



The Hamburg Rotary Convention:

Thirty-one D9600 Rotarians and friends are heading off to Hamburg to share fellowship with Rotarians from all across the world and also to listen and learn at the Hamburg Convention. The actual convention is from 1 - 4 June but as always, I'm certain that many Rotarians extend that time and enjoy a holiday in another country.

This is my fourth Convention. I find it to be a bit like a District Conference on steroids. I've been to Sydney, Seoul, Atlanta and now to Hamburg. Next year the RI Convention is taking place in Honolulu and then to Taipei.

At each convention there is a House of Friendship where Rotarians take a booth and spread ideas that they have to others who stop by for a chat. It's often through these discussions that clubs make changes to what they get involved in, that conversations start about Global Grants and that Rotarians decide to get involved in Action Groups.

This year, to my knowledge D9600 is involved in four booths. Paddington Club is leading a booth for Teacher in a Box. Spreading the word and giving lots of opportunities for experience in seeing a server in practice (Laura Diaz - New Farm club and I am off to have our lesson before we leave so that we can be valuable members of the team).

Bribie Island club is leading a booth for 'Healthy Hands for Hygiene' (you may know this has emerged from Spa Taps). Looking to spread the value of providing this water management tool in places where the management of water and ways to teach the importance of washing hands regularly is essential. A global grant in the making.



Caboolture club member, Chris Brown is a member of the Rotarians Cycling Action Group and is spending time on the booth encouraging Rotarians to increase fellowship opportunities through bicycling, fitness, and friendship activities.

Port Moresby club regularly leads the booth on 'Rotarians Against Malaria'. I find that visiting their booth gives me a focussed reminder on what has been achieved - and how much further we need to go.

Sharing this information as well as hearing from leading speakers across the globe is an impetus to reflect on why we enjoy lives of 'Service Above Self' and spreading peace across the world.



I've heard some Rotarians talk about getting stale in their clubs and wondering what they can do to get back some impetus - Go to a Rotary District Conference or a Rotary international Convention and I don't think you can help but be inspired.

If you're not coming along this year then maybe you should start planning a holiday around convention time in the next year or two.

Youth Protection - Obligations of Clubs and Rotarians:

Before the end of this year please take some time to review the information you (each Club) has on file - and has sent to the District - to ensure that you have satisfied the Rotary International mandatory requirements for all Rotarians who will be involved with young people in any Rotary activity.

Rotarians fall into two categories in relation to being with young people, regardless of their age, when involved in any Rotary organised activity.

- In instances where a Rotarian or non-Rotarian is only involved with young people in group activities and never in a one-on-one situation, they are referred to as a 'Responsible Adult' It does not absolve them from taking care of the young person but it does mean that they have no need to complete specific documentation.
- In any instance where a Rotarian or non-Rotarian is with a young person at a Rotary organised activity in a one-on-one circumstance then they are required to complete a Blue Card (through the Queensland Government) and also a Volunteer Declaration Form (formerly referred to as a Form 3). This is a Rotary International Mandatory Requirement. Copies of the register of Blue Cards and also copies of the Declaration Forms need to be provided to District (through the Youth Protection Officer).

In D9600 we are regularly asked how often the Volunteer Declaration Forms need to be updated and as a management process the Board has determined that this should be undertaken each time the Blue Card is required to be updated (legislation). The only variation to this time line is where the volunteer determines that circumstances have changed and send in amended details.

Mary Kearney is the incoming Youth Protection Officer and I'm aware that she is already visiting clubs to discuss these details further. Mary is a Rotarian from the Karana Downs Rotary Club and is currently the Assistant Governor for the Brisbane West region. Contact Mary at agbw@rotary9600.org. This will roll over to a new email address from 1 July 2019.

Peace Fellows Annual Seminar - Class XVI:

On Saturday 13th April the Annual Peace Fellows Seminar took place at the University of Queensland. It's a highlight of each year's program and I was pleased to note that there were more Rotarians present to hear the stories shared of their experiences this year. This year the Seminar was titled - 'Everyday Peace: Processes, Perspectives and Potential'.

As is usual, each of the Peace Fellows spoke to the topic, and in particular they linked it to their own Annual Field Experience. We heard stories of activities and experiences in Cambodia; in the Arab States; in IGAD - a bloc of eight countries in Africa with a focus on peace and security.

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

We learnt the value of ongoing monitoring for early warning signs about emerging conflict; We heard about the importance of gender balance at the negotiation table and we even heard about a value of termites that we can learn from.

Who knew? As a termite moves it leaves a scent for others to follow.

We were posed questions to think on:

For many in the world cooperative concepts are new concepts - How do we show the benefits of working together?

Why do we ensure that every child spends time learning language skills and maths skills but we just expect them to intrinsically have peace building skills? Why isn't it important enough to introduce them within an educational setting?

I find this annual seminar to be a highlight of the rotary year and always wonder why we don't have more Rotarians in the room. Having said that - the 120 seats were all booked. I wondered who were the Rotarians who booked a seat and didn't arrive?

Throughout the day we were given participation activities. Have you ever introduced your shoe to the person sitting next to you? Where's it been? Why does it look the way it does? Where is it going?

Watch out for the notices about this one for your calendar next year.

SEE YOU AT THE TREE PLANTING ON 27 APRIL (*see below*)

Together in Rotary Service

DG Wendy

Dear fellow Rotarians and friends of Rotary

Following the success of the D9600 Tree Planting Project '1414' in 2018, both DG Wendy and DGE Darryl have confirmed that they would be pleased to have a similar event during their years.

Many of you may already know that our District has once again partnered with Brisbane City Council in planning for another planting day at John Sprent Reserve at Moggill Saturday 27 April 2019.

An information pack is attached for those who will be attending on the day. For insurance purposes, it is a requirement that all attendees register (time in and time out) at the Karana Downs marquee before doing any planting.

We aim to start at 9.00am with registration and safety induction and wrap up as close to mid-day as possible. During the morning a plaque commemorating last year's planting event will be unveiled by the Lord Mayor, DG Wendy and IPDG John Lane.

As we got through the 1414 plants so quickly last year, Council have ordered even more plants for this year's planting. Remember that Council digs the holes. All we have to do is plant.

Karana Downs Rotary Club will once again be providing morning tea, including more of the scones with jam and cream that proved to be such a success last year.

We will also be ensuring that this event receives the widest publicity possible so we would ask all those attending to wear their Club shirts for a combined D9600 Team photo on the day.

Please note that members of Rotaract, Interact, Earlyact and YEP as well as Peace Fellows would be more than welcome to help with the tree planting.

Let me know if you need any further information about the proposed D9600 Tree Planting event.

Come along for a morning of fresh air, fun and fellowship as well as helping us and the great Brisbane City Council team reach our planting target.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on 27 April.

Regards

David Kearney - 0419700647 dkals@gil.com.au
Coordinator - D9600 Rotary Tree Planting Day

An apology from the Editor...

With my enthusiasm in getting DG Wendy's March Newsletter distributed I omitted to include RC Mooloolaba's club article as part of the "News from the Sunshine South Cluster".

Not only that, but President Geoffrey Hopkins had sent it in sooo early, with some great photos. A fantastic example of how well Rotary clubs can work/partner with Councils, Chambers of Commerce, etc.

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Sunshine South Cluster

Rotary Club of Mooloolaba Newsletter Article

March 2019

Mooloolaba Rotary Club embarked on a Community Service project, following consultation with the Sunshine Coast Council and the Mooloolaba Chamber of Commerce.

We were tasked with running the "Summer Beach Movies Series" which comprised of screening 7 movies between 25th November 2018 and 19th January 2019.

The Sunshine Coast Council assisted with paying the movie license fees and the Chamber of Commerce assisted with providing the equipment which resulted virtually in no risk from our perspective.

The "Summer Beach Movies Series" is an initiative of the Sunshine Coast Council to attract the many tourists and residents of the Sunshine Coast to attend movies on the beach over the Christmas/New Year period.

The council offered this project to the Rotary Club of Mooloolaba which gave us the opportunity to raise awareness of Rotary in the local community.

At each movie event we screened the most recent Rotary video clip which provided an overview of "What is Rotary" and many programs which we are involved with both locally and internationally.

This project was never intended to be a money raising project, however we did manage to raise a few dollars which was made from sponsors, from 8 local businesses, gold coin donations, selling drinks, chips and popcorn.

The first movie in November was in support of the White Ribbon Day. All proceeds from this movie event went directly to the White Ribbon Foundation. Unfortunately the next 3 movies in December had to be re-scheduled due to bad weather, which made for a busy January with the screening of 6 movies.

The movie equipment was set up on the beach each night and people attending packed onto the beach. We averaged around 700 people attending each night, with as high as around 2,700 on one night for the screening of the 'Greatest Showman'.

As this project was a local community project, the funds raised from the movies will be used to support our local charities.



NEWS FROM THE BRISBANE EAST CLUSTER

Comprising the Rotary Clubs of Albion, Brisbane Airport, Brisbane Inner North
Hamilton and Nundah

With thanks to Assistant Governor Judy Xavier

Although the head count in our cluster is much to be desired, on the flip side this serves as an opportunity for clubs in the cluster to work together on projects. Total donations for draught relief from Cluster Clubs \$15,000 plus \$2,000 to Food Bank.

Rotary Club of Brisbane Airport:

Breakfast meetings continue in their customary informal, but in a respectful, way. Attendances are reasonable given that many members enjoy occupations that often take them away at odd times. Almost every meeting has a contingent from the Aviation High School Interact Club, generally some students a teacher and occasionally the Principal, Mr David Munn. In turn, one of our members attends the weekly Interact meeting at the school.

The club's association with the school remains close, particularly as one of the significant events at the conclusion of the last Rotary year was the induction of Aviation High School their first Corporate member.

Activities this Rotary year, was an airport tour organised by the Brisbane Airport Corporation, allowing members to see progress of the Second Runway. The club participated with other clubs in our Cluster at the Einbumpin Festival. Manning the BBQ for OzHarvest in Fortitude Valley represented the more "traditional" Rotary activity.

Planting hundreds of trees at the Australian Catholic University was a big event, Melbourne Cup Luncheon is a big, fund-raiser. The club gave a generous donation to the Townsville Flood Appeal. Implementation of Cash for Containers scheme is already generating funds. The club supports Hummingbird House financially and also helps maintain their garden.

The club boasts 5 Rotary members under the age of 20. The club paid for Aviation High Interactors to attend Interact District Conference 10th March 2019

Rotary Club of Hamilton:

The Club's Vision for the year is to Build a Vibrant and Fun Rotary Club.

The club goal this year is to grow membership and retain existing members. The club has already inducted two new members for the year. The club maintains that good speakers are a key to a good meeting. A vocational visit to International House at the University of Queensland proved fruitful.

The Golf Day events always prove to be very successful. Essentially all the fund-raising activities were well received and made good returns.

The club recognised local business by way of Pride of Workmanship recognition.



The club recently hosted the PNG and Solomon Islands Presidents-Elect, initiated by District Governor-Elect Darryl Iseppi, this was also attended by the members of The Rotary Club of Albion,



The clubs of Nundah and Hamilton are planning on holding a combined Change-over dinner on 13th July 2019.

Rotary Club of Albion:

Promote club events on social media. The Rotary Club of Albion and the community of Aitape in PNG have had an ongoing relationship whereby the Rotary Club has helped the community. Sister Marie Moony has been the main contact. Sister Marie has worked in PNG for 37 years, and had hoped to remain there, but through ill health she has been forced to retire to Brisbane. Over the years the club has provided mosquito nets, school desks, wood for desks, water tank, first aid kits and finally medical equipment.

The nets were sold at \$1.00 each as they were not valued if they were given gratis. Malaria is a big problem in the area. The last list of medical equipment consisted of a diathermy unit, a warming drawer - rather than a fullblown humidicrib, and an anaesthetic machine. The club had been left a bequest by Ida Kennedy, past principal of Clayfield College also a past member of the Rotary Club of Albion.

The Rahine Hospital, which received the equipment is now in demand as a hospital because of the equipment. The equipment was provided by Alex Watson Head of Biomedical Engineering Services in Sydney. Shipping to PNG was circuitous to say the least - ship to Port Moresby, then to Wewak, then by road an eight hour trip over a road (which at its best is worse than our roads). Travel in winter is only possible because of rain in summer. It took a good 15 months for the equipment to finally reach its destination. The club runs two Trivia nights a year, which prove to be a lot of fun.

Rotary Club of Nundah:

Nundah Rotary is an exciting and vibrant club, with lots of activity and excitement. High attendance levels at club meetings and special events.

The club had five sausage sizzle BBQs in 8 days, and sent the profit to the Rotary Channel Nine Drought Relief fund.

Members worked with Rotary Brisbane Airport on their tree-planting project, supplying and setting up our BBQ trailer to supply the hungry masses on the day. The club had a sausage sizzle at Hummingbird House, when the hospice was open to the public. The club had not one but two (2) street festivals.

The first, being Einbunpin in Sandgate, where Hamilton, Geebung and Nundah clubs combined to sell sausages. The profits for the day were sent to Rotary Brisbane Airport to purchase trees for the planting.

Members have been involved in selling sausages at Nundah Street Festival for around 16 years, and again a big turnout of workers and a long day. Egg and Bacon Rolls

NEWS FROM THE BRISBANE EAST CLUSTER con/..

were popular early, then 'Sausages a la Maison' were the order of the day. People know and expect Rotary Nundah to feed them... lots of income means lots of spending. Around \$20,000 spent on Rotary and non-Rotary projects, local, national and international.

The club hosts an annual Citizenship ceremony, also the club has a Youth Exchange student in Brazil.

RC Nundah's fun trivia night

The club keeps tabs of voluntary hours spent and this always totals in thousands of hours .



Rotary Club of Brisbane Inner North:

The Club was formed in March 1958 and serves the people of the Wilston, Grange and Windsor areas as one of the oldest clubs in the North of Brisbane.

The club now meets for official meetings on the first and third Tuesday of the month. The three week gap caused by the five week month proved, for several, to be long. The trial will continue running until the New Year.

Their own particular projects includes assisting "Hand", "Karuna Hospice", "The Pyjama Foundation", "Polio Eradication" and host an annual Australian Citizenship ceremony.

The Brisbane Inner North Rotary Club supports and funds the Kedron Brook Business Group. The group has helped revamp and spruce up the nearby Wilston Village shopping precinct.

The club is also heavily involved in kerb numbering and look forward to the Lanham May Fair co hosted with Councillor Fiona King. The club was involved in clean up Australia day. The club will be involved in Anzac Day Sausage Sizzle



ARE WE MAKING THE MOST OF OUR OPPORTUNITIES?

*PDG Gina Growden
RPIC for 2018-21*



While I acknowledge that Clubs and Rotarians are now much more aware of the need to raise our public image and to "tell our Rotary stories" whenever possible, I believe that too many opportunities to educate the public about Rotary go begging, or are not done in a manner which encourages them to connect with us.

I recently attended a "Youth Night" arranged by a local Rotary club during which participants sponsored by the club to attend RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards), RYPEN (Rotary Program of Enrichment), and Rotary Youth Exchange were invited to share their recent experiences with the club members. Each student was accompanied by at least one parent, and two staff members from the local high school, who nominated the students, also attended.

Although advertised as a 'special night', the regular meeting procedure for the club was followed. No special presentation about Rotary - what we are and what we do - or about the additional opportunities that we offer to young people was mentioned. In addition, no club brochure, annual report or project documentation was available to present to the visiting adults and no invitation was offered to visit the club again.

I wonder how frequently these lost opportunities occur!

Another local club runs a 'spin and win' chocolate wheel in the local shopping mall each Saturday. Four or five of the club members dressed in their club polo shirts, Rotary caps, and Rotary aprons (with the new branding!) sell the tickets. Pull-up-banners placed near the spinning wheel advertise the club and their meeting details. However, no information about the local projects the club supports, or details of the business partnerships the club has formed (and there are many!) are on display.

Public image is more than having a social media presence! We need to take advantage of every opportunity we have to promote our club and our organisation!

TIP FOR THE MONTH

Consider creating a Rotary Signature Block for your emails, and encourage your fellow club members to do likewise.

With 28,000 Rotarians in Australia sending an email to an average of 5 people each day... that's 51,100,000 opportunities to promote Rotary each year!

Rotary 
Zone 8 Public Image



RAWCS Northern Region Donations in Kind Newsletter

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Important Notice

It has been brought to our attention that a number of Rotary Clubs and Rotarians are of the belief that the Donations in Kind Store at 23 Mary Street, Kingston is closed. **This is not true.** The store remains open as usual with volunteers being welcomed on Thursday mornings for the sorting and packing of donations and general duties within the store and the monthly roster of Rotary Clubs for one Saturday morning per month to pack containers continues.

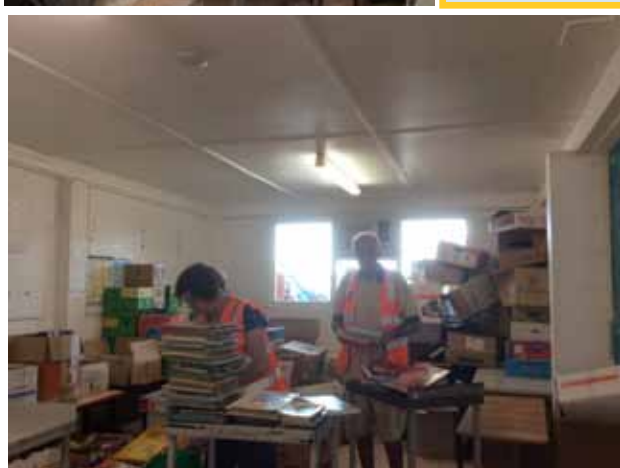
Contact for Donations in Kind Northern Region are: PDG George Grant of District 9600 Mobile: 0408 011 145 and PP John Paskin of District 9630 Mobile: 0400 032 131

Donations in Kind Northern Region now has it's own dedicated Mobile Phone and Email Address:
Mobile: 0466 556 042 Email: dik.rawcsnorthern@gmail.com

There has been a great deal of activity on site, particularly on the roster days when volunteers from Rotary Clubs were in attendance to assist with the packing of containers.

On 9th March, there was in excess of 60 Volunteers representing 14 Rotary Clubs giving their support to Donations in Kind Northern Region. A 40' container destined for Port Moresby was packed with school furniture and books. This container is now on the way to Port Moresby. The Rotary club of Cleveland made a start on their container for Lae and Bren Milson and his crew from District 9640 put the finishing touches to their container for Dili in Timor Leste. Volunteers not needed for the packing of the containers helped with the sorting and packing of books in the store.

The next roster day on the 6th April saw 35 volunteers in attendance from 7 different Rotary Clubs. A 20' container for Manus Island was packed. This is a project of Wantaim PNG, a community group on Manus, supported by Lynne Shori, a Rotarian of the Rotary Club Manly in Sydney. Donations in Kind is giving support with the arrangement of the logistics of getting the container to Manus Island. Progress was made on the packing of another two containers on the day, one by the Rotary Club of Mooloolaba for the Western Province of the Solomon Islands and the other by a group of Rotary Clubs of District 9600 destined for Mougulu in the Western Province of PNG



YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED!

Management and Governance

In accordance with the policies of Rotary Australia World Community Service and for the future viability of Donations in Kind Northern Region, it is imperative that we establish a committee structure for the management of Donations in Kind. There are certain tasks and responsibilities that have to be addressed to ensure the success of Donations in Kind and we are seeking volunteers who are prepared to serve on the committee and accept responsibility for some of these tasks. Anyone interested in assisting should contact either PDG George Grant or PP John Paskin.

Thursday Volunteers

There is a need for fresh and younger volunteers to attend Donations in Kind on Thursday mornings to assist with general warehouse duties and the sorting and packing of donations ready for dispatch to the areas of need in the developing countries. No need to contact anyone, just turn up at 23 Mary Street, Kingston between 8.00am and 12 noon and you will be made very welcome.

Funding

As always, Donations in Kind Northern Region is in desperate need of funds to cover the operational cost of running the store and the cost associated with the shipping of the containers of donations to the areas of need. **Please give favourable consideration to Donations in Kind when dispersing the Club's funds at the end of this Rotary year.** Donations can be made online through the following link:

<https://donations.rawcs.com.au/Default.aspx?ProjectID=789&ReturnTo=4>

Forklift Drivers and First Aid Officers

Donations in Kind Northern Region requires additional forklift drivers and First Aid Officers. Anyone interested in acquiring their licence in either of these areas and is prepared to be a regular volunteer at Donations in Kind should contact either PDG George Grant or PP John Paskin. Donations in Kind is prepared to cover the cost associated with acquiring these licences.



**FIRST INTAKE OF CHILDREN
IN FRONT OF THE CLASSROOM**



**TEACHER TEACHING WHILE
CHILDREN
LISTENING AND WORKING**



**FIRST BUSH MATERIAL CLASS-
ROOM**

Call for Assistance

The following email was received seeking te assistance of Donations in Kind

"Hi!

I am a Principal of a newly founded Early Childhood Preschool in a local community of Bainyik village, Maprik District of East Sepik Province in Papua New Guinea.

Sir, I have heard from another near by school (Burui Primary School in Wosera/Gawi District) about the wonderful assistance they have received from your organisation some time ago. I am very excited and interested to know more about the organisation and want to know how can I go about in applying for your assistance to assist my new school for my future human resource of my community.

Please sir, find attached are some photos of our simple newly established preschool. This is our humble beginnings.

Thank you so much.

John Mala"

When a community is prepared to put in the hard work to achieve something for their Community, then I believe that we have an obligation to assist when requested.

Is there a Rotary Club prepared to adopt this as a project and provide the assistance through Donations in Kind



**MOTHERS CARRYING SAND FOR
A NEW SCHOOL OFFICE**



**FATHERS OF CHILDREN DIGGING
PIT FOR A NEW SCHOOL TOILET**



**FATHERS PUTTING UP SAGO
STALKS FOR CHILDRENS DIS-**

Support for Our Own Indigenous Communities

Donations in Kind Northern Region has helped in the past by giving assistance with the packing and dispatching of a couple of containers to indigenous communities in the Alice Springs area. Another container is being planned for Mutitjulu and Donations in Kind has again agreed to help. The following wish list has been received:

Mop, Brooms indoor/outdoor, Buckets, Bleach, Dishwash liquid, Bathroom cleaner, Domestos, Cob web Brooms, Clean mattresses, Hand Sanitizers, Face washers and Soaps.

The community is going through a big clean up which is great to see

Contact Donations in Kind if you are able to assist with any of the above wish list



Help!!

We have an obligation to our Landlord to keep the grounds of the Donations in Kind premises in a neat and tidy condition.

Is there a Rotary Club prepared to come in on a regular basis to maintain the grounds