



Rotary Club of Taree

NEWSLETTER

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Presidents Report: Week 29 2023/24

Hi everyone.

I trust that you are all fine and have enjoyed your well earned Christmas break. I hope you all had a very restful holiday and enjoyed our time out.



Our end of year Christmas Party for 2023 was a great night to finish our year on a high note along with the awarding of a Paul Harris Fellow to Karen Dahdah.

Karen gave an inspirational speech about the Gold standard offered at our local hospital.

Well done Matthew for organising a great night.

But now it is great to get back to serve our wonderful Manning Valley community.

We are off to a flying start to our new year as we started with our Early Connections Playground project on 08/01/2024.

We were able to completely dismantle their cubby house, climbing walkways, the softfall ground cover, dismantle the garden shed, and remove all the overgrown plants and vines.



A great effort to get the year rolling.



This week our intrepid members have been out canvassing our Golf Day sponsorship to local businesses and at this stage we are progressing very slowly.

Nevertheless the start of our advertising banners have been erected around the Taree Golf course and I must say that the greens are looking immaculate after all the rain we have received.

Also, we have been busily planning the Australia Day ceremony on the Riverstage and a wonderful day is planned along with our local talent to entertain us.



We are looking forward to a grand day of celebrating our great nation.

What's On

Our upcoming meetings are:

- 22/01/2024 - Golf Meeting -
- 26/01/2024 - Australia Day - Golf Day and Riverstage
- 29/01/2024 - BBQ at Rotary Park
- 05/02/2024 - Board Meeting
- 05/02/2024 - Kate Dunn - Community Connector for Midcoast Council
- 06/02/2024 - Inspirational Speaker Brett Stibner at Gloucester Rotary Club
- 12/02/2023 - no speaker at this stage.

Little Blue Shed



It is wonderful to have Tanja Curcic from the Little Blue Shed back in Australia with us.

Hopefully Tanja will be able to attend our meeting in early March.

In the meantime enjoy some photos of the great work Tanja is doing in Uganda.

Well done Tanja! .



The Magic of Rotary... RI theme in 2024-25



Rotary International President-elect Stephanie Urchick announced that the 2024-25 presidential theme is **The Magic of Rotary** and called on members to recognize and amplify the organization's power to save lives.

"Don't misunderstand me – we are not going to end polio or bring

peace to the world by waving a wand and saying some funny words," Urchick told incoming district governors at the Rotary International Assembly on 8 January. "It's up to you. You create the magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member."

[Click here to watch RI President Elect's theme message](#)

District Conference 2024

Join us for the 'THINK OUT OF THE BOX' Conference at Mudgee in March 2024 and listen to industry leaders and experts share their inspiring stories and practical insights.

Friday 15th - Sunday 17th March 2024

Parklands Resort and Conference Centre, Ulan Road, Mudgee

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District Conference 2024

Rotary District 9660
MUDGEE MARCH 15-17
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REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!
Options and packages to suit most budgets

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RAWCS

You are invited to RAWCS Eastern Regional Meeting Feb 3-4, 2024



Message from the Secretary of Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS):

Greetings Rotarians,

We wish to extend to you all a most wonderful festive season and best wishes for the 2024 year as you work towards making the world a better place through your RAWCS projects.

A reminder that our next face-to-face General meeting will be held on 3rd and 4th February at Club Macquarie, Argenton. I have attached information for your consideration.

Suzanne Morgan
RAWCS Eastern Region Secretary



RAWCS Eastern Region Showcase Meeting
3rd to 4th Feb 2024

Hosted by The Rotary Club of Morisset & RAWCS, District 9660 @ Club Macquarie, 458 Lake Rd, Argenton NSW 2284

Saturday 2-4:30 pm Information Sessions & Showcase of Local RAWCS Projects.

6:00 pm for 6:30 pm Dinner & Guest Speaker RAWCS National General Manager: Mahir Momand \$45 per person: Prior Online-Bookings

SUNDAY 9-12 am Eastern Region RAWCS General Meeting

Come and celebrate Rotary's success and fellowship with District 9660 on the beautiful shores of Lake Macquarie. Enjoy the lake and surrounding area or venture further afield to the vineyards in the Hunter Valley

Bookings via Trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/CNTVV> close 26/1/24 and are essential for each session.

For Information contact:

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Emergency Medicine Kenya Foundation

We have the pleasure of announcing that our club has received a grant from the Balwyn Centenary Committee for our Adopt-an-ED project in Kenya in partnership with Emergency Medicine Kenya Foundation (EMKF). This grant was for \$50,000.00

Congratulations Dr Grace for your hard work in preparing the grant application which was very comprehensive and well written.

Originally the project was to upgrade the Kapsabet County Referral Hospital but a new hospital is being constructed. Therefore the project will now upgrade the Bungoma County Referral Hospital.

Following a meeting with EMKF we have been advised that the Bungoma County Referral Hospital project green light is on and the project has commenced.!

We are in the process of transferring the funds to the Emergency Medicine Kenya Foundation.

Regular progress reports will be issued.

CLUB MEETINGS

Our club meetings are held each Monday at Club Taree RSL and Golf Club.

06:00 pm for 06:30 pm start.

Wingham Road
Taree
NSW 2430

BIRTHDAYS

Neil Hanington 20th January

Phil Streatfeild 23rd January

YEARS OF SERVICE

Kevin Sharp

01-02-1976

48 Years

Brian Hole

01-02-1978

46 Years

Susie Ploder

06-02-2012

12 Years