

17 March 2021



COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL

Sawtell Sun

Don't die because you are stubborn!

The van arrives in Sawtell on Saturday and Sunday this week.

President Peter has a few volunteers, but needs more. Please contact him urgently. He needs to know by Thursday

Nurse Rob Woolley will be joining us for the meeting on the 22nd and will be our guest speaker..

Main duty is to be the smiling face of Rotary and ensure people are seen in order. It is basically a time of chatting with the public.



Past President Warren, President Peter and Principal Phil Maunder and the Boambee School Student Leaders proudly displaying some of the Early Literacy Readers donated by Sawtell Rotary.

Readers were distributed to all 6 local Primary Schools for the seventeenth year. Well done Mike Fayle and his many helpers.

District 9650 Conference Report

Assoc.Prof. DR Ray Hodgson spoke on the new hospital to be built in Nepal. At this stage they are only under \$100,000 short of the \$1.5 million build cost, they have secured a Global Grant from Rotary for \$450,000 to equip the wards.

They have already started to train staff and as soon as Covid allows building will commence.

Sadly much of Nepal was devastated by a major earthquake and the situation is very grim at present.



Proposed Mothers' and Babies' Hospital in Charikot in Eastern Nepal



Above:

A farewell to Secretary Roslyn Cousins as she departs for Orange to further her career. We wish her well and miss her much.

It was great to see our partners, Trish Smyth, AG Pam and Les and Libby Davis and our exchange student Charley. A great night had by all.

19 March
Jenny Makinson

31 March
Sue Paff



District 9650 Conference Report

President Peter and Sue and Trish Smyth attended the Conference last weekend. Key Note Speaker Shane Fitzsimmons, Commissioner of Resilience NSW was a standout speaker.

He spoke about the bushfires. The build up to the 2019 fires was the hottest and driest on record. The 2019 bushfires did not just suddenly come out of nowhere; there had been a 1000 fires a month, prior to the major outbreaks. 100% of the State had been drought declared. Shane talked about the Port Macquarie swamp fire which burned for over 200 days. Shane reflected on volunteers as the underpinning of the State and on the 75,000 volunteers and workforce who comprise the fire fighting and emergency services. He talked about leadership in a crisis and his approach to it : be open and honest; let people know what you are doing, why you are doing it, what you are seeking to achieve, why you are not doing some things, what do you want others to hear?

He also said “Leaders need to care : about their role, their team, their colleagues, their supervisors”.

He also made a plea for men to share their thoughts and feelings, talk to their families and mates. This was particularly relevant as we go in to having the Men’s Health Van. And as a good finishing up he talked about the lessons children said they had learnt from the Bushfires and it came down to :
I am not alone
You are not alone
We are not alone

A big thank you to Trish Smyth for this report.



Our Rotary Cluster Upcoming Events

24-25 March	Men’s Health van visiting Coffs
27 April	Coffs Coast Science & Engineering Challenge, Woolgoolga High School -
20-28 November	Proposed Coffs Coast Festival of Motor Sport

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Sawtell Rotary Upcoming Events			
21 March	PETS President Elect Training Seminar	All day	Port Macquarie
21-22 March	Men's Health Van visiting Sawtell		Please let President Peter know if you can help out with reception duties.
22 March	Dinner & meeting	6pm for 6.30pm	Sawtell RSL Bistro, followed by a Club meeting upstairs. Registered Nurse Rob Woolley from the Men's Health van will be joining us as guest speaker.
28 March	District Assembly Port Macquarie	All day	Board members encouraged to attend. Registrations fees paid by the Club. Learn about International and upcoming District projects. Get to know our new world President.