

DISTRICT GOVERNOR NEWS



DG Pete, RI Pres Mark and Judy



District 9710
District Governor
Peter Ford

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From the District Governor...

Our Clubs are Vital and Active

My Club Visits are going along nicely. At this stage, I should have visited you all by early December 2019. Thank you for your hospitality and making me feel so welcome.

I am really impressed with how active Clubs are in the Community both at a local and international level. It is no wonder that Rotary has such a good reputation for its unselfish service. Please ensure that this excellent work gets the exposure it deserves. There are so many ways that media can be utilised to get the good news out.

There are people out there who are really interested in Community Service and Rotary could be their avenue for achieving this desire. Communication is the key.

Registrations for the District Conference (6-8 March 2020 in Ulladulla) is now open. You can log in to the District website and all the information you need is at your fingertips. Guest Speakers are being locked in, for what will be a fabulous weekend. The Royal Military College Band will be with us for the whole weekend, making a number of appearances during that time.

Start thinking about what you will be wearing for the Roaring 20s function on Saturday evening. The RMC Band will be kicking up a storm. In addition, we have some magical surprises to entertain you. The aim is to have fun on the coast.

Judy and I had the pleasure to attend the National Rotary Emergency Service Community Awards at Government House on Saturday 12 October 2019.

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Calendar

November

Focus: Rotary Foundation Month

- 9 District merger meeting in Young
- 11 Final closing date for RYLA applications
- 16 - 17 RAWCS Eastern Region meeting - hosted by D9700
- 22 - 24 YEP Inbound and Outbound students 2nd briefing - Greenhill's, Cotter ACT

December

- TBA District Team Training for 2020 - 2021
- 7 District Board and Finance Meeting
- 7 District AGM

2020 January

- 1 Semi Annual District Fees due
- 1 - 12 NYSF Session in Canberra
- 11 - 12 2019 Outbound students return
- 11 - 17 RYLA - Greenhill's, Cotter
- 15 - 26 NYSF Session in Canberra
- 18 2020 YEP Outbound students depart
- 19 - 25 International Assembly, San Diego
- 31 - 2/2 Rebounders' debrief

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If you have any events you would like added to this calendar please send them to jindeera@gmail.com



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His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley and Linda Hurley presented the awards to the two National awardees. It was humbling to hear what ends our Emergency Services Personnel go to in their chosen vocations.

Congratulations to PDG Steve Hill and PP Dot Hennessy OAM for their amazing work in pulling these awards together. In 2020, the Awards will expand to take in a wider geographic area. Let's hope that they continue to go from strength to strength.

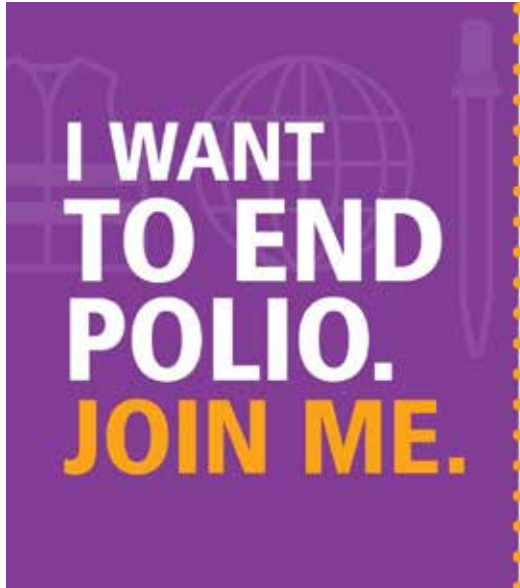
I was delighted to have the opportunity to give His Excellency a PHF sapphire and Mrs Hurley a PHF on behalf of the District.

I look forward to catching up in the near future. Please keep me in mind if you have a significant occasion to celebrate.

Pete



ROTARY'S WORLD POLIO DAY



Fun and Fund Raiser Dinner

Where: 4 Ryder Place, Nicholls, ACT 2913
When: Monday 28 October 2019
6:30pm for 7:00pm
Who: Family and Friends - especially welcome
Cost: Adults \$25 per person - Children \$15
Menu: 3 Course Buffet Dinner (BYO drinks)
RSVP: Friday 25 October 2019 please:
Sandra Goldstraw (inc. dietary requirements)
Email - sandramaygoldstraw@gmail.com
Phone – 0438 426 680

Rotary 
Club of Gungahlin

How Engaged are you as a Rotarian?

You may think that you are a good Rotarian. Maybe you have been in Rotary a long time or perhaps you are new. But are you engaged? Is Rotary an important part of your life? What exactly is engagement?

"...its a meaningful and ongoing relationship between an individual and an organisation." Tom Lehman

"...engagement is being inside, part of the family.... not on the outside looking in; wondering what's going on."
Todd Von Deak, TVD Associates

Take this short quiz to find out if you are engaged with Rotary.

Do you attend 80% of all meetings?

Do you volunteer to help at 80% of voluntary club activities?

Do you read the club bulletin every week to keep abreast of what is going on?

Do you own and wear your Rotary pin and polo when appropriate?

Have you introduced a new member?

Have you attended more than one Rotary conference?

Have you made up at another Club's meeting?

Do you contribute regularly to the Rotary Foundation?

Have you found a good speaker for a club meeting?

Have you been an active director on your Club board?

Score ten points for every truthful YES answer and multiply by 10. This will give your percentage rating of how engaged you are as a Rotarian.

Less than 50% and perhaps you are looking in from the outside and wondering what is going on.



CONFERENCE UPDATE

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

Go to the District Website to register

Early Bird Full Registration Fee (\$150.00)

Includes morning and afternoon teas, lunch
Saturday and dinner Saturday night
Offer expires 01/01/2020

From 1/1/20 cost is \$160

Interactor/Rotaractor/Youth Exchange Student Registration (\$80.00)

Includes morning and afternoon teas, lunch
Saturday and dinner Saturday night

Saturday - Day registration only (\$100.00)

Includes morning and afternoon teas and
lunch

Saturday - Roaring Twenties Dinner Magic Show and Dancing only (\$50.00)

Saturday 7th March 2020

Sunday - Day registration only (\$70.00)

Includes morning tea

Add-on - College of Governors meeting (\$15.00)

Friday 6th March 2020

Includes afternoon tea

Add-on - Rotary Foundation breakfast (\$15.00)

Sunday 8th March 2020

**This conference is
AMAZING value.
Come ride the wave
with us!**

NEW SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

Diane Kargas Bray AM

Awarded 2018 Canberra Citizen of the Year
Diane has tackled challenges from
homelessness to social inclusion to bushfire
recovery. She is Chair of Common Ground,
an organisation that supports supportive
and inclusive low-cost housing, and as chair
of Hands Across Canberra, Diane brings
together businesses, charities, government
and individuals to channel donations to local
charities.

Steven Bradbury - Australia's First Winter Gold Medalist and Motivational Speaker

Olympic Champion, Champion Speaker and
genuine onstage Motivator and Entertainer
is a unique skill set. Steven has all this.
Steven Bradbury has presented at over 800
conferences and events in 15 countries and
still loves it.

Brendan Montana

Brendan Montana's Magic has a reputation
in the Entertainment Industry to be one of
the most exciting and dynamic entertainment
shows in Australia. He will be part of our
Saturday night entertainment.

Rotary
District 9710





AN EVENING WITH PEGGY AND FRANKIE ANNIE'S ARMADILLOS CAFÉ DELIGHTFUL DECEMBER DUO

Supper and song evening to raise funds for Christmas Appeals of Salvos and Vinnies hosted by the Rotary Club of Aurora Gungahlin.

Date: Friday 6 December 2019
Time: 6 pm to 9 pm
Where: Annie's Armadillos Café, 7 O'Hanlon Place, Nicholls

The entertainment will begin at 6:30pm

- Annie Sloane
and
- Tony Hayley
backed by The Armadillos [John Black, Michael Lynch, and Ben Schumann]

Cost of the evening is \$50 per head. To book please deposit funds in BSB 112 908 Ac# 464 798 381 Rotary Club of Aurora Gungahlin Inc with reference "*Last Name Initial-Annies*" no later than 25 November.

Raffle prizes and Auction items on the night so please bring cash.

A light supper and dessert. BYOG and Glasses

As it will be held outside, it is important that you come dressed for the weather.



Rotary Club of Aurora Gungahlin

A relaxed and friendly service club working in partnership with the community, for the community

The Rotary Club of Pakuranga invites you to join the Ultimate 18 Day Rotary Tour of New Zealand

11th September to 28th September 2020



The Tour Key Points and Highlights are:

- The Tour includes 2 meals in Rotarians homes, and 2 Rotary Meeting visits.
- The Tour size is limited to 26 persons. (Within a 30/33 seater coach.)
- Accommodation will be 4 to 5 star and includes all breakfasts.
- Two night stays in all big city stopovers and 'not too early' start times.
- A professional 'Top Tour Guide' will travel with you throughout the Tour.
- The 18 day Tour includes both the North and South Islands of New Zealand.

The following details some of the 62 items that are included within the Tour price:

- An official Rotarian Welcome at the 'Grand Millennium' Hotel, Gift packs, Guided Tour of Auckland,
- Entry to the Auckland Museum, Visit to the 'Auckland Sky Tower', Tea Tour and Tastings at Zealong Estate,
- Guided Tour of 'Hobbiton', Guided Tour of 'Rainbow Springs' and 'Kiwi Encounter', Guided tour of Te Puia
- including a Maori Cultural Performance and Hangi dinner, visit to the Huka Falls, Wine tasting in Napier,
- Guided Walking Tour of downtown Napier, Sightseeing Tour of Wellington, Guided Tour of 'Weta Workshop',
- Ferry from Wellington to Picton, Hanmer Springs, Lake Tekapo, Lake Pukaki, Arrowtown, Queenstown,
- Invercargill, Milford Sounds, Sightseeing Tour of Dunedin, Orientation Tour of Christchurch City Centre.

Here are some of the typical comments received from Rotarians on previous Tours:

This was a great trip. We enjoyed every moment and really appreciated the opportunity to see some things that larger tour groups couldn't have seen.

PDG Greg Bevan and wife Lorraine of District 9670 (NSW, Australia.)

Sharron (the Tour Guide) is the very best tour guide we've ever experienced.

PDG Barbara Tracy & husband Jim from District 5180 (Greater Sacramento, USA.)

I found it useful not to have late nights included – the days were long enough for 'oldies'. I have already recommended your tour to someone in our Club.

Special 'Early-Bird' Fares: (This offer ends 29th November 2019 and is subject to change.)

NZ\$7,750 per person for two people sharing a room. (Approximately AUD 7,500)

NZ\$9,750 per person for a single person in one room. (Approximately AUD 9,450)

Please email: peter.hawkins@xtra.co.nz to request the 8 page full Tour details.

Polio Plus message given to Federal Health Minister

On 15 October 2019, a number of D9710 Rotarians joined Past RI President Ian Riseley, at Parliament House (Canberra). The purpose of the gathering was to acknowledge the progress made to eradicate Polio around the world.

This event was a lead up to World Polio Day, which is to be celebrated on 24 October 2019.

Federal Health Minister Greg Hunt, with a number of other prominent politicians, confirmed their commitment to support the various agencies involved in the quest to end Polio. Rotary's long-term efforts were adequately recognized by Mr Hunt and his fellow politicians.



PRIP Ian Riseley summarised Rotary's successful efforts to achieve world-wide Polio eradication.



Would you like to promote a Club project at the 2020 Conference?

You have a special project that your club members are really proud of and you want to tell everyone about it. You can!

You can do this in two ways:

1. Make a video of no more than 3 minutes showing your project. It can include sound.
- OR
2. Create a PowerPoint with no more than 15 slides. You can include a script.

If you wish to make a slideshow but include a video in it the total length must not exceed 3 minutes. The first 10 projects received will be included in the Conference. Instructions on submitting these will be given when you put in an expression of interest by emailing Judy Ford on jindeera@gmail.com

Everest Assault for Polio Eradication - April 2020



Lukla – Gokyo Lakes- Everest Base Camp - 19 days



- This is one of the world's great classic treks, with the additional challenge of reaching Gokyo Lakes and the negotiating Chola Pass at 5420m ASL. Experience unbelievable breathtaking scenery and the comradery of trekking with a small group as you challenge yourself to reach Base Camp and beyond.
- Get your first glimpses of the mighty Himalayan range on the included flight from Kathmandu to Lukla – surely one of the most dramatically located airports anywhere.
- You'll be accompanied by Rotarian Ken Hutt, an experienced trek leader and mountaineer, along with assistant guides and porters, who will not only give you all the support and guidance you need along the way, but also introduce you to the rich local Sherpa culture.
- Stay in a lodge near the world's highest freshwater lake system in Gokyo, sacred to both Hindus and Buddhists and sure to stun any of those lucky enough to see them in person.
- You'll forget the ache in your body and the chill on your nose the second you're warming your hands over a bowl of momos, but the memories of Himalayan vistas and the feeling of accomplishment will last a lifetime.
- There's nothing like the bonds you form with your fellow trekkers, all with the aim of giving the gift of a Polio free world, and guides – they'll support you

when you're feel like you can't go on and be there to pinch you if you can't believe the views and what you are experiencing.

- **Rotary** put forth the challenge to the world that we could make history and eradicate Polio.
 - Over the last 30 years, through partnerships, donations and awareness, there are now only 3 endemic countries, where Polio has not been eradicated.

Come walk with us and help us get this to **zero.**



Interested? Give Ken a call on 0418 205 225 or email ken.hutt@outlook.com

Is this trip right for you?

- There are 16 days of strenuous trekking on this trip. You'll be trekking up to 8 hours a day and at altitudes over 5500m at times. We can't underestimate how important it is to be in excellent fitness and health, which means training in the lead up to your trip in order to be best prepared.
- The trekking lodges, known as teahouses, that we stay in on the trek are very simple with only basic facilities. Hot water may not always be available and may cost extra, as will access to electricity points for charging devices. Wifi is available at some locations, but connections may be poor.

Rotary International Fellowships – an opportunity for fun and growth!

Since 1928, Rotarians with interests outside of Rotary have been gathering together to enjoy fun and fellowship with Rotarians from around the world and to fly the Rotary Flag on their combined interests.

Whether it's learning Esperanto (the first international fellowship)! Or an interest in sailing, aviation, 4x4 driving, music, antique and classic automobiles, motorbikes, horses, canoeing, bowling, curling!, caravanning, Rotary history, wine, beer, whiskey, quilting, travelling, cruising, home hosting, playing cricket, golf or chess, running marathons, fishing, cooking, or getting together with members of like professions such as lawyers, magicians, military veterans, police etc., there are many opportunities to meet like-minded Rotarians from around your area and the world!

There are even fellowships for those interested in going to conventions, Corporate Social Responsibility, Rotary e-clubs, education, ethics, genealogy, environment, and European philosophy.

There is a choice of over 80 international fellowships which you can join...and you can join many...or start your own!.

Most have events at least once a year, and members organise different events in their local areas as well as attending events further afield.

For a more focussed use of professional expertise and interests, Rotarians can also join any of the 25 Rotarian Action Groups (RAGs). These international groups of Rotarians, family members, program participants, and alumni, are experts in a particular field or passionate about topics such as economic development, peace, addiction prevention, the environment, or water. They provide opportunities to engage in service activities within one or more of Rotary's six areas of focus.

Why Join?

Rotary Fellowships and RAGs consist of members who share a common interest or expertise. RAGs are also a good resource for Rotarians when becoming involved in service projects.

These groups

- help expand skills,
- foster vocational development, and

- enhance the Rotary experience by exploring interests or utilising expertise, while developing connections around the world.

They also:

- Help participants make lasting friendships outside their own club, district, or country
- Advance Rotary's public image and identity
- Serve as an incentive for joining Rotary and for maintaining active membership
- Are open to Rotarians, Rotaractors, and their family members, as well as participants and alumni of all Rotary and Foundation programs.

Visit www.rotary.org/fellowships for additional resources on Rotary Fellowships.

Contact rotaryfellowships@rotary.org with questions.

Or D9710 District RAGs and Fellowships Chair

Lynne Duckham at lynneduckham@gmail.com

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A full list of current Rotary International Fellowships and Rotary Action Groups (RAGs) can be found at: <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/more-fellowships> and <https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/empower-leaders/join-rotarian-action-group>



District Grant Helps Establish Libraries in PNG



Four Canberra Rotary clubs are taking on the challenge of improving child literacy in Papua New Guinea (PNG). Building on successful club stationery projects in 2018, they are now helping

establish libraries in needy schools across the country.

They are doing so by funding Buk bilong Pikinini, an established literacy organisation set up by Canberra based Anne-Sophie Hermann, to provide library kits to re-establish depleted school libraries.

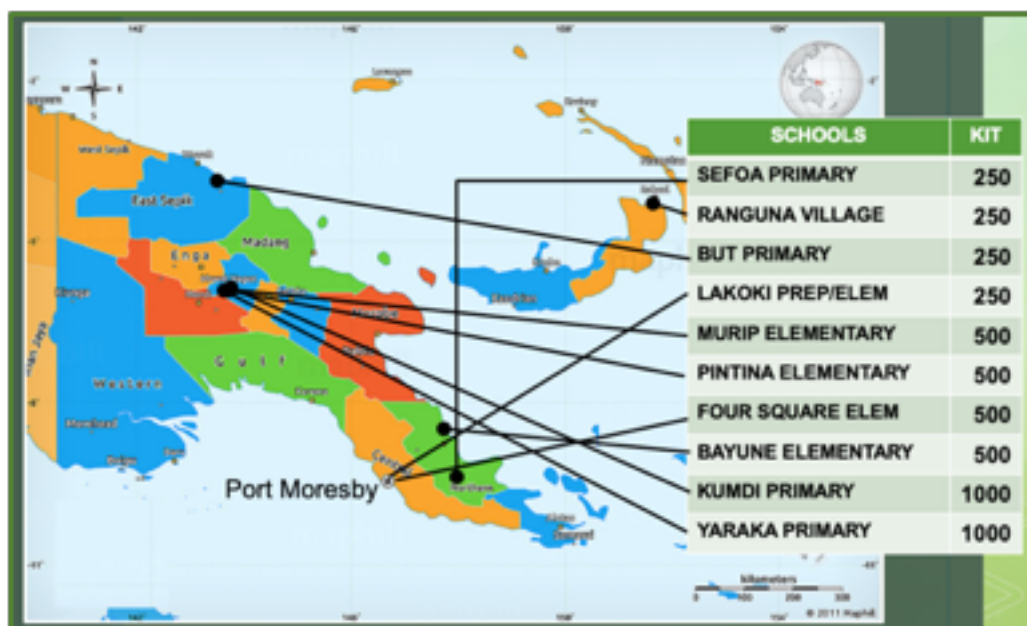


Club of Canberra
Weston Creek



The Rotary Club of Canberra-Weston Creek club was awarded a Rotary Foundation District Grant of \$3,600. Generous donations from the Rotary Clubs of Belconnen, Bungendore and Canberra Sunrise and from Weston Creek raised the funds available to \$6,600. Buk bilong Pikinini is now delivering library kits of between 250-1000 books to PNG schools drawn from those shown in the chart.

The first donations were made in September during Rotary's Education and Literacy month. Not only will the grant and project help children in those areas improve their reading, their ability to read will open up new opportunities for their families and communities.



Have a great story for the DG News?

The DG News will be published in the third week of the month. A list of closing dates for articles is below.

If you have a story, article or advertisement that you would like included in the newsletter please send it to jindeera@gmail.com.

If you have photos to be included please attach these as separate files, not placed in the body of the email.

I will not be going through everyone's club bulletins looking for articles to use. It is up to you to decide what you would like published.

Closing dates for 2019/20:

Fri 22 November

Fri 20 December

Fri 21 February

Fri 20 March

Fri 17 April

Fri 22 May

Fri 19 June