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## District 9640



# THE FOUR G'S GAZETTE

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## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MONTHLY MESSAGE



Happy New Year to all! Both Jeff and I wish all members of our Rotary family a prosperous and joyous New Year. As we all return from the Festive Season, (hopefully renewed, refreshed and revitalised), we re-engage in our service to our communities and endeavour once again to be a gift to the world. As we were reminded at the commencement of the 2015-2016 Rotary year, this year and its opportunities comes but once and we have only this one opportunity to make the change that we want to see in the world. The calendar New Year is a good time to take stock as to what we have achieved to date and we have still to do before our work is complete. I thank all Rotarians in District 9640 for their efforts to date and look forward to working with you in the next 6 months.

January is Vocational Service Month. With our focus on community service we sometimes forget the fundamental importance of vocational service for every Rotarian. Vocational service underpins the 4 objects of Rotary and is the framework upon which all community service is based. Whether at work, at home or at play, what we do today has the potential to improve all of our tomorrows.

*"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence."* Helen Keller

And in January we say goodbye to our Youth Exchange students from the Southern Hemisphere who have been with us for the last 12 months. Thank you for sharing your life with us during this time; we wish you well on your future journey through life and we look forward to continuing being companions on the journey with you.

Yours in Rotary

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## MONTHLY THEME - VOCATIONAL SERVICE



### What is vocational service?

If you are an active, engaged Rotarian, you probably view vocational service as a way of life, even if you find it difficult to articulate a clear definition.

The concept of vocational service is rooted in the Second Object of Rotary, which calls on Rotarians to "encourage and foster" –

1. High ethical standards in business and professions
2. The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations
3. The dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society

As a Rotarian, how can you put these ideals into action?

- Talk about your vocation in your club, and take time to learn about fellow members' vocations.
- Use your professional skills to serve a community.
- Practice your profession with integrity, and inspire others to behave ethically through your own words and actions.
- Help a young person achieve his or her career aspirations.
- Guide and encourage others in their professional development.

If you do any of these things, you are performing vocational service. And if vocational service motivates and energizes you, then you're in the right place, because vocational service is the very essence of Rotary. It is what sets Rotary apart from other service organizations.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !

During **December** we were pleased to be able to welcome the following new members in to our District –

Club	Name
<b>Burleigh Heads</b>	Nella Amato
<b>eClub of NextGen</b>	Stewart Hase
<b>Grafton</b>	Julian Bryant
<b>Mt Warning AM</b>	Brigitte Pritchard
<b>Southport</b>	Lyann Anthony
	Alan Blackman
	Paul Fitzmaurice
	Nicole Graham
	Cameron Harrison
	Melissa Heath
	Lara Herrero
	Simon Jeanes
	Michael Lovell
	Dustin Marcus
	Wendy Reiner
	Gillian Rumpf
	Rebecca Sanders
	Danielle Stanisic
Regina Tucker	
Robert Turowski	
Bing Yan	
<b>Tenterfield</b>	Miles Blum

## JAMES JACOBS FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Rotary eClub of NextGen member Jan Kealton and her husband Leigh are continuing to support those who are less fortunate each Christmas with their annual James Jacobs Fellowship Christmas Lunch.

The lunch, now held annually on Christmas Day, was first held in 2007, in memory of their son James, who developed schizophrenia in his late teens and tragically died in 2005. Christmas Day can be a day which triggers sadness and loneliness for some people, especially for those who may not have the wide circle of extended family and friends that everyone else seems to enjoy.

The first Christmas lunch in 2007 was held in the Southport Clubhouse of the Mental Illness Fellowship of Queensland (MIFQ). Both Jan and Leigh are long term members of MIFQ and James had been one of the early members of their Clubhouse. The concept of a Christmas Lunch was swiftly embraced by MIFQ, with MIFQ staff co-ordinating the majority of bookings, assisted by staff from the Gold Coast University Hospital Health and Homeless Outreach Team.

Jan and Leigh very quickly recognised the value of a smaller, intimate event, where everyone was equal.

The lunch is promoted through the local network of hospital and community government and non-government services as well as through face-to-face contact. The annual Gold Coast Homeless Connect Day provides a fantastic opportunity for Jan, Leigh and an assortment of friends to don their Santa hats, dress up their stand with an abundance of Christmas decorations, and hand out 'date-claimer' invitations to potential guests.

Nowadays, the Christmas lunch is held in the church hall at St Peter's Anglican Church in Southport. From catering for 48 people in 2007, the Christmas Lunch has gained considerable momentum, and in December 2015, served 156 meals and sent some takeaways home for a few guests who were unable to attend.



All involved have worked hard to maintain its intimate nature, ensuring that the role of most of the volunteers is simply to be friendly and non-judgemental and for all to enjoy themselves. Everyone eats together, in keeping with the philosophy that "we are all just people, who are in this world together". Jan and Leigh are ever so grateful for the support from various parties, including The Parish of St Peter's Anglican Church, MIFQ, Spotlight Theatre, The Rotary eClub of NextGen, and the many friends and supporters of this lunch, without whom this Christmas lunch simply couldn't happen.

If you would like to know more about the Christmas Lunch, you can contact Jan via email: [janchee@onthenet.com.au](mailto:janchee@onthenet.com.au) or by mobile 0412 829 094.

## ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE

Members are invited to register their interest for a Rotary Friendship Exchange with a difference in 2016. This year we are embarking on an Exchange within Australia, with a planned Exchange to occur with District 9790, which is located to the north-east of Melbourne and also takes in clubs within south west New South Wales including Albury, Holbrook and Deniliquin.



The Exchange is currently programmed to occur with a hosting by District 9640 in the June/July/August period with a visit to District 9790 in October/November. The final planning for this Exchange will depend upon the makeup of the Team and the Host Clubs. The Exchange will be of 14 day duration in both Districts.

We are looking at a team of up to 10/12 participants and if this Exchange is of interest, I would love to hear from you. If you are unable to make the trip to District 9790 but your Club is interested in Hosting and showing off your part of our District, I would also appreciate hearing from you. These types of Rotary activities are a great way of forging new Friendships and building relationships with other Rotarians.

This promises to be a great Exchange as the members of the Club's in District 9790 are looking forward to a northern sojourn to escape the vagaries of the Victorian weather. Members of District 9640 may wish to explore areas such as Euroa, Myrtleford and Shepparton on their visit to District 9790.

Please register your interest by email to Neil Baldwin at [nandcbaldwin@gmail.com](mailto:nandcbaldwin@gmail.com) by Friday 19 February 2016, for either or both Club Hosting and a participant on the Friendship Team.

## INAUGURAL ALUMNI DINNER



The District 9640 Inaugural Alumni Dinner will be held on Saturday, 27 February 2016 starting at 6:30pm for a 7pm Dinner at the Southport Golf Club.

Guest speaker for the evening will be the Hon Stuart Robert M.P. the Federal Member for Fadden since 2007. Stuart is also a former team member of a Group Study Exchange (GSE) to Turkey. Mix with past GSE participants, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Peace Fellows etc.

Cost is \$35 per head, with registration and payment online via <http://www.trybooking.com/JIMU>.

Enquiries can be made to Marion Jones by contacting her on 0406 040 039 or emailing [srmd@bigpond.net.au](mailto:srmd@bigpond.net.au).

## USED BOOK SALE !

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF BROADBEACH**  
Charity  
**BOOK SALE**

All proceeds benefit Gold Coast Charities including:  
Lifeline  
Youth Suicide Prevention Program

There's nothing quite like a real book!  
[www.broadbeachrotary.org](http://www.broadbeachrotary.org)  
100% of all funds raised go to local charities and Rotary projects.  
**BARGAINS FOR ALL THE FAMILY!**

**22ND TO 24TH JANUARY 2016**  
Albert Waterways Community Centre  
Cnr. Hooker Boulevard & Sunshine Boulevard,  
Broadbeach Waters QLD 4218  
Friday/Saturday 10am to 6pm  
Sunday 10am to 4pm

Come along, browse through your favourite categories and depart with some great holiday reading at bargain basement prices

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On 22, 23 & 24 January 2016, the Rotary Club of Broadbeach is holding a used book sale at the Albert Waterways Community Centre. The Community Centre is located on the corner of Hooker Boulevard and Sunshine Boulevard, Broadbeach Waters.

Come along and grab some great holiday reading at bargain basement prices ! For more information please visit the following website –

<http://www.broadbeachrotary.org/booksale/index.html>

## VALE KEITH WILSON



Keith Wilson was a man who loved his family, cars, and community greatly. Keith passed away suddenly during the Christmas period aged just 66.

Keith was the Charter President of the Rotary Club of Hope Island and also stepped in as President during 2014-2015 and a Paul Harris Fellow.

His enthusiasm, big thinking, motivation and his joy of life were only exceeded by his desire to make his community and world a better place for all.

It is no wonder that his daughter concluded her eulogy of her father with the words "thank you for being a gift to the world Dad".

## HELP NEEDED FOR NEW ROTARY CLUB IN TIMOR LESTE

Timor-Leste is one of the poorest countries in the world and one of the youngest. It has one Rotary Club, and four Rotaract Clubs with approximately 200 members, and these Clubs play a vital role in the lives of many young Timorese people.

Many of these members have now reached or passed the age of 30, and they want to continue to be involved with Rotary and have their own Rotary Club.

Under the direction of District Governor for District 9550, Mike Woods, the proposed new Rotary Club of Lafaek Dili could be a reality very soon, with 49 young people keen to be charter members of this new club.

DG Mike says there is the potential of up to 100 members, however affordability is a major issue, and with the very high rate of unemployment in Timor-Leste, the mandatory RI and district dues would prevent some of them becoming Rotarians.

Whilst these young people might be financially poor, they are rich in community spirit and keen to make their contribution in their local communities and villages, and building their self-development at the same time.



To enable the opportunity for young Timorese to become Rotarians, financial support is being sought for the proposed Rotary Club of Lafaek Dili. This support can be as an individual or as a club, importantly though this support should be for a minimum of at least five years, with a per member contribution of AUD 200. Notwithstanding this support, and irrespective of the financial status of an individual member, each must pay a minimum of AUD 50 annual membership fee.

Many Australian clubs and districts have a close association with Timor-Leste with ongoing projects, many of which focus on youth activities. This can be another way that you or your club can be involved indirectly with community service in that country by, supporting the proposed Rotary Club of Lafaek Dili, and sponsoring one or a number of the young people of Timor-Leste to become Rotarians.

The project is proudly sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Darwin and Mundingburra. For more information on the support of this club contact –

Scott Perkins (Rotary Club of Darwin)  
[presidentdrwn@d9550rotary.org.au](mailto:presidentdrwn@d9550rotary.org.au)

Paul Barker-Hudson (Rotary Club of Mundingburra)  
[presidentmunb@d9550rotary.org.au](mailto:presidentmunb@d9550rotary.org.au)

## DISTRICT AWARDS 2015/16



So your club has worked hard to achieve excellence: You deserve to be recognized! In just over a month, applications close for the 2015/16 District Awards !

### Award Categories

The following awards will be on offer for 2015/16 –

#	Description
1	Best Club Bulletin
2	Conference Attendance
3	Membership Increase
4	The Rotary Foundation Award
5	International Service
6	Community Service Awards
7	Vocational Excellence Award
8	Vocational Service Award
9	Service to Youth
10	Rotary - Rotaract Involvement
11	Best Conference Display Award
12	Australian Rotary Health
13	Rotary - Interact Involvement
14	Public Relations Award – General
15	Public Relations Award – Single Event
16	Best Endeavour Award
17	Club Website Award
18	Significant Achievement
19	Best Multi-Club Project

### General Rules

General rules applying to all awards -

- In reviewing projects, special weighting will be given to those projects carried out by clubs of in innovative and outstanding nature.

- Consideration will also be given to the size of the club in judging points.
- Less prominence will be given to projects which would be considered to be part of the normal program of a Rotary club.

### Closing Dates

The closing dates for all award applications, other than (2) Club Attendance, (3) Conference Attendance, (12) Membership Increase, (13) Best Club Program / Project and the Presidential Citation is 12 noon, 28 February 2016.

Please forward all entries (electronic or hard copy) to:-

District Awards Committee Chairman,  
Franz Huber  
P O Box 5381  
Gold Coast Mail Centre QLD 9726  
Phone (Bus) 07 5597 0666 (M) 0414 970 666  
Email [franzhuber@onthenet.com.au](mailto:franzhuber@onthenet.com.au)

### Further Information & Application Form

Further information on all of the various awards, along with an application form, can be found on the District website –

<http://rotary9640.org/SitePage/district-awards>

## PETS & DISTRICT ASSEMBLY 2016

Please mark your club calendar with the dates for these two training events –

### Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (PETS)

Saturday March 5th, 2016  
St Stephen's College  
31 Reserve Road Upper Coomera  
10am Qld time (11am NSW time)

### District Assembly

Sunday 6 March, 2016  
St Stephen's College  
31 Reserve Road Upper Coomera  
9.15am Qld time (10.15am NSW time)

If you have any questions please contact Wendy Scarlett by calling 07 5524 4368 or 0407 130 449 or by emailing [wendy.scarlett@hotmail.com](mailto:wendy.scarlett@hotmail.com)

## RI PRESIDENT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE



There is a story told in my Hindu tradition of two sages, Shaunaka and Abhipratari. They were worshippers of Prana, the wind god. One day, the two men were about to sit down to lunch when a poor student knocked on their door, asking for food.

"No, boy, do not bother us at this hour," was the reply. The student was surprised but very hungry, so he persisted.

"Tell me, honored sirs, which deity do you worship?"

"Prana, the wind god," they answered impatiently.

"Do you not know that the world begins and ends with wind, and that wind pervades the entire universe?"

The two sages were by now very irritated by their impertinent guest. "Of course we know it!" they replied.

"Well, then," continued the student, "if Prana pervades the universe, then he pervades me also, since I am but part of the universe. He is also in this hungry body, which stands before you begging for a bite to eat! And so in denying food to me, you deny it to the very deity whom you say you serve."

The sages realized the student spoke the truth and invited him to enter and share their meal. For they understood, at that moment, that by opening the door to one who sought their help, they were not only serving that individual – but reaching toward a larger goal.

Our experience of Rotary is, for the most part, based in our own communities. We meet every week in our clubs, in the same places, with the same familiar friends. While almost all of us are involved in some way or other in international service, the Rotary we see and share from day to day feels very local. It can be easy to lose sight of the larger picture – of what our service truly means.

Every impact you have as a Rotarian, individually and through your club, is multiplied by the power of our numbers.

When you feed one person who is hungry, when you educate one person who is illiterate, when you protect one child from disease, the impact may seem small. It is anything but. For it is only through the power of numbers, through the power of our individual actions and gifts, that we can have the impact we seek: to truly *Be a Gift to the World*.

K.R. (Ravi) Ravindran  
President 2015/16



## REGISTER NOW FOR INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN SEOUL 2016

"Touch the World in Korea" from 29 May to 1 June 2016.



Book your trip to Seoul by clicking on the register link on the image above, visit [www.riconvention.org](http://www.riconvention.org) or simply contact PDG Brian Heaton at [val.22@bigpond.com](mailto:val.22@bigpond.com) or by calling 0409 007 848.

## ROTARY GLOBAL REWARDS

Rotary Global Rewards is a new member benefit program that offers discounts on products and services like travel, hotels, dining and entertainment



You can learn more and redeem Rotary Global Rewards at [rotary.org/globalrewards](http://rotary.org/globalrewards)

## DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mark your diary for the following key dates, including training dates. Don't forget you can get more details on these events as well as what else is going on, via the District Website.

Date	Details (Location)
01 Feb 16	Youth Exchange Program - deadline for 2017 outbound applications
07 Feb 16	Quarterly Leadership Meeting (Ocean Shores)
27 Feb 16	Inaugural Alumni Dinner (Southport Golf Club) Rotary Foundation Million Dollar Dinner (Hilton Hotel, Brisbane)
05 Mar 16	President Elect (PETS) Training (Saint Stephens College, Coomera)
06 Mar 16	District Assembly (Saint Stephens College, Coomera)
17 Apr – 15 May 16	Inbound Group Study Exchange from Pennsylvania
23 Apr – 21 May 16	Outbound Group Study Exchange to Pennsylvania
03 May – 06 May 16	Bike Ride for Mental Health (Tenterfield to Murwillumbah) For more information visit <a href="http://www.gtoc.com.au">www.gtoc.com.au</a>
06 May 16	College of Governor's Luncheon (Greenhills Reception Lounge)
06 May - 09 May 16	District Conference (Murwillumbah) For bookings visit <a href="http://e.mybookingmanager.com/D9640Conference2016">http://e.mybookingmanager.com/D9640Conference2016</a>
10 May 16	Youth Exchange Program – District interviews (Robina High School)
12 Jun 16	Quarterly Leadership Meeting (Ocean Shores)



### DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2016

**6 – 9 MAY 2016**  
**CIVIC CENTRE**  
**MURWILLUMBAH**

**REGISTER NOW !**



### DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

**6 MARCH 2016**  
**ST STEPHEN'S COLLEGE**  
**UPPER COOMERA**

**ALL ROTARIAN'S WELCOME**