

27 March 2019



Rotary Club of Sawtell

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Saving Wildlife

The NSW Wildlife Information, Rescue and Education Service or WIRES is Australia's largest wildlife rescue organisation. Jenny Eather, local WIRES member and specialist in the rescue and rehabilitation of sugar gliders and possums, spoke to the club at our most recent meeting.

Jenny spoke of the 83,000 calls for help that WIRES receives and of the 2,500 trained volunteers across the state. Volunteers often feed young wildlife—macropods, koalas, birds and gliders—every two hours for weeks on end. All wildlife is rehabilitated & released

back into the wild. The territorial nature of many animals means that care has to be taken in choosing a release site.

Should you have time to spare in April, Jenny is looking for volunteers to help relocate disorientated Shearwater fledglings. The birds get distracted by the bright lights of Coffs and end up on Park Beach instead of heading north.

Email training@wires.org.au to register. Bruce thanked Jenny on behalf of the club

Below: Bruce Hall thanking Jenny Eather from WIRES





Forced Amalgamation?

The *Inspirator* newsletter from Lorraine Coffey our DG, this week included a piece about Rotary District amalgamations. While District 9650 recently voted against amalgamation there is a warning that should membership drop below 1100 in the district the decision to amalgamate could be taken out of our hands.

Advance Planning notice:

Rotary International Convention 2020

Is being held in Honolulu June 6-10

District 9650 currently has 1,465 Rotarians and have lost 182 members over the past ten years. Following other districts which have combined forces, both to the north and the south, it is a possibility that 9650 could be split.

The DG wrote "I have been promoting Rotoract as our Rotarians of tomorrow; we need more Rotoract and Interact clubs, with young people coming through."

Australian Rotary Health



Pictured to the right:

Peter Paff presenting a certificate to President **Ellis Nicholson** thanking the club for donations to Australian Rotary Health equaling \$500 per member.

Upcoming Events

1/4/19	Nicholas Johnstone, Principal, Bishop Druitt College  Board meeting to follow the dinner meeting.
5-7 /4 /19	Model United Nations—MUNA @ Gunnedah
22/4/19	Easter Monday—No meeting
4/5/2019	Mad Hatters' Cocktail Party \$30 p.p. 6pm CH Leagues Club Coffs Harbour Daybreak
17/5/2019	TRIVIA NIGHT @ Sawtell RSL, \$15 p.p. , Tables of eight. See the back page for more details.
19/5/2019	District 9650 Assembly, Port Macquarie for next year's Board Members.
November 2019	Club weekend away at Woolli Date to be confirmed
27-31 May 2023	Rotary International Convention, Melbourne



Sue Paff

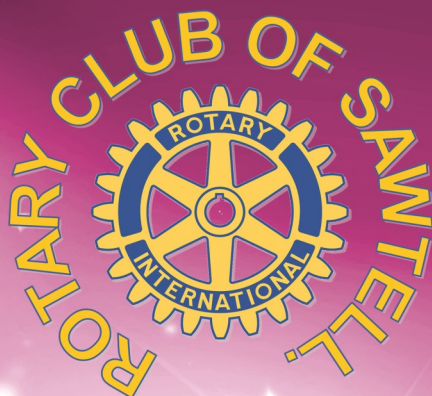
31 March

Mana Atwal

3 April



DUTY ROSTER	1st April	8th April
Attendance	Ray Baldwin	Ray Baldwin
Affirmation	Mike Fayle	Phil Makinson
International toast	Alison Williams	Bruce Hall
Introduction & Vote of Thanks	Shayne Long	Peter Paff



FRI MAY 17TH, 2019

TRIVIA FUNDRAISER

7.30PM ARRIVAL FOR 8PM SHARP START

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