



DG Di North & David

*Welcome to the February edition of the District Governor's Bulletin.*

## FEBRUARY IS PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION MONTH

Rotary has just opened a new Peace Centre in Africa in Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda. This centre will train leaders who can focus on the underlying threats to peace in the area. They will offer a professional development certificate, the same as Chulalongkorn University in Thailand, which is the university that our District's Peace Scholar Sahba Clara Delshad will be attending.

The first peace scholars will start at the beginning of 2021 and they will study issues and solutions particularly relevant in Africa such as human rights, governance, media, climate change and refugee migration.

Makerere University is situated in the African Great Lakes region, an area that has experienced political instability, civil war, ethnic hostilities and genocide. Here, Rotary Peace Fellows will learn how to influence policies and take action to transform society through Positive Peace. This is not just the absence of violence but it also puts in place structures that allow peace to flourish. The Positive Peace workshop is done in conjunction with the Institute for Economics and Peace.

This Peace Centre will benefit all of Africa.

The [2021 Rotary Peace Fellowship application](#) is now available to find the next group of global peace and development leaders. Candidates have until **31 May** to submit applications to their districts. To learn more about qualification requirements, eligibility restrictions, the application process, and more please click [HERE](#). Use the [Referral Form](#) to tell Rotary International about potential candidates, and they will follow up with them.

Further related reading can be found [HERE](#) (towards the end of the webpage).

## Congratulations to the following four Rotarians from our District who received recognitions in the Australia Day Honours List:

- **Helen McCaffrey** a member of the **Rotary Club of Concord** received an Order of Australia Medal for her service to local government, and to the community of Canada Bay.
- **Rob Edwards** a member of the **Rotary Club of Corrimal** for his service to communities in Fiji
- **Indy Singh** a member of the **Rotary Club of Sydney City** for his service to the international community in Nepal, Myanmar, Cambodia and India through eye care programs.
- **Dr Meng Chong Ngu** a member of the **Rotary Club of Concord** for service to medicine in the fields of gastroenterology and hepatology.



## Attend the District Conference

We are looking forward to seeing Rotarians, partners, Rotaractors, Youth Exchange Students and Friends at our 2020 Combined Districts 9675 and 9685 Conference to be held at the Wollongong Entertainment Centre from 20 to 22 March 2020.

**Register for Saturday-Sunday for \$240** and if you want to attend the Friday Night dinner, then you can add your name to the waiting list. You are very welcome to still come on Friday afternoon as there will be entertaining and informative sessions such as "Falling off the Perch" to discuss end of life issues of which we should all be aware.

Mark Huddleston, Amanda Wendt and Rob Edwards will be presenting at the breakout sessions. There will be hands on activities such as tree planting and a beach clean-up which focus on environmental issues, Days for Girls and Pamper Packs. There is something for everyone. Many clubs are organising club dinners at one of the many, various restaurants close by.

**Check the Conference website, for a range of different registration packages that are also available to suit you. The Conference website can be found [HERE](#).**

**Roaring 20s on Saturday Night!** On Saturday Night at the Conference, we'll celebrate the roaring 20s. Get together with your club members and come dressed up. Grab your wayfarers, find your fedora and get ready to shake your tail feathers. The entertainment will be provided by the Blues Brothers Band.

## Spotlight on Harry Hunt OAM – Rotary Club of Liverpool

This month I would like to tell you about another of our amazing Rotarians in our District: **HARRY HUNT OAM** (pictured right with Sybra and me).



Harry was born in Wialda NSW, and then grew up in Merrylands.

He became a radiologist and commenced work in a hospital in NSW, later also working in a hospital in New Zealand. On leave from the hospital in New Zealand he came back to Australia to find his father had sold their market garden and purchased a small motel at the Crossroads, Liverpool. Harry worked alongside his father until taking over the motel, which has now become a large hotel complex under Harry's guidance.

Over the years Harry has become the face of Liverpool, often referred to as *Mr Liverpool*. His generosity has been spread over many organisations, welfare groups and the community.

Harry is a long term member of **Liverpool Rotary**, having served as President in 1984-1985. For many years the Liverpool Rotary club has held their meetings at Hunts Comfort Inn Hotel, Liverpool.

Harry has served on many Liverpool Council Committees, particularly working to promote Liverpool as a Tourist Area. He served as President of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce for over twenty years. He is currently President of the South West Sydney Tourism Task Force, President of the Liverpool Liquor Accord Board, and numerous other committees involved with the new South West Airport Corporation.

In a past fire disaster 15 years ago, Harry housed all the firefighters at his Motel. This involved accommodation, meals, and lunches to be taken out on the next shifts. As it was a Christmas period with his staff on leave, the Quota Club ladies and their husbands, helped out with laundry, serving meals, and minor medical services (in particular eye drops). The turnaround time was seven hours and firefighters took shifts at Harry's Motel.

During this current bushfire crisis, Harry has taken in the people who were evacuated from as far away as Batemans Bay, providing free accommodation to over 130 people.

For over 15 years Harry has provided a free Christmas Lunch to the needy and disadvantaged of Liverpool, including entertainment and a free hamper to take home.

As a sponsor of the Combined Rotary Clubs of Liverpool Police Officer of the Year for the past twenty years, Harry has been instrumental in helping to organize and sometimes host this event.

He has received numerous awards for his generosity and caring over the years the major one being the Order of Liverpool. He has received the Companion of Liverpool Award, Quota Citizen of the Year, Liverpool Australia Day Citizen of the Year, Liverpool Business Person of the Year and many others.

He has held fundraising events at Hunts, for Macarthur Lifeline, Flood Relief for Broken Hill, and dozens more.

Harry's wife, **Sybra**, stands by his side at all times and is also a most amazing woman who gives freely of her time to many fundraising and community organisations.

### Highlighting Club Projects

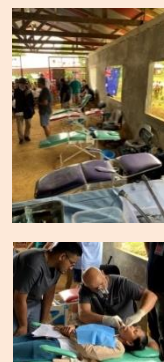
I would also like to highlight one of the many wonderful projects Rotary Clubs around our District are doing.

Every year the **Rotary Club of Illawarra Sunrise** visits the Philippines. This year a team of 16 left for the Philippines on Saturday 18 January 2020. The team included two doctors, three dentists and three nurses.

The project is a combined effort by the **Rotary Clubs of Illawarra Sunrise, Glenhaven and Metro Bacolod (Philippines)** and is also supported by the **Rotary Clubs of Seaton (Devon UK), West Wollongong and Corrimal.**



Seven clinics were held in five remote and semi-remote locations around Bacolod in the Negros Occidental Province which is about one hour's flight south of Manila. The medical team saw 1188 patients, many of whom were children who had never seen a doctor before. Cuts, infections and respiratory issues were common. The dental team saw 494 patients and extracted 733 teeth, more involved procedures not being possible with the very limited facilities available. Many children were presenting with every one of their teeth rotten to the gum.



The team also distributed lap top computers, clothing and teaching resources to several schools, and donated medical equipment was presented to local health services.



Clockwise from top-left: The SPED School for Deaf & Blind; Kabugwason Elementary School; Handover of TIB at Calangcang School; Salvador Benedicto Elementary School & handover of the TIB and laptops and computers to the 4<sup>th</sup> School; Pupils at Kabugwason Elementary School and (bottom-left) celebrating with the students of Calangcang at the handover of TIB.

## Club Anniversaries

**Rotary Club of Maroubra** was chartered on 12 February 1960 with 22 members. The Club was sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Randwick**. The inaugural meeting was held on 19 January 1960. The Club's first project in 1960-61 was to assist the fledgling South Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club with the construction of their club house. Maroubra Rotary Club also donated the surf club's second surfboat, "The Spirit of Rotary".

During the early years, community projects included improving local parks, local schools and pre-school centres. The most significant project was the building of Rotary House at Prince Henry Hospital. This was completed during the 1966-67 year. These two motel units provided accommodation for the relatives of seriously ill country patients.

The Club will be celebrating its 60th Anniversary dinner at Bonnie Doon Golf Club on 17 February 2020.

**Rotary Club of Dapto** was chartered 26 March 1960 and so is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in March this year.

The Rotary Club of Dapto is renowned for its strong involvement in the local Dapto community and more particularly the Dapto Chamber of Commerce and Development.

The Club has undertaken various projects since inception:

- The Club assisted in the development of the Dapto Ambulance Station and the local swimming pool.
- As a community service the Club delivers all phone books in the 2530 postcode area.
- In the 1980s, the Club assisted in the restoration of Horsley Homestead, an original homestead in the Dapto area.
- The Club raised funds to purchase a bus for St Luke's Retirement Village.
- For over 40 years Club members have provided a Christmas party for the residents of St Luke's Retirement Village. Without this annual event, most of these residents would not have any Christmas.
- The Club members run a barbecue for the diggers following the Dawn Service at the Dapto RSL Club on ANZAC Day.
- Dapto Street Fair has supported National and International projects, such as Polio Eradication and the Seven Women's Centre in Nepal.
- Drought Relief through donations to Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS).
- The Club is passionate in their support of youth programs such as Rotary Youth Program for Enrichment (RYPEN), Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), Youth Exchange and Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA).
- The Club participates in Graffiti Removal in the Wollongong Local Government Area.
- The Club maintains Don's Farm. In the 1990s a deceased member of the Club, Don Alexander, gave one acre of farmland to the Rotary Club of Dapto. Functions such as seniors' lunches and Australia Day celebrations are held at Don's Farm. Don's Farm is also hired for non-club functions, which supplements the Club's funds.
- The annual Christmas trailer raffle is the major fund raising event.
- Every year an evening is held at the Dapto Dogs in order to raise funds.



- The Club supervised the restoration of William Beach's gravesite. William Beach was an Olympian in the early 1900s and trained for the Olympics in Mullet Creek in the Dapto area. The club received a lot of publicity for this project.

With all their projects and events the participation of all Club members has been continuous, outstanding and rewarding, such is the ethos in the club.



## Nutbush Dance

Many of you have been waiting in anticipation for the Nutbush Dance to be held on Saturday 29 February at 11AM AEST at various venues around Australia. The Sydney venue will be at Cathy Freeman Park at Olympic Park Homebush. We have decided not to try for the Guinness Book of Records due to the complication of having multiple venues. It was going to cost us \$15,000 to set it up. Instead we are going to have fun and raise as much money as possible for Bushfire Relief. It will cost \$5 per person to participate.

We are extremely grateful to [tickets.com](https://www.tickets.com), a worldwide ticketing agency, which has offered to do the ticketing for us for free for all venues. There may be a small handling fee when you book your ticket on line but all entry money will go to Bushfire Relief. We regret that we will not be able to take money on the day.

At some venues there will be a sausage sizzle and a coffee van for sustenance. Please let all your friends, family, work colleagues and anyone else know about this. The more the merrier.

The Illawarra Clubs will also be having a Nutbush Dance at Wollongong Harbour.

For access to the [tickets.com](https://www.tickets.com) ticketing sites for the Nutbush Dance events, please click on the following hyperlinks: [SYDNEY](#) [WOLLONGONG](#)

## Burrumbuttock Hay Run



In 2014 Brendan 'Bumpa' Farrell OAM heard about a farmer in Bourke who was struggling in the drought. He contacted the farmer and offered to bring him a truckload of hay to help him out. From that, the Burrumbuttock Hay Runners was born. Since that date they have completed many successful hay runs to help drought-affected farmers all over NSW and Queensland. This is a joint effort from the Burrumbuttock Hay Runners and the **Rotary Club of Sydney**.

Farmers impacted by drought often struggle to ask for help and many, due to the financial strain of trying to keep the farm afloat, also battle mental health issues.

The hay that is delivered will only provide temporary relief but it's about showing fellow Australians that someone cares about them.

Drought doesn't just impact farmers it also has impacts on the local businesses and schools within that community.

All hay is donated from generous farmers all over Australia. The money fundraised and held in the Rotary Club of Sydney bank account is used to fuel the trucks that transport the donated hay. Everyone involved in the Burrumbuttock Hay Run is a volunteer. All the truck drivers donate the use of their trucks and machinery to load and unload the hay.



This year the run was to Armidale to assist drought affected and bushfire affected farmers. I was fortunate enough to be invited to Armidale along with **District Governor Phil Hafey from Rotary District 9650**.

We watched as 172 trucks all laden with bales of hay rolled into Armidale on the Saturday of the Australia Day weekend. It was a magnificent sight at the Armidale Showground. The problem was that over 700 farmers had requested hay. It was allotted according to the number of sheep or cattle that had to be fed.



Above: DG Di, DG Phil Hafey with Brendan Farrell

On the Sunday morning the trucks started to deliver the hay to the farmers. Each truck was given a list of five or six farms. The idea was to deliver the load to one farm and the other farmers come to collect it. Otherwise the truck drivers could have taken days to deliver the hay. Some farmers close by came to the showground to collect their hay.

I went out with a friendly truck driver, Jason, to assist him (pictured right). He was going to deliver to two farms which were around 100km away.



Above: DG Di, NSW Minister for Agriculture, Adam Marshall and DG Phil Hafey

Both farms we delivered to had very excited farmers and families. They knew this would only tide them over for a short while but they were heartened by the fact that people care about them.



This did a lot to boost their morale.

There was a great celebration in the evening with a concert at the showground. It was even more exciting when the skies opened up and it poured much needed rain.

### Letter from Rotary International President, Mark Maloney, to all District Governors of Australia

9 January 2020

Dear District Governors of Australia,

*I was saddened to hear of the widespread devastation in Australia from the recent and ongoing brush fires and the growing impact it is having on your country. Gay and I send our sincere condolences to all communities affected.*

*It is heartening that Rotarians are answering the call in Australia and providing assistance however we can to people in need. The Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) is doing a wonderful job raising funds and dispersing them efficiently. In addition to this resource, I want you to know that Rotary provides several other forms of assistance as well, and you should feel free to request these resources as needed.*

*As news of this tragedy reaches Rotarians, many will be calling Rotary International, expressing their concern and asking how they or their clubs can help. If your district is undertaking local relief efforts, please let us know by writing to [relief@rotary.org](mailto:relief@rotary.org) so that RI can help promote your initiatives throughout the Rotary network.*

*Additionally, we encourage you to work with club leaders in your districts to post any disaster relief and recovery projects on [Rotary Ideas](#), Rotary's online crowd contributing tool. Clubs can ask for funds, volunteers, goods, and grant partners. Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike are able to contribute directly to projects and there are no fees to use the tool.*

*Rotary members are now able to contribute to The Rotary Foundation's [Disaster Response Fund](#), a general fund which supports club and district relief activities. These contributions fund Rotary Disaster Response Grants to support a district's immediate disaster relief efforts. Qualified districts in affected areas may apply for a grant of US \$25,000, pending availability of funds. Districts may apply for subsequent grants after successfully reporting on any prior grants. Visit [My Rotary](#) for more information about the Grant and to apply for funding. Longer term recovery efforts may be eligible for support from The Rotary Foundation through a [district or global grant](#).*

*The Disaster Network of Assistance – Rotarian Action Group provides advice and support for all aspects of disasters ranging from preparedness through long term recovery and can be contacted for assistance at [dna.rag.contact@gmail.com](mailto:dna.rag.contact@gmail.com).*

*As always, when organizing a club or district response to a disaster, we encourage you to work with reputable first responder organizations to meet the immediate needs of those affected. ShelterBox is a Rotary International project partner that delivers emergency temporary shelter and other aid following disasters. ShelterBox welcomes contact from Rotarians to jointly assess community needs; we encourage you to engage with them to see what support and service opportunities can be offered. They can be contacted at [rotaryrequest@shelterbox.org](mailto:rotaryrequest@shelterbox.org).*

*Please know that you have the support of Rotarians around the world as you cope with this tragedy.*

*Kindest regards,*

*Mark Daniel Maloney  
President, Rotary International 2019-2020*

## **How our Rotary Clubs are assisting with Bushfire Relief**

Like all Australians, we have been deeply impacted by the bushfires in our country. The loss of homes, landscapes, wildlife and lives is devastating, and our hearts go out to all those affected. I know you join me in sending our sincere thanks to the firefighters, charities and volunteers who are tirelessly working to assist in our country's recovery.

The impact of the bushfires on the regional communities is yet to be fully assessed but there is no doubt that there has been tremendous loss in a very short period of time. The Australian and international humanitarian response and generosity have been overwhelming.

The RAWCS Bushfire Appeal has reached over \$800,000 with much of the money coming from international Rotary districts and clubs.

I truly appreciate all of the support being received in our District from Rotarians and Rotary clubs. However, we need to know what is happening so, along with the other Rotary districts, we can coordinate and maximise our response to those affected communities and base it on the identified needs from those communities. My fellow District Governors in those affected communities will coordinate and direct these efforts and will appreciate our support.

Many organisations are doing great things to assist.

Bendigo Bank has partnered with Rotary to establish an appeal with 100% of donated funds going directly to affected communities.

Carlton United Breweries (CUB) has made a \$250,000 donation and on the Australia Day weekend donated kegs of VB to its outlets with all proceeds going to bushfire efforts.

Many of our Rotary clubs are doing amazing things:

**Rotary Club of Sydney Cove** has been able to use the facility of the Medical Repurposing Network (MRN), of which Sydney Cove Rotary Club is the major supporter (the Club provides 4 of the 7 directors and most of the voluntary labour to collect, pack and ship equipment).

In the past, the MRN has collected superseded but fully serviceable equipment mainly from Sydney based hospitals and has dispatched them to hospitals in the Asia pacific region and more recently to remote hospitals in Northern Australia.

In the immediate aftermath of the fires, the MRN contacted hospitals in the most affected areas enquiring of any needs. As a result, during the first week in January, four respirators from the Sydney Children's Hospital at Randwick were collected, fully checked, packed and dispatched, the first to be used at the Mallacoota Hospital in Victoria. Road access to the community was not available because of the fires so MRN made arrangements with the RAAF to ship the equipment to the air force base at East Sale from where it will be flown to the town. The MRN received a note of appreciation on behalf of the community and doctors from the Mallacoota Community Hospital.

Shipping arrangements are being finalised with other hospitals on the NSW South Coast.



John King, President, Rotary Club of Sydney Cove with one of the donated respirators

**Rotary Club of Picton** assisted the Rural Fire service (RFS) by providing sausage sizzle barbecues (see photos below) at Hilltop Fire Station during December and early January. They were assisted by several other Rotary Clubs in the Macarthur area. Ally Cox is the District Bushfire Relief Coordinator.



An American charity, Direct Relief, supplied 500,000 P2/N95 masks to Australia and chose Rotary as the organisation to distribute them. Our District was able to secure 40,000 of these masks. Ally has been responsible for distributing these to the Rural Fire Service, doctor's surgeries, groups involved in the clean-up and anybody who suffers breathing difficulties from the smoke.



Disaster Relief were so pleased with the distribution that they have now supplied more to our District. Many face masks are going to the far south coast for the massive clean-up operation required there. Ally will also sit on the RAWCS Committee for the distribution of the money raised in the RAWCS Bushfire Appeal.



We need to have a record of all efforts from Rotarians and clubs in our District. Please contact Ally Cox with information about your recent efforts and any plans for or to discuss future relief efforts. Email: [gnacox@bigpond.net.au](mailto:gnacox@bigpond.net.au)

**Combined Liverpool Rotary Clubs** were able to provide free accommodation for 30 families displaced by the bushfires on the far south coast of NSW. **Harry Hunt**, a member of Liverpool Rotary Club, owns Hunts Hotel at Liverpool and made available these rooms free of charge. Harry is a very generous man and we thank him for his humanity (pictured right: Sybra Hunt, DG Di, John Turnbull – General Manager Liverpool Catholic Club, Harry Hunt & June Young – Liverpool Greenway Rotary Club).



These Rotary clubs have such a great relationship with Liverpool Catholic Club they were able to organise a free lunch on Sunday 5 January and full use of all the Catholic Club's facilities – ice skating rink, games room and swimming pool. All the children loved it. Thank you so very much to John Turnbull, the General Manager of Liverpool Catholic Club, for your generosity.



The members of the Liverpool Rotary Clubs and the community provided all the evacuees with drinks, fruit and groceries to take back home.

**Rotary Club of Corrimal** members have been doing a bucket collection at local shopping centres and have raised over \$51,000. This is an amazing effort. Congratulations!

**Rotary Club of Caringbah** has upgraded its Adopt-a-Town website ([Adopt-A-Town website](#)). It now includes towns on the far south coast of NSW which were impacted by the bushfires. Rotary clubs will be able to adopt one of these towns. It is hoped that other Districts will add their towns so that this project becomes Australia-wide.

There is also the capability of registering your interest and skills in rebuilding for when Rotary volunteers will be needed. This will be similar work to BlazeAid. There will also be a section where projects are put on a website. Rotary clubs will then be able to see where they can help. There will be a section where members of the public can volunteer for specific jobs (e.g. plumbers or electricians). It is hoped that this will be Australia-wide.

### **Rotary Club of Concord**

**Rotarian Helen McCaffrey** was in bed recovering from knee surgery in Sydney when she first heard about the devastating fires ravaging the mid north coast in the early part of November. A news report had highlighted the plight of exhausted firefighters working round the clock to contain fires and protect property all around the Coffs Harbour area. Vivid pictures showed firefighters confronting enormous blazing trees and battling through the thick smoke and ash. One of them commented on the toll this had on his eyes, and this set Helen thinking.





She had a relative who worked for Alcon Laboratories, a company specialising in eye care products. She had a friend living in Bellingen on the Mid North coast who was also a member of his local Rotary club. Through the generosity of Alcon and the network that is Rotary, Helen was able to organise for her Club to dispatch bottles of eye drops to the Rotary Club of Bellingen, for distribution to the local Bushfire Brigades. Thank you very much Alcon!

In addition, Concord Rotary Club has combined with Canada Bay Council to provide tools to the Wollondilly area through the local Men's Shed.

## Youth Activities

**Gus Dixon** has returned from Taiwan but hasn't quite made it home, yet. His father took ill and was hospitalised in Perth so Gus is currently staying there while his father recuperates. I will report on Gus in my next DG Bulletin. From reports during the year Gus had a great time.

Congratulations to the Youth Exchange Committee for having chosen some outstanding students that even in their exchange country fitted right in.

Our three outbound students all left together on 18 January. **Lachlan Willett** is going to Austria hosted by the **Rotary Club of Gleisdorf**. **Emma Di Fazio** is going to Finland hosted by the **Rotary Club of Helsinki Vantaa** and **Cordelia Plain** will be going to Germany hosted by the **Rotary Club Karlsruhe Baden**. I was at the airport to farewell them (pictured right). They were all very excited about this adventure. I wish them all well for their year of exchange. Let's hope to hear more good news from these three students.



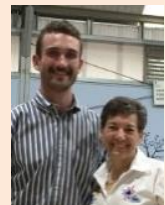
## NYSF (National Youth Science Forum)

Unfortunately the NYSF, which was to be held in Canberra, was cancelled due to the impact of smoke from fires in NSW and ACT. This was disappointing but a necessary decision for all the students' safety.

The District Governors of Australia are currently negotiating with NYSF regarding obtaining refunds for both students and Rotary Clubs as the NYSF travel insurance was inadequate. I will have more information at a later date.

## Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) ... Cameron Edwards, District RYLA Chair

Many thanks to Cameron Edwards (pictured right with DG Di) District 9675 Chair RYLA for this report. Please contact Cameron regarding any questions you may have about RYLA via email: [Cameronedwards96@gmail.com](mailto:Cameronedwards96@gmail.com)



RYLA 2020 has given our youth great vision for their futures!

RYLA offers the unique opportunity to come together in a supportive environment to gain a better understanding of people's personal strengths and the unique qualities and abilities of others. Participants learn about teamwork, communication, motivation and develop leadership skills through experiential workshops. RYLA assumes that 'leadership' is a diverse and varied concept and any one form or style of leadership is not seen as more important than any other.

We are all leaders in one way or another, but we believe the potential and skills to be a more effective and efficient leader is something that we can equip our participants with.

This year RYLA 9675 was held at the YMCA camp in Yarramundi between 5 and 11 of January 2020. The camp was facilitated by an exceptional team on the ground, led by our own Sarah Young. It is worth mentioning each of the team members by name as each volunteered over the week and put tireless hours into the planning and preparation in the preceding months. David Gitz, Charbella Nandan, Liz Robinson, Joanna Laba, and Leo Li each did an outstanding job of inspiring and enabling the future leaders of our district.



As the Chair of RYLA in our District, I did not attend the entire program, but the influence of these leaders and the program was evident when I returned at the conclusion of the week. Each participant I spoke to reported positive feedback and spoke of their large aspirations for the rest of the year. That is something that I find truly invaluable; Observing affirmative change.

We count it a privilege to impart the learnings for self and community development, and also to help each participant to realise the impact of Rotary both worldwide, and across our District. On behalf of the Committee and the Team Leaders, I want to thank each club who nominated a participant, financed one, or those who were capable of doing both. Without your ongoing support, RYLA looks good on paper, but has little impact as there would be no participants. I encourage each of the clubs who have supported a participant to involve them in a community project that your club is running, let them engage with Rotary to “serve others above self”, and we will continue to nurture strong relationships with the youth of our district.



RYLA 2020 participants ... and a few of their activities.

Finally, please follow our Facebook page for updates from the participants throughout the year and also to promote RYLA to future participants at RYLA 9675. We are already commencing the preparations for 2021!

### **Rotary General Secretary John Hewko has released the Report of Action for the Council on Resolutions.**

In this report, which can be found [HERE](#), you will be able to read about the resolutions that were adopted and the vote tallies for the adopted items.

The deadline for submitting resolutions to the 2020 Council On Resolutions is 30 June 2020. The link to the submission form, plus helpful resources, can be found in My Rotary [HERE](#).

## Rotary's 115<sup>th</sup> Birthday

It will be Rotary's 115<sup>th</sup> birthday on 23 February.

Rotary started in 1905 and just about everything in the world has changed since then except Rotary's core values which are still with us – fellowship, integrity, diversity, service and leadership. Even Rotary's motto which dates back from 2011, "Service Above Self" hasn't changed.

This year it is the United Nation's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Have you planned anything yet to help celebrate the great relationship between Rotary and the United Nations? You might like to plan a food festival or a market day with other nations taking part. You can contact Joshua Karras at the United Nations Association NSW on 0432 592 469 or Email [Joshua.karras@unaa.org.au](mailto:Joshua.karras@unaa.org.au) for assistance.

Congratulations to the **Rotary Club of Sydney Cove** which is providing a scholarship for a young person to study to obtain the necessary qualifications to work at the United Nations.

## Some helpful direct links to important websites...

Conference 2020 Registration	<a href="#">Conference 2020 Registration</a>
District Directory	<a href="#">District Directory - Login</a>
District Website	<a href="#">Rotary District 9675 Home Page</a>
Manual of Procedure	<a href="#">Rotary District 9675 Home Page</a>
District Constitution	<a href="#">Rotary District 9675 Home Page</a>
District Regulations	<a href="#">Rotary District 9675 Home Page</a>
District Speaker List	<a href="#">District 9675 Speaker List</a>
Rotary International	<a href="#">Rotary International Home Page</a>
RI South Pacific & Philippines Office	<a href="#">Resource Guide for Club Officers</a>

## Important dates for your diary...

15 February 2020	District Membership Seminar
17 February 2020	Maroubra Rotary Club's 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
19 February 2020	District Governor Information Evening
21 February 2020	Presidents' Meeting
29 February 2020	Nutbush Dance
20-22 March 2020	District Conference
26 March 2020	District Governor 2022-2023 Interviews and Selection
27 March 2020	Cronulla Rotary Club's 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
28 March 2020	Dapto Rotary Club's 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
4 April 2020	Membership – Retention Seminar
5 April 2020	Macarthur Sunrise Rotary Club 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*Yours in Rotary – Connecting the World*

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**Dianne North**  
District Governor