



Polio Train Ride, Mental Health Month, Economic and Community Development.

Three months of the Rotary year are behind us and October is going to be a very busy month. On Sunday 13th the District celebrates two major events with the Annual Walk for Mental

Health at Mooloolaba and the 20th Birthday of Rotary Club of Glasshouse Mountains. Has your club or work raised money for Lift The Lid on Mental Health?

When we look at Economic and Community Development in our District, one of the most recent examples follows my visit to the Bomana prison in Port Moresby, where the Rotary Club of Boroko has now donated mosquito nets, beds, bags of linen and medical supplies plus 8 cartons of Bras to the prison for the prisoners. This has followed 1000 mosquito nets last year and with further mosquito nets to the guards and their families to come. The club is now preparing to donate materials to help train the prisoners with a trade to enable them to start a new life when released as well as improve the living standards inside the prison. The need for desks, educational supplies and hospital needs in our Pacific Island communities shows we can do much to help in their Economic and Community Development.



Locally we have seen the need to set up the RAWCS donation point for funds to assist in redevelopment of our communities hit by the Bushfires. <https://rawcs.org.au/project-search/> Project number 19-2019-20. Thank you to everyone who has responded so far. The Drought continues to hit our communities hard and we are preparing for new campaign for the Drought Appeal. Watch for further information.

The commencement of District 9620 moves ever closer to provide a greater Community with more resources and the ability to provide for greater Community involvement and Development. District 9640 are asking to remove themselves from the process and will await the decision of the RI Board in January as to what happens for them.

Meanwhile the merging of ideas and talents continue with District 9600 and 9630 working closer together and preparing for the start of 9620 for the greater good of Rotary in our areas.

In November we have Past Rotary International President KR Ravindran (Ravi) and his wife Vananthi visiting us for the Paul Harris Society and Major Donor Dinner. This will be a great night and I encourage everyone to attend. You can start your pledge for your Paul Harris Society Membership or Major Donor status by contacting Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Eric Wood. Why not start with your donation to End Polio Now as part of the Train Ride.

Hopefully I will see many of you joining us on October 24th (World Polio Day) and be a part of the train RIDE TO END POLIO NOW. Bring your pledges, your work colleagues pledges, your club donations and help us show the world what Rotary can do. We have had promises of Radio and other media on the day and in the lead up to it. If you can help – please advise PDG Eric. Anyone wanting to join Eric in Gympie or the rest of us in other parts of our 221 stop ride please do.

Remember every dollar we raise to End Polio receives TWO MORE DOLLARS from the Gates Foundation. Most of the Program is now in place for the Rotary Connects The World District Conference 13-15 March 2020 and registrations will open shortly.

Laura and I look forward to having you join us there.

First however, is	
Ride for Polio	24 October
PHS and Major Donor Dinner	9 November
District AGM and Foundation Training Day	10 November
Million Dollar Dinner	29 February

Thank you for looking after your Rotary Family and providing support to all our projects.

Regards, Darryl and Laura.

PRESIDENT MARK MALONEY VISITS AUSTRALIA



Rotarians and friends had a rare opportunity to meet and dine with, and be inspired by, RI President Mark Daniel Maloney and his wife Gay in Sydney and Ballarat in September.

President Mark Daniel Maloney and Gay, with four Zone 8 Governors: (Daryl Iseppi, D9600; Kalma McLellan, D9685; Graeme Hooper, D9670; and Di North, D9675) at the Deckhouse on 23 September.

BRISBANE NEAR NORTH CLUSTER

The Brisbane Near North Cluster is comprised of six clubs, in the most northern limits of the Brisbane City, and the Moreton Bay Region councils. The Rotary Clubs of Aspley and Mitchelton are within the boundaries of Brisbane City, while the Rotary Clubs of Albany Creek, Pine Rivers, Pine Rivers Daybreak and Samford Valley located in the Moreton Bay Regional Council area.

By some standards, the clubs are quite small, RC Aspley having membership of 32, RC Mitchelton 18 members, RC Albany Creek 19 members, RC Pine Rivers 23 members, RC Pine Rivers Daybreak 18 members, and Samford Valley 18 members; however, the clubs are focus on growing their membership, with recent gains across the area.

A focus this year has been to recognise that Rotary started as a group of businessmen who were seeking fellowship and have made moves to ensure that we enjoy fellowship while supporting each other and our local community. The presidents are a diverse team of professions, with three ladies and three gentlemen leading their clubs. The presidents meet second monthly at a local restaurant where they share with each other the successes of their individual clubs and plan how they can help each other through financial means or participation while enjoying being members of Rotary.

The cluster kicked the month off with a trivia night with all proceeds going to the Pine Rivers Special School. The trivia night was the brain child of, organised and run by the RC of Pine Rivers Daybreak and supported by the local community, including parents of the student, the Beenleigh Special school team, and RCs of Pine Rivers, Pine Rivers Daybreak, Mitchelton, and Samford Valley. The evening was a great success with President Bev Carrol (Pine Rivers Daybreak) noting that the response was greater than expected raising a tidy sum which will go to the construction of a sensory room for the students. It was a themed night, Super Heroes, with many participants dressing appropriately.



The next event, a Barefoot Bowls afternoon, was purely social and generated many laughs and some spirited rivalry. The day was organised by RC of Albany Creek, with John Postlethwaite as the coordinator, organising the facilities at Northern Suburbs Bowls Club. Thanks to John

for his efforts, and the bowls club for allowing us to use their facilities.

There were five clubs in attendance, with only Pine Rivers Daybreak missing. Unfortunately, they were given the opportunity to do a Bunnings BB-Q. It was a last-minute request by Bunnings as the community group who were scheduled, pulled out with very short notice and as any good Newcastle boy knows, you never let a chance go by. They were sadly missed.

On the day, there were 32 players, including two Rotary Youth Exchange Students Leo Pajus (Sweden), and Silja Nikkanen (Finland). There were a number of spectators (sausage sizzlers) who offered wise counsel on "how to bowl", with it being noted that when they did support a pair from the own club, the pair were seen to lose the subsequent end. We know who you are Sam. Some of the members gave it so much they were exhausted as can be seen by the photos. The day and the perpetual trophy were won by RC Mitchelton, who just happen to have the local club champion as a member. Well done Mitchelton. The day culminated with a sausage sizzle and a couple of quiet drinks to lament the misfortunes of not being the winners, and making plans for next year's challenge.

The final event for the month, almost (01 October), was a "Lift the Lid" event for Australian Rotary Health, which coincided with the DG's visit to the RC of Pine Rivers. The rules were simple wear a hat and have a great time. DG Darryl and Laura donning headwear for the evening. Darryl gave a talk which focussed on change and how we can/need to attract new members, through recognising there are many ways to meet people's desire to serve the community including meeting times, style and structure.



President Bev from RC of Pine Rivers Daybreak transferred their club meeting to the evening and they came along in support. There was a guest speaker on the evening, Dr. Zoe Walter, who is a post-doctoral researcher, who is a beneficiary of a Australian Rotary Health grant. She talked about her research project, which is investigating mental health intervention, using electronic media to capture the younger communities who may not warm to traditional therapy settings.

Proceeds from the evening were donated to Australian Rotary Health. Additionally, there were cash prizes in the raffle (to be donate to a charity of the winner's choice), donated by President Greg Bushnell and his partner Robyn Engel, and a second from Psi Balance (local psychology practice). President Greg & Robyn's prize was won by RC Pine Rivers club member, Ron Heitmann, with Psi Balance's won by President Bev (RC of Pine Rives Daybreak), with both winners donating their prizes to Australian Rotary Health.

It has been a busy month for the Brisbane Near North Cluster and we have had a great time enjoying each-others fellowship and helping our communities, local, national and international. We look forward to a busy and fruitful year to come.

ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA (RAM)

Your Support is needed!

Malaria remains the world's most serious disease and is endemic in our part of the world, despite significant improvements due to RAM. Within D9600 (PNG and Solomon Islands), malaria has declined by over 30% over the past 30 years but much still needs to be done to eliminate it. RAM needs widespread support from Rotary Clubs just as much now as it did 25 years ago when most Rotarians made a modest annual contribution and received a RAM sticker on their dinner badge in recognition of this.

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.

Financial Support for RAM

Although the Global Fund still contributes to the supply of bednets, there are still a lot initiatives that it does not support. RAM supports vital programs like chasing malaria in PNG and the Healthy Villages program in the Solomon Islands, spraying laticides and Internal Residual Spraying, and carrying out Rapid Diagnostic Tests to identify parasite carriers before symptoms of the disease appear. All these initiatives 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. If every Club in D9600 was able to allocate just \$500 each year in their Community Service Budget for RAM, it would make an enormous difference towards elimination of malaria.

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. We can all contribute to the elimination of malaria, resulting in a better quality of life for our neighbours, and a better world!.

I would be delighted to have the opportunity of speaking to your club about the good work done by RAM in our region.

For information contact: Russ Stephenson,
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ROTARACT UPDATE

Our Rotaract Clubs across District 9600 have had a busy first few months of the year! The Rotaract Club of Sunshine Coast has helped to clean up Currimundi Beach and the Rotaract Club of Honiara SI have been busy raising money for an Interact member's surgery and continuing to distribute the donations of school supplies delivered to the Solomon Islands through the RAWCs Donations in Kind program.

The Rotaract Club of Brisbane Rivercity has been involved in the international project 'We Love the Sea' and helped raise money for the 'Common Good' medical research fund by selling strawberry sundaes at the Ekka.

Upcoming events the clubs would love support with:

The Currimundi Lake Community Clean up: October 20 (Sunshine Coast)

Trivia night for the Smiths Family Foundation: October 30 (Rivercity).

We have quite a few Rotary clubs across the district exploring the fantastic opportunity of sponsoring a Rotaract Club and helping bring young people within their local communities into the Rotary family.

If you or your club would like any information on what Rotaract is or how you might begin exploring sponsoring a club, please get in contact with me on 9600@rotaract.org.au or **0488232151**.

Kim (Rotaract District Representative).



ROTARY CARE GARDEN PROJECT BY THE SUNSHINE SOUTH CLUSTER

It all started with a popcorn machine request. It ended last with a \$100,000 Rotary Care garden where "new and happy memories will be made by the kids using this care home". (Tony Pignata, CEO, Integrated Youth and Family Services).

The story begins about 2 years ago when the Cluster group took RDU's advice. The advice was that Rotarians should ask the community leaders what Rotary could do for them, rather than "make up" projects.



The first response was a request for a popcorn machine, for the foster parents and carer's Christmas party. Their old one had broken down. A couple of weeks later the Cluster had a whip round and delivered a big popcorn machine. Job done.

The Cluster wasn't satisfied with that, they wanted something more than a donation. They wanted a

project where we could leverage the strength of Rotary.

So they asked "Isn't there something else you think would really make a difference to the kids in your care?"

The response from Child Services and Youth Justice came back, "Well, if you want something bigger, why don't you come with us and look at our crisis care home? It has a back door that's badly in need of a makeover, and the kids in crisis staying there have nowhere to play. Its causing stressful situations."

That turned out to be an understatement, as the garden was completely bare, and waterlogged. Here's the first inspection of the back yard.



But that conversation led to a Rotary project that showed the true power of Rotary in "making connections" and really "making a difference" and leaving a legacy for generations.

So the cluster swung into action and before long they had uncovered some Rotary internal resources in the form of landscape designer, project manager, grant writer, graphic artist and printer, drainers, tilers, boilermakers, electricians, concretors, builders, carpenters, excavator operators, surveyors, painters, market gardeners, woodworkers, and of course those all-important "arms and legs" of Rotarians

and Rotoractors and friends of Rotary who were all willing to lend a hand.

Before long, the cluster team had put in:

- new pergola
- plants and pathways
- new BBQ (thank you Darryl Isseppi)
- new deck and benches
- new basketball court and seating area
- tiling
- raised garden beds
- new teenage retreat / cubby house
- drainage



The project has been such a success, and not just by the results from the garden itself. Its main benefit to Rotary has been in raising Rotary's profile and bringing the handful of Rotary clubs on the Sunshine Coast together.

By doing this type of project involving many different skills and supporters, the cluster was able to connect with so many like-minded community people outside Rotary and provide avenues for future membership. The cluster project was also recently recognized by the district award of the Brett Mitchell Memorial TRF grants award.



The Cluster are now looking for the next "big one" that can provide tasks to bring the clubs together and connect and make a difference to the community.

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In August 2017, a cry for help was put out by the laboratory at No 9. 'Can you help to equip a blood donor vehicle for the National Referral Hospital?'

One phone call to Red Cross in Australia and we had the promise of donation!

A year later, with much goodwill from many people along the way, and the 1998 drop deck trailer fitted with a full-length cabin previously utilised by the Red Cross in Sydney, as a mobile blood bank is now in place at No. 9 in Honiara!

Mr Luke Harrington, DMU Facilities Maintenance Co-ordinator of Red Cross Australia, responded immediately with this donation. A quote from Rodney Begley, Commercial Manager, Swire Shipping gave us an idea of the funds required to transport this 10,000kg trailer (Length 13.9m, Width 2.5m, Height 3.6m).

By January 2018, the trailer was found to be structurally sound for both lifting and securing. Gibson Minto and Aiton, Marine Surveyors, Consultants, Compass Adjusters identified the lifting points and securing required for transport to Honiara.



In June, Dr Steve Aumanu, the Chief Executive Officer, NRH, formally accepted donation of the Red Cross Blood Bank Trailer to be used by the NRH to improve the voluntary blood bank services for this hospital.

Meanwhile, many generous donors were sought to fund this worthwhile project. Mr Wayne Morris of Rotary, Honiara sourced funds for the road and sea transport of the trailer (Sydney / Newcastle / Honiara) from the Solomon Forest Association. In July, Wayne Morris transferred the funds for the journey to begin!

At the beginning of August 2018, the trailer left the Red Cross premises in Alexandria, Sydney heading for the Newcastle Port. The trailer was placed on-board Swire Vessel and set sail for Honiara.



On 13 August, the trailer arrived at the port in Honiara and Sebastian Ilala from BJS Agencies handled the clearance at no cost. And on 25 August 2018, the trailer was transported to in its new home by the sea at National Referral Hospital at no cost by Rotary Club President Adam Bartlett from the Bulk Shop.

Funds have been contributed by Members of Parliament Namsom Tran and Ronald Fugui for the connection of electricity and water to the trailer and provision of concrete slab and awning. The Rotary Club of Honiara meet the costs above the amount contributed by the two politicians. The total cost paid by the Rotary Club of Honiara was \$80,871.11, The Honiara Rotaract Club stripped the old signs of the trailer before the new signage was added.



"Many thanks to all who have made this Blood Bank trailer become functional and ready to be shipped to Honiara, Solomon Islands. The NRH is forever grateful for all your generosity towards a very worthwhile project to help save lives at this hospital."

Dr Steve Aumanu, Chief Executive Officer, NRH "It is great to see the trailer on its way. It will most certainly support the country's capacity to provide a safe and sustainable blood supply for the people of SI." Alexandra Brown, GAP VNRBD Project Officer (Global Advisory Panel voluntary non-remunerated blood donation program)

This trailer now allows for up to four patients to give blood at anyone time in the comfort of airconditioning and with shade for those that wait. A shortage of bags means the 7000 donations per annum required cannot currently be catered for and they need more supplies of these. This modern improvement to the hospital will continue to save lives of those in need.

HAMILTON ROTARY'S ANNUAL GOLF DAY

Monday 23rd September 2019 saw the culmination of a lot of effort in organising the Club's annual golf day.

The first reference I can find to the golf day is in 1974 when it raised \$640. Hamilton Rotary club has been meeting at Royal Queensland Golf Club since its' charter in 1956. This year, without a major sponsor, but with the help of 10 hole sponsors, many raffle prize sponsors, and a total of 74 players we raised in excess of \$10,000

Gone are the days unfortunately, when Rotarians from within the Hamilton Club competed fiercely for the Len Connelly Shield, and many clubs from D9600 vied for the privilege of having their club's name engraved on the Glen Kinross Cup, but the event remains an enjoyable date on many peoples' annual calendar, as it deserves to be.



When else can one play Royal Queensland Golf Club, knowing that in addition to playing Queensland's premier course, they are helping to champion Rotary's causes

I would like all Rotarians to know that RQGC donates the course to our club and that we are very grateful for their members' generosity to Rotary.

I welcome you all to next year's event. If you are a golfer you shouldn't miss it and if you are not it is a great day anyway. Don't miss it!

Sincerely, Hugh Springer
President, Rotary Club of Hamilton Old.

ROTARY IN AUSTRALIA CENTENARY BOOK: OPPORTUNITY FOR CLUBS TO SHOWCASE A PROJECT

In preparation for celebrations in 2021 the Australian Rotary Archives Committee is preparing a book titled Centenary of Rotary in Australia. The Committee is determined to include representative contributions from a wide spread of Rotary clubs across Australia. So this is an appeal to clubs in District 9600 to come forward if they have a significant project they would like to present for consideration. A contribution of several paragraphs plus a high resolution photo with caption is all that is required. The committee will have the difficult choice of final inclusions, governed by the need to cover a huge number of topics in the available space.

Send your contribution to PP Janet Lawrence at the Rotary Club of Paddington. Janet has been engaged by the committee to give writing and editorial support. Her contact details are: janetl@me.com phone **0410 694 899**. Final date for contributions is 30 November.

SELECTION OF NEW RI DIRECTOR FOR ZONE 8

In accordance with RI Bylaws section 11.020., the Nominating Committee for RI Director in Zone 8 recently certified that it selected Rotarian Jessie H. Harman, a member of the Rotary Club of Wendouree Breakfast, as a RI director in 2021-23. Rotarian Harman has stated that she is willing and able to serve as director, if elected.

RI President Maloney will declare Rotarian Harman as director-nominee from your zone on 1 December 2019 unless another qualified Rotarian has been duly proposed as a challenging candidate before 1 December.

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA)



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an intensive leadership
experience that builds
communication skills, teaches
creative problem solving,
and challenges participants to
change not only themselves but
the world around them

10

The number of learning
outcomes the RYLA
program aims to instill
in participants

17

The number of Key Note
Speakers who volunteer
their time throughout
the RYLA program

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO HAS WHAT IT
TAKES TO BECOME A DYNAMIC LEADER AND
CHANGE NOT ONLY THEMSELVES BUT THE
WORLD AROUND THEM?

GRIPPS, or Gap Regional Instrumental Primary Performers School, is an iconic GAP institution, has been around for over a quarter of a century. Each year, usually in mid-late September, a hundred to hundred seventy grade 5 & 6 music students from around 11 local state and private primary schools put up a sumptuous music performance for their parents, grandparents, friends and the wider community.

This is no ordinary feat, as for most of the students this is the first time they would have met and trained for four consecutive days before the performance. Each performing student would have gone through rigorous auditioning process before being selected to attend the training camp under the tutelage of some highly accomplished music conductors and tutors, and then performing for almost three hours on the night.

Some 29 years ago, two musicians, Natallie and Keith Sharp, imagined a non-residential music camp closer to suburbs instead of taking children interstate. They called on the expertise of professional players, conductors and pedagogues in Brisbane. Tom Mould and Barry Starkey, then principals at Payne Road State School and Gap State School, respectively, supported the notion and helped to realise this dream.

Rotary Ashgrove The Gap came on board as partners to provide logistical support to make this happen. Rotary with the sponsorships and donations from local, state and federal members representing The Gap area and local businesses as well as some private donations each year took care of the logistics of putting on such a night of music extravaganza. This allowed tutors, conductors and teachers to do what they do best – help GRIPPS students develop their music and skills.

As in the past, this year, too, saw GRIPPS students excel in their performance. Whether singing or playing one of the many instruments, which included cello, violin, flute, saxophones, tuba and drum. Our young performers were amazing, playing beautifully and in harmony, particularly when one considers that they would have come together only 4 days before to practice and then play on the night. In a few cases, it was even more remarkable as they played some new pieces written specifically for 2019 GRIPPS. Music was conducted by renowned local musicians: Rachael Howely, Timo Jarvela, Jaime-Lee Zhang, Andrea Messenger, Bevan Messenger, and Brad Ruben. Choir was conducted by Katherine Rhule and Judy Collins. They were supported by over 25 music staff and tutors from 11 schools.

This year, over 350 parents and grandparents, and friends enjoyed the evening of music, together with as many children, if not more. For a few grandparents, the occasion was very emotional. After the concert, the Rotary President was told that one of the students was playing a flute passed on by a great aunt, who watched the concert in real time on Face Time from New York. Another student's grandmother was in tears as she talked about the musical journey of her grandson, who was on drums that night. She talked about how the grandson was introduced to music by her husband and how the grandfather and grandson used to play together; grandfather had only recently passed away.

These stories highlight the fundamental truth that music is such a beautiful medium through which to connect between generations and across communities, underscoring our 2019 theme, Rotary connects the world. Whether these students go onto pursue a career in music or not, their GRIPPS experience I am sure will stay on with those involved for life. While only 1-3 GRIPPS students may go on to pursue careers in music, the GRIPPS experience helps all participants to enjoy music and learn about core life skill values – the joy of pursuing one's interest and passion, the value of setting goals and working hard to achieve them, as well as relevance of perseverance to achieve your goal. GRIPPS also highlights the value of collaboration and harmony, be that as a member of an orchestra or a choir. Natalie Sharp, one of the school tutors, noted, 'Certainly music helps develop students cognitively. Ensemble playing develops children's social and team skills, discipline, [and] also their aural awareness, ability to learn from visual and other instruction. Making music with others is fun, it's very motivating!'

It was beautiful to see children from private and state schools enjoying music together with the support of their school staff and music tutors, representing Ashgrove State School; Bardon State School; Hilder Road State School; Ithaca Creek State School; Marist College Ashgrove; Oakleigh State School; Payne Road State School; Rainworth State School; St Joseph's School, St. Peter Chanel Catholic Primary School; and The Gap State School. Our local government member, Steve Toomey, our State MP, Kate Jones, and our Federal Member, Julian Simmonds, helped with sponsorships and raffle prizes. Local businesses who sponsored the music event and provided valuable raffle prizes, included: Arana Leagues; Arthur Wyatts; BOQ The Gap; Ashgrove Golf Club; Broncos; Guitar Bros; Carmen Briggs Harcourts Solutions; Charlie and Chris Appleton; Meat at Billy's; Milk Café Ashgrove; Simply for Strings; Mortgage Choice; Ryan Civil Contracting; The

Gap Physiotherapy; The Gap Veterinary; The Gap Village Management and Young Minds Health and Development as well as a private donor who wishes to remain anonymous. Sponsorship and donations contributed over \$3500 towards the cost of running the GRIPPS.

Thank you all.



20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF GLASSHOUSE MOUNTAINS

Celebrations were held at Australia Zoo on Sunday, October 13.



WALK FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Walk for Mental Health was organised by the Rotary Club of Mooloolaba.



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