



Rotary Opens Opportunities



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**The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie**  
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## Last Call Conference Registrations (before late fee after February 14th)

As at 5/2/2021, 195 Rotarians & partners have registered for the conference from 25+ out of 60 clubs. Our club has 17

Rotarians & 8 partners registered with 25 attending the DG's Dinner on the Saturday night. Information from Valda Sturrock - Conference Registrar.

Don't miss this great opportunity to see Rotary showcased in our 100th year in Australia.

**District Conference 9650 Registrations by February 14**  
<https://www.rotary9650.org.au/district-conference>

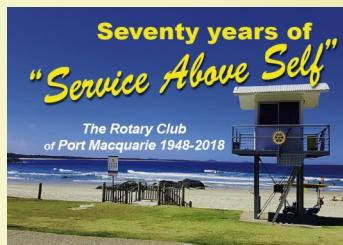


DG Debbie Loveday with DGE David Mayne

### DG Debbie Loveday writes about the 9650 DISTRICT CONFERENCE in the latest District E-News -

*We are weeks away from our District Conference, 2021, "Rotary an International Affair", and I would urge everyone to get their registration in asap. Local advertising has begun in Focus magazine and you should have received the conference flier either electronically or hard copy for those clubs not in the coastal area surrounding Port Macquarie. Radio and Community advertising will begin next week onwards, and I will be inviting the public to attend. This will ensure that the message of Rotary and the opportunity to see and hear about our work in our communities and internationally is communicated. It will be a great opportunity for the public to get information on membership of a Rotary Club. Our Arc of Friendship will be in the main Auditorium, so you will not have to walk far to enjoy the stands and presentations.*

*Saturday evening, we are having a grand black-tie dinner and show featuring Tamworth's very own Rob McDougall and Daniel Belle. If you have not heard these two then google them and listen to their amazing voices. We will be celebrating the Centenary of Rotary in Australia, 100years of Service Above Self. I am hoping to have a slide show featuring the photos from the Centenary Book, compiled by many of our leaders including PDG Harry Durey. The book contains many of our District 9650 projects, so we can be very proud of our achievements over the years. Remember register now to ensure your seat and avoid the late fee of \$40!*



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# Club program

If you are unable to fulfil your role, swap with someone & advise Bull Editor - Kerry Medway

Date	Program	Speaker	Program Chair	Welcomer	My Story/Fascinating	International	Sergeant
Feb. 17th	Social Meet BLUE WATER Café	See details below	Glenda Barber		Facts	Toast	
February 19 - 20 -21 TOUCH FOOTBALL Car parking.....see DG Debbie Loveday for roster help.							
Feb. 24th	Bush Tucker	Uncle Bill - Biripai	Brian Calford	Diana Gammon	Geoff Slack	Alastair Moss	Neil Porter
Mar. 3rd	ZOOM						



## Rotary Solar Case

Tonights guest speaker was Darcy Geale (accompanied by his wife Helen) from the R/C of Salamandar Bay (Nelson Bay). Darcy gave a passionate presentation of an invention he has been working on to assist third world countries with the need for light & power.

The Rotary Solar Case is a compact high power battery bank designed to provide light & power in remote health centres. The need for good lighting is essential for safe birthing (as opposed to kerosene lamps & torches often having to be used). Darcy has created three units, two of which have been sent to New Guinea for testing. Working with Durst Industries these units could be made for about \$1500 (reducing down to \$1000 ea if mass production of 100 units could be produced).

The US models cost US\$3500. The program is about 2 years behind schedule due to Covid restrictions. Darcy is continuing to work on the unit & hopes it may also assist Dr Ray Hodgson's work in Nepal.



## Note these Dates - in your diary -

- **February 19-20-21 - Touch Football car parking**
- **March 12 - 14, 2021 - District 9650 Conference in Port Macquarie**
- **March 26-28 - Rotary Book Sale - Panthers**
  - **April 21st - Rotary Anzac Day**
  - **Rotary Golf Day - date tba**



- The International Toast tonight was presented by **Kerry Medway to the R/C of Auckland NZ**. The first R/C in New Zealand chartered on June 13th 1921, one hundred years ago. In fact this was the first service club in NZ.
- Our club is planning a combined **Rotary Clubs Anzac Day celebration on April 21st**. Phil Perry invited members to wear any family war medals on the evening.
- Glenda Barber advises that **Frank Moxon** has been back in hospital as he has a reaction to his treatment. **June O'Toole** is at present in Hospital recovering from a procedure. **Lyn Slack** has been having trouble & after further checks found that her leg is broken.
- **Bob Cleland** advised that things have been cleared with Panthers for this years **Monster Rotary Book Sale on March 26-27-28**. So far the sale of second hand books has raised \$40,000 (less expenses) for Rotary. The book shop plus the mini book sale last year.
- **Phil Perry** advised that the **Rotary Lodge** had a record intake for January. Over 800 bed nights, the largest for 22 years.

## Our Club's next Social Outing - Wed. 17th Feb. 6pm



@ Ocean Street off Pacific Drive PMQ  
 RSVP to Glenda Barber 0412 616 183 by Noon Sunday 14th  
 Or email: gbarber@midcoast.com.au  
*Great food & great night out*

## BIRTHDAYS

### February 2021

- 11/02 - Bett Calford
- 18/02 - Alastair Moss
- 14/02 - Craig & Donna Wearne
- 15/02 - Laurie & Glenda Barber
- 21/02 - Ted & Robbie Giblin

## ANNIVERSARIES

### February 2021

- 10/02 - Kerry & Julie Medway
- 10/02 - Fred & June O'Toole