

CONFERENCE PROGRAM



Breaking Through Barriers

District 9670 Conference



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EXPLORE LAKE MAC

Lake Macquarie is a City like no other, with beautiful beaches, lush forests, lively communities and the delights of lakeside life. Surrounded by a natural playground, we are home to exciting adventures and new experiences. Whether you're craving untamed adventure or a relaxing escape, Lake Macquarie delivers. Soak it all up with our top five Lake Mac must-dos:

1 Get to know the lake

Cruise Lake Macquarie on a sightseeing tour, or hire a tinnie and be your own captain. The waters around Swansea Channel are crystal-clear azure, perfect for swimming, stand-up paddleboarding and kayaking. Paddle out to one of the idyllic sand islands and you could almost be in the South Pacific! If you'd rather be in the water than on it, dive in at Belmont Baths. It's netted, with a 70m jetty for jumping off into the cool, refreshing depths.

2 Watch a caveman's sunrise

No trip to Lake Mac is complete without a visit to Caves Beach, known for its iconic natural sea caves. The best time to go is low tide, when the surrounding rock pools are exposed and ripe for exploration. If you're an early riser, watching the sun rise above the ocean, framed by the ancient rock arch, is a truly magical experience.

3 Get a bird's-eye view

At Lake Macquarie Airport, you can tick off a whole range of bucket-list items, from scenic helicopter flights to skydiving, learning to fly or even jumping in the cockpit with Matt Hall, the 2019 Red Bull Air Race World Champion.

4 Become a culture vulture

Renovated and refreshed, the Museum of Art and Culture at Booragul underwent a \$2.3 million makeover in 2019. MAC offers impressive exhibitions, an onsite cafe with stunning lake views and a beautiful waterfront sculpture park to wander at your leisure.

5 Head for the hills

Bushwalk to waterfalls and scenic lookouts in the Watagan Mountains, or spend a night camping under the stars.

Gap Creek Falls are the jewel of the mountains – a real-life Fern Gully experience, complete with a descent through rainforest to a natural sandstone amphitheatre and waterfall cascading more than 40m after heavy rains.

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Her Worship Lake Macquarie Mayor, Councillor Kay Fraser

Rotary Conference – Welcome to Lake Macquarie

I am delighted to welcome you to Lake Macquarie for the Rotary District Conference for 2020.

Rotary provides a network of like-minded people that continue to make our local community, and communities right across Australia and the world, a better place. From community barbecues, volunteering, running events and raising money for people and organisations in need across our City, you are all a valued cog in our community.

It seems like the harder you all work, the more fun you have, and our community is all the more enriched for it. So, thank you.

As well as the great work you do within our community, Rotary provides a forum for people of all ages to collaborate, establish strong social connections, and gain important life and professional skills. What you all do is very inspiring and sets a positive example for the rest of the community.

Again, I give you a warm welcome to Lake Macquarie City and I hope you all have an amazing time at this year's Conference.

As the Mayor and a resident for over 40 years, I may be a little biased, but I think our City is unlike any other. We are a City of vibrant communities connected by new ideas and life by the lake, and we are home to some exciting adventures and industry.

Lake Macquarie is the perfect place to escape the fast pace of modern life and reconnect with nature – be it on the beach, by the lake, or in the mountains. Our tourism website, visitlakemac.com.au has lots of great suggestions. If you like what you see during the Conference, please come back and visit us again soon. You are always welcome.

Kay Fraser

Cr Kay Fraser

Lake Macquarie Mayor





A message from Mark Maloney and Gay Rotary International President



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Dear fellow Rotarians, Rotaractors, members of the Family of Rotary, and friends,

Gay and I are delighted to welcome you to your 2019-2020 district conference. This event is a wonderful opportunity to see how *Rotary Connects the World*, helping us come together and share thoughts on how to make Rotary service more impactful and our member experience more engaging.

This year's conference comes at an especially auspicious moment for our organization. In 2019-2020, we are rolling out our new strategic plan. The plan is an Action Plan for Rotary's future. It was designed, with your input, to allow Rotary to better serve our rapidly-changing world.

The plan features four strategic priorities: to increase our impact; expand our reach; enhance participant engagement; and increase our ability to adapt. But to me, the central message of the plan is clear – we need to grow Rotary.

Growing Rotary is all about taking the connections that make our organization unique in the world and strengthening and multiplying them. How do we do that? Part of the answer is in how our clubs connect with prospective members. Part of it is in opening our doors to new types of clubs and memberships, making all potential Rotarians feel welcome.

But a big part of it is in how you personally connect with Rotary. It is exciting that you will be adding your ideas and your energy to your district conference. We hope this conference will help you to create your Action Plan for your Rotary future.

Kindest regards,

Mark Daniel Maloney
President, Rotary International 2019-2020





*A message from District Governor
Graeme Hooper and Sue
Rotary Club of Toronto Sunrise
Rotary Club of Morisset*

Welcome to our 2020 “Breaking Through Barriers” Rotary District 9670 Conference.

“Rotary Connects the World” and over the weekend we encourage you to connect and to reconnect with Clubs and individuals to increase our impact, locally and globally. You will be inspired by speakers from a variety of backgrounds as they “Break Through Barriers” that challenge their own endeavours.

If this is your first Rotary District Conference, you will be inspired to learn more of what our incredible organisation has to offer. Being “People of Action” is paramount to breaking through barriers as we embark on a new decade and beyond for the continued success of Rotary. Take the time to engage with others, to increase your knowledge, and expand your reach.

We are delighted to have the Australian Army Band Newcastle for Friday evening’s entertainment dedicated to supporting Sue’s Project (see page 18). The band’s ensemble group will perform on Saturday evening as we kick up our heels to swing the night away with our “1920’s” theme.

Our sincere thanks are extended to the hard working Conference Committee of Rotarians who have brought you an exceptional Rotary Conference. Enjoy the casual atmosphere of the Belmont 16s by the shores of Lake Macquarie; our Rotary Expo; your friendships; and take home the stories and memories to share of an inspiring weekend.

Graeme & Sue



*David Roach; District Governor Elect 2020-21
Amanda Roach; District Governor Nominee 2021-22
Rotary Club of Rylstone-Kandos*

David is determined to continue the outstanding work of Past District Governors and the District Leadership Team.

David is acutely aware of what has been done in the past by the many great Clubs and their honoured members, whilst keen to support the aspirations of Rotarians to overcome disadvantage and increase community well-being from membership of Rotary.

Amanda, as the last District Governor for D9670 will work to support Clubs, Club Members, District Officers, and transition teams, to facilitate a smooth integration of the two great Districts, 9670 and 9650.

Amanda’s goal is that the birth of the new District will be one which is healthy, well organised, and ready to continue to serve local, Australian, and International communities for the betterment of our world.

David and Amanda are both retired from the education sphere and remain extremely active in the Rotary Club of Rylstone-Kandos.



Master of Ceremonies

Patrick Healey; Rotary Club of Greenhills-Maitland



Patrick Healey joined Rotary in 2014, becoming a member of the Rotary Club of Greenhills-Maitland. He was the Treasurer of Rotary International District 9670 for 2017-18 and 2018-19. Patrick is a qualified accountant and after being appointed District Treasurer in July 2017, he has aimed to use his expertise to strategically align the District's financial thinking with our membership goals. He recently became a member of The Rotary Foundation's Cadré of Technical Advisors under the specialty area of Financial Audit.

In 2018, Patrick travelled to Papua New Guinea with the Club's *Real Schoolies* team to work on the Paul Tunn Memorial Dental project funded by a Global Grant from The Rotary Foundation.

Patrick is a Life member of the Beers Rotarians Enjoy Worldwide (BREW) Rotary Fellowship, and in his spare time, you can often find him sampling a brew or two. Born and bred in the Hunter Valley, he is the youngest of six children and is regularly entertained by his five nephews and four nieces.

Acknowledgement of Country

Rob Russell; CEO of Awabakal Local Aboriginal Land Council



Rob has been CEO of Awabakal Local Aboriginal Land Council since 2017.

He also chairs Newcastle City Council's Guraki Committee, which provides local Aboriginal community input to Council decisions.

Rob has previously worked in Aboriginal education for the NSW Department of Education.



In Memoriam

Katrina Henningham; Rotary Club of Warners Bay



Katrina has been a registered Civil Marriage Celebrant since August 2014.

In addition to marriage ceremonies and baby naming's, Katrina has also had the honour of supporting grieving families through their time of loss, to create a meaningful farewell ceremony.

Katrina is a member of the Australian Federation of Civil Celebrants.



Entertainment

Australian Army Band Newcastle



With only a short break from service after WWII and under various names and configurations, the Australian Army Band Newcastle has existed as Newcastle and the Hunter Region of New South Wales' own Military band since 1861.

The members of the Australian Army Band Newcastle are heavily invested in the support and promotion of the Australian Defence Force whilst striving to develop music and musicians within the Hunter region. The band members are drawn from the local community who, in

addition to their normal employment, are talented musicians employed on a part-time basis by the Australian Army.

The band's main job involves the support and promotion of the Australian Defence Force units within the Hunter region of NSW, though they are also very active in community development and support.

The band comprises ensembles from quartets to a full military band and performs music from all genres to suit any occasion. It also features a Pipes and Drums section making it a very versatile package.

Members of the Australian Army Band Newcastle enjoy the privileges of being an Australian Army musician, a part-time job that offers amazing performing opportunities both domestically and internationally.

"Millabah" (place of fun); Hunter School of Performing Arts



The Aboriginal dance and cultural group, "Millabah", has been around at Hunter School of Performing Arts for over 15 years now. The group's motto is "reconciliation", therefore, it consists of both Indigenous and non-Indigenous students. They not only dance, but meet every second week to learn about Aboriginal culture.

The students range from Years 7-12; they have performed many times; are in high demand; and display great qualities of leadership and maturity. They are our future, and they Kilibiin-biin (shine) like the sun.

Stavri Comino



Stavri is an English-born musician residing in Australia.

Upon graduating from the Hunter School of Performing Arts in Newcastle, Stavri moved to the United Kingdom to pursue his musical career.

Back in the country after five years, Stavri's smooth and soulful voice, along with his melodic compositions, are sure to relieve you of the stresses of modern life, albeit for one night.



Entertainment

John and Annie; Jump N Jive Newcastle

Annie Parker and John Woodman are the co-owners of Jump N Jive Newcastle, and are a dance partnership of four years, although John has been teaching and dancing for approximately 20 years.

The dance classes are a blend of Modern Jive, Slow Swing, Rock 'N Roll, and Latin moves with a focus on the fun factor and social partner dancing.

"The most fun you can have with your partner standing up."



D9670 Membership

As at 1 January 2020

Belmont	24	East Maitland	37	Narrowmine	13	Singleton	27
Bourke	16	Greenhills-Maitland	38	Nelson Bay	37	Singleton On Hunter	27
Cardiff	9	Kurri Kurri	20	Newcastle	24	Singleton Sunrise	13
Cessnock	17	Kurri Kurri Sunrise	13	Newcastle Enterprise	25	Toronto	21
Charlestown	35	Maitland	42	Newcastle Harbour	20	Toronto Sunrise	28
Cobar	12	Maitland Sunrise	29	Newcastle Sunrise	12	Wallsend-Maryland	11
Denman	12	Merriwa	18	Paterson	18	Waratah	19
Dubbo	22	Morisset	36	Raymond Terrace	22	Warners Bay	40
Dubbo Macquarie	24	Mudgee	26	Rutherford-Telarah	33	Warren	13
Dubbo South	49	Mudgee Sunrise	21	Rylstone-Kandos	19	Wellington	20
Dubbo West	41	Muswellbrook	20	Salamander Bay	25	Williamtown	11
Dungog	12	Myall Coast – closed 31 Dec 2019		Scone	14	D9670 TOTAL	1065

General Information

- Conference Delegates are required to sign in at the Belmont 16s front desk
- Wear your Conference name tag at all times – **NO NAME TAG means NO ENTRY**
- Please turn mobile phones to off / silent
- For assistance, please see the people in the blue dragonfly / turtle shirts

Visiting Rotarians

D4590 Vinhedo, Brazil | D9550 Darwin Sunrise | D9640 Alstonville | D9685 Blackheath

Rotary Expo Exhibitors

- Australian Rotary Health
- District 9670 Conference 2021
- End Trachoma
- Guest Speakers – book signing
- Integra Service Dogs Australia
- Lady Bikes
- Morisset Rotary Club
- New Generations Service Exchange
- RAWCS / ROMAC / INTERPLAST
- Rotaract
- Rotary Youth Leadership Award
- ShelterBox
- Solar Battery Case
- Sponsors – LMCC / Belmont 16s / Anglicare / Healthe Care / Everything Floral / BBX
- The Rotary Foundation
- Youth Exchange Program



Excursions

- 1 **Museum of Art and Culture Lake Macquarie (MAC)** – limited numbers – own transport – café open if sufficient numbers – refreshments own cost
- 2 **Swansea Heads “Explore our Coast”**– limited numbers – own transport – light refreshments provided – short stroll (sturdy footwear required), suitable for able bodied persons only, however, others may enjoy the restful picnic area
- 3 **Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service** – limited numbers in **two groups by shuttle bus** – refreshments provided

Reservations

- ♦ Reservations for organised excursions listed above will open Saturday morning to lunch time in the auditorium
- ♦ Please place your name on the Reservation List for your chosen activity – wait lists may be created
- ♦ The Saturday Program at Belmont 16s will conclude at 2:00pm – for MAC and Swansea Heads, please be at your meeting location by 2:45pm – information with Registration Lists and refer to your LMCC map guide

Go it alone – own arrangements

- ♦ **Blacksmiths Beach / Redhead Beach / Caves Beach and sea caves** (low tide only) – life guard duty normal operating hours
- ♦ **Belmont Foreshore Swimming Pool** – no lifeguard duty
- ♦ **Green Point Reserve Walk** – easy walking – no facilities
- ♦ **Warners Bay Lakeside Walk** – abundant cafes in Warners Bay to enjoy at your own leisure and cost

Awards and Trophies

Australian Rotary Health Fund

Awarded to the Club making the most significant contribution from one District Conference to the next

Doug Mathews Trophy, and Furthering the Object of Rotary

Awarded to the Club that most promotes and fosters the ideals of Rotary and Rotary Service in its community, and the advancement of goodwill and understanding

Jim Henderson Trophy

Awarded to the Club with the highest standard and/or improvement in their regular newsletter

Preserve Planet Earth Award

Awarded to the Club with the best environmental project for the year

Promotional and Digital Marketing Award

Awarded to the Club showing the most creative design and current information on their social media and web pages

Ted and Anne Lewis Award, and Shirley Stanley Memorial Trophy

Awarded to the Club/s being the most involved in promoting and pursuing youth and young adult programs

ShelterBox Champion Awards

Awarded to a Rotary Club who has committed to making an ongoing impact in worldwide disaster response by supporting ShelterBox annually for three consecutive years

- ♦ Bronze \$1,000
- ♦ Silver \$3,000
- ♦ Gold \$5,000



Program

Thursday 19 th March - Welcome		
Time	Activity	Location
6:00pm	Welcome to Lake Macquarie / Friendship / The Rotary Foundation BBQ	Belmont Lakeside Holiday Park 24 Paley Crescent, Belmont South
Friday 20 th March – Day 1: Registration / Concierge / Rotary Expo: Open 12:00pm mherv: 10:00am - 4:00pm Belmont 16s carpark		
Time	Activity	Location
12:00 – 7:00pm	Registration and Rotary Expo	1st Floor Foyer, Belmont 16s
1:00 – 2:30pm	“Rotary Speed Dating – have a chat” – Youth Protection / Insurance / Governance / Club Runner / My Rotary / Social Media – <i>free range time</i>	Macquarie Room
3:00 – 4:00pm	College of Governors	Macquarie Room
5:00 – 6:45pm Welcome Cocktail Party – Macquarie Room / Quarterdeck / Terrace		
6:30pm	Auditorium doors open	
7:30pm – close	Please be seated by 7:25pm Integra Service Dogs Australia Fundraising Concert with Australian Army Band Newcastle; and Councillor Kay Fraser, Mayor of City of Lake Macquarie, Official Opening	Auditorium
Saturday 21 st March – Day 2: Registration / Concierge / Rotary Expo: Open 7:00am mherv: 10:00am - 4:00pm Belmont 16s carpark		
Time	Activity	Location
7:00 – 8:15am	<i>Fast Starter Breakfast with ...</i> Mike Greenslade ; CEO ShelterBox Australia <i>“We go to the ragged ends of the earth” - how ShelterBox overcomes barriers to the delivery of effective aid</i>	Macquarie Room / Quarterdeck
8:30 – 10:35am	Please be seated by 8:25am Conference Opening Flag Parade, Rob Russell – Acknowledgement of Country, Millabah Dance Group, Introductions, Housekeeping, Roll Call, Welcome to Conference Richard Jones ; CEO Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service <i>Helicopter rescue – taking on the challenges of the future</i> John Hewko ; General Secretary and CEO Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation <i>Rotary 2035 – what our organisation will look like</i> Mike Greenslade ; CEO ShelterBox Australia <i>Presentation of ShelterBox Champion Awards</i>	Auditorium
10:35 – 11:00am Morning Tea - Macquarie Room / Quarterdeck / Terrace		
11:00 – 12:15pm	Lauren Randall ; Program Lead Biosolids and Resources, Hunter Water Corporation <i>The winning edge – bringing drinking water and sanitation services to the Wayuu people in Colombia</i> Scott Bevan ; Writer, Journalist, Broadcaster <i>Finding words, changing lives - telling stories about people making a difference</i> Victoria Baudinette ; President, Rotaract Club of the Hunter <i>The Rotary we see in the future – responding to the challenge – a perspective from the young</i>	Auditorium
12:15 - 1:00pm Lunch - Quarterdeck / Terrace		



Program

Saturday 21 st March – Day 2 ... continued		
Time	Activity	Location
1:00 - 2:00pm	Jen Barron ; World Centre Manager, Kusafiri World Centre, World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) <i>Can we help?</i> Libby Bleakley ; Former AFP and NSW Police, Rotary Club of Blackheath <i>Preventing youth crime in Timor-Leste</i> DG Graeme Hooper; Awards and Presentations	Auditorium
2:30 – 3:30pm	Jen Barron and Youth Exchange Students <i>Leaders of Tomorrow (workshop)</i>	Marquee
2:45 – 4:30pm	Excursions - as per your nominated choice	See page 9
6:00pm	Pre-dinner Fellowship	Auditorium
6:30 – 11:30pm	District Governor's Conference Dinner "1920's"	Auditorium
Sunday 22 nd March – Day 3: Registration / Concierge / Rotary Expo: Open 8:00am mherv: 10:00am - 2:00pm Belmont 16s carpark		
Time	Activity	Location
7:00 – 8:15am	<i>Fast Starter Breakfast with ...</i> Gordon Hill ; Rotary Club of Cobar David Ringland ; Rotary Club of Dubbo South <i>Natural Disaster Response and Recovery</i>	Macquarie Room / Quarterdeck
8:30 – 10:30am	Please be seated by 8:25am Katrina Henningham ; Rotary Club of Warners Bay <i>In Memorium</i> Charlie Allen ; Director of Partnerships, Institute for Economics and Peace Ambassadors, and Rotary Peace Fellows <i>Developing strengths to deliver positive peace - what makes a difference?</i> Katie Brassil ; Executive General Manager Approvals, Sustainability and Corporate Communications, Centennial Coal <i>Economic transition and the future of the Hunter – impacts, opportunities and the role of service organisations</i> Rotaract and Rotary Panel Discussion <i>Mind the gap – making Rotary service attractive for younger generations</i>	Auditorium
10:30 – 11:15am	Morning Tea – Macquarie Room / Quarterdeck / Terrace	
11:15am – 1:00pm	Raffle Winners announced DG Graeme Hooper; Awards and Presentations Brad Webb; CEO Samaritans <i>Domestic and family violence – shifting the conversation</i> Pam Wellham and YEP Inbound Students <i>Rotary Exchange – bringing the world together in D9670</i> DGE David Roach <i>Introducing Conference 2021</i> DG Graeme Hooper <i>District Update / Closing Remarks / Conference Close</i>	Auditorium
1:30 – 3:30pm	PDG Janette Jackson <i>The Rotary Foundation – light lunch provided</i>	Macquarie Room



Speaker Profiles

Brad Webb; CEO Samaritans



Brad Webb is the CEO of Samaritans Foundation, responsible for 1200 staff and volunteers delivering community services in the Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Hunter, Central Coast, Mid-North Coast and Western regions of NSW.

Brad's work sees him following his passion for ensuring that all members of the community, particularly those excluded or marginalised, are given an opportunity to live fulfilling lives. This means not only supporting direct service delivery, but also promoting public debate about social justice and how to change the structures that drive disadvantage.

Brad was born and raised in Guyra, a rural community in northern NSW, instilling in him the value and power of community and collaboration. His career includes significant periods in the business and medical research sectors, bringing a deep understanding of these sectors into his current role.

Brad describes his work as 'connecting the dots', and bringing together diverse perspectives – from government, business, academia, and the community sector – to work together to create a stronger society for all. As part of this broader advocacy work, Brad is a member of the Board of the NSW Council of Social Services (NCOSS), and the Committee for the Hunter.

When Brad is not fighting for change, he is attempting to develop enough consistency to be called a runner. Sadly, this is an ongoing project.

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Charles Allen APM; Director of Partnerships

Institute for Economics and Peace; Rotary Peace Fellows



Charles is the Director of Partnerships with the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP). These partnerships are strategic and grass roots partners inclusive of governments, non-government organisations, education organisations, service groups and other institutes. Through partnerships he is activating IEP's Positive Peace framework globally.

In his previous role with Victoria Police, Australia, he led strategic and operational change shifting policing to adopt community engagement. His policing career included many years of operational service in general duties, investigations, then senior change management roles. Outside of policing and IEP, he is an experienced director with not for profits and hands on peace building at project level for wide ranging social inclusion and capability building programs. His immediate past board position was Deputy Chair with Uniting Care Life Assist, a medium sized organisation where he served an eight year tenure.

Charles is a Master in Leadership, Organisation and Change. He has studied Human Rights and Peace and Conflict Resolution. He has undertaken regular development for governance and leadership. He is well respected among peace builders for his pioneering work in resilience, and equally respected within policing for his community centre approach to police management. He was recently awarded the Australian Police Medal, a Division of the Order of Australia,

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Speaker Profiles

David Ringland; District 9670 Disaster Recovery Coordinator Rotary Club of Dubbo South



David was raised on a sheep property between Cobar and Ivanhoe and attended primary school in Cobar whilst attending the local War Memorial Hostel, then high school at Scots School in Bathurst. He went on to gain a BSc at UNSW.

David worked for Eli Lilley Agricultural Division and then with partners, set up his own agricultural chemical business in Dubbo, followed by a grain handling business in Narromine which was sold recently, and he is now retired.

David started in Rotary late in life but has enjoyed being part of the Rotary Club of Dubbo South. He is currently serving on the Board as New Generations Director, and is also on the Destination Outback Committee.

David is assisting the District Governor with drought and disaster responses for the District. His interests include golf and rugby and grandkids, not necessarily in that order; and a lifelong commitment and passion for thoroughbred horses.

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Lauren Randall; Program Lead Biosolids and Resources, Hunter Water Corporation



Lauren Randall is the Program Lead for Biosolids and Resources at Hunter Water and a graduate of Newcastle University.

In 2019, Lauren led a team of young water and sanitation professionals from Hunter Water which won the Global Winnovators competition organised by development charity, WaterAid.

The focus of the challenge was to create innovative solutions to solve the clean water and sanitation challenges in some of the world's poorest communities.

Lauren's team worked on a project for Colombia's La Guajira region, where 84% of the Indigenous Wayuu population does not have access to clean water close to home.

The project was an opportunity to overcome major barriers for safe access to water, and to make a real and lasting difference to the lives of others. The team also fund raised to support water and sanitation services in poor countries.

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Speaker Profiles

Gordon Hill AFSM ESM JP; Rotary Club of Cobar



Gordon completed his secondary education in country northern NSW. He went on to work with the Post Master General's (PMG) Department in 1968 as a Technician Assistant for 20 years and very soon after, commenced as Regional Officer with the then Department of Bush Fire Services in Cobar, retiring from NSW Rural Fire Service as a salaried Chief Superintendent, and Region West Operations Manager.

Gordon also served the State Emergency Service and was awarded life membership when he retired as an active member in 2019 after serving 42 years. Not one to stay idle, Gordon also served in the Australian Army Reserve for 19 years, retiring as Sergeant.

Gordon was born in Kyogle, northern NSW, and grew up on a farm in nearby Urbenville. He is married to Therese and they have three adult children; Terry, Rodney and Christine. Gordon joined Rotary in 2010, is a current member and Past President of the Rotary Club of Cobar.

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Jen Barron; World Centre Manager, Kusafiri World Centre World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS)



Jen Barron is a leader in loving transformation. She is passionate about loving her own transformation and the transformation of others.

Jen manages an international training Centre for the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) in the Africa Region and managed a Centre in India for nine years. Jen is also a Yoga teacher who believes that Yoga is for everyBODY.

Jen focuses her energy on the transformational journey of all those that she has the privilege to work with. While working in India, Jen partnered with over 20 local community organisations and has extensive experience in community engagement and connection.

Jen holds a Bachelor of Social Work and a Bachelor of Education from the University of Tasmania. She has qualifications in several Yoga modalities including Stand Up Paddle (SUP) Board Yoga. Over the course of her career, Jen has been the recipient of several awards for both her volunteer and paid work including being inducted into the Tasmanian Honour Role for Women in 2007.

Jen is currently living in Australia delivering transformational experiences through Yoga, Events, Conversations and Adventures.

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Speaker Profiles

John Hewko; General Secretary and CEO Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation; Rotary Club of Kyiv, Ukraine



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John Hewko is General Secretary and Chief Executive Officer of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation. He is a Charter Member of the first Rotary Club of Kyiv, Ukraine.

John has an extensive international relations career including: A working group member that prepared the initial draft of the new Ukrainian post-Soviet constitution; and specialised in international corporate transactions in emerging markets in Moscow, Kyiv and Prague.

As Vice President and the principal negotiator of a US government agency established to deliver foreign assistance to the world's poorest countries, he successfully negotiated completion of foreign assistance agreements for 18 of 26 countries for infrastructure, agriculture, water and sanitation, health, and education projects.

John has been a public policy scholar, an adjunct professor of law, and a visiting scholar at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. He has published papers and articles in leading US and international publications; and spoken extensively on political and business issues dealing with the former Soviet Union, Central Europe, Africa, and Latin America.

As General Secretary, John Hewko leads a diverse staff of 800 at Rotary International's World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA, and seven international offices. John and his wife, Margarita, live in Evanston.

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Katie Brassil; Executive General Manager Approvals, Sustainability and Corporate Communications, Centennial Coal; Rotary Club of Toronto Sunrise



Katie is a qualified and experienced company director with extensive experience in the world of business.

With over 30 years of experience in the private sector and all three tiers of government, including 20 years in elected and governance positions, Katie has demonstrated leadership and specialist skills in economic development; strategic planning and management; stakeholder engagement and consultation; public and government relations.

Working as a senior executive in the mining industry for the past 14 years, Katie is currently responsible for planning approvals, sustainability and corporate communications at Centennial Coal, and is currently serving on the Board of the NSW Minerals Council.

Katie is the first woman appointed to the Board of The West Group in its 60 year history. She was appointed by the NRL to Newcastle Knights' Board, serving three years before the franchise was transferred to the Wests Group. She is a Director of Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service.

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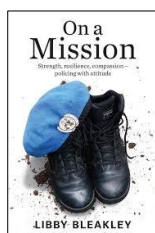


Katie is a mother and grandmother and in her spare time is an avid mountain bike rider.



Speaker Profiles

Libby Bleakley; Former AFP and NSW Police; Rotary Club of Blackheath



Visit Libby
in
Rotary Expo at
her
Timor Leste
display of
goods for sale

Libby has been a Police Officer for almost 30 years with NSW Police and Australian Federal Police (AFP). She specialised in crime prevention, sexual assault, domestic violence, child abuse, victim support, and Indigenous issues. She established and co-ordinated the first "Victim Support Unit" for the NSW Police working extensively with victims of crime. Her passion for crime prevention also flowed into her private life which led her to work in Alaska and Canada (Rotary GSE) with Police and native communities in 1995.

Throughout her NSW Policing years, Libby built a strong rapport with many communities, focusing on Indigenous Elders and Leaders, and developing the Indigenous Elder's Group, "Elders Walkabout".

Libby's continuing interest for community, culture and crime prevention led her to explore the international arena by joining the AFP International Deployment Group in 2008 and was deployed to the Northern Territory during the "Government Intervention". With the United Nations, she was deployed to Sudan (2009) and Timor-Leste (2010-11) followed by the AFP Timor-Leste Police Development Program (TLPDP) in Dili (2012-14). She resigned from the AFP in February 2019.

Libby's biggest achievement was during her personal time where she developed her own crime prevention initiative, a youth and community centre in Timor-Leste. The initiative is a registered RAWCS project (33/2014-15). She has received numerous awards and commendations for her work with crime and violence prevention and victim support. She joined the Rotary Club of Blackheath in 2014.

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Mike Greenslade; CEO ShelterBox Australia; Rotary Club of Alstonville



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ShelterBox is an international disaster relief charity and Rotary International partner providing emergency shelter and other essential items to families affected by natural disaster and humanitarian crisis.

Originally from Cornwall, UK, Mike Greenslade has been involved with ShelterBox since 2006 and has undertaken 22 deployments as a ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) member and leader; and is one of ShelterBox's most experienced SRT members.

Mike is a professional photographer by trade. In late 2019 he released a lavishly illustrated 200-page coffee table book titled, "2020 Vision – Eyes wide open in the disaster zone", with images shot on deployment with ShelterBox. The book seeks to demonstrate the resilience and determination of those affected by disaster and those who assist with recovery. From the devastating 2010 earthquake in Haiti to the little-known refugee crisis in Somaliland, the book aims to capture the strength of affected communities, often overlooked by other agencies. All proceeds from the sale of the book and prints from the accompanying exhibition will support ShelterBox.

Mike lives in Rous Mill in the Northern Rivers area of NSW with his wife and two children. He is currently President of the Rotary Club of Alstonville.

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Speaker Profiles

Richard Jones OAM; CEO Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service



Richard has been working with the Rescue Helicopter Service since 1995 – that's more than half of the service's time of operations. This dynamic organisation which serves the Hunter, north-west and north coast, of NSW, now has 130 staff and an annual budget of about \$42 million. A massive 510 missions were flown just in the Hunter, in 2018.

Richard grew up in Cardiff, Merewether, and Bar Beach, and spent a lot of his youth in the surf. Like many Novocastrians his working life began as a BHP apprentice, but that was quickly replaced by a rugby league career in Sydney where he played for the St George Dragons in the early 1980s.



Returning to Newcastle, Richard worked in football management and commentary. It was those football contacts that led him to the helicopter service. Some 25 years later, a key part of Richard's role is maintaining the connections and relationships to raise essential funds, keep sponsors and volunteers engaged, and crew in the air saving lives.

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Scott Bevan; Writer, Journalist, Broadcaster



Scott has been a journalist for about 36 years. In that time, he has worked for print, radio and television organisations and has worn quite a few journalistic hats, ranging from being a foreign correspondent and ABC news presenter to writing features for publications far and near, including the local *Newcastle Herald*.

He has also directed and presented documentaries, among them, *Oll: The Life and Art of Margaret Olley*, and, *Arthur Phillip: Governor, Sailor, Spy*, for the ABC.

Scott is the author of six books including, *The Hunter*, *Bill: The Life of William Dobell*, and, *The Harbour*. His latest title, just published, is, *The Lake: Exploring a Splendid Sheet of Water*, which is a journey in words (and in Scott's trusty and long-suffering kayak) around Lake Macquarie.

Since 2017, Scott has been the master of ceremonies for the Australian War Memorial's Anzac Day and Remembrance Day national services.

When he is not writing, you'll usually find Scott playing music (he's a decent guitarist and seriously average pianist), kayaking and doing his best to support the Hunter's economy by drinking the region's wonderful wines.

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Speaker Profiles

Victoria (Tori) Baudinette; President, Rotaract Club of the Hunter



*Feel free to
chat with
Tori and her
team in
Rotary Expo*

Daughter of two Rotaract Alumni, Tori is an active young person in Rotary and current President of the Rotaract Club of the Hunter. She has been involved in many creative events, projects and fundraisers over the last three years. These include: Rotaract's Airfield Fun Day, Drag Queen Bingo, trivia nights, Newcastle Pride, leading a team of Rotaractors on a volunteer trip to Cambodia, attended RYLA, and volunteered at many Rotary events.

In addition to her work with Rotary, Tori is a passionate advocate for youth mental health and LGBT+ rights and inclusivity. She is a regular volunteer with Headspace Maitland in their Youth Reference Group. Her work with Headspace includes travelling to schools, TAFE's, and markets, to represent Headspace and raise awareness of youth mental health and the support services that are available to young people. She is currently studying a Bachelor of Education (Primary) at the University of Newcastle and hopes to use her knowledge and experience from working in youth mental health into her work as a teacher.

Tori was recently recognised for her outstanding leadership and volunteer work with young people by being named Lake Macquarie "Inspiring Young Person of the Year" at the Regional Youth Service Awards.

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With the help of "Isda" my mascot, the support for this project has been nothing short of amazing and I gratefully acknowledge and thank the Rotary Clubs and businesses within our District 9670, and individuals, who have given so generously. I also wish to acknowledge and thank Anglican Care and 2NUR for their assistance with promotion of the fundraising concert.

Please continue to give so that Isda can gift a "real" friend.

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from Isda and Sue, thank you



Exchange Programs

District 9670 has a strong history of involvement with the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. We are proud to have the current inbound students attending this Conference, and our outbound students representing us in their respective hosting Rotary Clubs and Districts overseas.

We also acknowledge the New Generations Service Exchange. This program was initiated in our District in 2010 and continues to operate with great success.

Rotary Youth Exchange Program 2019-20

2019-20 Inbound Team

Student	Sponsor Country	Host Rotary Club
Aleksander Wittingsrud Wagner	Norway	Cardiff/Newcastle Harbour
Alexandre Ulmer	France	Mudgee
Fredrik Skaarup	Denmark	Wallsend-Maryland
Gabriela Faggioni Nascimento	Brazil	Warners Bay
Kaja Korczynska	Poland	Belmont
Kristyna (Kity) Petranova	Czech Republic	Newcastle Enterprise
Manon Zoehner	Germany	Merriwa
Ming-Che (Mickey) Lee	Taiwan	Dubbo West
Nea Heiskanen	Finland	Greenhills Maitland
Philippe emil Leon	Italy	Mudgee Sunrise
Raissa (Ra) Moreira	Brazil	East Maitland
Samuel Bydal	Sweden	Morisset
Sinja Eilers	Germany	Dubbo South

2020 Outbound Team

Student	Host Country	Sponsor Rotary Club
Ava Slee	France	Newcastle Enterprise
Charlotte Danson	Denmark	Mudgee
Ella Bales	Czech Republic	Toronto
Hartley Lucas	Poland	Mudgee Sunrise
Jeslyn Bowman	Germany	Greenhills Maitland
Jordyn Laucht	Italy	Morisset
Joseph Butler	Finland	Newcastle
Joshua Grant	Taiwan	Newcastle Harbour
Kristin Wolsey	Brazil	Newcastle Sunrise
Nicholas Hay	Sweden	Belmont
Olivia Andrews-Klowss	Norway	Warners Bay
Paris Young	Brazil	Maitland Sunrise
Sophie Holle	Germany	East Maitland

New Generations Service Exchange 2019-20

Gabby Nichols sponsored by the Rotary Club of London, D6630, Canada; and hosted by the Rotary Club of Newcastle Enterprise

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