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## DEEP THOUGHTS FROM DG DAVID

Two weeks ago, District 9650 held its District 'changeover'. Sadly, due to quarantine restrictions and an unforeseen expansion of some 'hotspot' zones, I was unable to be present at the event.

Logging in via Zoom was nowhere near the desired outcome however, under these suddenly imposed restrictions, Past District Governor Debbie did an amazing job of ensuring that everyone present had a wonderful evening. I am so sorry that I was unable to be there with you but be assured that I am looking forward to seeing you all at club and cluster visits.

I would like to thank PDG Debbie Loveday for the amazing year under her Governorship. Also, the support she has shown me personally as I prepare for this new Rotary year. Throughout the last three years in preparation, I have seen and now experience not only the amount of work that goes into being a District Governor, but I also have a greater appreciation of the role and count it an honor to be your District Governor.

Whilst Covid continues to be a fluctuating paradigm for our District and the rest of the world for that matter, we must continue to adapt were able to ensure that we support our fellow members and the wider community. We still need to be active in word and action in undertaking the Rotarian way.

Many years ago, I was at a non-Rotary community event where a sports field was to have its picket fence painted. A problem arose where there were plenty of community volunteers but little or no coordination with respect to resources and delegation. This led to a lot of volunteers standing around with nothing to do. One of the organizer's made a general announcement to the crowd asking if there were any Rotarians present. With that, six Rotarians came forward and took control. They organized work teams and resources and even got the lunchtime BBQ and drinks organized. Why? Because they could and they did. This why we are Rotarians. Because we serve others to make a difference, not because we want to stand out under a community spotlight but because we see a need and go about satisfying that need.

I want to thank my wonderful team for selflessly putting up your hand to be part of 9650 Leadership for this year. This is a wonderful year of opportunity for all of us to 'showcase' the many wonderful achievements from our District. I couldn't ask for a better team of dedicated Rotarians to ensure that those achievement are recognized and many more achieved. I look forward to working with you through the year ahead.

DG David

"Why don't crabs give to Rotary? Because they're shellfish"

## E-NEWS CONTACT

If you have something for the E-news please email editor Laura Telford at [laura.telford@rotaract.org.au](mailto:laura.telford@rotaract.org.au) before 5pm on Friday to make sure it will appear in the next edition!



# PARTNERS PROJECT - YOUTH INSEARCH

If you came to a District Assembly or read my letter to Presidents you would already know that Youth Insearch is the program I wish to see championed across our District this coming year (and beyond). The link below will help you find out about the program that has been in operation since 1985 helping countless young people to find real and sustainable solutions to the myriad of challenges they face. <https://youthinsearch.org.au/programs/overview>

My goals this year are simple and designed so that every club, no matter their circumstances and the difficulties faced over the past few years of drought, floods, fires, pests and Covid, should be able to achieve at least 1 if not all of them across the coming year.

The first of these goals is for every Rotarian to become aware of who Youth Insearch is, what they do and how they make a significant impact in young lives. The link to their website will assist you with this.

The second goal is for each club to reach out and connect with the various services in your own community who work to assisting young people. I just googled 'Youth Crisis Services + Port Macquarie Hastings area' and found at least 8 services that our Club Services or Vocational Directors could connect with to fill a guest speaker spot or Vocational out visit on our calendar.

My hope is that by reaching out to these local services and by learning more about Youth Insearch, new connections will be formed and exciting new opportunities will evolve for our Rotary clubs to really 'change lives' of the young people that will form our tomorrow. I look forward to meeting you all as I tag along with David and learning about all the incredible work you do in your communities and the new connections you are forging.

Heather Mayne



# EOI - RAWCS BUSHFIRE RELIEF FUNDS

As a result of the devastating bushfires on the eastern and central areas of Australia in late 2019 – early 2020, Rotary Australia World Community Service established a national bushfire appeal fund which resulted in over \$1.2 million being received from the generosity of the community and corporate organisations. There are currently some of these funds still available within this bushfire relief appeal for distribution.

Expressions of interest are being now being invited for relief and recovery projects within localities affected by these bushfires where Rotary Districts or Rotary Clubs have registered RAWCS Bushfire Relief projects.

Eligibility and Project Criteria:

- Applicants must submit a Project Brief / Proposal for RARF Funding Distribution as to the nature, rationale and purpose of the project:
- Projects must align to the designated relief effort associated with the Bushfire Relief.
- The project must have benevolent relief as its main purpose, and that relief must be provided to people in need.
- Time is of the essence; the project plan and activities need to demonstrate a timely response to the relief situation.
- The expected beneficiaries, which community or individual will be the target for the aid.
- The proposal is realistic and achievable within the requested budget and time frame.

Expression of Interest

- Applications close by 8th August, 2021.
- Applications to be submitted to RAWCS National Project Manager, Merv Williams email [national.projects@rawcs.org.au](mailto:national.projects@rawcs.org.au) and RAWCS National Treasurer, Jim Wilson, email [treasurer@rawcs.org.au](mailto:treasurer@rawcs.org.au)

Inquiries to RAWCS National Project Manager, Merv Williams email [national.projects@rawcs.org.au](mailto:national.projects@rawcs.org.au)



Rotary Club of Quirindi

Alexandra (Lexie) Bernard RYLA 2021

"In 2013 I spent an incredible year in Norway on Rotary Youth Exchange & this year I had an amazing experience at the Rotary Youth Leadership Award. So, on Monday night (21st June) I took the plunge to give back to the Club & organisation that has given me so much & was inducted into Quirindi Rotary. (Coincidentally my Great Uncle Kevin O'Hanlon was the very first President of Quirindi Rotary). The Club celebrated 75 years so as the newest member I got to help cut the cake."

RYLA 2022 30th April – 7th May  
Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation

Imm. Past Pres. Quirindi Alice Elsley RYLA 2016  
New Member Lexie Bernard RYLA 2021



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## IMAGES FROM THE E-CLUB CHANGEOVER

