



Basic Education & Literacy Month

The last few weeks have been an interesting and enjoyable part of My Rotary Journey. We are now half way through our Club Visits and it has been wonderful hearing and seeing the great work of our Clubs and our Rotarians. Many stories to come out of these visits.

This month we celebrate 70 years of Rotary in Nambour and from this club came our Past International President Sir Clem Renouf. He gave us the End polio Now Campaign and I hope everybody supports a Rotary Movie Night to watch Ride Like A Girl to help support that campaign. We know last year we suffered 26 cases in PNG some of which were in areas that are as close a one hour Boat Ride from Australia. Through the efforts of Rotary and our Global partners there has thankfully not been a case since 18 December 2018 and vaccination round 6 has been commenced since that first case last year. We need your help to ensure that we eradicate this disease from the world. Think of having one of your club meetings in October as a World's Greatest Meal to show your support as well. Separate Flyers will announce the Train Ride For Polio Schedule. Yes, we want to increase the pace from Horses in September to Trains in October.

To help with Basic Education and Literacy I know clubs have been pitching in and doing their rosters at Donations in Kind. Without funds however we can't ship containers to those places in need. At a District level we are working on finding additional resources for funds but for now the call is to our Clubs for their help and contacts to provide funds needed. School readers are in short supply at DIK and along with stretchers are much needed by the communities of our Island Clubs.

Congratulations to Doreen, Colleen and team for conducting a very successful RYPEN program last month and for bringing this great Enrichment program back into our District.

Every Club should now have their District Directories in Hard Copy, if not please contact myself or Laura Diaz to arrange collection. The up to date downloadable copy is available and has been since early July from the District Website.

District Conference Planning is in full swing with the majority of keynote speakers confirmed and the general program done. It will be a wonderful celebration of what is Rotary and how ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD. Please prepare your outfits for that theme and for an Aloha night as well. March 13-15 in Brisbane. We will also celebrate Rotary Friendship with an exchange team visiting from Districts 6450 and 6440 at that time. See details elsewhere in Newsletter.

In addition, we are planning a conference for PNG in April

where they are able to showcase to the world what Rotary is doing there and to help them show that Rotary Connects the World. Watch this space for more details and also for their test performance in March at the District Conference. The District transitioning to District 9620 for a 1 July 2021 commencement continues. The subcommittees are working well and we are becoming well prepared for the future ahead. As with all major reforms challenges occur however the work of the subcommittees is vital to ensuring the best outcome for Rotary in our area is obtained. District 9640 have stepped back from the program at present and await the Rotary International Board to give them some guidance on issues they are facing. Regardless District 9600 and 9630 have continued to move forward to ensure Rotary in this area survives for another 115 years plus.

Much of the Board of our District will be in Christchurch and beyond for the next two weeks however we are still only a phone call or email away. Out of the Oceania Conference we hope to have even greater support for our Island Clubs and the District as a whole.

May I again remind everyone that if you want your event published please contact our District Directory manager – Laura Diaz to ensure we publish your event or story in your District Newsletter.

Hope you are travelling safe and well

Darryl Iseppi
District Governor

LET'S #ROTARY9600 #PEOPLEOFACTION

Hi everybody! My name is Laura and I'm DG Darryl Iseppi's fiancée. I would like to invite all of you to our District 9600 Social Media community.

As some of you might have heard, our Social Media Network Chair Linda Tait stepped down from her District role. We thank Linda for her time on the role and wish her the best in the future. I've volunteered to monitor District 9600's Facebook and Instagram pages until a replacement for Linda is found.

A "DG Darryl Iseppi" Facebook page and Instagram: district.governor9600 were already created and a few posts on these two profiles were made with the intention to keep whoever wanted to follow, informed of our DG's whereabouts. Giving everybody an idea what a day in the life of a DG is like and see our pictures.

For the District Facebook and Instagram profiles however, I have a different strategy in mind. District 9600 is already a huge and wonderful community. However, we are fortunate to be separated geographically. I think Social Media gives us the opportunity to stay connected more regularly and more interactively. I strongly believe that Social Media

brings people closer together, connects the world. And this is exactly Rotary International's theme for the year.

After having attended the Rotary Convention in Hamburg, Germany this year, I realised that Rotary International is making a huge emphasis on Social Media to continue and thrive with its mission to do good in the world and to attract new and younger potential members. And it works. Now, shall we get on board?

Our Facebook page is named Rotary District 9600. Full stop. If you are following Rotary District 9600 Queensland, please scratch that. And join Rotary District 9600 instead. We are in the process of merging both pages to not lose the followers we have gained so far. However, it is a process that goes through Facebook in Palo Alto and it might take a while. Our District as we know is not only in Queensland but Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Nauru.

This is what it looks like:



If for some reason you don't find these profiles, try typing in district.governor9600@gmail.com

The Facebook page has the aim to keep everyone in the District informed of the latest news in the District and to promote our fundraising events among other goals. If you or your Club have a particular event that you would like to share with other Rotary members in the District and their friends and family, the best way is through Facebook and Instagram.

I've noticed that you do an excellent job with word-of-mouth. However, I believe that you can truly kick it up a notch and increase exponentially the attendance to events while using Facebook and Instagram to promote them. Please feel free to email me at: socialmedia@rotary9600.org or lauraconnectstheworld@gmail.com.

I am also behind the scenes of the District newsletter so if there is something you would like to share through the newsletter, feel free to email me directly as mentioned above.

Let's help Rotary grow stronger! Let's connect with the world, starting with our District 9600.

Thank you all for allowing me to be a part of this wonderful opportunity. I look forward to bringing the District closer together. Social Media not only has brought the world closer together but has given all those who once didn't have a voice, the opportunity to express their opinions. Let's express our opinions and share all the hard work we all put into Rotary with each other!

Yours in Rotary Service
Laura Diaz

ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA (RAM)

Supporters and Support needed in D9600

What is RAM

RAM is a volunteer-run organisation working to eliminate malaria, particularly in our region of the world. Particularly, but not exclusively, endemic countries within D9600. In Papua New Guinea we have seen a huge reduction in cases over the last 20 years however there has been an increase lately and we need to be vigilant and support the effort.

Financial Support for RAM

Although the Global Fund still contributes to the supply of bednets, there is still a lot initiatives that it does not support and it is these initiatives that RAM supports, initiatives that are essential for the elimination of the disease, a disease many orders of magnitude more serious than polio ever was.

Last year, financial support for RAM from D9600 was only \$2,350. Good work for the four clubs who contributed to this total. More is needed to support this and the Bednets chasing Malaria campaign. See photos below from DG Darryl's recent visit to the offices of RAM and Chasing Malaria in PNG.

D9600 RAM Committee

To raise awareness please consider helping Chair Russ with volunteering to be on the committee.

Remember, RAM is one of the most successful humanitarian projects in our part of the world! We should be proud of its achievements, including those that lay ahead.

If you are willing to help, please contact me: Russ Stephenson, rusmer1@hotmail.com or ring 0409 765 124.

Russ Stephenson,
D9600 RAM Chair



ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE

One of my goals for this Rotary year is to have a successful Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) between our district and an overseas district.

I was fortunate to meet with a Rotarian from a Rotary district located in the Chicago, Illinois area. Their district is likewise keen to participate in an exchange.

Leo Smith from Mooloolaba Rotary is our designated District 9600 RFE chairman for this Rotary year. In this role, Leo has been communicating with the Rotarian from Chicago regarding possible dates for the RFE. Our visit to the Chicago area is proposed to be for seven days in the second half of April 2020.

Our members will be home hosted by local Rotarians for the duration of the visit. The locals will arrange visits to Rotary International headquarters, interaction with local Rotarians and areas of interest in and around Chicago.

At this stage, we are looking for expressions of interest from Rotarians in District 9600 who would be interested in participating in the RFE. We are limited in the number of people we can accommodate on the trip (probably 10-12).

If you are interested in participating, please contact Leo Smith by email at secretary@mooloolabarotary.org to register your interest.

Spots will be allocated, up to the maximum, in the order in which expressions of interest are received.

Additionally, we will be hosting their team in mid-March 2020. This will coincide with our District Conference. We are looking for hosts to work with Leo Smith on home hosting and showing our visitors around. Please contact Leo. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with Fellow Rotarians from the home of Rotary.

Rotary Fellowship is Forever
Regards
Darryl Iseppi

WATER PUMP STILL WORKING

Water pump in PNG still working 15 years after a Rotary Foundation Grant paid for it so water could be provided to the school and village. Sustainability at work



BUSHFIRES RELIEF PROJECT

Over the last couple of weeks we have seen the start of one of the potentially worst Bushfire Seasons ever in our Rotary District and surrounding areas.

Some of our members have been affected though fortunately at this stage minimal damage and no loss of life. Our communities have not been as lucky. I know many of our Rotarians, their families and our clubs are supporting frontline emergency staff and also the support personal and evacuation centres.

My call to those clubs and the Assistant Governors for those groups has been heartwarming knowing they are dealing with it at a local level and are keeping in touch with our Rotarian Families.

I have called upon a number of clubs to be available to provide relief effort to those clubs first affected. The response has been wonderful and I thank everybody. I ask that we all be aware of the need. The clubs and Assistant Governors in these areas have been asked to come through District if help is needed and I have promised on your behalf that we will be there. I know we will all do what we can for our Rotary Family.

In addition to this I have requested and as you may have already seen they have responded and the RAWCS (Rotary Australia World Community Service) President, Treasurer and Project manager have set up a Relief Fund for the Bushfire Victims and Communities. This gives total Tax Deductibility effect to any donation to the Fund. It also eliminates any administration fees being charged. I thank the RAWCS executive for offering to do this.

By going to the RAWCS website www.rawcs.org.au anyone can donate to Queensland Bushfire Relief Project (RARF) with number 19-2019-20. The appeal will be titled "Queensland Bushfire Appeal". It will relate only to the affected Rotary Districts of Queensland. It will be a project in RARF. The project is live on the RAWCS website and is able to accept donations. RAWCS is organizing a quick donate button on the RAWCS home page.

The project will be managed as a RABS (Rotary Australia Benevolent Society) project for distribution and coordinated by the Queensland Bushfires Distribution Committee chaired by myself with Neil Black as Deputy. It includes representatives for all Districts connected to Queensland that have or will be affected by the Bushfires. Distribution will be to individuals, families and communities affected by the Bushfires.

Please advertise the appeal widely.
Stay safe and check on family and friends often.





ROTARY CONVENTION
Honolulu, Hawaii, USA
6-10 June 2020



We're excited that you're joining us in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, for the Rotary International Convention, 6-10 June! To make sure you have a great convention experience, every two months we'll send you Convention News, filled with information and tips to help you plan your visit.

Book your hotel now

Rooms are selling out quickly. To make sure you find a room at the best possible price, we encourage you to book your hotel through Experient as soon as possible.

Breakout session proposals are due 29 September

As a global network that strives to build a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change, Rotary celebrates the contributions of people of all backgrounds. Help us build an inclusive breakout program that celebrates Rotary's diversity, projects, and achievements. New for this year: Sessions will be available every day of the convention, beginning on Saturday, 6 June. Submit your proposal online. Questions? Write to conventionbreakouts@rotary.org.

Explore Honolulu with aloha

The city of Honolulu and the Host Organization Committee welcome you with aloha to enjoy the sun, sand, and fun of their island paradise. Learn how to play the ukulele, dance the hula, and create your own Hawaiian flower lei as part of the cultural activities available aboard the Star of Honolulu Hawaiian Culture and Lunch Boat Cruise. This is just one of many activities available to help you explore Honolulu. Purchase your tickets for cruises, music performances, host hospitality night, service projects, and more through the HOC.

Promote your unofficial affiliate event

Make plans now to meet with members from your zone, district, or the Rotary community by organizing an unofficial affiliate event.

To have your event listed on Rotary's official convention website, riconvention.org, or in the Rotary Events app, write to uae@rotary.org. You'll receive an automated response with a link to a form for you to complete, along with information about venues and additional support. A calendar of unofficial affiliate events will be posted on riconvention.org in December. The Rotary Events app will be updated with information about the Honolulu convention in May 2020.

Please note that each organizer is responsible for all of the costs associated with an unofficial affiliate event, such as catering, audiovisual equipment, security, transportation, and the venue.

Reminders

The House of Friendship offers the opportunity to showcase your service project, celebrate your Rotary achievements, talk about your Rotarian Action Group, or sell your Rotary merchandise as a licensed RI vendor. Go to the Exhibitors page of riconvention.org to learn more and apply. The Rotary International Convention is our biggest event of the year! Use the promotion kit and videos to make sure members know when, where, and most importantly, why they should make plans now to attend.

Be sure to regularly check riconvention.org for the latest information on the convention. You'll also find answers to frequently asked questions about registration, transportation, and more.

Aloha, Rotary!

ROTARY PROVIDED ALL THE DESK, BOOKS AND EQUIPMENT YOU SEE



Students overflow the container classroom as Rotary looks at what can be done to expand the brick classroom they built 2 years ago to accommodate the extra students



COLOUR RUN IN MADANG



DIK AND LITERACY SUPPORT PROVIDED IN PNG



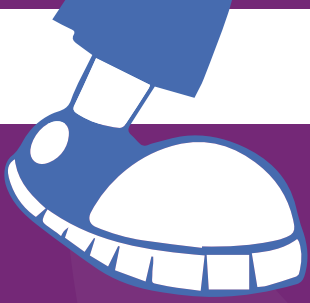
LAE HUON GULF CLUB SUPPORTING A SCHOOL WITH ONLY COMMUNITY FUNDING AS 93 STUDENTS SIT IN THE TWO CLASSROOMS



FELLOWSHIP

Making friends with the locals in Madang





WALK FOR MENTAL HEALTH

To promote awareness and remind people
suffering in silence that they are not alone

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

Walk starts Mooloolaba Surf Club at 8am.

Return walk to either the Alex Surf Club (4km)
or the Maroochydore Surf Club (6km).

Walk finishes at Mooloolaba Surf Club.

Sausage sizzle available to help raise more funds for this great cause.

**REGISTER online at www.mooloolabarotary.org or at
Mooloolaba Surf Club on the day of the walk from 7am.**

Children under 15 accompanied by an adult welcome and walk for free.
Bring your water bottle to fill up at the Unity Water Station.



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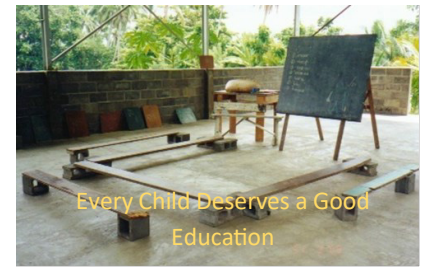
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SCHOOL DESKS AND FURNITURE

Gone are the days when school desks were placed in a line with the students facing the blackboard. Schools are now changing to use Flexible Learning Furniture that can be arranged in various configurations allowing the students to work in groups or individually.



Examples of Flexible Furniture



Examples of Furniture available at Donations in Kind



As a result of the above, Donations in Kind has recently been the recipient of a large quantity of school furniture. Donations in Kind has approximately 1400 schools desks on hand at the moment with in excess of another 300 desks from another school expected any day. Donations in Kind can find homes for all of this furniture, the only thing that is stopping us is the lack of funds.

HOSPITAL BEDS

As well as receiving the above school furniture, Donations in Kind has recently been the recipients of a large quantity of Hospital Beds with approximately 150 being received at the store in the last couple of months. This number is about to increase rapidly with the Mater Hospital finally taking receipt of the first batch of a total of 290 new beds towards the end of this month.



Again, Donations in Kind can find homes for all of these hospital beds, the only thing that is stopping us is the lack of funds.

I BELIEVE THAT YOU WILL HAVE NOW RECEIVED THE MESSAGE FROM THE ABOVE. DONATIONS IN KIND NORTHERN REGION IS IN DESPERATE NEED OF FUNDS.

IT WOULD BE A SHAME TO SEE ALL OF THIS EQUIPMENT END UP IN LANDFILL WHEN SOME OF OUR NEAR NEIGHBOURS ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF THIS EQUIPMENT TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THEIR CITIZENS

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE THROUGH THE FOLLOWING LINK:

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

SINCERE THANKS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION