



CONGRATULATIONS

We all dreamed and it came true.

Last weekend we shared the 2019 District 9600 Conference at the Grand Chancellor Hotel in Brisbane.

It was a week-end full of fellowship - lots of laughter and enthusiasm

With lots of examples of leadership - speakers from our clubs leading us in how to engage better with Rotary

Participants were centred, showing respect for each other and staying on track - they had Integrity

The diversity of those at the conference was evident, not just in how we looked but also in our views and our ages. We were young, old; ambulatory, non-ambulatory; from Australia, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and Nepal; and the Youth Exchange students came from many other corners of the globe

We raised funds for polio - we had a raffle and the Youth Exchange students painted our pinkies. We were involved in service even at the Conference

The Governor of Queensland, His Excellency, The Honourable Paul de Jersey opened the conference and he was certainly impressed with the opening ceremony, the choir from Kedron High School and the flag ceremony led by the Youth Exchange students.

I certainly enjoyed each of the sessions and learnt much over the week-end. The inspiration that came from Geoff, Marion and Dinesh as they shared their life stories and the visions that keep them achieving at such high levels. The inspiration that came from hearing of the three featured projects - Murgon Club helping our farmers during the drought; Toowong and Mitchelton Rotarians working side by side with Rotarians in Papua New Guinea to bring water to three tribes and Brisbane High-Rise Club working over many years to give children at the Mamba School in Tanzania the opportunity to succeed in primary school and go on to secondary education.



We heard of the actual situation that exists in Australia as it pertains to Family and Domestic Violence (FDV), Trauma in Young Children and Human Trafficking. We learnt that one woman a week and one man a month are losing their lives to FDV and yet we aren't treating it as the crisis that it is. In my mind I particularly have that image from the video where young boys talk about how much they like and respond to a young girl, and are then appalled when asked to slap her - because they all say they know it's the wrong thing to do. When do we lose that knowledge? Thank you to Karana Downs Club who let us know of their FDV project that gives support to the police.

On Sunday we heard from Earlyactors, Interactors, Youth Exchange students and Clubs about membership successes. Each group gave us food for thought about how we might get more involved and might grow our Clubs so we can give more in service or more closely link with the youth in our community.

I did really like the panel session too when we heard views from Rotarians and Rotaractors. What a clever way to have our eyes opened to see the similarities and the differences.

If you were at the conference I'm sure you went home with quite a lot of new and vibrant news about Rotary - and much of it delivered by speakers from our very own District. We should always recognise our own.

A few of the presentations were videoed and when that's in place we'll send out the message so that clubs can access some for use in their meetings.

Two more reminders for the coming month:

Remember to come along to the **Peace Fellows Seminar on 13th April**. See flyer page 4.

"Everyday Peace: Processes, Perspectives and Potential"

Also remember to come along to the **Tree Planting on Saturday morning - 27th April**.

For more details contact our coordinator: David Kearney from the Karana Downs Club

Together in Rotary Service
DG Wendy



Above: DGE Darryl with DG Wendy;
Centre: RC Paddington President David Frost receiving award for the highest club attendance at conference;
Right: His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC Governor of Queensland - opening address



BE THE INSPIRATION

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

WHAT A WEEKEND IT WAS... D9600 CONFERENCE



RIPR PDG David Alexander



His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC
Governor of Queensland



Above - Geoff, Marion and Dinesh; left Heath;



NEWS FROM THE SUNSHINE SOUTH CLUSTER

Comprising the Rotary Clubs of Alexandra Headland, Buderim, Caloundra, Caloundra Pacific, Maroochydore, Mooloolaba and Sunshine Coast Central
With thanks to Assistant Governor Wendy Gilson

ALEXANDRA HEADLAND:

Alex Rotary has recently conducted their annual Surf Show and Shine event – a weekend of surfing fun and memorabilia that combines VW Kombi's and Surfboards with all things surfing. The event attracted 5,000 visitors to inspect the vehicles and surfboard and have the opportunity to vote on various categories.

The event was a fundraiser with a purpose Allowing the coast to raise money, with the funds being specifically allocated to the farmers and communities in the drought affected bush areas.



Now in its fourth year planning is well under way to expand and involve more of the community with the hope of raising even more funds. This year will see the fun start on a Friday evening and involve activities on Saturday and Sunday and will work closely with the business community and Sunshine Coast Council.



Alex Headland Rotary presented the proceeds to Care Outreach, a Sunshine Coast based organisation that travels to all the drought affected areas of western Queensland and north/western - NSW to provide direct assistance to families and communities in the bush – thus fulfilling the concept of the Coast providing help for the Bush.

CALOUNDRA:

The inaugural Sunshine Coast Photographic Competition is open to primary and secondary school children living on the Sunshine Coast.

The theme for the 2019 competition covers two categories: Animals and Natural Environment. Each category will be divided into age groups: up to 10 years; 10-12 years; 12-15 years; and 15 years +

There will be prizes for the winner in each category by age group. Winners will receive a \$50 gift voucher; runners-up will receive a \$25 gift voucher. The vouchers are redeemable for goods at Harvey Norman's Maroochydore Photo Centre

Each winner and runner-up will receive free tuition from professional photographer, Barry Alsop.

Full details at: photocomp.rotaryclubcaloundra.com.au

Gearing up for the RC Caloundra Charity Golf Day 2019
A special breakfast meeting launched our 2019 golf day - the Surf and Turf Classic Charity Golf Day.

This year, we are proud to be supporting the vital work in our community through Vinnies, The Board Meeting Surf Charity and of course other Caloundra Rotary projects!

Come join us for the Rotary Club of Caloundra's Charity Golf Day for 2019 - Friday 15 March at the outstanding Pelican Waters Golf Club.

More information at golf.rotaryclubcaloundra.com.au

Agricultural Fish Farm completed

A small team from the club provided oversight for the completion of the agricultural fish farm at the Shepherds Arms Children's Home (SACH) in Bohol, Philippines. SACH plans to grow fish from fingerlings in a purpose-built fish farm to assist the children's home become self-sufficient in providing a supply of food. A revenue stream from selling surplus fish is anticipated. The project partnered with Humanitarian Projects International and the Rotary Clubs of Gladstone and Tagbilaran. Rotary District 9600 also provided a grant towards the project. More at rotaryclubcaloundra.com.au/page/sach-agricultural-fish-farm



MAROOCHYDORE:

A quiet start to proceedings in 2019 for our club now that we have elected to hold meetings twice monthly. However attendance has increased at the meetings so it is proving to be a popular change.

Our last function in 2018 was a pizza night for inbound and outbound exchange students held at our long serving member Terry and Gail Welch's home. 28 students made their own pizzas, swam in the pool and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A big thank you all members who attended.

The first Bunnings sausage sizzle for 2019 was held on January 31 and while not overly busy was a financial success.

Members were busy distributing flyers for the Sunshine Coast Concert Band event on February 24 which was held at the Kawana Community Hall and promoted by our club in conjunction with the Maroochydore Men's Shed. A very popular day for many with afternoon tea provided by the club and prepared by members Howard and Grace George.

The club is in the process of choosing a charity to be part of the 2021 Australian Golf Fellowship of Rotarians. We have narrowed it down to 3 very worthwhile organisations, Sunny Kids, Wish List and The Board Meeting Surf Charity. A decision will be made during March thus allowing our delegation to the Alice Springs event in May to promote our event and announce the sponsored charity.

Another charity close to the members is Diggers Rest, a retreat near the Glasshouse Mountains supporting those who served our nation. The club is applying to The Rotary Foundation for a grant to assist in the building of cabins at the retreat. More information go to www.diggersrest.org.au.

On January 10 we farewelled our outgoing exchange student - Annabel Bartlett who is now with her hosts in Norway.
Our incoming student is due in July.



NEWS FROM THE SUNSHINE SOUTH CLUSTER

Continued

CARE GARDEN PROJECT

The Sunshine South Cluster wanted to do a project together and chose to construct a garden in a care home for teenagers in crisis. The home had a huge vacant grassed garden area, and the idea was to construct an area that would assist teenagers in their rehabilitation. As the ground had quite a slope there was a lot of ground works to be done, before work could commence. We have received donations of money from our cluster clubs, individuals, Sunshine Coast Councillor Rob Baberowski and a District Grant, the planning and designs were drawn up by Bridget, a landscape architect, the daughter of a cluster member.

We have also received various donations and generous rates from many contractors and of course many hours volunteered by the tireless committee members, Rotarians, Rotaractors and staff of IFYS, who combined have spent hundreds of hours volunteering and putting it all together. The Buderim Men's Shed have also been wonderful, they have made outdoor furniture, raised garden beds and helped with the teenager's retreat.

There is now a wide concrete path (to accommodate wheelchairs if necessary) with lush garden beds on either side which leads to a tiled BBQ area and then further onto a basketball area. The basket ball area is still to be surfaced, the raised garden beds to be put in and the teenager's retreat to be assembled which is a very large cubby house we have been given and will adapt, to which we are adding a large deck covered by a shade cloth. We are now in the final stages and work will soon be completed. A magnificent job done by all concerned.



ROTARY WALK for MENTAL HEALTH

The second Rotary Walk for Mental Health was held on 14th October, ably run by Vicki and her team.

The walk was from Mooloolaba Surf Club to Alex Headland Surf Club or Maroochydore Surf Club and return. Federal MP Andrew Wallace and State MP Fiona Simpson both participated and both said a few words about how important research into mental health is before the start.

The first walk 200 people participated, we were a bit apprehensive about the second one as the weather was absolutely atrocious, it poured with rain for most of the walk, but 600 people turned up to walk, many of them travelling a significant distance to participate.

The sea of purple was amazing, and the walk raised \$12,500 for Australian Rotary Health.

If it is fine, who knows how many will turn up for the next one on Sunday October 13th!! Well done everybody.

Kind Regards

Wendy Gilson
Assistant Governor
Sunshine South Cluster



‘Everyday Peace: Processes, Perspectives, and Potential’

Saturday, 13th April 2019
The Women’s College, UQ St Lucia
10:00am - 6:30pm



Rotary Peace Fellows Class XVI



**Guest Speaker - Madenia Abdurahman
President of Together for Humanity
Foundation & Chair of Muslim Aid Australia**

The Class XVI Rotary Peace Fellows presenting at this seminar are nearing the completion of their Masters in Peace & Conflict degrees at the University of Queensland. Many of the presentations draw not only from their studies, but also from the Applied Fieldwork Experience

**Guest Speaker Madenia Abdurahman President of Together for Humanity Foundation and
Chair of Muslim Aid Australia**

Participation is free, including complimentary lunch, tea & coffee and your first drink and finger food at the cocktail hour following the seminar (cash bar applies after that).

To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/2u5E7EU>

Please contact rotarypeacecentre@uq.edu.au with any questions





The new Phone number for
DIK at Mary St. Kingston is

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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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