



Welcome to the Roaring Twenties everyone.

Whilst the New Year started with some mixed feelings as we mourned the death and celebrated the life of some past Rotarians it also enabled us to reflect on what has been and what is to come.

Laura and I want to thank everyone for their kind and loving thoughts for our wedding day. Some photos are up and about and more will be posted on our social media in due course after we come back sometime next week.

The first six months of this Rotary Year are gone and we have much to be thankful for and to be proud of. The Clubs and individual Rotarians have risen to the challenge and we are there Doing Good and Connecting with those in need and those who can help.

The Bushfires we faced as a District we hope are behind us and now we need to help those survivors and their communities with what help we can. The first gifts of cash to families affected in Qld have been paid and more will need to be done. Plus we are doing everything we can to help those to the South of us as well.

Your District Board and I recommend two appeals which will directly help those in need. Both of these are RAWCS projects. The first is the one we set up for the whole of Queensland – it has changed its number as we have started to pay out although the previous number still works.

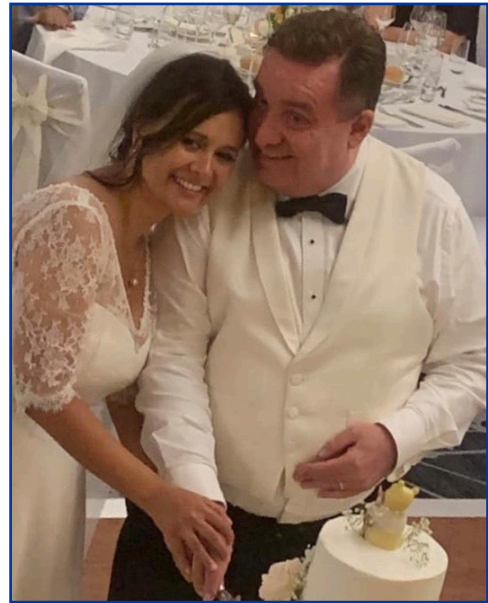
This is RABS project no 63-2019-20 Queensland Bushfires Relief Appeal. The second appeal is the National Appeal 68-2019-20 National Bushfire Appeal. Please go to www.RAWCS.org.au to donate and select the project you wish to donate to. Both of the above projects are Tax Deductible.

Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Karana Downs who over 2 days over the last two weekends conducted a bucket collection at their local shopping centre and collected \$2591.00 for the appeal.

The drought appeal continues with primary support going to our neighbours in D9630 as they support communities in all of SE Qld including in our District.

NOW is the time to look towards what is ahead. We are using social media especially FaceBook to get as much information out as possible. Please follow or like the Rotary District 9600 page to stay informed. Now there is also a private facebook group just for the Rotarians in our District. Please ask to join as this is a closed group where we discuss openly amongst ourselves reasons for things happening, closed club and district happenings and not be worried about how we look to the world. This private page is not for advertising events where the public is welcome.

Looking forward to sharing these times with you
Darryl and Laura
(Mr and Mrs Iseppi)



WHAT IS TO COME

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| 29 February | Million Dollar Dinner. Meet the Chair of the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation and feel welcome to be recognized for your gift to the Foundation either now or in your WILL. This event is open to all. |
| 8 March | Interact & Early Act Conference |
| 13-15 March | Your District Conference at the Grand Chancellor Brisbane |
| 17-19 April | PNG Conference |
| May | RYLA |
| 6-10 June | Rotary International Conference - Honolulu |

This is your time to ROAR and show that Rotary does what we say – we look after Family First and we connect. Help us enjoy and learn as we celebrate at your District Conference and the Million Dollar Dinner.

I am excited to share some good news: Rotary International and Toastmasters International are working together to provide our members with even more opportunities for personal and professional growth.

Toastmasters International is a global nonprofit organization with more than 16,800 clubs in 143 countries. Its members attend club meetings where they give speeches, evaluate the speeches of others, and perform other club duties, with the goal of ultimately becoming more confident speakers, communicators, and leaders. Our organizations are complementary in many ways, but we are each unique in what we offer our members.

I hope you will join us in supporting this alliance in your community. You can start by learning more about Toastmasters, exploring its resources and public speaking tips, or visiting a local Toastmasters club. Although the structure of club meetings is consistent, Toastmaster clubs are similar to Rotary clubs in that they each have their own personality. If you do not have a club in your area, you can watch a video to learn what happens at a Toastmasters meeting.

You can also invite members of Toastmasters to visit your club and learn more about Rotary. If you have a Toastmasters club in your area, consider meeting with its members to explore opportunities to collaborate or inviting a member of Toastmasters to participate in a service activity or speak at your club.

Toastmasters will create a leadership development program for Rotarians and Rotaractors. A structured, robust leadership and communication curriculum can help members develop practical skills that will serve them not only in Rotary leadership roles, but in their professional and personal lives as well. Effective leadership skills can strengthen our clubs and increase our impact. We will provide updates about this program when we have more details.

Many of us joined Rotary to make a difference and connect with others in our communities. By working with Toastmasters, our members can discover new ways to network and learn from others, while finding even more value in their Rotary membership experience.

Learn more by reviewing these frequently asked questions. You can also send your questions and your stories about local collaboration efforts to toastmastersalliance@rotary.org.

Mark Daniel Maloney
President, Rotary International 2019-20

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.

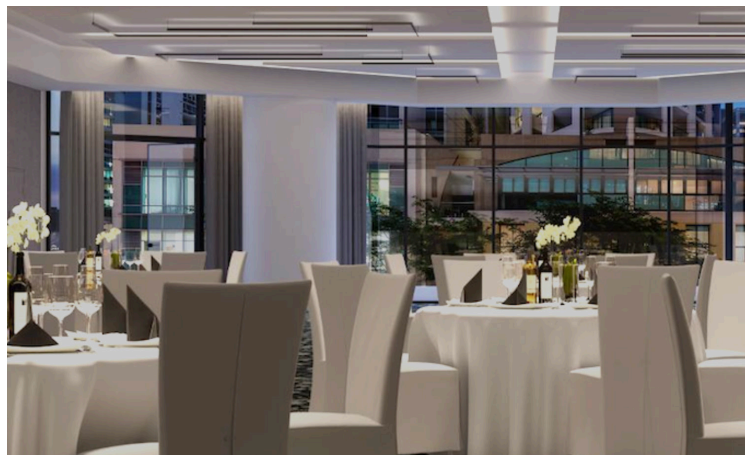
The Board has made the decision to rebate the funds, the Clubs should determine how those funds will be allocated. Clubs will still receive their invoices for the Rotary International and the Rotary Down Under dues for this period.

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.



SUPPORT FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

I was saddened to hear of the widespread devastation in Australia from the recent and ongoing brush fires and the growing impact it is having on your country. Gay and I send our sincere condolences to all communities affected. It is heartening that Rotarians are answering the call in Australia and providing assistance however we can to people in need. The Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) is doing a wonderful job raising funds and dispersing them efficiently. In addition to this resource, I want you to know that Rotary provides several other forms of assistance as well, and you should feel free to request these resources as needed.

As news of this tragedy reaches Rotarians, many will be calling Rotary International, expressing their concern and asking how they or their clubs can help. If your district is undertaking local relief efforts, please let us know by writing to relief@rotary.org so that RI can help promote your initiatives throughout the Rotary network.

Additionally, we encourage you to work with club leaders in your districts to post any disaster relief and recovery projects on Rotary Ideas, Rotary's online crowd contributing tool. Clubs can ask for funds, volunteers, goods, and grant partners. Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike are able to contribute directly to projects and there are no fees to use the tool. Rotary members are now able to contribute to The Rotary Foundation's Disaster Response Fund, a general fund which supports club and district relief activities. These contributions fund Rotary Disaster Response Grants to support a district's immediate disaster relief efforts.

Qualified districts in affected areas may apply for a grant of US \$25,000, pending availability of funds. Districts may apply for subsequent grants after successfully reporting on any prior grants. Visit My Rotary for more information about the Grant and to apply for funding. Longer term recovery efforts may be eligible for support from The Rotary Foundation through a district or global grant.

The Disaster Network of Assistance – Rotarian Action Group provides advice and support for all aspects of disasters ranging from preparedness through long term recovery and can be contacted for assistance at dna.rag.contact@gmail.com. As always, when organizing a club or district response to a disaster, we encourage you to work with reputable first responder organizations to meet the immediate needs of those affected.

ShelterBox is a Rotary International project partner that delivers emergency temporary shelter and other aid following disasters. ShelterBox welcomes contact from Rotarians to jointly assess community needs; we encourage you to engage with them to see what support and service opportunities can be offered. They can be contacted at rotaryrequest@shelterbox.org.

Please know that you have the support of Rotarians around the world as you cope with this tragedy.

Kindest regards,
Mark Daniel Maloney
President, Rotary International 2019-2020

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

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

Back to PNG night Revisited! - Dogura Women and Children's - Health and Wellbeing Fundraiser.

Based on the roaring success of the last Papua New Guinea Connection night, the Eumundi Rotary Club will be having a fundraiser on Saturday 1st February from 5-7.30pm at the School of Arts, 63 Memorial Drive, Eumundi.

Funds will go towards developing partnerships for women's and children's health interventions, researching project needs and completing targeted feasibility studies in Dogura, Milne Bay, PNG. The project will work through long-term relationships already in the local Dogura community. This will be a great fun fundraiser with lots of PNG entertainment and a gathering of those who know PNG well and those who want to know more.

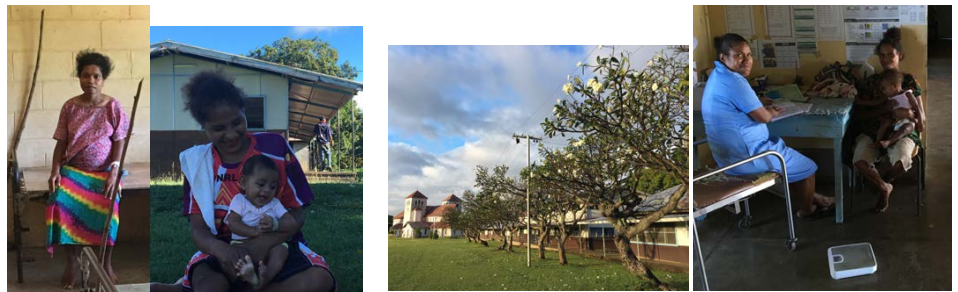
The importance of this fundraiser is clear from recent analysis by the Burnet Institute in Melbourne and global research. The Burnet Institute points out that maternal, new-born and child health conditions account for 38 per cent of potential lives lost in low income countries and yet only 17 per cent of health aid in these countries is spent on this priority.

In PNG, the rate of women dying in childbirth is still 80 times that of a woman giving birth in Australia and is one of the highest levels of mortality associated with childbirth worldwide. Research shows that in PNG, more than 5000 new-born babies die each year, with over a third of these not surviving beyond the first 24 hours, and a further 7000 children do not reach their fifth birthday. Considering that communicable diseases such as pneumonia, malaria, tuberculosis, syphilis, diarrhoeal diseases, meningitis and HIV account for 50 per cent of deaths each year in PNG, the normal state of pregnancy can easily be complicated by the coexistence of multiple illnesses. By way of comparison, whereas the Royal Brisbane Women's Hospital (one of a number of hospitals in Brisbane) has 410 doctors, the whole of PNG has fewer than 400 doctors according to recent research. Some provinces have a single doctor and an ambulance can cost a month wages.

Dogura has a small hospital and women walk for days at the end of their pregnancies to give birth there. Those who don't make it have babies on the jungle floor and hopefully some of these women will at least have the help of Eumundi Rotary Club Birthing Kits. Many women's and children's health challenges can be prevented with basic but effective interventions. This project of Eumundi Rotary is only a beginning but it aims to identify how Rotary can assist in scaling up these interventions whether through new partnerships, equipment, buildings or other means.

Please come and support this effort.

Tickets available for \$35 which covers all costs (arrival drink, snacks, entertainment) from Dr Suzanne Campin, International Director, Eumundi Rotary Club or via www.ticketebo.com.au/eumundirotary



Back to PNG night Revisited!

Dogura Women and Children's
Health and Wellbeing Fundraiser

Saturday 1st February 2020
School of Arts Eumundi
63 Memorial Drive, Eumundi
5-7.30pm

- ❖ Liklik kaikai food and a complimentary drink
- ❖ Sing sing and danis by Milne Bay Social Club
- ❖ Tall tales, reliving memories, military personnel, bankers, kiaps, Dogura video
- ❖ Cash bar open at community prices. No BYO please
- ❖ Exclusive collector's items auctions, \$5 raffle and artefacts on exhibition



More info contact Rotarians

Sue 0432 748 106 or Greg 0408 023 094

Tickets \$35 each - please book before 28 January on 0432 748 106 or at ticketebo.com.au/eumundirotary

Proudly supported by

- ❖ Tina Cooper Art
- ❖ Eumundi & District Historical Association Inc. and
- ❖ Eumundi Guesthouse and B&B



Born: 24/03/1945 - Died: 24/12/2019



Janet was the constant in John's Rotary Journey. She was the calming influence, the organiser and the supporter. She was the wind beneath John's wings; enabling him to fly higher and to see further. But Janet was far more than the wife of a Rotary Luminary. Janet was, in her own right, a bright star in Rotary's galaxy.

Her Rotary career began in Canberra at the Woden club in 1988. She held numerous Board positions and became President in 1999. In 2003 she became an Assistant Governor in District 9710.

In Canberra, Janet loved the Youth Exchange programme. Their home always had youth exchange students; many of which Janet has remained in close contact with - even as these students have grown up and had children of their own. Janet established a special relationship which led her to visit many of them in various parts of the world. These students saw Janet as an honorary mother and grandmother.

In 2003, John and Janet travelled to Chiang Rai in Thailand. They went to project manage the building of a school for the Akha Hill tribal children. With Rotary funding, they used a very hands-on approach to get the project up and running. This project provided welfare and an education to disadvantaged girls who may otherwise simply ended up as street kids or worse... as indeed so many Akha women did. Obviously, others helped but Janet was very much a key leader in this. Five thatched buildings provided shelter and an education for 200 Akha girls. Chiang Rai continues to provide a safe haven for the Hill Tribes, but it was Janet's compassion and love; this time for the children of the Golden Triangle; that underpinned the success of this project.

On Janet's move to Brisbane, she joined the Rotary Club of Planetarium in 2004. There, she was known for her caring and nurturing manner. In 2015, Janet was elected President. She brought interesting qualities to the position. With Janet, the word one might use is gentle. She had a light touch, a soft manner. Janet was inclusive and even-handed. But Janet was also the calm and wise person, a person who brought balance and common sense to the table.

Janet was an agricultural scientist with a role in communication. She was highly regarded for her writing and editing skills and, of course, these skills also found a use in Rotary. For many years, Janet has been the writer, editor and publisher of her club's award-winning weekly bulletin but Janet was also working on the book which is to celebrate 100 years of Rotary in Australia. She had taken a great deal of research material and was making a wonderful story out of it. Sadly, this will now fall to someone else to finish.

In 1999, University of Queensland became a founding Peace Centre in Rotary's Peace Fellow programme. On her move to Brisbane, Janet would almost become defined by this programme.

Janet became a Host Counsellor and occasional landlady in 2006. A few years later, Janet was recommended for the Host Area Coordinator or HAC role. This was not without some controversy as, up until then, throughout the world, only Past District Governors had held the HAC role. However, it was argued with Rotary International that Janet was the best candidate and, of course, Janet was a wonderful and most successful appointment. Janet introduced a number of innovations to the Peace Fellow programme that would become world standard practice including induction courses for each cohort. She was well ahead of what is now accepted practice.

Like the exchange students before, Janet formed some very strong bonds with many of the Fellows. You only have to look at Facebook to see the warmth and depth of affection for Janet by many of the Fellows who are deeply saddened by Janet's passing. Again, Janet made many feel part of her family.

Janet's term as HAC finished but her involvement with the programme didn't, nor her enthusiasm diminish. For some years, Janet has been a Peace Fellow reader. It is a demanding job that requires a strict discipline and demanding deadlines. One year, Rotary International dispensed with several non-performers so Janet's workload that year was horrendous. But she must have made an impression because, in 2017, Janet was asked to serve on the Peace Centres Committee. People tell me that her contributions to these meetings were always measured, sensible and well thought out. When Janet made a comment, people listened.

Janet contributed to Rotary in ways that few ever manage. Her abilities, her warmth, her tolerance and, above all else, her caring and nurturing made her a very special person. Janet formed strong friendship across the world at every level. She exemplified the Rotary slogan of Service above Self.

Today we celebrate the life of one of the great Rotarians.

THE R100 PROJECT OF THE CABOOLTURE ROTARY CLUB DISTRICT 9600

In conjunction with the Variety Bash Old, the Caboolture Rotary Club is creating a vehicle (provided by a Caboolture Rotarian), that will be a mobile billboard, to Celebrate and Promote 100 Years of Rotary in Australia. The Car has been registered as #1921, to recognise the commencement of Rotary in Australia.

All Rotary Clubs in Australia have a chance to participate by sponsoring a Rotary Wheel on the vehicle which shall be used as a daily commute throughout the year and also an entry in the 2020 Variety Bash (Old). The goal is for 100 Rotary Clubs to be sponsors at \$100 (minimum) or greater – relative to the size of the wheel and location on the vehicle (full sponsorship details available at the end of this story).

The Variety Bash is to be held in the beginning of September, commencing from Winton (Qld) via Birdsville (a lay-over for the Races) and onto the Barossa Valley. The team of three Caboolture Rotarians will participate (at their own expense), driving the vehicle from Brisbane to the start in Winton, and return to Brisbane from the end of the Bash in the Barossa Valley. The vehicle will cover approx. 5,500 kms through Qld, NSW & SA, while participating in the Bash.

It is anticipated that the vehicle will be a great talking point, drawing enquiries about Rotary. Caboolture Rotary Club has already attracted two applications for membership before the car has even been painted. A Caboolture Rotarian and owner of Jonkers Smash Repairs has donated the paint job, shown as it is planned to look in the computer generated photo.



The vehicle will carry a good range of promotional material that can be handed out during its travels to provide better information on Rotary's activities and encouraging people to consider applying to join Rotary. The Vehicle owner/Caboolture Rotarian participated in the 2019 Variety Bash as a co-driver in another vehicle and reported to the Club members that it was a fun event with a serious message that was consistent with some of the aims of Rotary, e.g. assisting those in need in local communities. Funds raised through sponsorship of

Rotary Wheels on the vehicle will be donated to Variety Kids. The Club anticipates this will have multiple rewards through supporting a worthwhile organisation, making Rotary highly visible to promote our good work and attract potential new members.

Interested Clubs can contact the Secretary (Project co-ordinator) of the Caboolture Rotary Club secretary@caboolturerotary.org

Vehicle details

The vehicle is a 1990 Holden Commodore Wagon. It is being painted Yellow (sponsored in kind by fellow Caboolture Rotarian and owner of Jonkers Smash Repairs) and will have Blue printed stickers (sponsor still to be sort) for the 100 Rotary Clubs as sponsors (minimum \$100 each) to meet the Variety Bash fundraising goal (see sponsorship table following).



My Rotarian co-drivers (my younger brother and my son), both new members of the Caboolture Rotary Club, are very supportive in preparing the vehicle and looking for in-kind sponsors i.e. to cover cost of preparing the vehicle and providing equipment for the Bash as there is still a considerable cost, especially all the auto electrical work and the 7 light truck rated tyres and rims that are required for the road conditions on the Bash.

Sponsorship for the Rotary Bash Car 1921

Sponsorship cost is related to the size of sticker (and location in some cases) to be applied to the Car. Each sticker will include the Name of the sponsoring Club and their District Number. Below image shows vehicle with old school cut & paste (printed and attached with sticky tape) to demonstrate placement of sponsors' signs.



SPONSOR LEVEL	PRICE	LOCATION	SIZE COMPARISON
Gold	\$1000	Centre - Front Bonnet - front to back	6 x A4 pages
Silver	\$500	Rear Tailgate	3 x A4 pages
Minor level 3	\$300	Sides of vehicle (L or R)	A4 (Landscape)
Minor Level 2	\$200	Can be anywhere on vehicle	Half of A4 (Landscape)
Minor Level 1	\$100	Can be anywhere on vehicle	1/3 of A4 (Portrait)

LEAP INTO TRIVIA THIS FEBRUARY 29TH!

TRIVIA NIGHT BROOKFIELD ROTARY SAT 29TH FEBRUARY

DOORS OPEN 7:00PM FOR 7.30 PM START

This year we are raising funds in support of the Rotary clubs in the Western Suburbs who are working together to combat Domestic Violence in our local community.

Cost : \$25 per person

**Please pay online prior to the night
BSB- 084255
Acc No. – 79-578-8734**

So, what is Rotary?

We are a service organisation with clubs in every nation in the world. Rotary combines fellowship with community service. Our members have boundless opportunities and our membership is diverse. We proudly offer "Service above self".

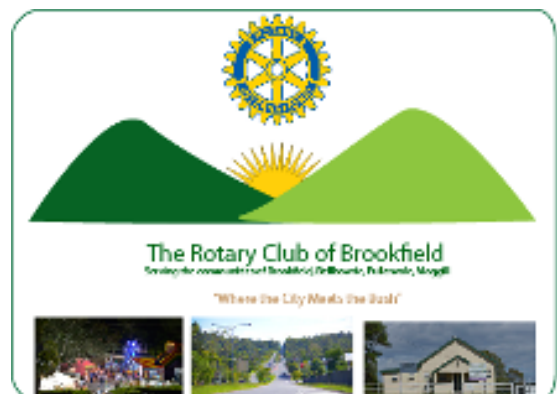
**Get together your team of up to
10 people.**

Cash bar, raffles, prizes!!

**DONATIONS for silent auction
and raffle prizes would be
greatly appreciated.**

BYO snacks for your table.

**Best 'Leap year' themed table
will win a prize!**



**VENUE: Brookfield Showgrounds Hall
www.brookfieldrotary.org
Michelle 0409 387 641**

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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District
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 **2020**
CONFERENCE
13-15 MARCH

Interact/Earlyact Conference 2020



Book this Date and Come and be Inspired!

A day to network with likeminded people, share your best ideas and discover new ones. As "Rotary Connects the World" we will explore resources showing how.....

Interact & Earlyact Connect

Sunday March 8, 2020

@

St Columban's College, Caboolture

9.00am to 3.00pm

This day is promising to be a fabulously motivational experience for all students, teachers, parents and Rotarians who are passionate about their clubs and those Rotarians considering starting a club.

For further information contact:



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Doreen Johnston: doreenjohnston@hotmail.com
SMS 0407 744 197

For Earlyact:

Lorelle Holcroft: lorelle.holcroft@bigpond.com
SMS 0424 311 822

Are you still deciding whether to sponsor a young person to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards this year? Have a look at what previous attendees have found of the experience and how it has changed their lives. For applications paid before 29/03/2020, the cost is \$995.00. For more information please contact ryla9600@gmail.com

Past Participant Testimonials



"I found the seminar challenging, stimulating and fun. I valued and enjoyed my time at the RYLA seminar and, although I still have a lot to learn, I feel that my personal leadership capabilities have greatly improved. RYLA was an excellent experience which gave me new and improved skills to take back to my workplace and use as a tool or guide in my personal life. I thought the RYLA seminar was fantastic, motivating and inspiring, and would highly recommend it to anyone wanting to improve their leadership skills."

- Steph Bradley RYLA Participant 2017

"RYLA equips participants with the skills and mindset to think outside the box, challenge what they think they're capable of and dare to dream big. It empowers our future leaders to take the next step personally, in their career, or within their community. Without the skills, mindset and support network RYLA afforded me, I guarantee I wouldn't be standing where I am today, personally or professionally. I'll be grateful to have attended RYLA for the rest of my life."

- Jane Hillyard RYLA Participant 2016



"RYLA is a truly amazing program through which you develop leadership skills and learn to push your own boundaries. During RYLA you begin to see your own true potential and thanks to the new friendships formed, you come away with a support network who will help push you to achieve anything. Attending RYLA gave me the skills I needed to make a change in my life. I will always be grateful for the opportunity to attend RYLA."

- James Postle RYLA Participant 2017





MITCHELTON ROTARY CLUB ANNUAL UMOJA FUNDRAISING DINNER/SILENT AUCTION

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER CATHY BOOTH FOUNDER OF UMOJA ORPHANAGE KENYA

Mitchelton Rotary are proud to be hosting their Annual Fundraiser for Umoja and are delighted that Cathy Booth, founder of Umoja, is able to join us to share an insight in to the progress made since its inception and also to highlight some of the challenges that still lie ahead.

Last year our fundraiser was to raise the roof on the second children's home, "Sinnamon House", which was named in honour of passed Mitchelton Rotarian, John Sinnamon. The roof is now well and truly up but we still need another \$25,000 to complete construction so the children can be moved in to the new building. Details of the function and how you can make a contribution to complete the construction of Sinnamon House are as follows:

- VENUE:** Arana Leagues Club, 247 Dawson Parade, KEPERRA QLD 4054
- DATE/TIME:** 15th February 2020 – 6.00pm for 6.30pm start
- COST:** SINGLE TICKET - \$50.00 (includes 2 course meal)
TABLE OF 10 - \$450.00 (table of 10, discount of \$5.00 per person)
- DONATION ONLY:** You can also make a donation via Trybooking which will provide a tax receipt
- TO BOOK:** Trybooking Umoja Fundraiser Event
- ENQUIRIES:** mitcheltonrotary@gmail.com



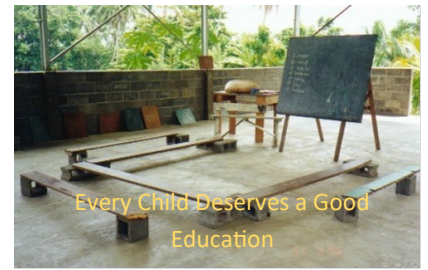
Health Care should be Universal

RAWCS Northern Region Donations in Kind Newsletter

23-25 Mary Street Kingston

Mobile: 0466 556 042 Email: dik.rawcsnorthern@gmail.com

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Every Child Deserves a Good Education

DONATIONS IN KIND NORTHERN REGION FACTS & FIGURES

Facts and Figures as at 01/01/2020

Summary of Consignments

Total Number of Containers: 981

Estimated Value of Donations: \$57.5 million Total Cost of Freight: \$3.0 million

Summary of Common Donations Consigned

Hospital Beds	8,756	Mattresses	5,570	Patient Trolleys	442	Bedside Cabinets	1,422
Wheelchairs	3,897	Hospital Linen (bags)	17,533	Hospital Medical Supplies (cartons)	48,253		
		School Desks	32,741	Books (cartons)	91,177		

Consignments

To date, a total of equivalent to 14 x 20' containers have been sent to various destinations by Donations in Kind Northern Region during this 2019-20 Rotary year destinations included Sri Lanka, Timor Leste, Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands.

- 1 x 20' to the Rotary Club of Gizo in the Solomon Islands – a project of the Rotary Club of Mooloolaba in District 9600
- 4 x 40' containers of hospital equipment to the Ministry of Health in Sri Lanka – a project of Ajit Abeyewardene and the Federation of Sri Lankan Organisations in Queensland.
- 1 X 20' container to the Kavieng General Hospital in PNG – a project of the Rotary Club of Brisbane in District 9600
- 1 x 20' container to Dili in Timor Leste – a project of Brendan Ryan, member of the Rotary Club of Toowoomba South, with support from Michael Reiken, owner of Excel Power in Toowoomba (see following Article).
- 1 x 40' container to the Rotary Club of Port Moresby – a project of Donations in Kind Northern Region
- 1 x 20' container for Kiunga in PNG – this is a project of the Rotary club of Cleveland

Future Planned Consignments

The following containers are in the planning stage and will happen over the next couple of months:

- 1 x 20' container for Mogulu in PNG – this container has been packed and is waiting on the finalisation of funding
- 1 x 40' container for Kimbe in PNG – this container is packed with educational equipment and waiting on the finalisation of funding
- 2 x 20' containers for Christmas Island in Kiribatti – this is a project of the Rotary Club of Goonelabah in District 9640 and volunteers from this Club packed these containers on a weekend in December
- 1 x 40' container for Fiji – this is a project of the Rotary Club of Tenterfield and the Satellite Club of Tenterfield—The Granite Belt in District 9640 (see following Article).
- 1 x 20' container for Fiji – this is a project of the Rotary Club of Archerfield in District 9630 and the Dean Brothers. We are waiting on instructions to proceed with the booking of this container.
- 1 x 40' container for Rabaul in PNG – this is a project of the East New Britain Queensland Association
- 1 x 40' container for Dili in Timor Leste – this is a project of Bren Milson of District 9640
- 1 x 40' container for Honiara
- 3 x 40' containers for Liberia

Container for Fiji—Project of the Rotary Club of Tenterfield and the Satellite Club of Tenterfield-The Granite Belt.

The Rotary Club of Tenterfield received a Rotary District Grant to cover costs involved with shipping this container to Fiji. The collection of items and the packing has been a combined effort of the Rotary Club of Tenterfield and driven by the Rotary Satellite Club of Tenterfield - The Granite Belt.

The majority of the items / goods in the container will be going to the Magodro Secondary School which is in a very remote location in the central highlands of Fiji on the main island of Viti Levu. 420 chairs and other items are destined for the Dreketi Central College on the island of Vanua Levu.

One of the unusual things regarding the packing of this container has been the assistance given by the 11 students and 3 teachers from the Magodro School, Fiji who were here in Stanthorpe for a two week Cultural Exchange with St. Joseph's School, Stanthorpe. They not only enjoyed assisting with the packing of the container but more importantly gained an appreciation of the time and effort that goes into the collection of items and subsequent packing. I'm sure when the contents finally arrive at their school they will proudly say - "I witnessed and assisted with the packing of the container!"



The expert book packers from the Satellite Club of Tenterfield - The Granite Belt



Students and teachers from the Magodro School taking a rest from packing - Angelo's vineyard in the background



Principal Alumi and Vice-Principal Isoa were excited and grateful to witness the contents in the container

Container for Timor Leste—Project of Brendan Ryan with support from Michael Reiken, owner of Excel Power.

The object of this project was to provide a reliable source of power to a health facility in a remote area of Timor Leste.

The facility is connected to mains power which is very unreliable. Under this project, two back up systems were supplied and installed giving the facility reliable electric power. The first back up system was solar power with a bank of batteries with the second back up being power provided by generators. With the failure of mains power, the system automatically switched to the solar system and if this system should fail, it then switched to the generators. The electrical materials and technology for the design and construction of these back up systems was provided by Michael Reiken of Excel Power in Toowoomba. Brendan and his wife Glenda are personally repaying Michael for the materials and his services.

Michael Reiken, Brendan and his wife together with a small crew were in Timor Leste to meet the container and supervise the transport of the container and contents and installation of the systems in the remote community. Michael also installed a system for the on-line monitoring of the systems after installation and return to Australia. Nearly every day there has been power outages with the power being off for 18 hours on one day. In this instance, the Solar power plus battery back up was sufficient without having to rely on the generator.

Brendan and Glenda also purchased the container and fitted it with shelving so that it could be used as a storage facility.

Congratulations to Brendan and Glenda for their initiative and commitment with this project—WELL DONE

WATER PURIFICATION SYSTEMS AVAILABLE THROUGH DIK

RAWCS Donations in Kind Northern Region has recently received nine pallets of water purification systems. These Water Purifiers were purchased by a business in Melbourne which has now closed. Through Wes Nichols, a member of a Rotary Club in District 9600, these purifiers were offered RAWCS Donations in Kind Northern Region. The purifiers have a retail value of around \$100K, but the businessman is a philanthropist (friend of Rotary) who was happy to donate them to Rotary. He has also paid the shipping costs from Melbourne to our DIK warehouse.

The approximate contents of these pallets are as follows:

1,126 EMERGENCY DESALINATOR SEA PACK (can also be used for freshwater)
76 HYDRO PACK EMERGENCY WATER FILTER
24 HYDROWELL
17 EXPEDITION HYDRATION SYSTEM
10 HYDROWELL + 1 RESUPPLY KIT
SELF-HYDRATING SEAWATER DESALINATION POUCH
10 DAY WATER FILTRATION SYSTEM

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE ABOVE, PLEASE EMAIL DONATIONS IN KIND NORTHERN REGION AT dik.rawcsnorthern@gmail.com OR CONTACT JOHN PASKIN ON 0400 032 131

The donor has been advised that these water purifiers will be offered firstly to victims of the ongoing drought and the recent bushfires through Rotary projects that have been setup by the Districts and RAWCS. Any purifiers that are left over after all requests received from this offer have been fulfilled will be sent to areas of need off shore through Donations in Kind.

Expressions of interest in this offer should be forwarded to Donations in Kind Northern Region at dik.rawcsnorthern@gmail.com

PROPOSED WORKSHOP

WORKSHOP to

discuss strategies for the future direction of RAWCS Northern Region Donations in Kind

Times are changing.

Due to the decline in Membership being experienced by most Rotary Clubs and the increased demand for the services being provided by Rotary Clubs, Rotary Clubs can no longer provide the same financial support and volunteer base that was provided up to a few years ago.

There is also increased requirements from external influences such as insurance requirements, Import and Export requirements both here and at the receiving end as well as meeting the requirements of the Australian Charities and not for Profit Commission.

RAWCS Donations in Kind Northern Region has to change to meet these challenges. Donations in Kind is a business and as such, we need to adopt "Best Practice Principles" in setting up a business model for the future viability of Donations in Kind Northern Region.

Rotarians and Friends of Rotary from all Districts within the Northern Region of RAWCS interested in the future of Donations in Kind is invited to attend a WORKSHOP to discuss the above issues

When: Saturday 15th February from 1.30pm to 4.30pm

Where: Donations in Kind Facility at 23-25 Mary Street, Kingston

Issues to be discussed at this Workshop shall include, but not limited to the following:

Management Structure/Succession
Future Permanent Home for Donations in Kind
Workplace, Health and Safety
Funding
Documentation for Control of Goods In and Goods Out
Insurance – Public Liability
Thursday Volunteers for Sorting, Packing and Store Maintenance
Volunteers on Rostered Days for Packing of Containers

ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS

The storage facility at Kingston is overflowing and until such time as we can clear some of the stock, we ask that before accepting any offers of donations, please check with either PDG George Grant or John Paskin

BOOKS ARE EXEMPT AND WILL BE ACCEPTED AT ANYTIME

We ask all donors to check the quality and appropriateness of the donation before sending it to Donations in Kind.

The General Rule is that IF YOU ARE NOT PREPARED TO USE THE ITEM YOURSELF, DON'T SEND IT

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 (please provide detail) <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 (please provide detail) <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

OFFICE USE ONLY

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

Date: / /

Initial: