



DG News

THE NEWSLETTER OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR SUE MULRANEY

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FROM THE DG

Welcome to 2025

I hope you have all had a great break over the Christmas and New Year period and been able to enjoy time with your families and friends. I also wish you well for the coming year and look forward to sharing your wonderful commitment to our community.

Connecting Communities: Unlocking the Magic of Rotary'

The District Conference is one of the most exciting highlights of every District Governor's year, bringing Rotarians together to celebrate achievements, share ideas, and connect with like-minded individuals who are passionate about making a difference.

This year's conference promises to inspire, energise, and unlock the magic of Rotary through engaging speakers, dynamic sessions, and moments of fellowship. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to be part of something truly special – join us as we celebrate the power of Rotary in connecting communities and creating lasting impact!

Mark 28-30 March in your diaries and register now!

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1163859>

Glen Kinross AO Endowment Fund

Glen Kinross is a cherished member of the Rotary Club of Hamilton and a past President of Rotary International (1997-1998). Glen's dedication to Rotary spanned over six decades, during which

he exemplified the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self."

Glen's presidency was marked by his theme "Show Rotary Cares," which highlighted the importance of community service and global outreach. His leadership and vision helped strengthen Rotary's mission and expand its humanitarian efforts worldwide. Beyond his presidency, Glen served as a District Governor and a Trustee of the Rotary Foundation, leaving a lasting legacy of compassion and commitment.

Glen's contributions to Rotary and his unwavering dedication to service have left an indelible mark on our club and the broader Rotary community. He will be remembered for his kindness, leadership, and the positive impact he made on countless lives.

This endowment fund would create a lasting legacy, as the principal remains intact while the earnings would support the Clubs in our District in perpetuity.

80% of the earnings would return to the District to be available for Clubs and their projects.

If you would like to make a donation, details below:

**Endowment Fund: Donor name
(ID Number) E21749**



This fund has now been opened and if you or your club would like to make a donation to this Endowment Fund, details are below

Bank accounts: For **clubs/districts** contributions and donations to the **Endowment Fund** – receipts issued are **not** tax receipts:

HSBC Bank

Acct Name: **The Rotary Foundation**

BSB No: 342 011

Acct No: 523370001

For members'/individuals' personal donations, businesses, club charitable trusts — anyone requiring an Australian tax-deductible receipt:

HSBC Bank

Acct Name: **The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust**

BSB No: 342 011

Acct No: 663499001

District Governor Nominee Designate:

Have you invited all your members to consider nominating for the Role of District Governor? If you haven't yet, then please get onto it. Nominations for the Selection Committee will close on 31st January.

Now, we would like to hear from those interested in being a District Governor for the 2027-2028 year. Information has been sent to each club and via The Gist outlining the qualifications that are required and the process to nominate.

Presidents:

With the new year, have you had the opportunity to look at your Club Goals in Rotary Club Central and update with your achievement so far.

If you haven't set goals – go in and enter some now (remember you are reporting from 1st July) – you may be pleasantly surprised at how many you have already achieved.

I would love to see every club receive a Club Citation.

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)

Join us for the upcoming **Rotary Leadership Seminar**, a dynamic and engaging opportunity to enhance your leadership skills, deepen your

understanding of Rotary, and connect with like-minded Rotarians.

Part 1 Sunday 9th February 2025

Part 2 & Conclusion Sunday 23rd February 2025

District Headquarters, Phil Boron Centre, Wacol

8.30 for 9.00 am until 3.00 pm (morning tea & light lunch supplied)

Cost: \$50.00

This seminar is perfect for:

- ✓ New Rotarians eager to learn more about Rotary.
- ✓ Club leaders wanting to strengthen their leadership skills.
- ✓ Experienced Rotarians seeking fresh ideas and inspiration.

Expect a day filled with interactive sessions, practical tools, and insights into how you can make an even greater impact within your club and community. Together, we'll explore Rotary's core values, leadership principles, and strategies to amplify your contributions.

For more information: Jitendra Prasad M: 0402 422 777 E: jitco.powerup@gmail.com

Citizenship Ceremonies

This year, Citizenship Ceremonies were held at various venues, with many Rotary and Rotaract clubs actively involved. It is truly a privilege to witness the commitment of Rotarians and Rotaractors in supporting individuals who choose to become Australian citizens.

I also had the pleasure of seeing several community picnics facilitated by clubs, showcasing the spirit of connection and positivity within their communities.

Congratulations to all the clubs that dedicated their time and effort to making Australia Day such a success! See pages 12 & 13 for one story.

Australia Day Honours/Awards

Congratulations Mr Russell Donald POSTLE Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise who was appointed as a member of the Order of Australia (AM) For significant service to community health, the accountancy profession, and to the community.

I also noticed that several Rotarians were also recognised for their commitment to making a

change for the better in our communities, our support organisations and our businesses.

Congratulations to our Newsletter Editor Win Salmon who received the Balonne Shire VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Brisbane City Council Lord Mayor's Australia Day awards were presented to Tracey Wyatt, Rotary Club of Wynnum and Manly; Burt Beasley, Rotary Club of Toowong; Garry Fenner, Rotary Club of Hamilton; Heather Irvine, Rotary Club of Mt Gravatt.

On behalf of District 9620 we thank each of you.

Inspire Tomorrow's Leaders – Sponsor a RYLA Participant!

Attention clubs! The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is your chance to empower the next generation of leaders. By sponsoring a participant for D9620 RYLA, you'll help an emerging leaders discover their potential, develop essential skills, and ignite their passion for creating positive change in the world.

RYLA is more than just a leadership camp - it's a life-changing experience filled with workshops, networking, and personal growth opportunities. Your club's sponsorship could make all the difference for a young person in your community who is ready to step into their future with confidence.

RYLA Details:

DATES: Saturday 31st May – Friday 6th June 2025

VENUE: Camp Cooby, 239 Loveday Road, Geham, Queensland 4352

Ages: 20-30 years

Who to look for: Motivated, service-minded individuals eager to grow and lead.

Let's make a lasting impact by supporting our future leaders. Start reaching out now – schools, community groups, and even your personal networks are great places to find incredible candidates. Together, we can unlock potential and strengthen our communities.

For more information or to nominate a participant: [Home | RYLA9620](#)

Make a difference today – sponsor a RYLA participant and help them shine!

DG Sue

AUSTRALIA DAY RECOGNITION

As DG Sue said in her article, 'several Rotarians were also recognised for their commitment to making a change for the better in our communities, our support organisations and our businesses.' Those I was able to find on Facebook are featured below. If there are others, please contact me (see back page) with details and a photo for February's edition. (Editor)

HEATHER IRVINE, ROTARY CLUB OF MT GRAVATT



Heather's award specifically highlights her dedication to the success of our annual Christmas Fair.

GARRY FENNER, ROTARY CLUB OF HAMILTON



Garry's award recognises his tireless effort in organising the local Hamilton Citizenship Awards.

TRACEY WYATT, ROTARY CLUB OF WYNNUM AND MANLY



Tracey's award recognises her contribution and commitment to our community.

WIN SALMON, ROTARY CLUB OF ST GEORGE



Win was recognised for her commitment to the community, and schools through Rotary and Toastmasters, as well as mentoring and tutoring students.

ALEXANDRA HEADLAND FEEDS THE MASSES

RCAH provides breakfast for 300 Jamboree-bound scouts and their leaders

The Rotary Club of Alexandra Headland recently hosted 300 scouts and their leaders for breakfast when they stopped off at the Sunshine Coast on

their way to Maryborough for the 26th Australian Jamboree (AJ2025). The three yearly event was held at the Maryborough Showgrounds and Equestrian Park January 6–15, 2025.

Six buses left Canberra at midday on Sunday January 5 and travelled through the night, planning to arrive at the Sunshine Coast at 6:00am. You can imagine the surprise for the Rotary Club of Alexandra Headland members who arrived just before 5:00am to start setting up and found two buses already in the carpark! A better run than expected partly explained the early arrival but the main reason? – they hadn't taken daylight savings into account, or the lack of it, in Queensland!



As more buses arrived, the scout group patiently waited as the Rotary Club of Alexandra Headland volunteers feverishly set up for breakfast. No doubt the scouts were just grateful to be out of a cramped bus and able to walk around in the pleasant Queensland morning air – and go to the toilet!



Breakfast was eventually served and the scouts enjoyed a hearty meal of pancakes and spreads, a choice of cereals and milk, juice, and fresh fruit.



They then settled in for what initially appeared to be a longer than anticipated wait to depart as they were not required to be at the jamboree site until their allotted time, due to many buses arriving that morning. However, an earlier time slot was arranged and scouts were quickly assembled to express their heartfelt thanks for the breakfast that had been provided. They promptly boarded the buses for departure and set off for Maryborough.

All that was left for the Rotary Club of Alexandra Headland crew to do was clean up. This took no time at all and was made much easier due to the negligible amount of rubbish left behind. All of our volunteers commented on the spirit, politeness, and helpfulness of the scouts group.

Special thanks to our hard-working volunteers and our long-standing partner IFYS Inclusive Kids who very kindly assisted us with sourcing the breakfast foods required for this event.

Monique Kelsey, RC of Alexandra Headland



ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Všechno nejlepší, Muitas felicidades, Bedste ønsker, 幸運をお祈りしています, Good luck!

The D9620 Rotary Youth Exchange Program is full steam ahead! Recently, four Outbound Long-Term D9620 Rotary Youth Exchange Students have embarked upon their journey abroad. Long-term exchanges last a full academic year, and students attend local schools and live with multiple host families.

Students learn a new language, discover another culture, and truly become global citizens. Exchanges for students ages 15-19 are sponsored by Rotary clubs worldwide.



Our 2025 D9620 Rotary Youth Exchange Students are as follows:

- Kate O'Farrell, (Japan) sponsored by the Rotary Club of Caloundra Pacific;
- Madison Roy, (Denmark) sponsored by the Rotary Club of Greater Springfield;
- Maddison Lang, (Brazil) sponsored by the Rotary Club of Mooloolaba; and
- Clancey Smith, (Czech/Slovakia) sponsored by the Rotary Club of Cleveland.

The students are excited and enthusiastic for the opportunities ahead!



Last year, Kate, Maddi, Maddi and Clancey participated in the weeklong December Orientation and Sunshine Safari.

They were joined by our 2024/2025 Inbound Exchange Students; Mette (Denmark) sponsored by the Rotary Club of Brisbane Highrise, Daichi (Japan) sponsored by the Rotary Club of Toowoomba Garden City, and Frida (Denmark) sponsored by the Rotary Club of Beenleigh.



The students had an amazing time at Australia Zoo, where they had the opportunity to meet Robert Irwin, see exotic animals and learn about conservation. During the Safari Tour, they explored D9620, visiting local clubs. All the students expressed their enjoyment in connecting with community members and sharing their aspirations for the year ahead.

The students got to learn about the important work undertaken by RAWCS and RARE, as they had fun packing and sorting goods for Containers at the RARE facility.



One of the standout experiences was paddling in the Bribie Island Lagoon alongside a group of breast cancer survivors. They also experienced various activities, including raft-building, enjoying the high ropes course, feeding dolphins in Tin Can Bay, and indulging in a scenic water taxi ride to Stradbroke Island, where they took a stunning walk around the Gorge.

A big shout out and thank you to the Rotary Clubs of **Bribie Island, Mooloolaba, Noosa, Kingaroy, Toowoomba Garden City and**

Cleveland for warmly welcoming all of our students.

Velkomst tilbage, いらっしやいませ 戻る, Bem-vindovoltar, velkomst tilbage, Welcome back!

We also welcomed back our 2024 outbound cohort! It's good to see James Biddle (Japan), Jacinta Ryan (Denmark), Sean Scholz (Brazil) and Hugh Bunce (Denmark) back from their year abroad.

While their year is behind them, they reunite with their families after a profound and fascinating experience. The D9620 Youth Exchange Committee found the program perspective changing and purposeful. While there were challenges, they also learn new skills as they emerged themselves in a different culture.



The D9620 Rotary Youth Exchange Committee sincerely thanks all of Rotary Clubs who participate in the program and share our enthusiasm for this great program.

If you are interested in the D9620 Rotary Youth Exchange Program, find us on Facebook or email us at rye@rotary9620.org

*Myles Waugh
Student Counsellor, D9620 Rotary Youth Exchange Program*

JAMES BIDDLE RYEP JAPAN

During my exchange, one of the highlights was participating in my school's cultural festival. It was a moment that made me truly feel part of the school community and provided a deep immersion into Japanese culture. I also had the opportunity to travel extensively with my host families, exploring various parts of Japan and sharing unforgettable experiences. A particularly special memory was traveling to the U.S. and Canada with one of my host families, where we enjoyed shopping and other activities together.



The everyday interactions with my host families were invaluable simple conversations that I will always cherish. The food in Japan, especially rice, is central to daily life, with some families serving it up to three times a day. I quickly grew fond of Japanese

cuisine, particularly barbecue. Although settling in with each host family was initially intimidating, I immersed myself fully and prioritised spending quality time with them.

One piece of advice that guided me through my exchange was: "It's a life in a year," a reminder to seize every moment. Looking back, my exchange year flew by, filled with countless memories. Rotary Youth Exchange is truly life-changing, and I highly recommend it.



James Thomas Biddle
Rotary Youth Exchange Program 24-25 to Japan!
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Biogas for Nakuru Project Update

Biogas units 19 and 20 have now been commissioned and handed over to the beneficiaries. Unit 19 went to a family of the Umoja Self Help Group (SHG) and unit 20 to a family of the Hope SHG.



Biogas Unit No 19 and Beneficiaries

Unit 20 was constructed using the funds raised at our changeover last June, Unit 19 was funded by the Bedourie Amateur Race Club Inc. This was from the funds raised by the Rotary Nomads and Friends helping with the Camel and Pig races.

Rotary Foundation Global Grant Application

The application has been submitted and assessed by the Rotary Foundation Regional Grants Officer (for Africa). The regional grants officer has requested quite a lot of additional information which the project team is now working on.

We still need funds and pledges to support the global grant and the Rotary Foundation project to install 120 biogas units for families in the rural area around Nakuru. The budget to install 120 biogas units is currently US\$131,425 (A\$211,178).

Unfortunately, it is not possible to donate directly to the Rotary Foundation for the project until the global grant is approved which also makes fundraising very challenging. We do have pledges from four other Rotary Clubs and verbal pledges from Rotary Nomads and other individual Rotarians for funds to be donated to the project once the global grant is approved. We are also receiving cash donations into the Rotary Nomads 'grant' account which will be transferred to the Rotary Foundation project in the donor's name as soon as the global grant is approved. The Foundation donations go towards Paul Harris recognition where RAWCS donations do not.

Donations to the Foundation and via RAWCS are both tax-deductable.

RAWCS Biogas for Nakuru

The Biogas for Nakuru is now an approved RAWCS (Rotary Australia World Community Service) project. This means that anyone can now make a tax deductible donation of any amount at any time direct to the project. This is done via the Biogas for Nakuru website at: <http://www.nakurubiogas.com> or the RAWCS donation page for the Biogas for Nakuru Project at: <https://donations.rawcs.com.au/33-2024-25>

Biogas Unit No 20 and Beneficiaries

Why RAWCS as well as the Foundation Global Grant?

Transferring donated funds that we already hold to a Kenyan shillings bank account in Kenya from our ANZ bank was too difficult. These are funds received directly for the biogas project are outside of the Foundation global grant application process.

We had to try to work around this to get the funds to Kenya for units 19 and 20. Long story, anyway we still needed a way for people to be able to make tax deductible donations to the project anytime and in addition to the Global Grant process.

It is important to have a simple project to transfer any funds raised outside of the global grant process to the Rotary Club of Nakuru's biogas project account whenever required i.e. for the payment of invoices for materials etc to construct a biogas unit. RAWCS solves both these issues.

Tax deductible donations can now be collected and managed by RAWCS and no longer have to pass through a Rotary Nomads account reducing the Treasurer's workload by no longer having to manage these funds.

Funds have now been transferred to the RAWCS Biogas for Nakuru project account for the construction of Biogas units 21 and 22 funded by



the Rotary Club of Townsville Central and a private donor from Canada.

If you have any questions or would like to know more check the www.nakurubiogas.com webpage or contact Steve Bennett.

*Steve Bennett
Rotary E-Club of Australia Nomads*

These Biogas Units are funded by Rotary Nomads & Bedourie Amateur Turf Club following a group of Nomads and friends of Rotary who travelled to Bedourie to volunteer at the Bronco / Bull Rodeo & the Camel and Pig races last June 2024. The donations from the Turf Club have funded two units and a Peace Pole for the Bedourie State School. Great fun and community. RC Logan have also sponsored a Biogas unit.

Here is an interesting link:-

<https://youtu.be/mNwszU7JXYI>

Rotary Club of Toohey

D9620 gets a new Rotary Club on 15 February 2025, as the Rotary Club of Toohey comes into existence!

Its members (some current Rotarians and mostly new Rotarians) are enthusiastic and ready to go with the hope to have their first project established in the near future. This Club and its members value inclusivity and tolerance and aim to be dynamic and responsive to community needs. The Rotary Club of Toohey is a little different:

- the meetings are informal;
- the meetings are not do include a meal;
- the meetings are free; and
- simple meeting structure



As the majority of club members are younger, working professionals and/or have young families at home, it was important that the Club could accommodate people who want to be a part of Rotary but also balance their other commitments. Ensuring the culture of the club fits the lifestyle of its members and being budget friendly makes being a Rotarian accessible to all.

Cassie Mutimer (current Rotarian and Joint Charter President) has stated that her vision for the Club is to be a place where people can connect and work together on projects that support and make an impact in the lives of others whether that's in our local community or beyond.

Toohy is new and modern Rotary Club that has attracted many community members interested in learning more about Rotary.

Leanne, a Club member new to Rotary, said that she joined because she was wanting to participate in the community with purpose and support others in need and that joining the Club allowed her to engage with like-minded people and be part of a team that genuinely helps others.

Trevor, a Club member, also new to Rotary, said he joined because he wanted to contribute more to our neighbourhood and community and by being a part of Rotary, he can do that.

While not yet an official Rotary Club, the members of Toohy have been busy. In December 2024, members helped run the BBQ at a Community Christmas Event with the Rotary Club of Brisbane Centenary. More recently members volunteered to help control traffic and shuttle spectators to and from the Brisbane Open at the Queensland Tennis Centre as a part of an annual project run by the Rotary Club of Brisbane Inner West!

As the Club continues to grow and expand, we aim that our style helps us promote the Rotary values of integrity, diversity, service, leadership, and fellowship.

Information about the Rotary Club of Toohy's Charter Ceremony on 15 February can be found in the GIST and the district calendar.

Rotary Club of Toohy has a gift registry that can be viewed here:

<https://www.easyregistry.com.au/toohyrotarycharter>



*Myles Waugh
Charter Secretary, Rotary Club of Toohy*

DISTRICT 9620 FOUNDATION COLUMN

We are continually seeing media reports of horrendous episodes of domestic violence in the community. Rotary has begun aggressively tackling this issue in recent years, with such things as T-shirts promoting awareness, being worn by Rotarians who have taken to the streets with this message. Businesses have also taken up this campaign, with employees all wearing the T-shirts. Many clubs are now taking the advantage of District Grant Funds to assist in this area.

My club, Ipswich City, has repainted and organised recarpeting of the admission area of one of the Domestic Violence Offices, as well as providing an outdoor area with landscaping, a cubby house, seating, and land scaping.

The Rotary Club of Toowong (RCT) support of the Windana Domestic Violence Support Centre.

This month the first District Grant (2021-2022) we will be looking at, was initiated by the Rotary Club of Toowong (RCT). The Rotary Club of Toowong has a close relationship with the Windana Support Centre, a refuge run by women for women and children subject to domestic violence. RCT has assisted Windana over the last seven years with several donations to meet their continuing needs. Windana provides safe and supported short-term crisis accommodation. When families arrive at the refuge, the support workers will assist them with their immediate

needs by providing food, safe accommodation, and access to urgent medical attention. Families may stay in the refuge for around three months and have the possibility of extending their stay in a transitional house for around another three months.

The Project

This District Grant was an opportunity to give Windana items which they have indicated that they need. Something to always consider when structuring a District Grant, is to make sure that a needs assessment, which must involve the recipients, is always carried out. This is of paramount importance with the structuring of a District Grant.

The items requested by Windana are as follows.

1. The InfaSecure car child seat is for children from 0 to 4 and they have an easier mechanism to adjust the height of the seat.
2. The iPhone SE 2020 128GB for staff as this will provide all the features for working safely with clients and to access emails and other communication sites Windana needs to.
3. The Samsung Galaxy A12 unlocked smartphones are for clients. This will give them a reliable mobile phone so they can access their social media sites to retain communication with their loved ones, capacity to access internet site such as realestate.com so they can look for secure and sustainable accommodation.

The above items purchased by the Rotary Club of Toowong came to \$2,481.41 with the club requesting grant funding in the amount of \$1,240.71, with the remaining half provided by the club.

Something to be aware of when dealing with Domestic Violence Offices and Accommodation, is the secrecy involved in not disclosing their locations. This information is rarely shared with people outside their organisation.

Rotary Club of Mooloolaba’s Equine Therapy Program

The next District Grant (2021-2022) we will look at, is the Rotary Club of Mooloolaba’s Equine Therapy Program for Years 4 and 5 students who attend Mooloolaba State School. In addition to providing funding for the program which is provided by “Equine Alliance”, volunteers from the Rotary Club of Mooloolaba provided

transportation for six students to and from the Equine Alliance facility at Palmwoods. The programs run for six sessions of each school term throughout the year.

The Benefits of the Project

Equine Assisted Counselling & Personal Development Program as provided by Equine Alliance has proven to provide positive results with students who participate in the program. Students with either personal behavioural issues or with troubled home life are identified by the school counsellor and a recommendation is put to the school for participation in the Equine Therapy Program.

Statistics have shown that behavioural issues are corrected for those students who participate in the program, which assists greatly in improving their home life for both the individual students and their families. The program assists in keeping young children out of institutions *and keeping the family unit together.*

The Club’s proposed financial contribution, resources and / or labour

			Volun- -teer Hours
Equine Therapy Program Jul - Sep 2022	Equine Alliance	\$900	40
Equine Therapy Program Oct - Dec 2022	Equine Alliance	\$900	40
Equine Therapy Program Jan - Mar 2023	Equine Alliance	\$900	40
Equine Therapy Program Apr - Jun 2023	Equine Alliance	\$900	40
	TOTAL:	\$3,600	160
Funding to be provided by:		Amount	
Mooloolaba Rotary Club		\$1,800	
Sub Total		\$1,800	
Rotary District 9620 - DDF		\$1,800	
TOTAL (Must be equal to Budget Cost)		\$3,600	

The program offers six sessions for each of the 4 school terms and six different students attend each term making a total of 24 students for the year. Each year supports 24 different students from the year before.

Mooloolaba has been supporting this program for over eight years now and the volunteers have witnessed the improvement in the students' outlook and demeanour after the six sessions are completed and over the years had very positive feedback as to the program's success. Cooperation and collaboration with the school, particularly their Counsellor & Deputy Head, is essential for without it the program would fall flat. The Club Coordinator works very closely with the Counsellor and is currently in discussions with her as to how we may be able to help with a breakfast club she is hoping to start up, which offers food to students in the mornings. It was through our relationship with the DP we were able to arrange for a Peace Pole to be established in the school grounds. As such, we have learnt that the development of strong relationships in a community can allow other pathways/opportunities for new projects to develop.

When Clubs are writing their District Grant applications, they sometimes neglect detailing their commitment of club funds or member labour input towards the grant. When completing the financial section of the final report, all funds expended should be shown as well as member hours.

I hope clubs are preparing to get their District Grant applications for the 24/25-year in. Also, this year two members from each club will have to complete the Grants Training on the RI learning centre site.

*Rowarn Luder 0414321419
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VALE WILLIAM (BILL) BOYD

Rotary Oceania stated on 22 January that, 'It with great sadness that we recognise the passing of Rotary International Past President Bill Boyd today. Our thoughts are with Lorna and their family. Bill Boyd was President of Rotary International in 2006/2007, only the second New Zealander to hold that position.

'In recognition of his service Bill was awarded the Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award and Citation for Meritorious Service and a Distinguished Service Award by Rotary Down Under. Bill was also presented with the Queens Service Order for Community Service in the 2007 New Zealand New Year's Honours List and made a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2013. He was a Paul Harris fellow, many times over. A complete Rotarian.'

On 24 January, John Hewko, General Secretary of Rotary International announced, 'It is with great sadness that I share the passing of William "Bill" Boyd, Past Rotary International President.

'Bill championed the theme "Lead the Way" during his presidential year - a principle he embodied every day. Over more than three decades of service, he held numerous leadership roles within Rotary. Having had the privilege of working closely with him, I can say Bill was truly an inspiration to all who knew him.

'Recognized with the Queen's Service Order and the New Zealand Order of Merit, Bill's legacy reflects his unwavering dedication to humanitarian service, his relentless efforts to eradicate polio, and his commitment to strengthening Rotary's global impact.

'Thank you, Bill, for your unparalleled dedication and leadership. Let us honour his memory by continuing to Lead the Way.'

IPDG to conquer Mount Kilimanjaro

On February 20th IPDG Paul will set off on a trek to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro and on the morning of the 26 February (all going well) he will be standing 5895 metres above sea level. IPDG Paul has taken on this challenge as a fundraiser for ShelterBox Australia and to raise awareness of the plight of families and individuals who find themselves with no home or possessions after disaster or conflict. IPDG Paul has been a ShelterBox Australia Ambassador since 2016, and a Director on the SBA Board since 2018. He is no stranger to arduous and challenging treks, which have included the Annapurna region and Everest Base Camp. The upcoming trek will be a new personal challenge as it will be the highest altitude Paul will have achieved.

LOGANHOLME CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY & AUSTRALIA DAY

Paul takes on these challenges because, as a Rotarian, he has a passion for helping people in need, especially in times of crisis, and from his personal experience he knows that ShelterBox really makes a significant difference in providing much needed shelter and personal aid to people at a time when they have lost everything due to a disaster or other catastrophic event. He also enjoys trekking! And going that extra distance for a good cause.

Paul is pictured here on his way to Everest Base Camp in the gear that will once again take him to high altitudes for his new challenge.



While IPDG Paul has covered all his personal expenses for this bucket list challenge, he has also been busy fund raising, having set a target to raise a dollar for every metre Mount Kilimanjaro is high. The funds Paul raises will go directly to ShelterBox and will be greatly appreciated, not only by Paul personally, but also by ShelterBox and ultimately the people in need whom ShelterBox provides aid to. Together Paul and his supporter/donors will make a real impact on the work of ShelterBox.

At the time of publishing this DG News, IPDG has already reached his target, but is happy to raise even more funds. Paul joked "...maybe we can make the target US dollars instead of AUS dollars!! .."

Many Rotarians have already joined Paul in this challenge including some Rotary clubs, so if you feel you can help and want to part of Paul's motivation to do more, you can read his full story, learn more about ShelterBox and donate via his fund-raising page at the following link –

<https://shelterbox-australia.grassrootz.com/kilimanjaro-2025/paul-roger>

or scan the QR Code



DG Sue is preparing the flags for Australia Day – a Rotarian in Action!



Loganholme Rotarians were joined by Rotary Nomads to serve happy lamington consumers.



RC Of Loganholme are ready to serve their Annual Free Lamington & Coffee at their Australia Day Event. 45 years young and still going strong!



These Rotarians are the backup crew – Rotarians Barb, Rob & Pres Neil – waiting for the order for more lamingtons.

ROTARACT CLUB OF HONIARA WORKS WITH RARE

Late last year, our club made a generous donation of school stationery to Takaitao Community High School, a rural school located in Malaita Province. We are thrilled to share that the donated items have successfully arrived at the school. The joy and excitement among the students are evident, as captured in the attached photos. Their bright smiles reflect not only their gratitude but they also show the positive impact this donation will have on their educational experience.

We believe that providing these essential supplies will help enhance their learning environment and empower the students to pursue their studies with renewed enthusiasm. Our club is committed to supporting education in underserved communities, and we look forward to continuing our efforts in the future. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this meaningful initiative!

A special thank you to Rotary Australia Repurposing Equipment Northern Region



Rotaract Club of Honiara

FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the sixth edition of the DG News for the 2024-25 Rotary year – where we **SHARE YOUR MAGIC!** Please submit articles (interesting and visual) to the DG News Editor, Win Salmon at newsletter@rotary9620.org by 25 February for the (next) seventh edition.

Rotary
District 9620

WHITE LADY FUNERALS
a woman's understanding
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