



Rotary International District 9650
E News - Monday 30 September 2019

Rotary International President
Mark Maloney (Gay)
Rotary Club of Decatur Alabama USA

District Governor
Phil Hafey (Bronwyn)
Rotary Club of Laurieton NSW Australia

DG Phil and Bronwyn next Club Visits :

- Mon 30 September - Warialda
 - Tuesday 1 October - Inverell East
 - Thursday 3 October - Macksville & Nambucca Heads
 - Mon 7 October - Labour Day Public Holiday
 - Tuesday 8 October - Guyra
 - Thursday 10 October - Inverell
 - Saturday 12 October - Lightning Ridge
 - Monday 14 October - Gunnedah
 - Wednesday 16 October - Boggabri
- Club members and partners are encouraged to attend.

Below: District 9650 NYSF participants selected for 2020



Below Right:

Angus Crook, NYSF participant in 2019 and "Staffy" for 2020 outlining what participants can expect.

Photos from the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) briefing for Parents and Participants held Sunday 29 September 2019.



Photo above:
 PDG Ken Hall addressing Parents and Participants

Important District Dates
<https://rotary9650.org.au/events>

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www.rotary9650.org.au

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

Dr Ray Hodgson - Zone 8 Humanitarian of the Year

At the recent Australian and New Zealand Conference held in Christchurch New Zealand, Dr Ray Hodgson (a member of the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie) received the Humanitarian of the Year Award for his work in Nepal. It was presented by Past RI Director, Noel Trevaskis and PDG Lorraine Coffey who as DG nominated Ray for the Award. (Photo below: Past RI Director Noel, PDG Lorraine and DR Ray).



Lorraine was also able to present Ray with a Sapphire Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) pin that was part of the District's recognition.

Ray was doing his humanitarian work in

Nepal and therefore missed the 2019 District Changeover where he would have received the Sapphire PHF.

It was fitting that PDG Lorraine was able to present his sapphire pin at the Zone 8 Conference after he had received the Humanitarian Award.



Ray spoke with heartfelt thanks for the award, and the support he has received from our District. He also spoke about his work in Nepal and his dream to realise a Mothers and Babies hospital there. Dr Ray was able to sell his book, "Heartbreak in the Himalayas" at the Conference and all stock that was taken to Christchurch by Ray and some others was able to be sold. Not only that, a number of people made substantial donations to the project as well.

Ray travelled from New Zealand to the US to speak at a number of Rotary Clubs and other events, organised by PDG David Hare, who lead the team of Project Partners in the US and Iceland for the global grant set up by DGE Debbie Loveday and the Port Macquarie Rotary Club, to outfit the Hospital with the equipment they will require. With funds from our own District Designated Fund and our project partners and RI contributions, the target set to outfit the hospital has been achieved.

A wonderful outcome for our District and the women of Nepal.

Congratulations Dr Ray Hodgson!

Rotary Districts of NSW 10th Annual Police awards

All judging for the 2019 Rotary Districts of NSW Police awards to be held on the 8th November in Sydney is now complete.

Congratulations to the following Police Officers that are finalists from D9650 and nominations from Moree area:

- Senior Constable Mel Robson - Capability Performance and Youth Command - Nominated in the Category of Regional NSW Field Operations Police Officer of the Year
- Inspector Martin Burke - Moree Police Station - Nominated in the Category of Irene Juergens (IJ) Fellowship Award Sworn Category

Rotary Clubs in the area who have a finalist are encourage to send some members to support their respective finalist on the evening.

Bookings can be made at: <http://www.sydneyrotary.com/events/police-awards2.html>

The Rotary Districts of NSW Police Officer of the Year Awards Committee are excited to announce that in this the 10th year of the awards that Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AO QC, Governor of New South Wales will be attending.

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

DG Partner's Project Account:

**Account Name: Rotary International D9650
DG Partner's Project**

For Direct Credit (electronic payment)

BSB: 721-000

Account No: 500143137

Reference Required: Rotary Club Name

For in Branch Deposit

Member No: 80765 Account: S14.4

Reference Required: Rotary Club Name

CLUB CONSTITUTION ON DISTRICT WEBSITE

There are three documents in the Documents Library on the District Website: rotary9650.org.au to assist Clubs update their Constitution and By Laws. This is required following the 2019 Council on Legislation.

The documents available on the website are:

- Procedure for Updating Club Constitution documents 4 Sep 19
- Club Constitution 2019 (RI & NSW law compliant) 4 Sep 19
- D9650 2019 Recommended Club By Laws 4 Sep 19

Please contact the District Legal Officer, Maurie Stack, if you have any questions or concerns.

Clubs are encouraged to reflect these changes and adopt the changes as part of the 2019 Club AGM ensuring that appropriate Notice is given to members and that after the AGM the new Constitution is lodged with the Department of Fair Trading.

**CENTENARY OF ROTARY IN AUSTRALIA
1921 TO 2021**

PDG Harry Durey advises that contributions for the "Centenary of Rotary in Australia" book are still welcome. Projects already submitted include Rotary Lodge, Towers of Strength, Walcha Exercise Equipment and RYAG programs.

If your Club has a unique project that should be included in the book, **please contact Harry**.

Projects that have a Vocational focus would be appreciated.

**Message from Marilyn Brien - Vice President
The Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour Daybreak**

I have attached a brochure regarding our special event with the current Australian of the Year – Dr Richard Harris.

Our Rymarine students will be fortunate enough to interact with him at their event and then he is speaking as per the attached.

Tickets are still available via Eventbrite Dr Richard Harris or the link on the brochure.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF COFFS HARBOUR DAYBREAK presents

An Evening with Dr Richard Harris SC OAM

Join us for an informative evening with Dr Harris as he recounts his involvement in the dramatic Thai cave rescue in 2018. As Australian of the Year, Dr Harris will share a message of courage and resilience followed by an informal question and answer session. This is an event not to be missed!

Saturday 26th October 2019
6.30pm for 7.30pm start
Opal Cove Resort, Pacific Hwy, Coffs Harbour

Tickets \$55
Ticket includes one drink and canapés on arrival

<https://eventbrite-dr-richard-harris-daybreak-rotary.eventbrite.com.au>

Proceeds from this event will raise funds for Rotary projects including technical patient monitoring equipment for the Mid North Coast Cancer Institute. For more information call Marilyn Brien 0418 693 914.

**Rotary International 2020 Convention
Important deadlines**

- 15 December 2019: Last day for early-registration discount
 - 31 March 2020: Last day for preregistration discount
 - 30 April 2020: Last day to request to cancel registration or tickets
 - 10 June 2020: Last day for online registration
- Check out Registration Fees here:
<http://www.riconvention.org/en/honolulu/registration-fees>
- If you have never experienced a Rotary International Convention, do yourself a favour and book Hawaii 2020. You will certainly see the world of Rotary and share the experience with Rotarians from all over the world.



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



Invest in your community...

Invest in the future of Rotary
Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation Centre
2nd – 9th May 2020
RYLA Community Spirit

Every year we have a session devoted to
“Add Value To Your Community”

Each year the RYLarians choose a charity & raise funds, not just for Rotary projects but their community. 2019 RYLarian Wei Lu (William) sponsored by the Rotary Club of Laurieton is a great example for RYLarian Alumni.

Recognised by Port Macquarie Hastings Council for community spirit & leadership at Charles Sturt University. William volunteers with Orange Sky Laundry & Headspace while working part time & keeping up with his studies. Congratulations William.



Photo above William at Charles Sturt University
Application & brochure available on website here:
www.rotary9650.org.au/RYLA

RYLA supporting the future of Rotary through developing future Rotarians

**Rotary D9650 2019 Showcase Weekend - Tamworth
Saturday 23 Nov & Sunday 24 November 19**

This will include the D9650 Special General Meeting to receive and adopt the Audited Financial Reports for the District for the year ended 30 June 2019 as well as the adoption of a new District 9650 Code of Policies and Rules to reflect the required changes following the 2019 Council on Legislation. This will be subject to the work being able to be done and ready for the giving of the required 21 days Notice for the New District Code of Policies and Rules.

The Showcase will as has been the case for the past few years be a great learning & fellowship weekend. Please discuss at you Club and encourage attendance. This will also be a great opportunity for newer members

in our Clubs to attend and to learn and see Rotary beyond the Club.

As your District E-News Editor and as your District Trainer I seek your input as to what Rotary Information that you would like to receive at our Showcase weekend.

If you have any particular Rotary program or subject that you would like to have on the program then please contact me with your suggestions.

Together with DG Phil, District Secretary Patti, DGE Debbie and DGN David I will be finalizing our Showcase Weekend program over the next few weeks.

The Special General Meeting and the Showcase will be held at Job Link Plus Centre in Tamworth and the Saturday Night Dinner will be at the Frog & Toad Restaurant at Econo Lodge Motel.

The Econo Lodge Motel is located at 236 Goonoo Goonoo Rd, South Tamworth and the phone number is 02-6765 7022. For those that want to book their accommodation at that motel, call and book and mention that you are booking for the Rotary weekend and they will certainly look after you.

D9650 Foundation District Grants applications

District grants are funded from Foundation contributions made by Rotarians individually and Rotary Clubs in District 9650 3 years ago. The amount available for District Grants is governed by the total amount of Donations to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund in the 2016-2017 Rotary Year. This is another great reason that Clubs and individual Rotarians ought to contribute to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund.

District Grant money is our money to be spent in our District to support projects both locally and overseas, to a value of approximately AUD4,000 each.

Last year Bellingen Rotary Club applied for a grant to install and maintain a “Skyjuice” system in a school in Bhutan. Glen Innes Rotary Club project was to supply 1200 “Days for Girls” kits to Indonesian islands. Port Macquarie Sunrise used funds to sponsor RI youth programs. Rotary Club of Wauchope assisted with the implementation of a Dog Park in Wauchope and 11 other clubs were given District grants for a range of varied projects.

These projects might be small yet can make a huge difference when completed. Every club in District 9650 has the opportunity to apply for a grant to “make a difference”. Applications must be in by 31 October 2019 so please consider applying for your club’s grant sooner rather than leaving it to the last minute.

All information is available on the District website. I look forward to your club’s application for a project that will uphold our Rotary values of “Service Above Self”.

Applications to Elizabeth Tollis, P O Box 5190, Hallidays Point 2430 or via e-mail to: elizabeth.tollis@gmail.com