

DG Connect

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Oh, What a Year

Yahoo from sunny Calgary. As we reflect on our year, we must continue to share our stories of the impact we make, that magic of Rotary that keeps us engaged and motivated to continue to improve the lives of others, promote peace and foster harmony. Each of you bring a unique viewpoint, a wealth of experience, a passion for a variety of projects and hearts as big as this wonderful State, you never fail to inspire me.

During this year we have opened our minds, our hearts and our homes to welcome people who are also making a difference. Rotary Youth Exchange students from across the globe come to learn and teach us so much.

The Vocational Training Team from California share knowledge on the reality of Human Trafficking. You welcomed them and came together and hosted events so your members and community can better understand this confronting global challenge.

We were honoured to host PRIP/ Chair of the RI Foundation, Mark Maloney and Gay and I thank you for showing them such warm hospitality. They took away with them fond memories of Rotary W.A.

Oh, what fun we had at the District Conference in Margaret River. I sincerely thank all those involved who made that event so memorable. We were inspired by speakers from Ns, Nepal, California, Canberra and lots of opportunities to show case projects and causes from around WA. On Saturday night we enjoyed a fun and festive night under the stars, with a great band that had us up dancing the night away.

It is also the year that we started the trial of a new structure for our Rotary regional, Australia, NZ, Pacific Island, Papua New Guinea and Timor Leste. A structure that encourages Clubs to generate ideas to collaborate to increase our impact. We know that by working together we have the power to shape, influence and improve lives in our communities here in WA and beyond.

Our membership during the year stabilised. On the Rotary International reports we have been in positive numbers each month, with some months being the leading district in growth. Increasing membership in our district this year is thanks to you, to the good work that you do to adapt and grow your own clubs. As good as those numbers are right now, we are bracing for the usual drop in numbers that occurs each year at the 30 June. I encourage you to keep focused on your projects, enhancing the club experience and increasing your potential to grow.

I thank you for the honour of serving as your District Governor and I sincerely thank all of you for the magic you make happen.

What a powerhouse of talent stepping in to take over for the coming years. The future of Rotary in Western Australia is full of optimism, excitement and new ways forward.

For me, I am looking forward to continuing as a dedicated member of the Rotary Club of Rockingham and enjoying time with my family and friends. Thank you all for this incredible journey.

Rotary WA in Calgary, Alberta Canada



District Governor 2027-28

At our District Changeover, we took the opportunity to make a very special announcement that PDG Jodie Sparks will be the Rotary Western Australia's District Governor for 2027-28.

Jodie brings extensive knowledge of Rotary and a passion for the Rotary Foundation. Through her years in Rotary, she has excelled in the learning and development within our State, she has facilitated workshops for District Governors in the U.S. at International Assembly and played a key role in the development of the Rotary Community Leaders.

With Gratitude

Thank you to the board members of 2024-25, thank you for taking on the district roles, some of you for the first time.

To the leaders of our Youth programs:

- Rotary Youth Exchange – Jill Hanna
- RYPEN – Roy Philburn
- RYLA – Ian Ball
- Rotary WA Camp Opportunity – David Cumming

President and Leaders of our Rotaract and Interact Clubs
Thank you for giving opportunities to develop young people and creating building blocks for the future of Rotary Western Australia.

To those who broaden our knowledge and help us to take action through groups such as the Homeless Hub, the Domestic Violence Collective and the Aboriginal Reference Groups. For the district representatives of Australian Rotary Health, RAWCS, ROMAC and Shelter Box.

To our Rotary WA Relief, thank you for supporting the people of WA and beyond.

To our Rotary Community Leaders, Alison, Kero, Kay, Chris, David and Tom. Thank you for taking on these new roles to inspire the collaboration of clubs to expand our reach.

A special mention to Judy Dinnison for making all of our lives brighter and our workloads lighter. Judy was recognised with a PHF for her support to the District and our Clubs.

To our wonderful Club Presidents and their boards, the projects, the fundraising and the fun you have are what makes Rotary WA truly magical. Thank you

Rotary WA District Awards Winners

Our District Changeover was held on the 14th June 2025. Firstly, I want to extend my sincere thanks to Judy and Jane for organising the event and to Charles for being our MC. On the night we recognised the winners of the Rotary WA Awards.

Rotarian of the Year

PDG Charles Johnson

Inclusive approach to organising the District Conference. Bringing us together to celebrate the Magic of Rotary

Most Improved Club Award

Rotary Club of Scarborough

Innovative strategy to growing membership

Innovation Award

Rotary Club of Greater Bunbury

Successful merger of 3 Clubs



Public Image Award

Rotary Club of North Perth

Hyde Park Festival



Thank you all for the good work you do.