



Terry's Tales April 2019

Now that the 2019 District Conference is over, it's time for me to acknowledge those who ensured it was a success. To the District 9640 Rotarians, partners and friends who attended, thanks for your support. The feedback has been nothing but positive, I believe that the result is indicative of the standing of Rotary District 9640, in Australia.

The Conference Chair PDG Brian Wheatley and the committee worked tirelessly from the first meeting in 2016, to bring it all together. The venue was great, the food excellent and the speakers were first class. Our MC PDG Ross Smith left absolutely nothing to chance and performed faultlessly.



WHAT A RIPPR

We struck Gold with our Rotary International Presidents Personal Representative, at the District Conference.

Our representative Don Mebus, (Carolyn), from the Rotary Club of Arlington Texas, thrilled the crowd with his presentations and updates. As an added bonus we enjoyed Don's singing and guitar playing.

I genuinely felt privileged and honoured to have a Past Rotary International Board member, as our RIPPR.

Don served as District Governor in 1994-95, he has received the Service above Self Award as a result of his involvement in a clean water project in the State of Gracias a Dios, Honduras. Carolyn and Don are both Major Donors to the Rotary Foundation, members of the Bequest Society, and Paul Harris Fellow Sustaining Members and members of the Arch Klumph Society.

Don and Carolyn were very warm and welcoming with all Conference delegates.

PDG John Randel and Sue from the Rotary Club of Ballina-on-Richmond were aides to Don and Carolyn during their stay with us, thank you John and Sue for the manner in which you carried out this role.

Photo: Sue Randel, Carolyn Mebus, Sergeant Norm Robinson PRID Don Mebus & PDG John Randel



DISTRICT DIARY

What's on

District Grants
Applications close 28th April

Sunday 5th May
Opera in the Vineyard
RC of Stanthorpe

Sunday 26th May
Public Relations Seminar
Mermaid Waters

Sunday 9th June
Opera Under the Mountain
RC of Mt Warning Am

Sunday 30th June
District Changeover Lunch

DISTRICT CALENDAR

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Prior to the Conference, Don made a request to see some local Rotary projects. With aides PDG John and Sue, a visit was arranged to ***Our House***, a purpose- built accommodation facility for patients, carers and families undergoing treatment at the Cancer Unit at Lismore Base Hospital. The ***Sandakan Memorial*** was another Rotary project visited, along ***with St Andrews Church***.

DG Terry Brown accompanied by Don and Carolyn visited the ***Lismore South Primary School*** and made a presentation on behalf of the Rotary Club of Lismore. Two sets of books “Suzie the Scientist” and “Millie the Mathematician” promoting New Literacy Resources based on Science and Maths were presented.

Over the weekend we had some inspiring speakers, there were some surprises and some old favourites. All six areas of Rotary focus were addressed during the presentations. The entertainmenat both Friday and Saturday night dinners was excellent. On Friday we had Mick Buckley with his Piano Bar type renditions, very ably accompanied by ***RIPPR Don Mebus*** towards the end of the night. On Saturday it was the turn of an 11 piece Jazz Band, “*The Well Swung Daddies*” to entertain.

Rotary District 9640 Conference 2020 – 27 – 29 March

In 2020 the Rotary District 9640 Conference will be held in Tenterfield. March is a great time to visit the historic town of Tenterfield. The Rotary Club of Tenterfield host club, with DG Harry and Shauna look forward to seeing all of us in Tenterfield.

District Governor - Terry Brown



CONFERENCE AWARDS

Congratulations to all the Clubs who were nominated for awards at the District Conference. The awards recognise the projects and work that Rotarians are doing in our District.

AWARD	WINNER	AWARD	WINNER
Best Club Communication	Surfers Sunrise	Best Conference Display Award	Ballina-on-Richmond
Conference Attendance	Mermaid Beach	Australian Rotary Health	Runaway Bay
Membership Increase	Warwick Sunrise	Rotary-Interact Involvement	Coomera River
The Rotary Foundation Award	Surfers Paradise	Public Relations Award-General	Ashmore
International Service	Southport	Public Relations Award:(Single Event)	Mullumbimby
Community Service Award	Stanthorpe	Best Endeavour Award	Grafton Midday
Vocational Excellence Award	Stanthorpe	Significant Achievement	Ashmore
Vocational Service Award	Runaway Bay	Best Multi Club PROJECT	Ashmore & Southport
Service To Youth	Mt Warning AM (Murwillumbah)		



RC of Ballina-on-Richmond



RC of Mullumbimby



RC of Grafton Midday



What an event! In simple terms: hugely successful. I'm still buzzing, almost suffering from 'Sensory Overload'. Some people claim that a Rotary District Conference is... sooooo booooring. Got news for you! Just visualize for a moment: You are at the start of Friday night's dinner. The MC announces a priest to come to the rostrum to say grace. The MC warns him that he has no more than five minutes.... **FIVE minutes???** For saying grace? Groan, here we go, it's going to be a long night... Well, take this from a guy who is not the most religious person you've ever met: in all the 3 score and ten-odd years of my life, I've NEVER enjoyed the saying of grace that much! The Reverend **Glenn Samuel** (Rotary Club of Lismore West) presented grace in the format of a humorous poem. What's the...? Sorry, you should have been there yourself. But if you'd like a copy let me know, I've got one. And have you EVER been to a conference where the RI President's Representative (RIPR), instead of droning on and on, presents his welcoming speech by strumming a guitar and singing it instead? In good ol' country music yiii-haaa fashion? Come on! Pull the other one! Past RI Director **Don Mebus** hails from Texas. RIPR? RIPPER alright!

So, how can I reduce three days and 13 Keynote Speakers to a short article suitable for the DG's Newsletter? Well, to start, by not repeating what is already published on the web or on Facebook. Why don't you jump to the [District 9640 Facebook page](#), where you will find dozens of photos and videos. [Click on this link](#) or go to the District 9640 website www.rotary9640.org. It's almost impossible not to be photographed, so if you search long enough, you might find a photo of yourself with some of your fellow club members and your better halves. Possibly, it would have been taken at the most awkward moment, jiggling on Saturday night to the tune of the 'Well Swung Daddies' (groan, what a name...) Jazz band. Just make sure that Centrelink doesn't find it if you claim Workers Comp for a crook back!

The keynote speakers ranged from 'way over my level' of the Brain Research Scholars to the very funny. Who would expect a nurse, telling us about her work providing Dialysis to the indigenous population of the Alice Springs region, could be way funnier than any of the so-called "comedians" that the ABC has managed to dredge up in the last 10 years? **Sarah Brown**, the CEO of [Purple House](#), could easily get work as a stand-up comedian. She entertained us non-stop, with a laugh every 30 seconds on average! Can you believe that a man, being diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease at the young age of 44, stoically goes on to build a major Australian Automatics & Robotics company which won major national business awards, with tens of millions of dollars revenue? Once **Clyde Campbell**'s company was acquired by a listed Kiwi company, he went on and dedicated his brain power and unbridled energy to running the [Shake it Up! Foundation](#), with the aim to find a cure for Parkinson's Disease. Clyde works in concert with the famous actor Michael J Fox, a fellow Parkinson's sufferer and his foundation. So you think you have had a rough trot? Hey, compare your lot to **Kelly Foran**: She was diagnosed with a brain tumor whilst pregnant. Yep, whilst pregnant. In order to shrink the tumor, Kelly had to undergo steroid treatment. Two weeks later, she gave birth to a 12.5 pound baby boy... Pregnancy on steroids alright! Do you have any idea how tough people from the bush do it if they have to come to the big smoke for medical treatment? How to get there? What services are available? Where can your family stay? Where can you park that doesn't set you back a hundred bucks a day? The list goes on. Kelly set up an organization specifically to help people in this situation. Go to her website [Friendly Faces Helping Hands](#) and check out her story (it's under the Information Tab).



So here I am, again comfortably ensconced at home. As a member of the organizing committee, I was gifted with a T-Shirt in day-glow colour, lime green and rosa (I refused to wear the hat!). What can you do with a day-glow colour T-Shirt? I wore it to do some gardening. Interesting: the Indian Mynah birds all vanished! But instead there came a couple of Lorikeets to visit. I could have sworn I heard one of them calling out "Oi, Laura! Come and take a gander at this Galah over here!"

Past Surfers Paradise Rotarian *Bevan Warland-Browne* and his wife Jan will continue 'To Do Good in the World' ... forever. Their bequest to The Rotary Foundation has been recognised with their listing in the Chair's Circle (contributions of \$500,000 to \$999,999) of the [Arch Klumph Society](#). That legacy will fund Rotary service each and every year through District Grants, Global Grants and the World Fund.

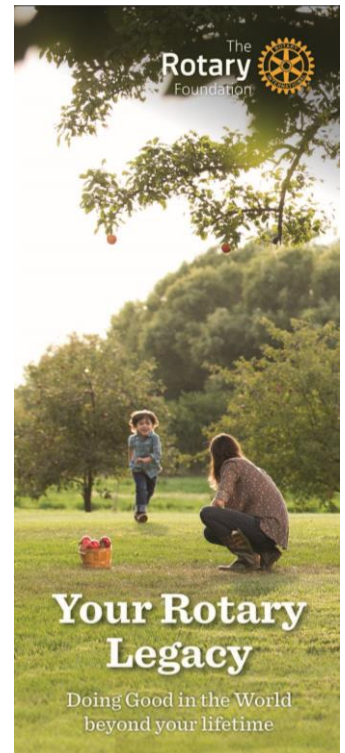
You too can be an important part of the Foundation's next century of serving humanity by including a gift of any amount to Rotary's Endowment Fund in your estate plan. Your gift will be carefully stewarded to provide funding for the programs you know and love, year after year. The Foundation is known for its commitment to effective programs that make a lasting difference in people's lives. A gift from your estate will provide ongoing financial support, just as your annual contributions do today.

Join the many Rotarians and friends who have made commitments to improving and enriching lives around the globe by creating your personal legacy with The Rotary Foundation.

Please contact me if you would like further information or assistance.

PDG Tony Heading | D9640 Rotary Foundation Chair

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MUNA 2019- Model United Nations Assembly

MUNA 2019 was held on the 23rd March. We had 20 teams participate this year, with students travelling from Boonah, Casino, Lismore and from across the Coast. It was a wonderful happy day for the students, teachers, and all our fantastic volunteers.

Some of the Resolutions debated on the day were *1. International Trade and Development, 2. Protection of Global Climate, 3. Regulating International Migration and 4. Win- Win Cooperation for the Common Cause of Human Rights.*



Iran – winning team

Banora Point High School came first and will be travelling to Canberra with Ross Smith and myself in August for the MUNA Nationals. It's always a most rewarding experience for the students to attend the Nationals in Old Parliament House.

I also had the opportunity to spend some time with the teachers and share some ideas for moving

forward with MUNA and Resolutions with the National Curriculum.

It was a most successful day and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers for their hard work and for supporting this Program in our District.

Patsy Lucas | MUNA Chair



South Africa – best decorations



USA – best dressed team



Iraq – winning individual
(middle student)



Syria – runner up individual

CLARENCE VALLEY REGION “JOINT MEETING” – SHARING IDEAS



Clubs of
Maclean, Yamba,
Iluka-Woombah,
Grafton &
Grafton-Midday



The Rotary clubs of Maclean, Yamba, Iluka-Woombah, Grafton and Grafton-Midday got together on 11 April, 2019 for a joint dinner meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to encourage fellowship between these 5 clubs of the Clarence Valley.

The dinner meeting took place at the Brushgrove Hotel. Guests enjoyed a two course meal and were entertained by a local musician who volunteered his time in support of the clubs.

The joint meeting was an initiative of Darrell Brown of the Maclean Rotary Club. This is the first time that a joint meeting of this kind has taken place for the 5 Clarence Valley clubs.

A great time was had by all. *Holly Schilling | RC of Rotary Club of Maclean*

Rotary District 9640 PUBLIC RELATIONS SEMINAR | Sunday 26th May | Gold Coast



Amanda Wendt



Andrew Best



Andy Rajapakse



Aldwyn Altuney

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Sunday 26 May
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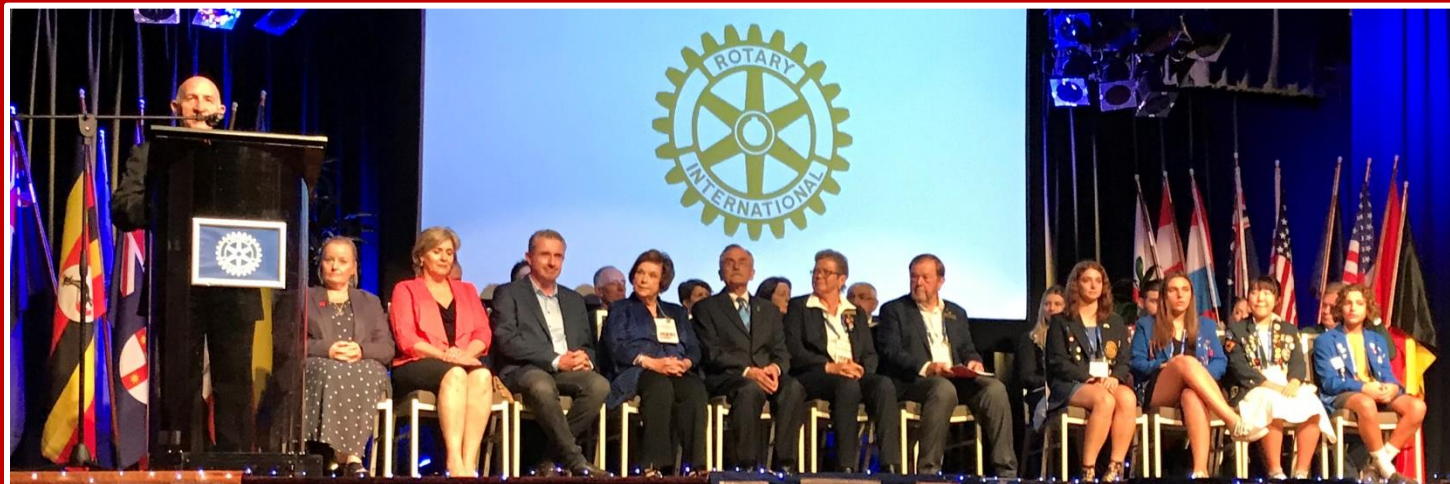
We have a super line up of speakers. Plenty of time for group discussions & your questions. This seminar is ideal for clubs who are struggling to attract new members. \$35 each with lunch & beer or wine.

Here is the direct link to online registrations. <https://goldcoasttickets.com.au/event/8998>

Warm Regards, DGN Andy Rajapakse | Public Image Chairman | Rotary International District 9640 Australia

ROTARY DISTRICT 9640 – CONFERENCE MEMORIES - 2019





Carol, DG Terry, PRID Don and Carolyn



PDG Tony Heading, PDG Sandra Doumany, PDG Darrell Brown, Dianne Heading & Kerrie Brown



DGE Harry & DG Terry



Corrina Grace



YEP students & Chris Thurtell



GCE Grace & DGN Andy



Conf. Chair Brian Wheatley & team



PDG Ross Smith – MC



Samra Naz, Prof. Peter Silburn & Dr Andrea Giorni



The wonderful District 3780 GCE Team



Clyde and Ian Campbell



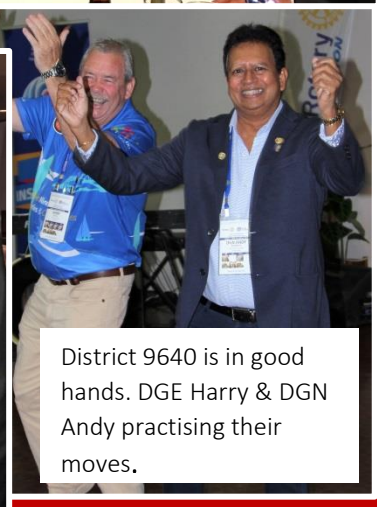
A Day in the Life of RYLA



Jo Wigg



PDG Michael Irving (fr) & friends





ROTARY AUSTRALIA
WORLD COMMUNITY
SERVICE

The new Phone number for DIK at Mary St.
Kingston is 0466 556 042
Email: rawcsnorthern@gmail.com

The RAWCS motto/ vision Statement

“To support Australian Rotarians and Rotary Clubs in assisting disadvantaged communities and individuals with humanitarian aid projects.”

There seems to be a rumour going around that the DIK store at 23 Mary Street Kingston is closed. *This is far from the truth.*

Every Thursday 8 to 12 goods can be delivered.

On Saturday 9th March 2 containers were packed one for Port Moresby and One for Lae. One container was also finished packing for Timor Leste. There were 14 clubs represented at the packing day.

The next packing day is on the Saturday 6th April.

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Mt Warning AM
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Mavis's
Kitchen and Cabins

**ROTARY CLUB OF MT WARNING AM AND MAVIS'S KITCHEN
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SUNDAY 9TH JUNE 2019 1-5 PM
64 MOUNT WARNING RD, UKI, NSW



opera
UNDER THE MOUNTAIN

\$95
PER PERSON



with **Michael Lapina** (tenor),
one of Australia's rising opera stars



Join us for a long table luncheon in the beautiful gardens of Mavis's Kitchen. Bubbles and Canapes will be served on arrival under the shadow of Mount Warning, followed by a Mavis's Style feast and dessert. The Amazing Tenor, Michael Lapina will perform well known opera and musical treats for our ears.

All proceeds from the event going to Orange Sky Laundry and other Rotary Projects

Bookings via: www.outm2019.eventbrite.com.au
Enquiries: Ursula at Mavis's (02) 6679 5664



Opera
IN THE
Vineyard

TICKETS

OPERA
\$110 per person.

OPERA & LUNCH
Buffet style lunch,
\$175 per person.

OPERA & COCKTAIL PARTY
Dinner of canapés
and self serve buffet,
\$198 per person.

BUS TRANSFER
\$25 per person, return.

Premium and reserved seating is also available. Check website for prices.

Proceeds from Opera in the Vineyard will be distributed to Charities by the Rotary Club of Stanthorpe. Your support for this wonderful event is heartfelt. Thank you.

Stay... in gorgeous accommodation scattered throughout the region.

eat... at the restaurants and cafes sprawled across the region, serving tasty local produce.

play... at some of the best National Parks and popular regional attractions.

experience... the amazing OPERA IN THE VINEYARD overlooking the stunning Ballandean Vineyards with a glass in your hand and charity in your heart.

SUNDAY 5 MAY 2019
Opera in the Vineyard is a black tie charity event featuring a magnificent performance of Opera Arias by Opera Queensland as well as wines by 5 star rated Ballandean Estate and delicious meals featuring locally sourced gourmet delights. Why not join us in this year's theme of Diamonds are Forever.

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