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## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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### Jeff's Journal

#### VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Vocational Service has been a core value of Rotary since its inception in 1905 when Paul Harris had the idea to form a club where businessmen could share fellowship and exchange trade.

The original objects of Rotary were to promote business and provide good fellowship. This is reflected in some of the names originally proposed for the organisation which we now know as Rotary. These were the *Booster Club*, *Friends in Business*, *Men with Friends* and the *Trade and Talk Club*. Service to the community was not a part of Rotary for a year or two later with Rotary's first community project being launched in 1907.

As Rotarians we have the responsibility of representing our respective vocations within our clubs as well as exemplifying the ideals of Rotary in our workplaces. Some ways to do this include:

- ✓ *Discussing at a Club meeting the vocations of members*
- ✓ *Using our vocational skills to serve our community*
- ✓ *Always practising our vocation with integrity and honesty and inspiring others through our words and deeds to do the same*
- ✓ *Mentoring others within our vocation*
- ✓ *Bestowing awards on others in our community who display the ideals of Rotary in their vocations and promote the presentation of the awards within our community*
- ✓ *Encouraging our club members to use their vocational skills as Rotary volunteers.*

We should always keep in mind the Declaration for Rotarians in Business and Professions which was last amended by the Council of Legislation in 1989 and reads as follows:

"As a Rotarian engaged in a business or profession, I am expected to:

1. *Consider my vocation to be another opportunity to serve*
2. *Be faithful to the letter and to the spirit of the ethical codes of my vocation, to the laws of my country, and to the moral standards of my community*
3. *Do all in my power to dignify my vocation and to promote the highest ethical standards in my chosen vocation*
4. *Be fair to my employer, employees, associates, competitors, customers, the public, and all those with whom I have a business or professional relationship*
5. *Recognize the honour and respect due to all occupations which are useful to society*
6. *Offer my vocational talents to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community*
7. *Adhere to honesty in my advertising and in all representations to the public concerning my business or profession*
8. *Neither seek from nor grant to a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship."*

#### NEW YEAR OPPORTUNITIES

After enjoying a break over the Christmas period, many Clubs are back into the swing of things and again involved in community service. Many clubs have events planned to commemorate Australia Day some of which are a day of Entertainment and Food hosted by Grafton Midday, a Breakfast in Casino. Morning Tea in Lismore, a daylong Celebration at the Tweed River Aquatic Centre in Murwillumbah and a Family Fun Day organised by Burleigh Heads at Tallebudgera Valley.





## COVID NEWS

I am pleased that I can now travel into Queensland to visit Clubs in person. Zoom Meetings do have their limits. Unfortunately and not coincidentally the opening of borders along with the Omicron variant has resulted in a sharp rise in infections Australia wide. I encourage all to follow medical advice and vaccinate to the fullest and at all times observe practices to try to limit the impact of Covid on ourselves and others.

*District Governor Jeff Egan*

### Rotary Club of Grafton Midday's Carols by Candlelight 2021

Grafton Midday Rotary's Carols by Candlelight was a huge success on 5<sup>th</sup> December last year, playing to over 1000 people under the big top, which was incorporated into Grafton's postponed 2021 Jacaranda Festival. The Clarence Valley Orchestra & Chorus conducted by Grafton Midday Secretary Greg Butcher lead the Carols, including appearances from the Clarence River Dance Academy. Production crew also included Midday's (PDG) Peter Robinson, compered by Des Harvey and Herman Claassens dressed as Santa.

*Greg Butcher | Secretary | Grafton Midday Rotary*



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## DISTRICT GRANT WITH PLENTY OF BEEF



The Rotary Club of Maclean were awarded a District Grant of \$2,500 to assist them to purchase a feed silo, feed and stock for Maclean High School Agricultural Faculty. In addition to the vital financial aid, the club has also provided knowledgeable and respected agricultural members to provide instruction and skills to the students, and negotiated with leading industry firms to form beneficial relationships with the school.

This year, with thirty five students from Years 7 to 12, they proved they are definitely punching above their weight in the show steer world.

They took a nine strong team of steers to the 2021 competition in Inverell. This prestigious competition attracted the best schools from Northern NSW with both private and government schools represented.

Maclean High School took out Overall Grand Champion Steer at the Northern Schools Steer Show in Inverell. For a coastal team which has only been competing for twelve months they are making waves

thanks to their Show Team coordinator & Primary Industries teacher, Mr Kirkland.

Their Overall Grand Champion Steer, Benny, was a 600kg Charolais cross. They then went on to ribbon in a further 4 classes:

- Light weight, 401kg to 420kg, winner with a speckle cross steer
- Medium weight, 441kg to 460kg, third with a pure speckle
- Heavy weight, 501kg to 550kg, winner with a limousine cross steer
- Heavy weight, 501kg to 550kg, third with a Santa Gertrudis cross Hereford

Congratulations to President Leigh Barrington and the Rotary Club of Maclean on a highly successful project that produced immediate results and augurs well for the future.

*Glenn Wran | Grants Chair | District 9640*

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