



Terry's Tales February 2019

I would like to remind clubs of a goal promoted by R.I. President at the start of this Rotary year. This should be the easiest goal to achieve in Rotary this year. That is to have 60% of your club member birth dates recorded in 'My Rotary'. Discuss this with your members at a regular club meeting I feel sure you will be surprised how many members are willing for this to happen. Rely on one member to enter the information.

Drought Relief: Four members and three partners, from the Rotary Club of Lismore, made the long trip to Quilpie for the Australia Day weekend. We met with the Burrumbuttock Hay Runners. District 9640 clubs provided the largest donation for the hay run. The gratitude from the local farmers was a worthwhile reward for our efforts.



Important Dates – February – March – April 2019

(NSW) District 9640 Leadership Meeting, 17th February – Ocean Shores, Country Club
President's – Elect (PETS) Training, 23 and 24 February – Stanthorpe High School
Group Vocational Exchange, 10th March – Welcome to D3780 – Launch D9640 Quality Hotel – Mermaid Waters – Hosted by Rotary Club of Broadbeach.
District 9640 Conference, 29 – 31 March 2019 – Lismore and District Workers Club
Rotary Club of Mullumbimby – 70 Year Celebration – 13th April 2019 – Venue TBA

February is Peace and Conflict Resolution Month

Have you ever stopped and thought about how Rotary really makes help happen; to address the underlying causes of conflict including poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources, and improving quality of life.

Through our Service Projects, peace fellowships and scholarships, our members take action. Conflict and violence displaced more than 68 million people in the past year, and half of those are children. Most of us refuse to accept conflict as a way of life, but many people in the world have no choice. Raising domestic violence awareness, providing safe water, food programs, literacy programs and funding peace scholars are all humanitarian measures to assist those suffering the effects of Peace and Conflict Resolution.

As Rotarians we are indeed fortunate to have our charity, the Rotary Foundation with Peace and Conflict Resolution as one of its six areas of focus. We know donations go where they are intended, and by doing so the most good is done.

If all clubs commit to Every Rotarian Every Year, so much more can be achieved. Worldwide US\$100 per capita is the goal.

DISTRICT DIARY
What's on in 2019
20 th Feb An Evening with Past RI Director –Bryn Styles Fitzzy's Function Centre Loganholme
23 rd Feb RYLA Alumni Ball
23 rd – 24 th Feb PETS - Stanthorpe
6-10 th March Rotary Club of Tenterfield's Bavarian Music & Beerfest
10 th March RC of Boradbeach Hosts Welcome & Launch D9640 GCE with D3780 Philippines
District Conference 29 th – 31 st March
13 th April RC of Mullumbimby 70 th
19 th May RC of Parkwood GC100 Charity Bike Event
DISTRICT CALENDAR
READ MORE HERE

District 9640 Conference

JOIN US IN LISMORE
29-31 March



Corrina Grace



Sarah Brown



Peter Drysdale



Clyde Campbell

lismore

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Jo-Anne Wigg



Dr Jonathan Parkyn



Professor Peter Silburn



Kelly Foran

District Governor - *Terry Brown*



AUSTRALIA DAY – 2019 – QUILPIE, QLD



This truck with a Rotary Banner, accompanied the convoy of trucks from Darlington Point in the Riverina to Quilpie.

The donations by District 9640 Clubs, brought smiles to the faces of many property owners in drought stricken South West QLD. 200 trucks delivered thousands of bales of hay, dog food, toys and first aid kits to families in the Eulo, Thargomindah and Quilpie regions.

THE BURRUMBUTTOCK HAY RUNNERS AND ROTARY BRINGING HOPE, NOT JUST HAY

Rotary has been involved with and supporting the Burrumbuttock Hay Runners since they started in 2014, handling payments, invoices and donations. For the 2019 Australia Day, Hay Run, District 9640 Clubs donated over \$96,000. District 9640 clubs supported many other drought relief programs: THANK YOU – “YOU ARE THE INSPIRATION”.

HITCHING A RIDE WITH HAY RUNNERS

Border Editor, Café Editor, Kylie King isn't a farmer or a truck driver -far from it. Yet a day after riding shot gun on a three-thousand-kilometre round trip in the hot, dusty Queensland outback, sleeping in a swag on the bare baked red dirt, Kylie says she'd do it all again in a heartbeat. Here's why.

Joining the Burrumbuttock Hay Runners seemed like a fantastic way to see some remote parts of the country while seeing first – hand how tough some Aussie farmers are doing it in the Queensland outback. When family friend Courtney Potocnik from Holbrook Earthmoving decided to go on her first hay run, she said I “bags” riding shot-gun for what I suspected would be an amazing adventure. As a journalist she wanted to play her part in spreading the good work of the hay runners and its founder Brendan ‘Bumpa’ Farrell, and the plight of farmers. Kylie said, before we even left from Darlington Point near Griffith, I had already met some wonderful characters and was given a real taste of what was to come. One of the hay runners I chatted to was Peter Warren and his daughter Piper, who shared why they travelled all the way from their farm in Cunnamulla, Queensland to be part of the journey.

“We were given some hay on the first hay run at the beginning (2014),” Peter said. It was a good feeling to be given hay then, and I’ve done lots of runs now because we know how they (farmers) feel, but a few years down the track and things have got a lot worse. We’ve probably been in drought nearly 15 years where we are. While it was bound to be a journey of adventure and mateship as part of a 200 strong trucking convoy, I was told to pack the tissues.

“It’s good but sad” said Mark Hutchings from Albury. You see 90-year-old men who have probably never shed a tear in their life, see us come into town. They cry, we cry. It gives you goose bumps.

We took off from Darlington Point in convoy. This in itself was something I’d never experienced before, seeing the logistics of how this massive convoy was organised, eves dropping on the communications over the UHF and seeing children and locals standing in the heat throughout the journey, waving and clapping as we went through towns.

There were also more than one or two double takes when they saw 21-year-old Courtney behind the wheel of her Western Star, complete with her pink hay runners cap. After 10 hours we stopped overnight at Cunnamulla, where we bonded over a BBQ and a few drinks. I rolled my swag and bunkered down for the night (and, yes it was bloody hot)

Arriving in Quilpie the next day was special. Locals lined the main street, waving Aussie flags. The hay was unloaded at the racecourse and re-arranged to ensure an even spread for each farmer. A night at the local bowling club gave locals an opportunity to share the impact of the drought. There are more farms wanting hay than there are hay trucks to deliver them, so a ballot decides who would be the lucky ones.



Brendan “Bumpa” Farrell & DG Terry Brown



Kylie & Courtney

Saturday morning, we left with a hay delivery for Goombie Station, over rough, rutted dirt tracks, we found the sign to Goombie and the unloading would begin. I chatted to the farm manager’s wife Fiona Schmidt who expressed her gratitude. “I just feel so grateful that people we’ve never met before have come out just to give us things,” Fiona said. “The stock means a lot to us, because you see them all the time, and see them going backwards, but to other people there’re just cows. It’s so lovely that people care about other people, that’s what means a lot. When we saw on the TV last night the trucks pulling into Quilpie, I had a tear in my eye, she said.

After an Australia Day concert, and BBQ with the volunteers and locals, we started the long drive home in a mini convoy. Although we eventually returned home hot and bothered, tired and dusty, we all quickly vowed to do it again next year. As Brendan Farrell says “I call it the pill of giving. Once it hits you hard and you start crying in your truck in the middle of nowhere, it gets you hooked”.



Australia Day Honours List – Awards



David Phillips and David’s partner Rosie Sawyer
Rotary Club of Currumbin Coolangatta Tweed

Both recognized by the Australian Government for their service to veterans and their families.



Bridget Hegarty – (centre) at the Warwick Australia Day Awards Ceremony with Warwick Sunrise Rotary President Lauren Vanderwolf.

Rotary Club of Warwick Sunrise

Bridget Hegarty – Friend of Rotary, Recipient of the Leadership Award at the Warwick Australia Day Ceremony. Bridget attended NYSF

in Canberra in January 2018, when sponsored by the club. From the group of 600 who attended, Bridget was one of twenty-five selected to represent Australia in England for the International Youth Science Forum in August 2018.



Gerard Anthony Brennan

Rotary Club of Hope Island

Medal (OAM) of the order of Australia in the general division. For service to the community.



Rotary Club of Mullumbimby

Rotary Club of Mullumbimby's Rainforest Park received the inaugural Environment Award. In 1991 the club undertook a tree planting project on what was grassland and today nearly 28 years later it is a thriving rainforest.



2019 International Assembly – San Diego



DGE Harry Bolton & RI President Barry Rassin

A word from **Harry Bolton** (District Governor Elect) who attended District Governor's training in San Diego.

We had a very good day today and the opening session with President Elect Mark Maloney was quite inspirational as he unveiled his theme for 2019-20. "Rotary Connects The World". Mark spoke on Rotary's ability to connect with communities locally and internationally to build strong and lasting relationships. Mark reminded us that our membership connects us to a global community through our many projects and work with the United Nations. Today was also about celebrating the start of a new decade



(2019-20) in Rotary and the launch of our new strategic plan with focus on club development and adapting to today's changing realities.

Mark reminded us that clubs are still the No 1 priority and the core of Rotary's success and that we are now more flexible in deciding what clubs can be. Mark also focused on Rotary as a family and the need to structure ourselves so that the demands of leadership doesn't put Rotary out of reach from today's younger professionals.

PETS – President Elect Training – Stanthorpe - 23 – 24 Feb 2019

I wish to extend a warm invitation to all President Elects to attend President Elect Training Seminar (PETS) to be conducted at Stanthorpe High School over the weekend 23 -24 February 2019. All President Elects are encouraged to attend this seminar as there are many important and, in some cases, new topics to discuss and prepare for as we progress toward your year as president of your club for 2019/20. You may be a recycled President who has heard it all before, however, the fact is that a lot of things are changing for Rotary District 9640 as we transition through the redistricting phase and our eventual amalgamation of Districts 9640,9630 and 9600. – **DGE Harry Bolton**

Vocational Service

What has your Club done in Vocational Service this year?

Recognise a diligent worker that you come into contact with...

The Butcher, the Baker, the Candlestick Maker

Give them **A Pride of Workmanship Award**. IT'S EASY, ask me if you are not sure

Have you had an Industrial visit? Surely someone in your club can suggest a place to visit. Try a brewery, they are always good

A job talk, or the person behind the Badge

Careers day at the high school, Simply contact the Careers officer at the school

Job interview techniques. IT'S rewarding

Phone me: PDG Brian Heaton m: 0409 007 848 e: val.22@bigpond.com



R. I. PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE – Barry Rassin

In my travels over the past year, I’ve visited many strong, vibrant clubs and districts that are transforming their communities. When I attend their meetings, I can feel the energy. When I meet their members, I can see they are people of action. And when I look at their communities, I can recognize the impact of their work. I’ve also visited communities with Rotary clubs that were hardly more than social clubs. It shouldn’t ever be that way. Fortunately, there’s a simple approach that I believe can help revitalize any club. I’d like to challenge every Rotary club to come up with at least one high – impact service project. Each club already has the potential, the resources, to make it happen. It has the power to change people’s lives – completely.

Of course, service is only part of what a strong club must offer. It must also have good speakers, provide leadership development, involve Rotoract and Interact, and bring value to its members and reasons to participate in Rotary events.

Welcome to the new Satellite E-Club of Next Gen Alumni



A PROUD MOMENT FOR DISTRICT 9640

On the 9th February 2019 a celebration lunch was held to welcome the [Rotary Satellite E-Club of Next Gen Alumni](#). The new Club sponsored by the E-Club Next Gen Queensland Australia was officially approved by Rotary International on the 17th October 2018.

For the Rotarians present, one could only be impressed with the enthusiasm and passion of the Charter Members who were inducted as Rotarians by District Governor Terry Brown.

The celebration date for the new Club was chosen at the conclusion of the 2019 RYLA camp was even more special to deliver a message that the new members were primarily former RYLA attendees, and we believe this is a first. These young people have embraced Rotary and we hope that Rotaract , Group Study Exchange and other Youth groups who are all Rotary Alumni will be encouraged and inspired to come back to Rotary. In fact Rotary Clubs should encourage this , it is vital for the future of Rotary.



Acknowledgment of the new Chair- Elkie Shakespeare, President E-Club- Elva Fitzell and RYLA/MUNA Chair- Patsy Lucas who have worked together as a team to guide this group so well. Thank you for fulfilling Rotary’s dream of bringing more young people into our wonderful world wide organisation.

PDG Sandy Doumany | Extension Chair | Club Development Chair

Tenterfield's 10th Biennial BAVARIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL & BEERFEST



www.rotarytenterfield.com.au

Bavarian Beerfest

Saturday 9th March at 5pm
Memorial Hall. Tickets \$60
A celebration of traditional
German beer, food & music.



It's on again in 2019! Don't miss a unique opportunity to celebrate the Rotary Club of Tenterfield's 10th biennial Bavarian Music Festival and Beerfest, featuring the Original Bavarian Brass Band from the Unter Allgäu region of Bavaria Germany.

31 musicians from Bavaria, Germany will be spending a week in Tenterfield, exploring the region, seeing the sights and putting on several concerts and performances.

Festival favourites are on again, including the Brass Band Concert and the Beer Fest at Memorial Hall – a night of German food, music and beer. There are a couple of mini concerts, as well as open gardens, a roast lunch at the Tenterfield Transport Museum and a breakfast at Arrajay Downs.

The festival program kicks off with a **Mini Concert** being held at Ballandean Estate, Wednesday 6th March at 12.30pm. Tickets are \$25 and includes a light lunch and concert entertainment amongst the vines. Wine will be available from the winery.

For the more traditional music lovers, don't miss the **Brass Band Concert**, held at the Tenterfield School of Arts, Thursday 7th March at 7.30pm. Tickets are \$25 and include a two-hour concert by the Bavarian Brass Band and supper. A bar will also be available.

Saturday morning is for **Music & Markets!** The



Brass Band Concert

Thursday 7th March at 7.30pm
School of Arts. Tickets \$25
Light supper included & bar available.

Music & Markets

Saturday 9th March at 10.00am
Bruxner Park. FREE event
Market stalls and a short concert.

Mini Concert

Wednesday 6th March at 12.30pm
Ballandean Estate. Tickets \$25
Light lunch included & wine available.

TICKETS & ENQUIRIES

www.trybooking.com/YIKB or Tenterfield
Insurance Agencies (cash & cheque bookings only),
279 Rouse Street, Tenterfield or 02 6736 2346.



band will be playing a free mini concert in Bruxner Park on Saturday 9th March at 10.00am. Wander around the market stalls & get a taste of what is to come later that day.

The **Bavarian Beerfest** is undoubtedly the highlight of the festival, and is held on Saturday 9th March, from 5.00pm at Memorial Hall. The Beerfest is all about the celebration of traditional German beer, food and music. Tickets are \$60 and include 7 hours of entertainment by the Original Bavarian Brass Band and an empty stein on arrival. Bar and food are available.

If you're coming up to Tenterfield for the weekend, there's plenty to see and do in between partying with the band. Saturday is for food, with a **Breakfast at Arrajay Downs** at 7.30am Saturday morning. Enjoy home grown free range pork, bacon and eggs, tea and coffee. Top it off with a farm tour where you can meet new piglets, lambs and prize chickens, and hear the story of this great family farm (tickets \$27). Then there's a **roast lunch and tour of the Tenterfield Transport Museum** at 12.30pm (tickets \$37). On Sunday, visit the award winning **Glenrock Gardens Open Gardens** & enjoy Devonshire tea between 10am and 4pm (tickets \$10). Please note the band will not be performing at these events. There's also heaps of other things to see and do in Tenterfield – climb Bald Rock, visit Boonoo Boonoo Falls, explore granite country around Mount Mackenzie and discover Australia's history.

Don't miss out - tickets are on sale now. Bookings are essential for ticketed events. For more information or to book visit www.rotarytenterfield.com.au. - Caitlin Reid



Parkwood Rotary's Condev GC100 Charity Bike Event 2019 – 'Do it for Cancer'



CONDEV GC100
Charity Bike Event and Family Fun Day



Sunday 19th May 2019

Luke Harrop Circuit • Runaway Bay

**CALLING
ALL
CYCLISTS!**

Everyone is invited to ride in the Annual Gold Coast Charity Bike Ride Event and Family Fun Day. The GC100 Bike Event is an initiative of the Parkwood Rotary Club and sponsored by Condev. See www.gc100.org for further information on course routes and registration details.



The Sports Super Centre near the Luke Harrop Circuit has generously offered to provide simple accommodation in their lodges the night before the ride for \$25pp. The accommodation also has a gym and an after-ride recovery facility for your comfort. Located near the starting point, The Sports Super Centre's accommodation lodge stands right across from The Runaway Bay Mall, with a selection of restaurants and entertainment available for your family and friends to enjoy the night before. To book, contact the Centre on (0)7 5500 9988 or go to their website at www.sportssupercentre.com.au.

Parkwood Rotary is keen to have as many district Rotarians participate in the ride as possible! Show your support for the important cause and take this opportunity to use a \$10 discount when registering online. Use code 'Rotary' to obtain this discount at checkout when you register at gc100.org.

If you are unable to participate but would like to help support Cancer Council Queensland visit <https://bit.ly/2zqKy8w>. More information about Cancer Council Queensland is available via 13 11 20 or www.cancerqld.org.au.

For further enquiries, please contact the Organiser of the event, Mr Bob Aley, on 0412 344 155.

RC of Mt WarningAM Rotary Youth Exchange student - Ben Snellgrove



Ben Snellgrove, is being sponsored by our club, RC Mt WarningAM on a 12 month Rotary Youth Exchange stay in Japan.

Ben was at our meeting with his mum Caroline. Ben has been an absolute delight to have visit our club, Ben is accomplished speaker & a pleasure to be with, we wish him the safest travels, this will be a life changing experience for him.

We praise Mary Lynch, Youth Director for her involvement with Ben & Caroline & making the process a little easier.

- *Kaileen Casey*

Tatiana Markus from Barnaul Rotary Club, Siberia visits Southport Rotary



Tatiana Markus is a Rotarian in the Barnaul club in Siberia, District 057. This club was started by a visiting Canadian and was chartered in 1997 when Richard King was RI President. Its projects are mostly local helping people with disabilities and for orphan children. Barnaul Rotary has participated in international programs such as YEP, GSE and Vocational Education. Tatiana has come to the Gold Coast to further her studies in Website Development and Digital Media and Technology at TAFE in Brisbane in 2019.

When she arrived on the Gold Coast, Tatiana contacted local Rotary clubs to continue her Rotary experience of three years. She has made good connections with Southport Rotary in the last few months.

Tatiana has worked for the last two years in product launching and image campaigns for "Altai Cedar" as their Graphic Designer and Marketing Manager in Russia. Previously, she worked in the "Halva Factory" doing similar work in the production and sale of confectionary products.

Tatiana is looking for an opportunity to further her work experience and use her skills in graphic design and marketing on the Gold Coast. Tatiana would be happy to hear from anyone who could offer her volunteer or part-time work. Her email is markustanya@gmail.com - *Marion Jones*

Rotary Club of Broadbeach *invites you to attend a combined event*

**WELCOME TO OUR INBOUND DISTRICT 3780
PHILIPPINES FRIENDS**



LAUNCH OF OUR OUTBOUND 9640 TEAM



Where: Quality Hotel, Cnr Markeri Street & Sunshine Boulevard, Mermaid Waters

When: Sunday 10 March 2019, 11.00am for 11.30am

Cost: \$15.00 includes light lunch, tea and coffee.
Bar facilities will be available.

RSVP: No later than Wednesday 6 March 2019 to
Tony Lewis Email: Teekay46@bigpond.net.au.

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Australian Rotary Health



ATTENTION ALL ROTARY CLUBS

Have we got a deal for you.

Simply provide your Club Cheque in the amount of **\$1700** to **AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH** each year for the next 3 years. That will total a credit amount to your Club of **\$ 5100** which will make your Club eligible to become a Companion member of **AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH**. All Rotary Clubs should try to achieve this.

We give so much to so many other charities and organisations yet we tend to forget the wonderful work and **Very** necessary money that is needed for **Medical Research and Scholarships** across so many fields including the Indigenous Scholarships we are granting and the outstanding results they are achieving.

I have had the privilege to meet and speak with many recipients and I am in awe of what our programs are accomplishing, District 9640 has a bismal record of support for Australian Rotary Health. Having said that not all clubs fit into that category but certainly the majority do , **LETS CHANGE THAT** this year and allocate some of your funds to your own Fund.

PLEASE

If you are looking for a Guest Speaker to tell you all about this Fantastic Organisation, then give me a call

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Celebrate with us!
Save the Date → **Saturday April 13th 2019**

70TH Anniversary

Venue TBA.
Contact Nerida Dean
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Rotary  **Mullumbimby**

 **EndTrachoma by 2020**
 Building Healthy Communities

is the world's last developed country with trachoma. Our project works with national stakeholders to eliminate this avoidable infectious disease through advocacy and community projects, alleviating poverty and improving sanitation awareness and infrastructure

AUSTRALIA

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Face-washers
 Clean Faces, Strong Eyes! If we kept every child's face clean, trachoma would not be a problem. Face-washing programs have been embedded in a number of schools with the help of our Chamolis project

Mirrors
 Not ubiquitous in remote communities, mirrors are an important tool in self-care and self-pride. We have delivered over 3500 to remote homes in WA, NT and SA

Donations in Kind
 Rotarians and clubs have supported at-risk communities with hygiene packs, towels and bedding. In 2018, we worked with welfare groups in 3 regions in the NT and SA

SpaTaps, washing machines
 Water conserving devices and small, electricity free washing machines have formed part of health promotion initiatives to improve personal hygiene. We've delivered for trial 40 SpaTaps and 22 Washing Machines

The Water Trailer Project
 Originating from RC Melb, the trailer has provided communities in the APY lands and Alice Springs region with off-mains access to water, and engaged youth through music and games to promote health hygiene and end trachoma

3.8%

The good news is that trachoma rates have fallen since 2008 from **over 20%** to **3.8%** nationally. Our projects focus on community development and prevention. Your donations will help us **eliminate trachoma forever.**

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Want to know more about EndTrachoma or Interplast, contact District Service Chair Richard Crandon 0411 422 222 crandon612@gmail.com

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