

Tweed Torch

Newsletter of 2014/15 District Governor, Wendy Scarlett

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District Governor's Update



Welcome to our first edition of Tweed Torch, the District Governor newsletter for 2014-15. Charles and I feel lucky to live at Banora Point right on the Tweed River but we are looking forward to travelling further afield over the next few months to visit 54 Rotary clubs and 6 Rotaract clubs to learn about what makes your hometown special and to learn of the community involvement of your Rotarians.

The last month has been busy for PDG Tony and Dianne and many Past District Governors who have officiated at 54 club changeovers. It is an exciting time for each club when the new committee steps up to take on the new challenges and we wish all Rotarians well for the coming Rotary year.

RI President Gary Huang from Taiwan has asked us to Light Up Rotary. If 1.2 million of us each light our Rotary candle to do good in the world we will certainly light up the world. RI President Gary has asked us to involve our families in Rotary and involve our communities.

Gary has asked each club to host a Rotary Day to involve people outside of Rotary so they understand what we do and will want to join us. Many clubs are already doing this in many different ways across our district. Polio eradication is high on the agenda this year as we work towards an end to polio, our gift to the children of the world. What an amazing day that will be when we reach that goal.

Having fun is a really important aspect of Rotary so make sure you think of ways to have more fun so Rotarians want to keep coming and bring others to join the fun and fellowship.

Thank you to Gareth Hunt who has taken on the role of DG Newsletter editor. His expertise in this area is evident in the Hope Island club bulletins so we look forward to bringing you inspiration and information about happenings in District 9640 every month.

Charles and I are looking forward to working with you to make a difference in our world, to Light Up Rotary.

Wendy Scarlett
District Governor

Rotary Theme for July

This month does not have a specific designation but is the month in which Rotary officers begin their year of service.

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District Changeover Celebrations



DG Wendy Scarlett (L) with PDG Tony Heading (R) and DGE Anne Egan (Back).



Margarita Rickard (L), District Membership Chair and Simone Wong (R), District Youth Chair.



The Light up Rotary cake provided by Sue Randel – fantastic !

Rotarians from across our district gathered at Kingscliff Beach Bowls Club on 29th June 2014 to celebrate the success of 2013 -14 under PDG Tony Heading's leadership and to welcome DG Wendy Scarlett to lead us in 2014-15 as we Light Up Rotary.

As shown in latest Granite Grapevine, Tony made special presentations on behalf of our district to PDG Graham Jones AM, Carol Brown from Casino and Broadbeach Rotary as well as recognising Bill Vanderstaay, Sue Lloyd and Peter Dixon with Paul Harris Fellow or Sapphires. Tony thanked his District Leadership Team, especially the 5 Assistant Governors who are retiring after completing 3 years in the role – David Morgan, Sue Lloyd, DGE Anne Egan, John Tunnicliff and DGN Michael Irving.

Following Wendy's induction as District Governor she introduced her Leadership Team including Assistant Governors Rick Angelo, Gary Faulks, Graham Howie, Denis Hallworth, Kirk Mason, Rohan Cooper, Darrell Brown, Peter Truer and Harry Bolton. Secretary is Sue Randel, Treasurer Doug Lipp, District Finance Chair Phil Fairweather, Extension PDG Sandra Doumany, Membership Margarita Rickard, Youth Services Simone Wong, Public relations Harold Busch, Service projects PDG Tony Hennessy and The Rotary Foundation Chair Neil Jones.

Entertainment was provided by the whales which could be seen through the floor to ceiling glass wall as they travel north. Special thanks to Sue Randel for the fantastic cake with the 2014-15 Rotary theme "Light Up Rotary".

Lighthearted Moment

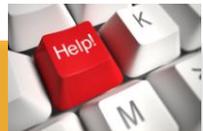


Ok, so we all know that the Rotary theme this year is 'Light up Rotary.....'

However, we suspect that Alan McDonald, President of Mermaid Beach Rotary Club is extending the theme just a little too far in this outfit !

Way to go Alan ... at least you will stand out from the crowd !

Tech Tip of the Month



Ever been stuck trying to find the phone number or email of a fellow Rotarian in the District ? Well, rather than fumble for the scrap of paper you wrote the details down on why not simply use the electronic directory on the District website ?

Simply go to our website (www.rotary9640.org) and choose *Members > Members Only > Member Search* from the menu. You will be prompted to log in (there is also a link to retrieve your password if you forget it) and you will be able to search by Club and / or name. It's that easy !

Group Study Exchange (GSE) with District 1461 (Denmark) in 2015



How good does a summer in Denmark sound for a Rotarian Team Leader and four team members, as part of our District's GSE Team in 2015 ?

Rotarians who wished to apply as Team Leader must be experienced Rotarians with the ability to prepare and lead a team of young professionals in the early stages of their careers.

Team members must be enthusiastic young business and professional people wishing to be part of the team for this vocational and cultural study tour. Applicants need to be Australian Citizens, employed or reside in Rotary District 9640 and have been employed in their business or profession for a minimum of two years. Rotarians and relatives of Rotarians are not eligible to apply.

District 1461 is the most Southern part of the country with Germany as border and goes from the flat marshlands in the West over rolling hills, fjords and small islands to the smiling island of Funen. It has a lot of history and is for large parts agricultural country. The team will also be able to visit Copenhagen even though it's not in the district. Other highlights include Legoland, Koldinghus castle and Odense with the H.C. Andersen museum. The district stretches over 200 km from East to West and 100 km from North to South. It has at least 1000 km of coastline because of all the islands.

Dates for the visit to D1461 Denmark are 24th May to 20th June 2015. The GSE Team from Denmark will be in D9640 from 7th April to 8th May 2015 and clubs are invited express interest in hosting the team.

Application forms are available on Rotary District 9640 website and were forwarded to clubs in early July for Team Leader, Team Member and Hosting Clubs.

**Further information contact District GSE Chairman,
Ian Wilson via email at ianwil@bigpond.net.au**

Club Spotlight



Hope Island

The Rotary Club of Hope Island was chartered on 26 February 2003 and currently has 38 active members. It has grown rapidly in recent times and won the District Award for the highest membership increase in 2013/14.

The club's signature service project is Rumah Sehat (Healthy House) in Bali, Indonesia. Run by club member, Ray Bishop & wife Sue the house provides medical and dental services for over 500 people across 3 villages in the Bhunutan District.

Disaster Aid Australia, The Gold Coast Suns Horizons Program, Paradise Kids, St John's Anglican Drop In Centre for the Homeless, Australian Rotary Health, The Smith Family, The Human Brain Research Programme and of course the project in Bali were all key beneficiaries of the club's fundraising in the past 12 months.

During the year the club also built a Sensory Garden for the residents of the Woodlands Lodge Aged Care Facility in Arundel.

New Rotary Year, New Members

As the new Rotary year begins, clubs around the District are welcoming in new members including Hope Island (above) who welcomed in Linda Sullivan at their Changeover Dinner.

Another of the first to join was Janine Shepherd (R) who was inducted as a member of the Rotary Club of Murwillumbah Central on 1st of July 2014.



Congratulations go to both Linda and Janine and welcome to District 9640 and to Rotary !

Where's Wendy ?

District Governor's Schedule for July and August

July

- 21 DG Visit – Glen Innes
- 22 DG Visit - Tenterfield
- 23 DG Visit – Kyogle
- 24 DG Visit – Lismore West
- 25 Tweed Heads South Art Show
- 26 GSE Debrief & Casino Changeover
- 27 NYSF Selection
- 28 DG Visit – Bond Uni Interact
DG Visit – Palm Beach
- 29 DG Visit – Broadbeach
- 30 DG Visit – Mount Warning AM

August

- 2 Bunnings BBQ
GC Suns Raffle Sales
- 4 DG Visit – Allora
- 5 DG Visit – Warwick
- 6 DG Visit – Warwick Rotaract
DG Visit – Goondiwindi
- 7 DG Visit – Boonah
- 9 GC Suns Homeless Sleepout
- 11 DG Visit – Ballina
- 12 DG Visit – Iluka-Woombah
- 13 DG Visit – Alstonville
- 14 DG Visit – Ballina-on-Richmond
- 15 DG Visit – Summerland Sunrise
- 18 DG Visit – Lismore
- 19 DG Visit – Byron Bay
- 20 DG Visit – Tweed Coast
- 21 Mental Health Forum
DG Visit – Coolangatta-Tweed
- 22 Strategic Planning Meeting
- 25 DG Visit – Casino
- 26 DG Visit – Goonellabah
- 31 Finance, Company Board Leadership Meeting



The District Conference committee, headed by Chair Lew Verney, is working hard to show you a wonderful time in Goondiwindi on 17-19 April 2015.

If your club has not booked accommodation this may be a good time to get in and reserve your choice of motel, hotel or caravan park.

During this year please would you advise me of any Rotarians who pass away so that we are able to recognise them at District Conference.



The 'Mary Poppins' House | Allora

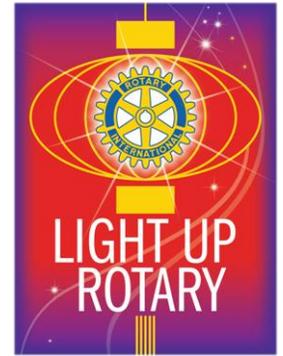
Rotary International President's Message | July 2014

Gary C.K. Huang



I find many traditional Chinese values reflected in Rotary: values of service and responsibility, of respect for family and for others. Sometimes I call Confucius the world's first Rotarian, because even though he died 2,500 years before Rotary was founded, his ideas are very much Rotary ideas. And one of the things he said was: 與其抱怨, 不如改變.

In English, you say, "It is better to light a single candle than to sit and curse the darkness."



I think that one line sums up the way we in Rotary approach the problems of the world. There is so much difficulty. There are so many people who need help. Many people look at this and say, "There is nothing I can do." So they do nothing – and nothing changes.

But this is not the Rotary way. The Rotary way is to light a candle. I light one candle, you light one candle – and so do 1.2 million other Rotarians. Together, we can do so much more than we could ever do alone. Together, we can light up the world.

In 2014-15, I am asking each of you to light your own Rotary candle – and Light Up Rotary together.

There are so many ways to Light Up Rotary. I hope many of you will choose to host a Rotary Day, to show your community what Rotary is and what we do. I hope you will involve your Rotaract and Interact clubs in your service, to bring the new generation of the Rotary family closer to Rotary membership. And I hope you will keep Rotary strong by inviting new members into Rotary – including your own spouses and family.

Perhaps the most important thing we can do to Light Up Rotary together is to finish the job we've been working on for more than a quarter of a century: the eradication of polio. We are so close to our goal. But we will get there only if we keep up the fight, keep up the momentum, and close the funding gap for the polio endgame plan.

Light Up Rotary together is our theme for this year, but it is more than just a theme. It is how we in Rotary see the world and our role in it. We believe that no one should sit alone in the darkness. Instead, we can come together, all 1.2 million of us, to Light Up Rotary. This is our goal – and my challenge to you.

Rotary Spotlight



Register for the 2015 São Paulo Convention at –

www.riconvention.org



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www.endpolio.org