



# Rotary Opens Opportunities

August is 'Membership and New Club Development Month' so this month take the time to celebrate your members and focus on gaining new members!

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## CALENDAR

August 31 - DG visit Warialda  
September 1 - Moree on Gwydir  
September 5-6 NYSF interviews  
September 7 - DG visit to Woolgoolga  
September 8 - DG visit to Wingham  
September 10 - DG visit to Bellingen  
September 14 - DG visit to Laurieton  
September 15 - DG visit Lower Mid North Coast  
September 18 - DG visit to Lightning Ridge  
September 18-20 - Zone 8 Rotary Conference online  
September 19 - Coonamble Debutant Ball  
September 21-24 - RYAG Dairy Wingham  
September 21 - DG visit Glen Innes

## MUSINGS FROM THE DG

Well after the last weeks newsletter, I am lighter in the pocket. For those of you who didn't get last week's ENews, have a look on the District website <https://rotary9650.org.au/>. I recounted my adventure from Tamworth to Inverell via the Bundarra, scenic route. After this I would like to say that my All Australian Adventure will take a more conservative route in future. Thank you to my knight in shining armour - Steve Towle who is going to instruct me in the art of Four-Wheel Driving, to save me from myself and my car from the wreckers.

Monday I was treated to a very nice lunch at Coffs Ex Services Club, hosted by President Jay Clowes. And the members of Coffs Harbour City Club. The club has been involved in a large mental health seminar and is looking post COVID to host another. They are involved with the Cycle Challenge, Golf Day, Beer, Wine and Food Appreciation Day and Chess Competition. Major Charities supported are the Salvos, Waritah Respite Centre, and The Bunker National Cartoon Gallery Museum. Jays vision is to Grow Rotary this year and promote cultural diversity. They are promoting an ambassadorial program whereby the members of Coffs City 'drop in' on the other clubs in their cluster, for fellowship, networking and sharing of ideas. President Jay introduced the idea of the club members getting behind the 'Polished Man' project.

So, what is Polished Man? One child dies every 5 minutes as a result of violence. That's why this October we challenge all men and women to paint their fingernails. Fingernails that spark conversations. Conversations that inspire donations. Donations that allow for trauma recovery and trauma prevention for children around the world. Because it shouldn't hurt to be a child. Why nail polish?

Ygap's cofounder Elliot Costello came up with the idea for Polished Man after a visit to campaign beneficiary Hagar International in Cambodia. One evening, he met a young girl named Thea, who after playing naughts and crosses for hours, drew a heart on Elliot's palm, and then painted all his nails blue. Later, Elliot learnt how Thea came to be in Hagar's care - she was physically and sexually assaulted for two years by her orphanage's director. Elliot made the decision then and there to paint one nail to remember Thea. When he later learned of the extent of child violence, the Polished Man movement was born.

Tuesday evening, I was the guest of the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie West. President Heather Mayne put together an inspiring evening with the induction of a new member and the celebration of a new Paul Harris Fellow. The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie West famous for its 'Sailability' program, is also a sponsor of Endeavour Club House, YP Space and Soldier On.

## E-NEWS CONTACT

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



# MUSINGS FROM DG DEBBIE CONT.

This year President Heather wants to engage with the community more. They are looking at increasing their public relations exposure, have fun raising money to support their charities of choice and the local community. They are hoping to have a re run of the popular Cardboard Regatta, Involvement with the Art Walk, and attempt a Guinness Book of Records project together with the other clubs in the cluster by stringing those odd socks together, with a gold coin donation and see how far the Rotary clubs and community generosity can stretch.

We are hoping that COVID will get the boot this year the same as Polio in Africa and the District Conference will go ahead on March 12-14th 2021.

Have you seen the promotional video on the [District website](#)? Next week's issue will have some information on one of the keynote speakers, so watch this space.

Many Rotarians have asked what is happening with progress on the formation of the new district.

I attended an extensive zoom meeting on Saturday whereby an overview was given by the chair. We looked at membership statistics from both districts. The committee looked at the structure of the new district and the roles of people within that new structure. A discussion was had re the current programs and recommendations from the focus teams.

A comprehensive report contained within a newsletter will be sent out to all Rotarians to bring you up to date in more detail than I have explained here. More information available on the district website shortly.

And finally remember...

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

## POLIO PLUS MOVIE NIGHT WILL LOOK DIFFERENT

This year, COVID has made planning and running the annual Polio Movie Event much more challenging than usual! There will be issues in some locations but, with appropriate measures, such as masks, sanitiser and sensible seating arrangements, it is possible for events to go ahead in most areas. This year's movie is I Am Woman. It's the story of Australian singer/songwriter, Helen Reddy, who shot to global stardom in the seventies. While set in the US, the movie is an Australian production shot in Sydney. Tilda Cobham-Hervey is sensational in the lead role.

Resources to help clubs include:

A PowerPoint file that clubs can use to quickly create marketing materials:

[https://www.dropbox.com/s/uetrx8ykb44kn2d/IAW\\_Promo\\_ClubTemplate.pptx?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/uetrx8ykb44kn2d/IAW_Promo_ClubTemplate.pptx?dl=0)

AND text for club newsletters and social media posts:

[https://www.dropbox.com/s/lo6v08p0hw1qwmc/IAW\\_Posts\\_Aus\\_Clubs.docx?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/lo6v08p0hw1qwmc/IAW_Posts_Aus_Clubs.docx?dl=0)

[The I Am Woman trailer is available on YouTube.](#)

[We also have a new short video on Rotary's polio vaccination programs](#)



## RYLA FUN





*SAVE THE DATE.*

## OUR VIRTUAL CONFERENCE IS COMING!

Covid-19 has changed everything, including our annual conference. Our 2020 RAM Conference, due to be held in Newcastle, NSW this year, has been changed into a virtual conference to be held via Zoom.

Registrations will be open soon, but until then, make sure you **SAVE THE DATE** for 12-13 September 2020.

## RYLA 2020 ANOTHER FANTASTIC EVENT

RYLA 2020 was overshadowed by COVID-19. Just about every aspect of preparation and operation was influenced by Federal, State regulations as well as State Recreation and our own strict precautions.

Never the less, RYLA 2020 was once again a huge success with all participants saying that they got out of it far and beyond what they expected they would. I'd like to personally thank my Management team as well as our fantastic leaders and of course the participants that excelled themselves and truly deserved their RYLA award.

-David Mayne

## YOUTH EXCHANGE

Our latest YEPPER is now available on our webpage D9650 youth exchange or use this link <https://www.rotaryyouthexchange9650.com.au> to read the latest stories of how our students are handling the time overseas.

## BIRTHDAY FUN

Ahead of his birthday on September 1 Ken Hall has sent a target to raise \$1000 for Lifeline. For more information contact Ken via email: [hallkr330@gmail.com](mailto:hallkr330@gmail.com)

## ZONE 8 CONFERENCE

Registrations are now open for the 2020 Zone 8 Rotary Conference. It was supposed to be held in Alice Springs but now we will have to go there via the internet. Click here to register!



### Please ask them back....

We urge ALL Clubs to invite the RYLarian(s) they have sponsored in 2020 to return & give a presentation at Club level.



**1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

Lake Keepit Sport & Rec Centre  
(More information & application forms to follow)



# POLIO MILESTONE REACHED

Dear Rotarians,

It is our pleasure to announce to you that the African region has just been certified wild poliovirus-free. Rotary members have played an invaluable role in the effort to rid the African region of wild polio. We should be proud of all the hard work that we've done to eliminate the wild poliovirus throughout Africa and in nearly every country in the world. This progress is the result of a decades-long effort across the 47 countries of the African region. It has involved millions of health workers traveling by foot, boat, bike and bus, innovative strategies to vaccinate children amid conflict and insecurity, and a huge disease surveillance network to test cases of paralysis and check sewage for the virus.

Over the last two decades, countless Rotary members in countries across the African region and around the world have worked together to raise funds, immunize children, advocate with local and national leaders, and raise awareness about the importance of vaccination, enabling the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) to effectively respond to and stop polio outbreaks. This milestone is an incredible public health achievement for Rotary members, the African region, and our GPEI partners, and a huge step forward on the road to global polio eradication.

But we still have important work to do in order to eradicate wild polio in the last two endemic countries. We have faced many challenges in our journey to eradicate polio. But we've made remarkable progress, and the polio infrastructure that Rotarians helped build will serve as a lasting legacy that will continue to help protect vulnerable children against other diseases for decades to come. We are calling on you today to recommit yourselves to ending polio.

We need each and every one of you to help finish this fight and continue raising \$50 million each year for PolioPlus. The eradication of wild polio in the African region shows us that polio eradication is achievable, and shows how our hard work, partnerships and financial commitment continue to propel us forward, even during a global pandemic.

Thank you for your continued efforts, for achieving a wild polio-free African region, and for remaining committed to fulfilling our promise of a polio-free world.

Sincerely,  
Holger Knaack  
Rotary International President

## RAM NEEDS YOU!

Rotary  
Australian Districts



ROTARY AUSTRALIA  
WORLD COMMUNITY  
SERVICE



ROTARIANS  
AGAINST MALARIA

### IMPENDING VACANCY OF THE POSITION OF RAM NATIONAL SECRETARY

The position of National Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM) Secretary will become vacant on 1st July 2021. The RAM National Executive is looking for 'Expressions of Interest' from a suitable candidate to take up this position.

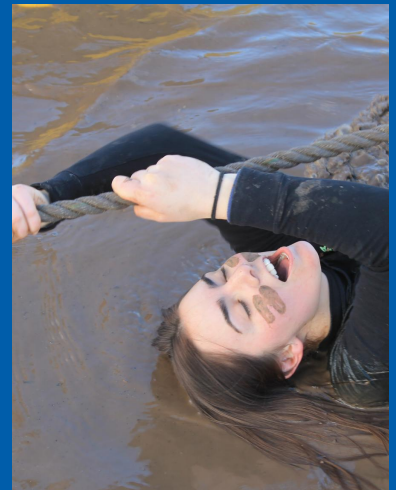
We would expect the incoming nominee to take the opportunity to be mentored by the existing incumbent, Gloria Hargreaves.

Should you be interested please contact Gloria ([egharg@netspace.net.au](mailto:egharg@netspace.net.au)) who will then send you the Job Description and Nomination Form.

RAM National Manager

Dr Jenny Kerrison

## FUN FROM RYLA 2020!





# GLOUCESTER ROTARY PROJECT FUN

Gloucester Rotary members have been hard at work upgrading the Ted Woolford Park which is on the southern entry to the town. Ted Woolford was a member for many years and this park was commissioned in 1985. Now and again the club roll up their sleeves and hold a working bee at the park.



# TAMWORTH WEST ROTARY GIVE BACK

On 17 August the District Governor accompanied Tamworth West Rotary President Mal MacPherson to the Nemingha Public School to meet the Principal Chris Jackson and Assistant Principal Josh MacDonald and view the LEGO sets that the School purchased with an \$8,000 donation from the Tamworth West Rotary Club.

The Club partnered with the School to purchase 20 units that cover years 1 through to 6. Tamworth West Rotarian Gordon Austin contributed \$1500 towards the project as he has a grandchild attending the School. Two students demonstrated how it all works having built what looked like a moon rover and programmed it to move across the table with accompanying sounds. The purchase means that the School will not have to hire or borrow units in the future and will be a HUB for other smaller schools in the area to be able to access these Units when not being used by Nemingha.

The following pictures show the District Governor, President Mal, Gordon and Rosemary Austin, Chris Jackson, Josh MacDonald, the two boys and the Units.







# District 9650 Conference

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*International Affair*

**March 12-14th 2021**



**Panthers Bay St, Port Macquarie**

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[HTTPS://WWW.ROTARY9650.ORG.AU/DISTRICT-CONFERENCE](https://www.rotary9650.org.au/district-conference)

