC**

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Contributions are sought and encouraged. Please e-mail to **Laura Telford**: [laura.telford@rotaract.org.au](mailto:laura.telford@rotaract.org.au)

## MESSAGE FROM DG2019.2020 PHIL HAFEY

Thanks to those who were able to join us on Zoom on Saturday evening for a Changeover with a difference.

My Annual Report, which I mentioned briefly at the Changeover, is included with this week's E News.

Special mention must be made of the Paul Harris recognitions announced for Armidale's Grant Harris and Lower Midcoast's Laurie Easter

Both gentlemen have played a pivotal role in their local area and have been an inspiration to Rotarians and community members.

District also recognised the work of PDG Maurie Stack OAM as the driving force behind the Bushfire Recovery projects in the Manning Valley and other humanitarian projects around the globe.

During the Changeover MC Bruce George, AG Cluster 8 and President of the Inverell Club, mentioned how his Club responded to my goal: each Club commence a new community project.

To quote an email from Bruce: *Your challenge of Clubs finding a community project has resulted in us taking on updating a shelter in a park that was built by our Club about 35 years ago.*

*We approached the Council to see what the requirements are and they will give us the new table and seats in addition to cement for the base. They want us to put in a pathway connecting the toilets, the shelter and the BBQ.*

*Our members are excited to be doing a hands on activity.* I would be interested in hearing from other Clubs regarding the projects they have planned or have completed – please email me and I will distribute the information via DG Debbie's Newsletter.

Finally, I look forward to meeting up at Showcase, Conference and other District events over the next 12 months and I now share below the photo taken by our son, Nicholas when the changeover video was completed.



Left to right:

District Governor 2021-2022) David Mayne (now District Governor –elect), DG 2019-2020 Phil Hafey and wife Bronwyn, District Governor 2020-2021 Debbie Loveday.

## VALE Peter Bannon

January 24, 1944 – June 24, 2020

**Peter Bannon** joined the Rotary Club of Armidale AM on June 1, 1991, in the year the club was chartered.

He was a much loved member who punched well above his weight in volunteer hours, despite his disability. He was also a great community member; a Justice of the Peace, and was awarded 'Citizen of the Year' by Council.

Assisted by all the Rotary clubs in Armidale, he headed a group to bring Camp Quality to Armidale for the first time.



A former Naval Chief Petty Officer, Peter saw service in Vietnam, and was resplendent in uniform each Anzac Day. He also led the TS Armidale for a number of years.

A car accident in 1975 left Peter in a wheelchair. He often called himself 'the man who brought his own chair'. He started a business called 'The Rope

Bloke' where he was able to use his skills with rope from his Navy years; especially the art of splicing.

He didn't let his disability stop him, and until the last few months, he could be seen 'scooting' around Armidale at full throttle.

Peter was known in the District for his work in processing used stamps to raise funds for RAWCS. Boxes of stamps would come to him from all over the district; he would patiently trim and re-box them for hours.

He was a devoted, much loved Rotarian who, until recently, proudly held 100% attendance for most of his 29 years with the club.

Honorary membership was conferred on him when his health no longer allowed him to attend. A number of club meetings were able to be held at his home in Autumn Lodge.

While his club members were meeting face to face for the first time on Wednesday morning, Peter was saying his final goodbyes, with his family by his side.

His wife, Karen, pre-deceased him and he is survived by his children and grandchildren.



NYSF 2021 YEAR 12 PROGRAM  
**APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN**



STEM LAB VISITS • LECTURES • SITE TOURS • WORKSHOPS • SOCIAL EVENTS

**NYSF (National Youth Science Forum)**



Hi. I am **Isabella Kennedy** from Armidale. NYSF was such an amazing and life changing experience!

Before NYSF, I knew science was something that interested me but I wouldn't have called it a passion of mine.

The main obstacle was that I was unsure what was really out

there in terms of fields and opportunities.

It's not until after NYSF that you realise how narrow the view of STEM is from a high-school perspective.

After 10 days of lab visits and special lectures - where I witnessed phenomena from the making and testing of renewable scramjet engines to the summoning lighting before our very eyes, did I come home confidently knowing that science was definitely my passion, and that it was something I wanted to do.

Not only was my passion in science heightened and the feeling of endless possibilities at my fingertips, NYSF also introduced me to so many new friends from all over Australia. I now have friends going to universities all over Australia, and connections to academics and scientists across the world.

NYSF is an awe-inspiring experience I think every student should participate in.

STEM is the forefront of our world's problem solvers. It is such an eye opener to the phenomena that humankind has uncovered and the greater possibility of the unknown. I can confidently say my future has been changed for the better by this experience and given me a renewed sense of direction going into my final year of high school.

The alumni community of NYSF that you become a part of, opens so many doors for your future and gives you contacts all over the world, whether it be scientists researching fossils in Antarctica or medical researchers finding the cure for neurodegenerative diseases in Denmark.

I am so grateful to Rotary and everyone who makes NYSF possible every year. The impact and contribution of this program is so life changing to the individual and community as a whole!

[www.nysf.edu.au](http://www.nysf.edu.au)

**Applications extended to 20 July 2020**

Just do it!! You only get one opportunity!

Applications are available online

Applications online at [www.nysf.edu.au](http://www.nysf.edu.au)

Contact Di Hall 0411704654 or [dihall605@gmail.com](mailto:dihall605@gmail.com)

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15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2020

Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation Centre



**Why nominate?????**

This is why....meet **Alice Elsley**

RYLarian 2016

Incoming President 2020-2021

Rotary Club of Quirindi



Applications on D9650 webpage

Nominations close 24<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Application: [www.rotary9650.org.au/RYLA](http://www.rotary9650.org.au/RYLA)

## MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2020-2021

DEBBIE LOVEDAY

\$\$\$ HELP NEEDED \$\$\$

Due to the current disappointing exchange rate between Australia and USA, we have a shortfall in our cash contribution for the Global Grant supporting Equipment for the Hospital in Nepal.

Are there any clubs in the district with small amounts of money left over this year?

Can you help with a donation of \$250?

If you can please donate to our Rotary D9650 Account for the Global Grant for the equipment for the Children's and Maternity Hospital being built under the project of Dr Ray Hodgson from the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie.

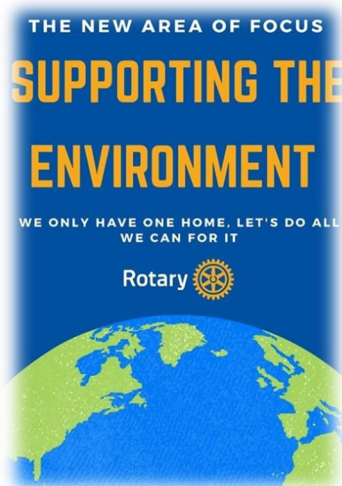
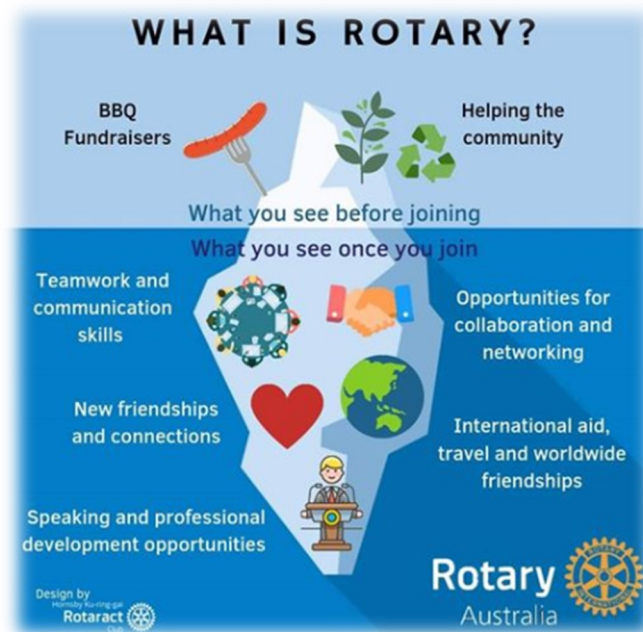
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### Supporting the Environment becomes the 7th Area of Focus...

The Rotary Foundation Trustees and Rotary International Board of Directors have both unanimously approved adding a new area of focus: **supporting the environment**.

More than \$18 million in Foundation global grant funding has been allocated to environment-related projects over the past five

years. Creating a distinct area of focus to support the environment will give Rotary members even more ways to bring about positive change in the world and increase our impact.

Supporting the environment becomes Rotary's seventh area of focus, which are categories of service activities supported by global grants. It joins peacebuilding and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation, and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and community economic development.

Grant applications for projects will be accepted beginning on 1 July 2021. Gifts and commitments from Rotarians and others will be sought to provide global grant support for the new area of focus.

More information about this new cause will be announced soon.

So we now have "Supporting the Environment" as well as the following 6 Areas of Focus.

### CRITICAL DATES FOR LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT 2020-2021

- Sat 28 Nov 20—Special General Meeting
- Sat 28 Nov—Sun 29 Nov Rotary D9650 Showcase
- Sun 21 Feb 21—District Management Team 21.22 Training with DGE David Mayne
- Sat 6 Mar 21 - Presidents-elect Training Armidale
- Fri 12 Mar 21 to Sun 14 Mar 21 - District Conference Port Macquarie
- Sun 21 Mar 21 - Presidents-elect Training Port Macquarie
- Sat 27 Mar 21 - District Training Port Macquarie
- Sun 18 Apr 21 - District Training—Tamworth
- Sun 2 May 21 - District Training - Narrabri
- Sat 26 Jun 21 - D9650 Changeover Port Macquarie

### CLOSING COMMENT FROM YOUR E-NEWS EDITOR

I have enjoyed bringing you this E-News each week and I hope that it has assisted in a small way with the important role of educating Rotarians and informing of activities throughout our District and the Rotary world.

I ask that you give incoming E-News Editor Laura Telford the same support that you have me.

I look forward to continuing to serve District as Finance Committee Chair and District Trainer as well as District Governor for our new D9660 in 2022-2023.

PDG Neville Parsons—E-News Editor 2019.2020