



Christmas Greetings to everyone from Laura and I.

We wish you all a wonderful time with loved ones and a safe and happy holiday period. Remember to reach out to those who are alone or that this time of year is a difficult time to face. We are all one Rotary Family and one

community that connects all around the world.

The last six months have flown and it is time to sit back recharge our bodies and to reinvigorate our minds. February brings the Million Dollar Dinner, March – your District Conference, April Easter followed by our PNG Conference as we move closer to a new Rotary Year. We wish Neil all the best for his training in San Diego in January followed by his team training in February and March.

Laura and I have been thrilled with the welcome extended to us by all the clubs in the District and it has been amazing the variety of events that clubs have invited us to be part of as we ask you to think differently about the District Governor's visit (connection) with your club. Barefoot Bowls, Halloween Street Party, Hat Day, Shark Tank Community Awards, Melbourne Cup lunch, meetings in the parks and feeding those in need in hospital have been some of the different things we have got to do.

This same thinking needs to extend to how we look at our clubs. It is so easy to look at what we do and say yes that suits our current members because we are comfortable in our bubble. When we ask those around us who are not members but should be, then we will often find that how our own club operates is often the reason stopping these other good potential members from wanting to join.

If you are not sure then ask a Rotaractor (they are already committed to the Rotary Family) if they would join your club and then ask them why they wouldn't. You will find that cost is not the factor. What are we really offering new members? I saw an induction of a new member on a number of my visits (as many as 12 inductees in one night in one case). However, what I often saw is that a large number of members didn't really know the new inductee and definitely didn't go out of the way to welcome them and their family. Is this the way we treat new members and their families. Please relook at how you operate and bring these people into your and our Rotary Family.

Trust all clubs have held their AGMs and have a President Elect selected for the 2020-21 year and the Board for that year. Please make sure you update My Rotary for these appointments. Remember to also lodge your Incorporation Annual Returns and your Collection Act Returns.

Finally spread the joy and enthusiasm of your club by posting on the District Facebook and Instagram pages. #RotaryDistrict9600

Wishing everyone a wonderful and happy Christmas and a joyous and wonderful 2020.

Love from Darryl and Laura

ROTARY DISTRICT 9600 DUES FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 2020

Your 9600 Board has looked at the Reserves in the District Budget and have made some decisions regarding ways in which we will utilise some of those funds so that we meet parity with Districts 9630 and 9640 as we all work towards the creation of District 9620 Clubs will receive their invoices for the half year dues early in 2020 and will also be advised that those fees will be rebated for the use of the clubs and their members.

We ask that each Club looks at the amount of that invoice and makes a decision about how to utilise those foregone funds. It may be that members put the funds towards attending the District Conference or to sponsor particular members or potential members; it may be that the Club determines to put the funds towards a particular service, or it may be that the Club decides to spend their funds to our own Rotary Foundation.

The Board has made the decision to rebate the funds, the Clubs should determine how those funds will be allocated. Clubs will still receive their invoices for the Rotary International and the Rotary Down Under dues for this period.

ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE

In 2020 your District is engaging in a Friendship Exchange with the two Districts centred around Chicago Illinois USA. Yes the home of Rotary.

A team of 12 will be visiting us from March 13 to March 20. We will be sending a reciprocal team in late April. The idea of these exchanges is Rotary Friendship. The 12 is the total numbers of the team including partners.

We are looking for hosts in Brisbane for the first part of the visit. The second part will be on the Sunshine Coast and hosts are also required.

Hosts and the team going to Chicago are not required to be the same persons. For the team travelling to Chicago we are also looking for people interested.

Please contact our District Rotary Friendship Exchange Chair Leo Smith if you are interested or want more information.

Email: orgsys@bigpond.net.au

ROTARY CLUB OF MURGON

2019 has been a busy and rewarding year for the Rotary Club of Murgon. We are a small club in a rural community which has been experiencing drought conditions for several years.

On Australia Day 2019, the Club received the "Community Organisation of the Year" award from both the South Burnett Regional Council and the Murgon Business and Development Association. The Club was nominated for the Local Hero Awards by the RFDS and recently received a 2018-2019 Rotary Citation - Platinum Distinction Certificate.

We were successful with grants - obtaining a Gambling Fund Grant of \$29,000 to install 2 huge ceiling fans in the sports hall of the South Burnett PCYC in Murgon and recently a Strengthening Communities Grant to install an aerator in the town's Lily Ponds.

A special undertaking this year was to hold several activities to raise funds towards Marcus Mission, which is an initiative of Wesley Mission Queensland to reduce the risk of suicide in young men 18 - 44. It offers support to build the skills, knowledge, and connections of young men as well as their families, friends, and communities. We have also hosted a Suicide Awareness Training night.

Some of our regular activities include helping with a Charity Golf Day, various community barbecues and functions, Happy Hour at our local retirement home, and supporting an Earlyact and Interact Club, RYPEN and NYSF attendees, sponsoring a child in Northern Thailand (and are about to take on a second child) and raising funds for our community organisation which offers transport to local elderly, ill and disabled residents.

We hold two major events during each year. The first is our annual tag-along 4WD trip, the Barambah Bush Bash, held over the May long weekend. We spend money locally organising it and several thousand dollars to small community organisations along the way for camping, meals, etc. assisting many groups in drought affected areas. Participants come from near and far. It's a lot of fun and many friendships are made along the way.

The second is our major event - our Murgon Music Muster held during the last week of October and the first weekend in November, which this year featured Tania Kernaghan; was opened by the Governor of Queensland and was extremely successful. It's almost a week-long festival. Patrons start arriving one Sunday, set up, catch up with friends and explore the town and hold impromptu sing-alongs at Happy Hour. From Tuesday we invite Walk-ups to entertain. We have a dance and bush poets and our top performers are on stage from Friday lunchtime to Saturday night. We hold a couple of special concerts on the Sunday and they all pack up and head off by Monday lunchtime, while we clean up! 355 caravans and motor homes booked in this year, and a large number of locals attended. It also incorporated a free concert by Amber Lawrence for local school children which was wonderful. At least \$22,000 was spent by visitors to our small town and district during the week. This was confirmed by collecting shopping dockets from them for a competition but we know they spent thousands more than that. What

a wonderful boost for our struggling community! On top of that, the Club supports local businesses by purchasing goods and services to run the event, including local produce for prizes. It's a lot of work for a small group but a wonderful event for our town and district. We invite you to come along next year and join in the fun.

Now we've all breathed a sigh of relief that our work for the year is almost over and we can catch our breath before we do it all again next year!!



BUSHFIRE APPEAL

Most of you would be aware that on September 13 this year a Disaster Appeal was set up through RAWCS to raise funds to help survivors and communities of the Bushfires. This is a second response appeal (after Government and Insurance) to help those in need.

Donations can be made via www.rawcs.org.au project Queensland Bushfire Relief Appeal Project no 19/2019-20.

We are also now accepting applications from those survivors in need. See application at end of newsletter.

DROUGHT APPEAL

In a time when the drought has been here for an extended time and many people are suffering is when Rotarian and other people's heart reach out to lend a hand.

If you haven't thought of a venue over the Christmas New Year Holiday, travel to our drought affected areas and visit the towns and people there and spend your money in those locations to help keep the money going around. Alternatively, you can donate to a Drought Appeal.

Through Rotary there are many appeals however your District Board has reviewed all out there and believe that the one conducted by District 9630 hits all the right buttons and has been going near the longest. Remember also that we will be one District together in under 2 years. Their Appeal is not restricted to 9630 area but also cover 9600 and 9640 where affected and in need.

The Drought Appeal Account details are:
Name: Rotary District 9630 Drought Fund
BSB 114879
Ac No 447875989
Bank is St George.

Alternatively give to RAWCS project number 59 - 2013-14
www.rawcs.org.au

DESKS AND CHAIRS

You have got to take your hat off to young Graeme from the Rotary Club of Alexandra Headlands!

Consider this; there are 400 school desks and 180 chairs to be transported from Siena College to Donations in Kind (DIK) storage yard in Kingston prior to them being sent to countries overseas, mainly PNG and the Solomon Islands. Graeme has organized this pretty much single-handed.

Here's what's involved. The chairs were pretty much ready to go but the desks were a bit more of a challenge. Because of their shape they take up a lot of space, so they need to be dis-assembled and stacked in pairs for more efficient transport. So, with the help of year 12 students from Siena College Graeme organised a production line yesterday in the college assembly hall/indoor sports area.

9 workstations were setup. Desks were brought to each workstation where 4 screws were removed (half a bucket of screws in the end). The frames were stacked in pairs and secured with 2 zip ties on each top and bottom. The stacked frames were assembled in rows ready for loading. The desktops were sent to 4 other workstations to remove chewing gum that had mysteriously attached itself to the under side. Desktops were then stacked near the loading



bay.

This morning at 6.30, Graeme arrived at the college in a very large furniture truck where 10-12 students were waiting ready to load. It took about 2 hours to very carefully stack in about 320 + desk frames and tops plus about 90 chairs, the balance to follow mid-January.

Graeme then jumped in the driver's seat and headed for Kingston, about a 1.5/2 hr drive. There are people to help unload.

Hopefully, Graeme will be bringing back 4 lounge chairs for the IFYS house at Allambie St.

A great effort Graeme and all done very quietly with no undue song and dance. Well done that man!

EARLYACT/INTERACT PROJECT FOR 2019



Last year, District Governor Wendy was very keen for young students to have some understanding of the disease of polio and proposed an international project for each club for 2019 at the earlyact/Interact Conference of 2018.

Our district's young people were asked to organise and participate in a project that would not only involve fund-raising for Polio eradication but also provide some education for themselves, their schools and their local communities.

An aspect of this project was a competition which involved the students sharing their project and outcomes in an electronic form e.g. webpage, PowerPoint or similar media.

Several of the district's Earlyact and Interact schools participated in the challenge. Winners were announced recently just prior to World Polio Day. The winning PowerPoint presentations and videos can be found on the Polio website for District 9600.

Earlyact:

First prize- Aspley East SS (Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Albany Creek)

Runner-up: Hercules Road (Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Kippa ring- North Lakes)

Interact:

Genesis College (Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Albany Creek)

Congratulations to the schools, Earlyactors, Interactors and their teacher mentors.

Earlyact Chair D9600: Lorelle Holcroft

Interact Chair D9600: Doreen Johnston

TEACHER IN A BOX TEAM AT THEIR CHRISTMAS BREAKUP



THE AUSTRALIAN GOLFING FELLOWSHIP OF ROTARIANS (AGFR)

ABOUT AGFR

Australian Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians is a fellowship within the Rotary organisation and is part of what Rotary is about—fellowship within its membership. Rotary has many fellowships, including fishing, caravanning and motor biking, bridge. One of the more active fellowships is the Australian Golfing Fellowship. Each year they meet in a town or city somewhere in Australia and have a golf tournament over a week. This week is rotated on a state-by-state basis. Rotarians travel from all parts of Australia to attend the tournament. From Hobart to Cairns, Victoria to Western Australia and Darwin for the week of golf and fellowship. Generally, they have around 100 Rotarian golfers with 30-40 playing partners and 20-30 non playing partners. In 2021 the AGFR Tournament is coming to the Sunshine Coast. It will be held at the Maroochy River Golf Course in May 16 to 21, 2021, hosted by the Rotary Club of Maroochy as part of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Rotary in Australia. All proceeds raised will go to Wishlist.

ABOUT WISHLIST

Wishlist is the leading charity on the Sunshine Coast raising funds for the needs of the Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service. All funds raised stay on the Coast to facilitate groundbreaking research, provide vital medical equipment and support services to ensure exceptional care for Sunshine Coast families. Wishlist is one of the only charities on the Coast with a revenue stream to cover operational costs, thanks to the Nambour Hospital car park. We can proudly say that 100% of donations go directly to where support is needed most. For sponsor enquiries contact AGFR@rotaryclubmaroochydore.com.au

Event Timetable (times & dates TBC)
Sunday Registrations & Welcome BBQ
Monday AGFR Tournament begins & Cocktail evening
Tuesday AGFR Tournament
Wednesday Free day / Tour Sunshine Coast
Thursday AGFR Tournament
Friday AGFR Tournament / Presentation Dinner
(the maximum of 144 players is expected)

COMPETITION FORMAT

The Rotarian golf championship is held over 4 rounds of 18 holes whilst the partners play 3 rounds all are a stable-ford competition. The Rotarian Championship is in the format of 72 holes with either all rounds to count or 54 holes to count (with 1 round dropped) with the final 18 holes compulsory in the count. Whether or not the 72 holes or 54 hole format is adapted is at the discretion of the organising Committee. Golf rounds are played Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday with the partners only playing on the first three days of competition. This allows the sponsors to play on the last day (Friday)

NON PLAYER ACTIVITIES

Day tours are organised for non playing attendees. These include bus trips to the hinterland and Noosa, river cruise with seafood lunch and a visit to the famous Buderim Ginger Factory. On the Wednesday rest day there will be an optional visit to Australia Zoo.

REGISTRATION

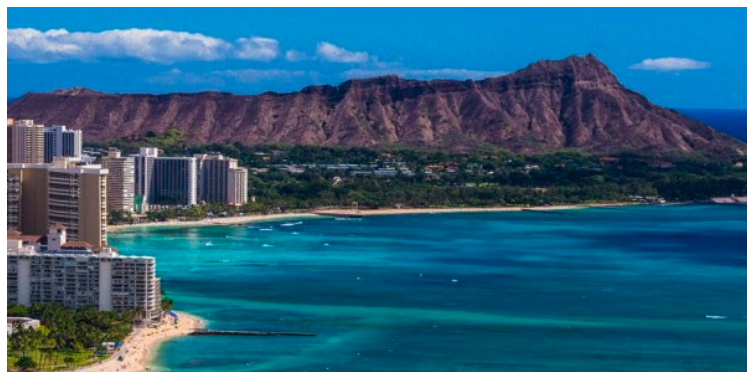
Registration for the tournament will open in May 2020 on the website rotaryclubmaroochydore.com.au/agfr

The Rotary Club of Maroochy is seeking interest from Rotarians as players and sponsors.

For sponsor enquiries contact

AGFR@rotaryclubmaroochydore.com.au

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



Hello to everyone who plans to join us at the Rotary International Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, 6-10 June 2020.

To help you plan your visit, this message has information about our convention program, tips about transportation, and more.

Transportation

Rotary International is pleased to have United Airlines as our partner for air travel to the convention. In Honolulu, Rotary will provide a free, scheduled shuttle to and from official venues. Visit the Local Transportation page of riconvention.org to find other ways to get around Honolulu. It also has information about renting mobility scooters and wheelchairs.

Become a sponsor

Build awareness of your brand at the Rotary International Convention. We offer sponsorship and promotional opportunities at various levels that can be customized to your needs.

Look for messages in January and March for more details about what you'll experience at the convention.

DG VISITS ROTARY CLUB OF ALBANY CREEK



ROTARACT IN DISTRICT 9600

Once again, the Rotaract clubs in our District have been busy and engaged in their communities in the past few months. The Rotaract Club of Brisbane Rivercity ran their Halloween Trivia on the 30/10/19 raising over \$800 for the Smith Family Charity – both Rotarians and Rotaractors alike had a fantastic night, and the club is very appreciative of the attendance from some of their local Rotary Clubs.

The Rotaract Club of Honiara SI have been helping to organise and set up the Rotary Club of Honiara Ball Night, continuing to fundraise through selling hotdogs and greatly enjoyed the recent visit of DG Darryl Iseppi. The Rotaract Club of Sunshine Coast has been out and about assisting with the Currumbundi Lake Community Clean Up, helping to run the Noosa Triathlon, and meeting with their local Interact Clubs to help inspire the next generation of Rotaractors and Rotarians.



Upcoming events the clubs would love support with:

- Rotary CBD Cluster Professional Development Evening on the 18th of March (Brisbane Rivercity)
- Unwanted laptops for the Teacher in a Box Project (Sunshine Coast)
- Unwanted bread tags for the Bread Tags for Wheelchairs Project (Brisbane Rivercity)

If you or your club would like any information on what Rotaract is or how you might begin exploring sponsoring a club or sending young people you know to meet a club, please get in contact with me on 9600@rotaract.org.au or 0488 232 151.

Kim (Rotaract District Representative).

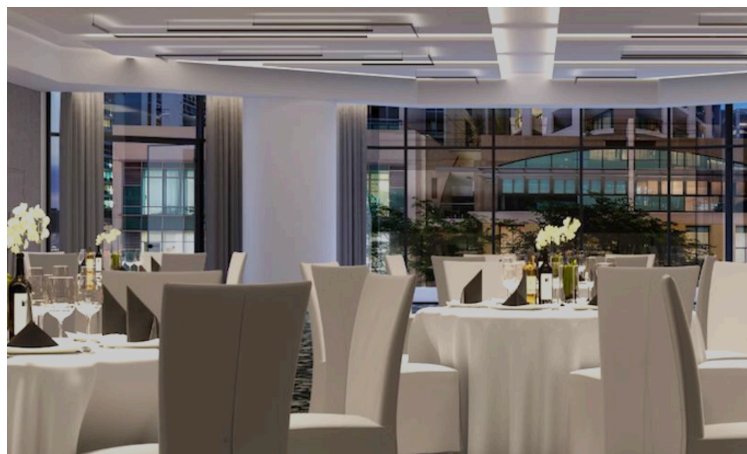


THE MILLION DOLLAR DINNER

The question is How Will You Change the World?

On February 29th 2020 you will have the opportunity to ensure your Rotary Legacy.

The Chair of the Rotary International Foundation and past Rotary International President, Mr. Gary CK Huang will be in Brisbane just for our wonderful Gala Dinner at the Westin Hotel on Mary Street, and he looks forward to meeting all fellow Rotarians of Districts 9600, 9630 & 9640 who attend.



As you already know, there are various different options to begin your giving journey such as donations, pledge donations and bequests in your will. Any one of these various and flexible options you can choose from, contributes immensely to the success of Rotary, and ensures your legacy lives on.

Should you have any questions regarding this exclusive event, please contact the District's Foundation Chair, Eric Wood, or the Foundation's Fundraising Chair, Terry Ryan, or even our District Governor, Darryl Iseppi. They will be happy to answer all your questions.



13 – 15 March at Grand Chancellor

This year's District Conference will feature incredibly exciting, sometimes famous key note speakers that link the five values of Rotary; Leadership, Fellowship, Diversity, Service and Integrity to some pretty Good People of Action stories.

The Conference will open on the Friday night and will go into an Aloha night followed by sessions on Saturday right through to mid afternoon on the Sunday. Excellent accommodation packages have been arranged with the hotel especially if you are taking up the opportunity to Connect with the World on Saturday night.

There is a \$25 registration fee for all attendees. If you book early for the complete Conference the cost including registration is a very good bargain at \$275.

Flyers will continue to be sent on a regular basis giving you the opportunity to register. Limited availability only!

Mr. & Mrs. Iseppi will be looking forward to celebrating how Rotary Connects the World with all our beloved Rotarians of District 9600.



LEADERSHIP | FELLOWSHIP | DIVERSITY | SERVICE | INTEGRITY

 Hotel Grand Chancellor, Brisbane

**MORE INFORMATION AND TICKETS:
WWW.CONFERENCE9600.ORG**



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CALOUNDRA MORNING TEA

Come along for a great social morning.

Learn about the Sensory Play Area proposal.

Bring your friends. Public Welcome.





Rotary
Youth
Leadership
Awards

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

RYLA – Empowering the leaders of tomorrow and inspiring positive change in the community

Dates:

Sat. 2nd May – Fri. 8th May 2020

Location:

Luther Heights Youth Camp
Coolum Beach QLD

Cost:

\$900 if application and payment received by 31/12/2019

\$995.00 if application and payment received between 01/01/2020 and 29/03/2020

Please note, cancellation of application after 29/03/2020 will incur an additional fee (25% of application fee) payable by the participant

Find Out More:



www.ryla9600.com



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WEDDING BELLS

Dear Rotarians of District 9600,

As you might have already heard, our District Governor Darryl Iseppi, is taking a short break in January to do the most unusual thing a District Governor has done in quite a while.

You guessed it right, he will be tying the knot to Laura Diaz at St. John's Cathedral on Ann St., Brisbane. The wedding reception will be a private affair, but the couple would like to invite all of you to the wedding ceremony.

Darryl & Laura are very thankful for your support and hospitality this year and would like to share their special occasion with all of you.



MERRY CHRISTMAS



Thank you Rotary District 9600
for an amazing 2019!!

The Iseppi family wishes you
a very Merry Christmas and a
prosperous, healthy and Happy
New Year!

See you in 2020!!!

APPLICATION FORM – QUEENSLAND BUSHFIRES RELIEF

Section A: APPLICANT DETAILS			
Salutation	Mr / Mrs / Ms /Dr / Prof / Other (please circle)		
Surname			
Given Names		Date of Birth / /	
Postal Address / PO Box (to enable us to contact you)			
Suburb		Postcode	
Phone number	Home:		Mobile:
Email address			
Section B: ALL HOUSEHOLD FAMILY MEMBERS (other than the applicant)			
<i>Surname</i>	<i>Given Names</i>	<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Relationship to Applicant</i>
Section C: AFFECTED PROPERTY DETAILS			
Street Address			
Suburb		Postcode	
Is the above affected address your Principal Place of Residence?		YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	

Is the above affected address a business or Community group?		YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Type of Business (eg. Farm)		ABN
Business Name		
Type of Occupancy / use	Owner-occupier <input type="checkbox"/> Private rental <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial farm <input type="checkbox"/> Share farmer <input type="checkbox"/> Owner, not principal place of residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(please provide detail)</i> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Damage to home / residence	Total <input type="checkbox"/> Partial <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>If partial, please detail damage to structure</i>
Damage to other structures	Fencing <input type="checkbox"/> Shed/s <input type="checkbox"/> Water pumps <input type="checkbox"/> Gates <input type="checkbox"/> Water tanks <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(please provide detail)</i> <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Please details damage e.g how many tanks/pumps, fencing kms/meters etc</i>
Damage to yard / pastoral areas	Crops <input type="checkbox"/> Fodder <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Please details damage e.g standing fodder, number of bales etc</i>
Stock lossesnumber of cattlenumber of pigsOther	<i>Please list other stock losses</i>
Damage to Business		

Section D: **OTHER SIGNIFICANT LOSS OR DAMAGE**

Please detail any other significant loss or damage. Please attach additional pages if required.

Section E: **YOUR BANK DETAILS**

Please indicate how you would like to receive your payment

EFT payment ☐ Cheque ☐

If you selected EFT payment, please provide your bank account details

Bank BSB Number

Account Number

Account Name

Section F: **AUTHORITY AND DECLARATION**

DECLARATION: *I hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and ability, the details on this application are true and correct in every detail. I authorise Rotary Australia to make any enquiries necessary to verify the information that I have provided.*

Applicant's signature

Full Name:

Date:

PLEASE RETURN APPLICATION FORM TO:

BY POST: PO Box 2816, New Farm 4005

BY EMAIL: dg@rotary9600.org

APPLICATION ENQUIRIES RING:
0408 189 211

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After reasonable inquiry, the circumstances and information provided by the applicant have been verified by Rotary.

Date: / /

Initial: