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Rotary International District 9650

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A SPECIAL NEW YEAR EDITION OF D9650 E-NEWS

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU



I hope that you have had a most enjoyable Christmas with family and friends.

Christmas is always a great time to spend with family and friends and it is a reminder of the power of giving...

It truly is that in giving we receive!

As we prepare for another celebration with family and friends on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, it is a great time for reflection and for positioning your goals for 2020.

My wish for you is that you celebrate the New Year with those nearest and dearest to you and that you reflect on the experiences of 2019 as you position your own dreams and goals for 2020 and beyond.

I ask that you take some time to reflect on the achievements and also the non-achievements in this past

year and to set your Goals for the coming year... both personal and for your Rotary contribution as a member of your Rotary Club.

As a backdrop against which to position your New Year Resolutions I offer you the following verse entitled "**Your Goal**" which details the power within each of us to make the appropriate choices as we journey along through life.

Your Goal

"Ships sail east and ships sail west

while the self-same breezes blow.

It's the set of the sails and not the gales

that determine the way they go.

Like the winds of the sea, are the ways of fate
as we journey along through life.

It's the set of the soul that determines the goal
not the calm nor the strife."



Happy New Year to you and to those nearest and dearest to you!!!

Thank you for being a valued part of the Rotary team that serves your community and the communities of our great Nation and the World.

I hope that 2020 brings you further success and happiness in all that you do and that you achieve all your personal, family, and Rotary goals.

Dream and Achieve big!

Happy New Year to one and all!

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

MESSAGES FROM DG PHIL

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 including:

Boggabri – Primary School Public Speaking

Coffs City – The Cartoon Bunker

Coffs Daybreak – The Welch Alwyn Project

Tamworth Sunrise – Clontarf Academy Project at Oxley High School

Wauchope – Off leash Dog Park

In addition, successful projects funded by Foundation Grants will also be featured.

The Conference Program will be finalised in the new year and guest speakers will be announced as soon as contracts are signed.



South West Rocks Country Club

Message from D9650 Trophies Officer Glenda Barber

I have arranged to send to each Club President and Club Secretary a letter inviting Applications for the 2019-2020 District 9650 Trophies that will be awarded at the 2020 District Conference in South West Rocks.

The Letter to Clubs will attach the list of District Trophies, the relevant criteria for each and the application form to apply for them in 2020.

The trophies will be presented during the District Conference – 20 to 22nd March 2020.

All District 9650 clubs are reminded that there are several trophies that are open to competition.

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.

Glenda notes that there are a number of clubs that have undertaken projects worthy of an award.

Please consider the available District Awards and enter your club.

The standard application form has been attached by Glenda in her letter to Club Presidents and Club Secretaries.

You will need to copy this Application Form and have one for each Award that is applied for by your Club.

The Award Criteria must be addressed in the Application Form.

If your Club was awarded a District trophy at the 2019 District Conference, **please return any of those trophies to your Assistant Governor with the Trophy engraved with your Club Name and the Year of Award being 2019 and in a clean and good condition** for presentation at the 2020 South West Rock Conference.

Hope to see you at the District Conference.

Yours in Rotary Past President Glenda Barber



Contribution from Past President Reg Pierce Hay & Water Coordinator Rotary Club of Wauchope

The following is an extract of an e-mail that was received 27 December 2019 from a local Wauchope rural family.

Dear Reg,

My wife went into Farmer Joes after a friend suggested she should go in. She came back with groceries and toys for the grandkids. She felt uncomfortable having never sought "charity" in her life....only something you might do if things got really bad. On her second trip she came away with your business card and a promise of some town drinking water. Well, the water turned up (a long steep rough track) yesterday....the most significant donation we have ever received from anyone anytime. A gift that REALLY made a difference to us....except for a bit of rain overnight we were down to buggar all.

Thanks to you and Rotary for the Xmas present.

(Name & Address supplied but excluded from extract)

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**

2020—THE YEAR OF...

THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARES 2020...



The United Nations has declared 2020 as the **International Year of Plant Health (IYPH)**. The year is a once in a lifetime opportunity to raise global awareness on how protecting plant health can help end hunger, reduce poverty, protect the environment, and boost economic development.

The following is extracted from the UN website:

<http://www.fao.org/plant-health-2020/about/en/>



PROTECTING PLANTS, PROTECTING LIFE

Plants are the source of the air we breathe and most of the food we eat, yet we often don't think about keeping them healthy. This can have devastating results.

*FAO estimates that up to **40% of food crops are lost due to plant pests and diseases annually**. This leaves millions of people without enough food to eat and seriously damages agriculture - the primary source of income for rural poor communities.*

*Plant health is increasingly under threat. **Climate change**, and human activities, have altered ecosystems, reducing biodiversity and creating **new niches where pests can thrive**.*

*At the same time, international **travel and trade** has tripled in volume in the last decade and can **quickly spread pests and diseases** around the world causing great damage to native plants and the environment.*

***Protecting plants from pests and diseases is far more cost effective** than dealing with full-blown plant health emergencies.*

Plant pests and diseases are often impossible to eradicate once they have established themselves and managing them is time consuming and expensive.

Prevention is critical to avoiding the devastating impact of pests and diseases on agriculture, livelihoods and food security and many of us have a role to play.

Taking an ecosystem approach

We can both prevent plant pests and diseases, and tackle them, in **environmentally friendly** ways - such as through integrated pest management. This ecosystem approach combines different management strategies and practices to grow healthy crops while minimizing the use of pesticides.

Avoiding poisonous substances when dealing with pests not only protects the environment, it also protects pollinators, natural pest enemies, beneficial organisms and the people and animals who depend on plants.

5 REASONS TO GIVE TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

When you make a donation to The Rotary Foundation, you are helping Rotary members make a difference in the lives of millions of people around the world. Here are five reasons to make Rotary your charity of choice:

Accountability

Our accountability and transparency have earned The Rotary Foundation 12 straight years of four-star ratings — the highest possible — from independent evaluator Charity Navigator. More than 90% of Foundation funds are spent directly on programs. No high administrative costs dilute your gift.



Impact

We partner with other organizations to increase our impact and make your donations work even harder. When you give to PolioPlus, for example, you have the satisfaction of knowing that every \$1 Rotary commits to polio eradication is matched by \$2 from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Thanks to this partnership, all donations to end polio (up to \$50 million per year) are tripled, providing critical funding toward creating a polio-free world.

A record of success

Rotary unites leaders who have the skills and resources to tackle some of the world's most difficult problems and deliver sustainable, long-lasting results. For decades, Rotary has been a leader in the battle against polio and with the help of our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, we have reduced cases by 99.9% since 1988. The infrastructure developed to facilitate both immunizations and eradication is being used to fight and protect against other diseases as well. For example, the method known as contact tracing was critical to containing an Ebola outbreak in Nigeria in 2014.

Global reach

Our 1.2 million members span the globe, uniting people who have a common desire to serve others. From teaching children to read in Ecuador to a microcredit program in Indonesia, Rotary members identify local problems and use Rotary's vast network and the resources of The Rotary Foundation to take action in their communities.

Bringing about peace

Peace holds a unique status in Rotary. We approach peace not as an abstract concept, but as a living, dynamic expression of human development. As a humanitarian service organization, it is both a cornerstone of our mission, and one of our six areas of focus — one of the main ways in which our members make their mark on the world.

Rotary International's 6 Areas of Focus:





**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

**MESSAGE FROM DGE DEBBIE LOVEDAY
RE: INCOMING OFFICE BEARERS ADVICE**

I remind you of the need to advise your incoming Office Bearers to Di Hall who is coordinating the District Directory for DGE Debbie Loveday.

The District Directory is a mirror of the information that is loaded on the District Website for Club details as at the date of the printing of the Directory.

As such once Clubs have held their AGM the information of each Clubs Office Bearers is to be loaded into the District Database for the Club Officers for the 2020-2021 year. Please ensure that it is the correct year that you are loading the data into on the District database.

Remember if your members are unable to do this, send a membership list with all details to Di Hall.

Di Hall e-mail details: dihall605@gmail.com

Thank You!!!



D9650 FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITY

A new Friendship Exchange opportunity has been added to the District website.

<https://www.rotary9650.org.au/friendship-exchange>

Russia District 2223

Dates: Inbound February 2021; Outbound June 2021

Team: 10 members

Application form available on the website and Applications close 1 April 2020.

Please note that due to the vast size of this district, extra internal flights will be needed. Cities mentioned to visit include: Moscow, Ekaterinburg, Krasnodar, Volgograd, St Petersburg.

Possible extension is the Volga river cruise from Moscow to St Petersburg.

All cities show a different flavour of Russia and every city

is very different in arts and culture.

D9650 Friendship Exchange Committee Chair Di Hall

WHAT IS ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE?

Friendship Exchange is an international exchange program for Rotary members and friends that allows participants to take turns hosting one another in their homes and clubs.

Benefits of an exchange

- Broaden international understanding
- Explore a profession or job in a different context
- Build enduring friendships
- Establish a foundation for peace and service
- Gain opportunities for active project involvement and support
- Learn about a region's people, food, languages, customs, and history
- Find partners for grants

IMPORTANT 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

**Join us in Honolulu for
the 2020 Convention!**

It's a wonderful way to make friends from around the World

6—10 June, 2020. Register today @ riconvention.org

