



**Rotary Foundation Month and supporting Interact**

Celebrate our youth with World Interact Week from November 4 to 10.

Last month I had the privilege of spending time with our students selected to go to the

National Youth Science Forum in Canberra in January. This young people want to be a part of the Volunteering done by Rotary and those not in Interact intend to contact their Rotary Clubs about sane or other volunteering opportunities.

In Honiara I met with the local Interact and Rotaract members and spent a wonderful day with them. Many have dual Rotaract/Interact membership. The effort they put in with selling Hot Dogs every week. Working with local community groups and organizing and volunteering on their project only works to make their relationship with the Honiara Rotary Club strong and all work well together. Their members are looking at when they can join Rotary and be full and true Rotarians and more than young adults with a Rotary Heart and desire to volunteer and help.

I ask you to look at doing something special in this week with your Interact Clubs or join another club with theirs. Sogeri High School in PNG will receive their charter during this week as we celebrate a new Interact Club with 278 charter members. Please remember when starting a new club to fill in the paperwork and have it all signed off. RI through MyRotary needs the Rotary Club to keep all details up to date on their website as well. For current up to date evidence of what our Interactors and other young people are doing please go to our FaceBook page "Rotary District 9600" (the one with IPDG Wendy and my photo) and like and follow this page for updates.

November is Foundation Month. The dinner with Incoming Chair of Trustees and Past Rotary International President KR Ravindran (Ravi) is fast approaching on 9 November. Sunday 10 November 8.30 am registration is the District AGM and Foundation Seminar. This day will also include the annual showcase of youth activities including Interact. Please ensure you send your representatives for the AGM and to be eligible for District Grant applications. Remember your club dues need to be paid and you must have a zero balance with RI and District to be able to vote.

On 24 October we participated in the Train Ride to End Polio. Due to generous donations over \$30,000 was raised on the day and more than 50 people from our District jumped on the train. Between 9600 and 9630 we had more than 100 participants on the day. Thank you to DRFC Eric Wood for organizing and coordination the day. PDG Eric rode through 221 stations in a 25 hour transit from start to finish. Congratulations and thank you to all who participated and donated.



Looking forward to seeing everyone on November 10 at the AGM.

Regards  
Darryl

**ROTARY "LASTING CHANGE" LOCAL AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

The inaugural "Lasting Change" Local Community Awards has been hailed an outstanding success and appears set to become a permanent fixture on the Rotary calendar. The Awards were initiated by Kenmore Rotary but supported by Toowong, Paddington and Karana Downs Rotary Clubs in conjunction with a number of local businesses including Centenary Landscaping, Pullenvale Market and The Local Bulletin.

More than 100 people, comprising representatives of local community groups, sponsors, Local and State Government Members and Rotary attended the presentation of awards at the Kenmore Function Centre.

Speaking at the presentation ceremony, Kenmore Rotary President, Dr. Martin Grabert said he was proud of the way Rotary had worked with local groups to create something

very unique and special in the community.

"This is what the Rotary motto of 'serving our community' is all about. I am encouraged by the number of local community groups that embraced this initiative and sought to either establish new or enhance existing projects to provide lasting change and benefits to the community they serve," Dr. Grabert said.

Kenmore Rotary initially set aside \$10,000 for in funding for these awards. However, the total funds pool grew to more than \$25,000 thanks largely to the efforts of President-elect, Stuart Stoddart who brought on board other local Rotary clubs and local businesses. Mr. Stoddart said the initial funding set aside by Kenmore Rotary was largely as a result of its container recycling programme.



*"Through the establishment of collection sites at Pullenvale Market and eWaste Collection and a number of other bins at churches and shops, more than 60,000 containers had been collected and redeemed. Our long term aim is to have an established public recycling drop-off site in the Kenmore area. But in the interim, the recycling initiative has enabled us to turn these awards from a dream into a reality. So much so, that after 'Lasting Changes' Awards was announced in May, applications were received from 20 local groups seeking funding totalling \$45,000" Mr. Stoddart said.*

**A selection panel comprising representatives from Rotary, sponsors and local businesses undertook a detailed assessment before arriving at the following winners:**

**eWaste Connection** (\$2,000) for tools and urgently needed equipment.

FACT: e Waste Connection currently diverts about four tonnes of waste per month away from landfill.

**Karana Downs Pony Club** (\$1,900) for new jump barriers

FACT: Their grounds are used by other local Clubs and some Members have represented at national level.

**Moggill State School** (\$3,600) for the improvement of facilities which are used by the local community outside of school hours.

FACT: The school this year celebrates its 153rd anniversary and hosts the annual "Mogganza" which involves a number of community groups and local businesses.

**Kenmore South State School** (\$5,000) for an enhanced play area integrated with vegetable beds.

FACT: The School has an environmental club and links to the Moggill Creek Group and Kenmore South Creek Care.

**Pushing Barriers** (\$3,000) for helping integrate young people from a refugee background into society by connecting them with sport

FACT: Pushing Barriers recently had a participant selected in the Australian Men's Deaf Football team to play in a trial in Hong Kong for Olympic selection.

**Scout Association of Kenmore** (\$5,000) for a new artificial turf parade ground .

FACT: Membership has grown by almost 100% over the past five years with one member recently receiving a Queen Scout Award – the highest honour achievable in the Scouting movement.

**Bellbowrie Moggill Community Men's Shed** (\$2,700) for two paved, Disabled Parking spots.

FACT: Bellbowrie Men's Shed is one of 980 in Australia and was originally established in 2012.

**Chapel Hill Community Pre-School and Kindergarten**

(\$1,200) for equipment to enable safer and more enjoyable bush walks for students.

FACT: Recently won two awards for its innovative nature play programme and works closely with a number of local community environmental groups and schools .

**Moggill District Girl Guides** (\$1,200) for a fridge and other equipment for their room to allow enhanced community services such as Anzac Day.

FACT: Part of Girl Guides Queensland which is celebrating its centenary this year, Moggill, with strong community support, has rebuilt its facilities following the 2011 floods.



**"We anticipate interest in these awards to grow as word spreads and we look forward to an even bigger programme in coming years"**

– Kenmore Rotary President, Dr. Martin Grabert

Rotary District Governor, Darryl Iseppi who attended the presentation night, commended Kenmore Rotary for initiating the "Lasting Change" Awards and the three local Clubs for their support.

"This is Rotary at its very best, working together to connect the world and our local community. I have been very impressed with the engagement of local communities in strengthening our community fabric," Mr. Iseppi said.



## COOROY MOUNTAIN SPRING FESTIVAL

Walk, stroll, climb, or just relax, eat drink and be merry, there was something for everyone at the Cooroy Mountain Spring Festival a community event now in its 5th year.

On a beautiful Sunday, 18 August 2019, over 2,000 visitors attended the Cooroy Mountain Spring Festival and enjoyed that once a year chance to access the Mountain. It was a fund-raising event organised by the Rotary Club of Cooroy and packed with lots of activities. Billy tea and damper and a hearty BBQ breakfast to start the day, sitting and enjoying entertainment from the Pineapple Crush Uke Band and the organ music from the only road going DC3. For those seeking less energetic exercise one could stroll along a winding path through the rainforest while children could compete in an 'Observation Trail' and have their faces painted.



The Club was fortunate to have a local free community paper the Cooroy Rag that provides excellent coverage of the event. In addition, the Festival was promoted through Facebook where the posts achieved an engagement of 2,400 from a total reach of 44,800 – including 29,000 in the past 90 days. This not only raised the profile of the event; it also enabled the Club to contact a much wider audience. We were most grateful for the support of the 76 volunteers without whom this event would not happen.

Members of Cooroy Rotary were joined by the Eumundi Rotary Club, members of the Interact Club at the Noosa District High School, the Rotaract Club of the Sunshine Coast, Cooroy Memorial Hall volunteers, members of Cooroy Golf Club and local residents who all worked tirelessly to prepare for the event and to ensure everything ran smoothly on the day.

Sponsors of the activities provided money to meet expenses as well as in-kind support donated by local businesses and we had free market stalls at the Festival for community groups wishing to raise their profile or attract funds for their own good causes.

We were particularly grateful to our main sponsors, Peter Lavin, of Wimmers and owner of the Cooroy Mountain Spring Water property for providing access across his land to the mountain and allowing the Festival to take place. Funding for the rainforest walk, observation trail and tractor hay rides came from Wholesale Solar Installers, Cooroy Supa IGA and local realtor Hinternoosa. Madill Motor Group have been a long-term sponsor of the event providing the entertainment and new this year was the Cooroy Bendigo Bank providing t-shirts for the volunteers and to sell to visitors.

The local MP, Sandy Bolton, Cooroy Chamber of Commerce, the Noosa Show Society and Noosa District State High School all contributed equipment, tents, gazebos, tables and chairs and the local Queensland Fire and Rescue Service put on demonstrations of the 'Jaws of Life' rescue of a car crash victim as well as a dramatic display showing the effect of throwing water onto a chip pan fire.

McDermott Helicopters provided very popular short flights over the mountain and Cooroy and facilitated the Ball Drop Raffle where 1,000 numbered balls are lifted by helicopter and dropped into a target with those in and close to the centre winning prizes. 27 balls landed in a 500mm hopper.



The Festival is the major Cooroy Rotary event to raise money for good causes and the main beneficiary was a local disability support group in Tewantin, Sunshine Butterflies, supporting babies, kids, tweens, teens and adults with a disability and their families. Proceeds are used to further their 'Our Backyard Project' a 5 acre Hobby Farm in Cooroibah (just out of Tewantin/Noosa). In addition, \$1,500 was given to the Cooroy SES who provided generous and enthusiastic support on the day and \$500 to both the Black Mountain and the Tinbeerwah Rural Fire Brigades.

Members of the Rotary Interact Club at the Noosa District High School received \$500 for their assistance with the car parking. \$250 was given to Christmas in Cooroy, a joint event run by the Rotary Club of Cooroy and Cooroy Chamber of Commerce, \$200 to the Sunshine Coast Rotaract Club and \$200 to the Cooroy Memorial Hall; recently fully renovated with contributory community service work by members of Cooroy Rotary. In the past funds have been donated to the Queensland Drought Appeal, victims of Cyclone Debbie and the bush fire in New South Wales. International projects included Shelterbox and teacher training in Nepal. This year money will also be given to the District 9600 team End Polio Now Train Ride when they stop at Cooroy on 24 October 2019.

For more information of the Cooroy Mountain Spring Festival contact the [secretary@cooroyrotary.org.au](mailto:secretary@cooroyrotary.org.au)

## KIMBE ROTARY CLUB - A CLUB AHEAD OF ITS TIMES

Kimbe club has been a club based around one corporate (New Britain Palm Oil Ltd) for most of its existence. This is not surprising since the company employs over 1/3 of the adult population in the province directly and almost 2/3 rds when you include those who supply the company.

This year the club has also become an E-Club with one meeting per month in person and the other meeting being a one hour plus meeting on WhatsApp with all members participating.

The club makes great use of Donation in Kind materials and could use many more containers. Connections with business houses throughout the Province has meant the club can deliver needed supplies like desks, projectors, much needed school books and birthing kits to the many outlying islands with the help of these businesses.

Together with this report is the club making full use of the End Polio Aprons as the club members, families and supporters perform their fortnightly supply of a substantial meal to hospital patients to ensure proper nourishment is received by all.



**How can we help?** They need more DIK containers, they need to do a Global Grant for water supply to villages to fix not only for those villagers hand carrying water but also to fix a failed project which a PDG of our District did with substandard equipment over the protest of the club and now causing an issue for the local club in this village. They also need a RAWCS volunteer team to help finish bringing the hospital renovation to a proper finalization.

A club that has grown 150% this year and adopting many new ways of operating.

## THIS IS WHAT \$25 CAN DO

Rotary's first polio eradication efforts were made possible through a grant program that RI President Sir Clem Renouf of Australia initiated in 1978. The multi-year project began in 1979 and immunized more than 6 million children in the Philippines.

Since 1988, Rotary has helped to immunize more than 2.5 billion children and reduce polio cases by 99.9 percent. Yet

polio remains a paralyzing threat to children in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and other high-risk countries where children continue to be immunized against the disease. Our work fighting polio won't stop until this devastating disease is gone for good.



## A gift of just \$25 protects five children from polio for life.

Enroll in Rotary Direct, the Foundation's recurring giving program, and help us end polio. With Rotary Direct, you select how much you want to donate and how often. And you can manage your giving online through Donor Self-Service on My Rotary. **Be a part of history. Donate today.**

## PHONE SCAMS

This has just been received from a fellow District Governor this morning I received a disturbing phone call from a Club President.

In the last couple of days he has received three unsolicited phone calls - one claiming to be a representative from another Rotary Club to buy hay bales for drought affected areas. The other two claiming to be 'Dave' from District Administrative Services asking for banking details so he could set up direct debits for drought affected areas.

Let me be clear - I am NOT aware of any club buying hay bales. This does not mean that clubs aren't doing it or planning to do it but the way this man approached the President of the Club is unusual and is likely to be a scam.

There is no such thing as "District Administrative Services" in District 9790 and there is certainly nobody called "Dave" doing it. On the second occasion he called the President he immediately hung up. All three of these approaches to this particular Club are definitely scams.

## THE ONLY ACTIVITY REGARDING THE DROUGHT THAT DISTRICT 9790 IS SUPPORTING IS THE 2019 DROUGHT RELIEF APPEAL "LET IT POUR".

Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers please be vigilant for these fraudulent activities and if you do get an approach please advise your Assistant Governor. If we do happen to establish a name or a contact number then those details will be referred to the Police.

Thank you and keep up the terrific work you are all doing.  
Brian Peters, District Governor.



Article by RC PDG Adrian Roach

Sitting in my doctor's waiting room the other day I was thinking of the importance of having health checks. Just as routine doctor's visits help us identify health risks before they become serious, a club health check can diagnose problem areas and prescribe remedies. By using this health check, you're taking a step to maintain your club's health and preserve its value for members and the community.

Rotary clubs also need to perform "health checks" on themselves and Rotary International have a great tool to do this with and guess what it's called Rotary Club Health Check. Members who have a positive Rotary experience are more likely to stay. In turn, they create a positive Rotary experience for others, because their enthusiasm is contagious. If your club's members genuinely enjoy being a part of the club, you're on the right path. Your experience includes not just your club meetings and other activities, but also the connections you've made and your pride in Rotary's work.

While some members leave for logistical reasons, many leave because of a lack of engagement, an inflexible club culture or other unmet expectations, all of which affect a member's experience. If members are not having a good experience, your club is at risk of losing them.

Participating in service and having fun with fellow members are the primary reasons Rotarians join and stay in Rotary. The healthiest clubs vary their activities and offer multiple ways to get involved. Try a new kind of social event or a different service experience and watch the impact it has on your club. Clubs that have inadequate social or service opportunities are at risk of losing members who don't feel connected or empowered.

The good news is that these deficiencies can be remedied in fun and rewarding ways. A healthy club is one that is growing and changing. Having members with diverse perspectives and backgrounds will fuel innovation and give your club a broader understanding of your community's needs. Pay attention to how your members are feeling about the club. Research shows that one of the most common reasons members leave is that club leaders are not open to new ideas. Involving members and giving them a voice in their club's future will strengthen both the club and members' commitment to Rotary.

Using the Rotary Club Health Check is the first step in becoming a healthier, more vibrant club.

Is your club due to have a check-up?

## DROUGHT APPEAL

The Rotary Clubs of Australia Drought Appeal

# Uniting to sustain farm communities

Donate in branch or online today

All donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible and donors will be provided with a tax receipt. The Rotary Clubs of Australia Drought Appeal is a management account of Community Enterprise Foundation™ ABRN 69 694 230 518, The Bendigo Bank Centre, PO Box 480, Bendigo, Vic 3552. The Foundation will make distributions for charitable projects by way of grants following receipt of applications from charities endorsed with item 1 Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status or other eligible Not for Profit organisations. (1388805-1373197) (10/19)

[bendigobank.com.au/rotarydrought](http://bendigobank.com.au/rotarydrought)



The RC Cooroy have been the beneficiary of a fantastic donation of a camper trailer. To ensure appropriate gratitude is shown they need to sell enough tickets to the value of the prize. This will enable this donor to have confidence to continue to support Rotary. The brand new camper trailer worth over \$21,000 includes 200W Solar Panel, Fridge, Gas in-line plumbing, 22-inch digitalTV antenna, Camping Mat, 240Volt battery charger and ensuite tent.

Please consider supporting the club in the sale of tickets. Tickets in this great prize are available from the Rotary Club of Cooroy for \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Please spread the word about a chance of a \$21,000 camper trailer for the price of a coffee and supporting Rotary projects. The draw will be made on Saturday 07 December 2019 at Christmas In Cooroy.

**Rotary**  
Club of Cooroy



## **Rotary Holiday Lifestyle Art Union**

**Tickets \$5 or 5 for \$20**



**A NEW JAWA CRUISER Slide 7x6 OFFROAD  
CAMPER TRAILER with multiple  
accessories.**

**Total Value \$21,225.00**

**All proceeds to go to local community causes**

**This fantastic prize generously donated by a local Cooroy family**



## District Governors-Elect

Neil Black (9600)

&

Patrice Robinson (9630)

invite you to attend our first

## Multi-District Pre-PETS

**When:** Saturday 30th November 2019

**Where:** Toowoomba City Golf Club

### Objectives:

1. Bring President Elects (PE's), Assistant Governors (AG's) and Leadership teams together to plan the 2020-2021 Rotary year. Clubs are invited to send a Club representative where a PE is unavailable.
  2. Highlight 100 years of Rotary in Australia: "100 Not Out!"
  3. Assist PE's and AG's with planning training for their year.
  4. Participate in plenary sessions on Membership, Foundation and Public Image in Rotary.
  5. Hear from PE's what training they require.
  6. Enjoy fellowship over dinner.
- Proceedings kick off with Registration and Morning Tea 9:30 – 10:00 Saturday morning and conclude with Dinner from 6:00 pm on Saturday evening.
  - A detailed program will be sent to all participants however we have engaged some high profile and entertaining speakers and you will be engaged in forum type discussions to assist you further in your roles for the 2020-21 Rotary year.
  - Each District has agreed to pay registration, and meal expenses for delegates and guest speakers (alcohol can be purchased at the venue) and Rotary Clubs are requested to pay accommodation for PE's and Districts to pay accommodation for AG's, trainers and key members of the leadership team including the GTrain, Foundation, Membership and Public Image Chairs.
  - Partners are invited and encouraged to attend as guests of the Districts.
  - Travel to and from the venue is the responsibility of each attendee.

### **So – What you need to do now.**

1. Register for the event by following this [link](#).
2. Organise your travel to Toowoomba and accommodation. The Villa Nova Motel at 736 Ruthven St, South Toowoomba QLD 4350 is the closest and a hold has been placed on 22 apartments (some single bedroom, some double bedroom). You are encouraged to book this separately (for many this might mean 1 night on the evening of Saturday 30th November.) A link to the Villa Nova Motel can be found [here](#) and they can be contacted on (07) 4636 9200 Please advise that you are booking for Rotary. This link also shows the many nearby motels and further accommodation options can be found by using this [Booking.com link](#).