



President's Message



Many years ago, these 10 Laws of Leadership came to my attention which are shared with you below and perhaps worthy of your consideration and contemplation:

1. THE LEADER HAS VISION- "We grow by dreams. All big men are dreamers. Some of us let dreams die, but others nourish and protect them, nurse them through bad days....to the sunshine and light which always comes"- Woodrow Wilson

2. THE LEADER HAS DISCIPLINE-"Discipline is the basic set of tools we require to solve life's problems. Without discipline we can solve nothing. With only some discipline we can solve only some problems. With total discipline we can solve all problems."- Scott Peck.

3. THE LEADER HAS WISDOM-"Wisdom consists not so much in knowing what to do in the ultimate as in knowing what to do next"- Herbert Hoover

4. THE LEADER HAS COURAGE-"Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear-not absence of fear. "- Mark Twain

5. THE LEADER HAS HUMILITY-"If I can see further than others, it was because I stood on the shoulders of giants. "-Isaac Newton

6. THE LEADER IS A DECISION MAKER-"The right man is the one who seizes the moment. "- Goethe.

7. THE LEADER DEVELOPS FRIENDSHIPS-"The world is so empty if one only thinks of mountains, rivers and cities, but to know someone who thinks and feels with me, and who, though distant, is close to me in spirit, this makes the earth for me an inhabited garden. "- Goethe.

8. THE LEADER EXERCISES TACT AND DIPLOMACY-"What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us. What we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal. "- Albert Pine

9. THE LEADER DEVELOPS EXECUTIVE ABILITY-"Unless you try and do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow. "- Ronald Osborn

10. THE LEADER EXUDES INSPIRATIONAL POWER-"Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not-nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not-rewarded genius is a proverb. Education will not-the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. "- Calvin Coolidge

All very interesting and food for thought-have an enjoyable and fruitful week.

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Russell

Russell Groves | President 2017-18

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

We acknowledge the Darkinjung and Guringai people who are the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to Elders both past and present.

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do ...
Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Rotary and Polio

Poliomyelitis (polio) is a paralyzing and potentially fatal disease that still threatens children in some parts of the world. The poliovirus invades the nervous system and can cause total paralysis in a matter of hours. It can strike at any age but mainly affects children under five. Polio is incurable, but completely vaccine-preventable.

PolioPlus

In 1985, Rotary launched its PolioPlus program, the first initiative to tackle global polio eradication through the mass vaccination of children. Rotary has contributed more than \$1.7 billion and countless volunteer hours to immunize more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries. In addition, Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by donor governments to contribute more than \$7.2 billion to the effort.

Polio Today

Today, there are only three countries that have never stopped transmission of the wild poliovirus: Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan. Just 37 polio cases were confirmed worldwide in 2016, which is a reduction of more than 99.9 percent since the 1980s, when the world saw about 1,000 cases per day.

MISSION

The mission of Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

Last Week – Melinda Kelly

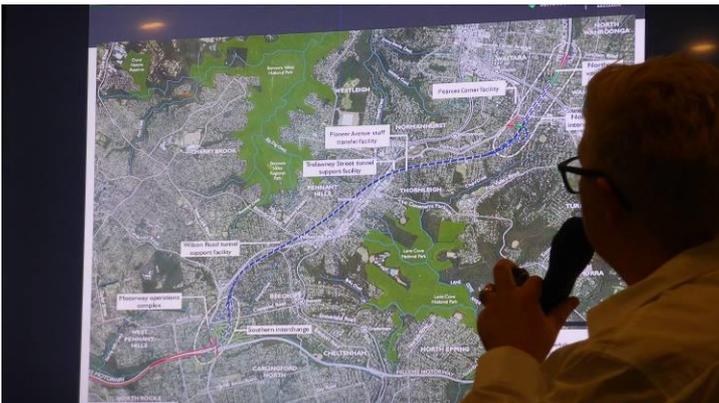


President Russell with Kelly and Sue O'Neill

Melinda Kelly gave us an insight into the extensive roadworks occurring at the southern end of the current M1 motorway that will connect the M1 to the M2.

The project is called **NorthConnex** and will affect all of us by providing improved travelling conditions for residents of the Central Coast. We will no longer be forced to travel down Pennant Hills Road.

About 21 kilometres of tunnelling is being carried out for NorthConnex. The two main nine-kilometre tunnels will carry motorists between the M1 Pacific Motorway and the Hills M2 Motorway and additional tunnels are being excavated for on and off ramps.



The route map

The deepest part of the tunnel will be around 90 metres, passing under the Sydney Metro Northwest tunnel at Beecroft. More than half the tunnel is more than 60 metres deep – about the height of the Sydney Opera House.

The tunnel is the longest in Australia and has been designed to carry large trucks. Indeed, trucks will be required to use the tunnel rather than Pennant Hills Road.



One of the twenty tunnelling road-headers at work

The tunnel will provide a range of jobs for local people including 300 apprenticeships and up to 2000 workers on the site at the peak of construction. The company has a policy of employing indigenous people and people from Western Sydney and the Central Coast.

The project is on track to be completed on time in December 2019.

There are four major entry points to the tunnel – the Northern interchange, the Southern interchange and Trelawney and Wilson Roads. Some additional sites exist above the ground to support the operation.

There are four shafts down to the works with the Wilson Road shaft being the deepest at 90 metres. The tunnel will be 5 metres high to suit trucks.

Road-headers are used in preference to circular tunnelling machines, as they enable the shape of the tunnel to be 'mushroomed' as this shape better suits the purpose of the tunnel. Shotcrete from their own plant is applied to the walls and roof after the road-header has passed to ensure the stability of the tunnel.

The spoil is raised up the shafts to acoustically isolated sheds and then trucked to the Hornsby quarry where it is used for fill.

The road headers are maintained underground and will move on to other projects when this one is finished. Many of the operators and tunnelling engineers move around with the equipment and may be in Melbourne next or somewhere overseas.

Kelly's own responsibility is Public Relations, giving information to groups like ours or to someone who is concerned with noise or pollution or needs an update on progress.

A spirited discussion followed.

A Message from Noel Trevaskis RI Director 2016-2018

After almost 100 years of successful operation in Australia and New Zealand, Rotary finds itself at a very significant cross road. With a declining membership over the last ten years, Australia has lost 4,314 members (13%) and New Zealand has lost 1,967 (19%) plus an ageing membership demographic, the continued existence of Rotary as we know it is under considerable threat.

Do we remain doing what we are currently doing and find we no longer exist in 20 years OR do we acknowledge we have a problem and accept the challenge to work together to address the issues and make the changes necessary to take Rotary forward for another hundred years? It is both a challenging and an exciting time for Rotary in this part of the world.

There is an urgent need for change both at the Club and the District levels. Clubs need to find new ways of attracting and retaining members and Districts need to focus their efforts on providing the best possible support mechanisms to Clubs in their crucial endeavour to grow and strengthen Rotary. Larger and better resourced Districts are seen as a significant way of providing this support to Clubs.

In recent weeks I have had the pleasure of working with a 'Task Force' of dedicated Rotarians from all levels of service to discuss urgent planning and action required to reverse the serious downward trend in membership across all 27 Districts in Zone 7B and 8 – and discuss how we can all move forward with confidence that Rotary will flourish for another 100 years.

The task force included grass roots Rotarians, club presidents, Governors Nominee, Governors Elect, Past

Governors and RI staff – male and female and of a variety of ages.

I am delighted to report a wonderful spirit and commitment during the two days and there was general agreement that I now had to share the same positive message with you all – as we move forward together.

Be very certain that this message is NOT just about re-Districting. Re-Districting is only one of the suite of changes needed to revitalise Rotary 'down under'.

We all agreed that ONLY Rotary Clubs can turn around the current alarming membership challenge confronting Rotary in the western world. However, for this to happen, the administration of Rotary at District level has to change dramatically to provide Clubs with the support they need to address this challenge.

The meeting acknowledged that the age of 'Larger Districts' has arrived – and that these larger, more resourced and more support focused Districts will start to happen from 1st July 2020.

Planning is already well advanced for the merger of Districts 9700 and 9710 in central west and southern NSW along with Districts 9500 and 9520 in South Australia. Senior leaders are considering various options in WA, Victoria and northern Australia, along with southern Queensland and northern NSW.

Similar discussions are taking place in New Zealand where a meeting is planned for early March to discuss re-Districting options in that country.

The Task Force concluded that new **LARGER DISTRICTS provide a great opportunity for:**

- Developing a flatter, more streamlined District administration with access to a greater number of resources to better support clubs, including the possibility of having a paid administrator/CEO to lead the business team and enable cost efficiencies;
- Decluttering the role of the District Governor and increase focus more on strategic leadership thereby enabling the possibility of attracting working/younger Rotarians taking up the Governor role;
- Strengthening the role of the Assistant Governor by giving them the training and resources to provide direct support to clubs and turning them into Area Governors with a maximum of 15 clubs each;
- Making better use of technology for more regular communication within the District and between Clubs and the provision of a wider range of training and support activities;
- Utilising economies of scale to employ professional facilitators/resources to help Clubs;
- Dissemination of a clearer 'national and state voice' for Rotary and improve the public image of Rotary;
- Attracting national corporate sponsorship and the possibility to employ a national fund raiser to support and fund the business model.

The Task Force was adamant that such sweeping District changes must not only encourage but also support genuine change within Rotary clubs; it also acknowledged that changes may generate increasing levels of anxiety within Clubs, which is an understandable reaction as things held in high regard for years start to change.

However, the important thing to remember as we strive to continue as a vibrant, community focused service organisation, is that some things must never change; these include our Objects, Values and Ethics (4 Way Test), as well as our desire to serve others and to enjoy fellowship.

Consequently, for Club leaders to affect meaningful change within their Clubs they will need to appreciate and accept that Rotary has a problem that needs to be addressed and in so doing, they have an **exciting opportunity to:**

- Play an active role in changing Rotary to enable it to flourish for at least another hundred years;
- Re-invigorate their Club with targeted and customised support from the District so they promote and market Rotary in a variety of new ways to attract and retain members;
- Enhance and strengthen community and vocational service;
- Promote the new flexibility in Rotary and utilise the new resources available;
- Work together with other Clubs in different ways or networks that retain individuality and treasured elements but capitalise on the advantages of a larger cohort of members;
- Establish strategic partnerships with local entities and organisations.

The Task Force also considered how Districts and Clubs could work together to:

- Make Rotary membership more physically and financially accessible by developing innovative ways of engagement for a wider variety of cultural and special interest groups;
- Turn the focus from fundraising to service and provide Rotarians with more hands-on ways to serve. I leave you with the new RI Vision Statement ...

"Together we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change - across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves"

Noel Trevaskis, RI Director 2016-2018

Rotary Global Rewards

Have you used Rotary Global Rewards — our member benefits program of special offers on travel, hotels, dining, entertainment, and more? Rotary Global Rewards makes your Rotary membership even more rewarding.

With Rotary Global Rewards you can:

- Do more good work — Involve more members in Rotary projects with savings on vehicle rentals, airfare, and hotels
- Build Rotary friendships — Forge richer friendships with fellow members using our dining and entertainment offers
- Share Rotary's story with someone new — Tell new acquaintances about Rotary's work when you use discounts at restaurants

Members can help build the program: Rotary and Rotaract club members can add special offers from their businesses.

To learn more, sign in to My Rotary and go to the Member Center. If you don't have an account, create one now at www.rotary.org/myrotary .

YOUTHfest 2018 last Thursday

Our club was a strong supporter of YOUTHfest last week with an all afternoon BBQ manned by club members.



Sausages and Onions. Nick, Trevor and Annette show how it is done.



Don holding up the tent!



Neville seeks another sausage eater



Our thanks to Don and Sue who organised the event and to all those who helped out on the day.

INTERNATIONAL PROJECT UPDATE - UGANDA

Our RAWCS project donated some funds to Bushikori Clinic in Mbale, Uganda to purchase a new Emergency Room bed.



Bushikori Clinic team happy with new ER bed.

The team were very happy as they are going for a special accreditation and this was the last requirement to receive the accreditation.

Sue O'Neill

RAWCS Eastern Region project registration officer

RAWCS Rover Editor

Rotary Club of WOY WOY Projects Director

Final Call for Australia Day – this Saturday February 3

Don't miss out on this social event.

The play is a wickedly funny new comedy from Jonathan Biggins inspired by his own experiences as an Australia Day Ambassador. After several tours of duty in regional NSW, Jonathan Biggins' initial scepticism about celebrating the national day melted like a Lamington in the mid-day sun. It showed him the warmth, dedication and quiet patriotic pride of the organisers and the towns they served. The experience also whet his appetite to write a comedy that takes aim squarely at another hallowed institution - The Committee.

A social gathering and some Aussie Tucker is being organized at the Motes prior to the play commencing at 5:00pm. In true Aussie fashion could you please bring your own chair and esky to the Motes. The play commences at 8:00pm. Tickets from Marie are \$30.00 each.

Join us for a fun and social evening.

Stocktake of PR items

The Editor in his PR Director's role is asking members if they could contact him if they have any banners or other PR materials in their possession. We do not want to purchase items we already have. Thanks. Vic

CALENDAR

Today - Dave Byrnes - Cyclist and Adventurer

FEBRUARY 2018

- Sat 3 Woy Woy Little Theatre - "Australia Day"
Tue 6 Ken Tough - Bush Poet (TBC)
Tue 13 Charles Mackay FAA - Research in Immunology
Sun 18 Sanitarium Kids TRYatholon (Bobby Redman)
Tue 20 RYPEN participants
Mon 26 Board Meeting
Tue 27 Jackie Pearson - Journalist (TBC)

MARCH 2018

- Tue 6 NO MEETING
Wed 7 CC Rotary Dinner-Breakers - PRI Pres John Germ
Tue 13 Joan Patrick - Local Historian
Mon 19 Board Meeting
Tue 20 Dinner Girl Guides Hall
Sat 24 Opera in the Arboretum
Tue 27 Vocational Service and Pride of Workmanship Awards evening

APRIL 2018

- Tue 3 Fellowship Night-Presentations Members (TBC)
Sat 7 PETS (President Elect Training Session)
Tue 10 TBA
Mon 16 Board Meeting
Tue 17 NO MEETING
Wed 18 Soup Night - Pearl Beach - Paul Harris Birthday
Tue 24 Legacy Representative (TBC)
Wed 25 ANZAC DAY
Sun 29 District Assembly

SERGEANTS

- January 30th Don Tee
February 6th Sue Tee
February 13th Ted Crawley

JOIN US

We meet on Tuesday 6.00 for 6.30pm at Everglades Country Club, Dunban Road, Woy Woy.

MEMBERSHIP

Enquiries to Peter Mote | M: 0400 001 205

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS - Advise Sue Tee of non-attendance
VISITORS - If you would like to attend a meeting, please contact Sue Tee by 10am Monday

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THIS 'N' THAT NEWS

The Rotary Club of Gosford North is holding a Trivia Night.

**Gosford North
Rotary**

**TRIVIA
NIGHT**

Sat 3rd Feb
TIME: 7PM to 11PM

East Gosford Community Hall

\$15 Per Head Bring your own alcohol and nibbles.
Book a table today.
To book phone Peter Moore 0408432064
pmoore@gosfordlaw.com.au

President-elect Barry Rassin has selected 'Be the Inspiration' as his theme for 2018-19.

Six Rotary members and Rotary Peace Center alumni will be honoured this November as People of Action: Champions of Peace. Their commitment to creating peace and resolving conflict will be recognized during Rotary Day at the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. The honourees, which were announced on International Peace Day, are all involved in projects that address underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, or unequal distribution of resources. They are Jean Best, Ann Frisch, Safina Rahman, Alejandro Reyes Lozano, Kiran Singh Sirah and Taylor (Stevenson) Cass Talbott. We congratulate them.

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