



District 9685 Foundation Newsletter

David Rands, PDG - District Foundation Chair



December 2018

Comment from The Chair

Greetings Fellow Rotarians,

We are now into the second half of this 2018-19 Rotary Year and I am pleased to update you on our Rotary Foundation activities.

As always our project activity is the centrepiece of our Rotary service and we are pleased to see Clubs are active in using the grants program of the Foundation as it greatly enhances your ability to do good with your projects.

Our giving to End Polio has been excellent this year to date. At the beginning of the Rotary year we were very pleased for a bequest of \$A100,000 (\$US 74,000) to the Polio eradication fund through our Belrose club. Thanks Kos Psaltis for your great initiative in arranging this. Then Mark and Dave Anderson, from Beecroft Rotary, undertook a brilliantly innovative challenge that involved travelling in one day (Friday 30 September) to almost all the 187 stations in the Sydney Metropolitan area.

This trip, the great support of our two Sydney DGs, and so many Rotarians has been well reported in our DG's newsletter and Rotary Down Under magazine. The amount raised on the day and prior, including the generous bequest above, was \$A240,000, which of course becomes \$A720,000 after the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's contribution. A wonderful boost to Polio giving – thank you Dave and Mark.

In early November clubs in our district arranged 5 screenings for End Polio (we have usually managed only 2 for past movies), which reflected on good forward notice from our Rotary office, and a movie which attracted full houses in each case. Bohemian Rhapsody was well received and across the 5 screenings raised nearly \$A14,000, another excellent boost. Thank you to Erina and Kincumber, Chatswood, Central Blue Mountains, Lower Blue Mountains and Castle Hill clubs for your support for this project.

Net result for End Polio giving to end November 2018 was \$US138,000 vs only \$US14,000 at the

end November 2017 for District 9685, putting us in good shape to have a really good annual result by June 2019.

Our Annual Fund receipts from Rotarians and clubs are lagging last year's giving to date, with \$US 79,000 received vs last year's progressive total of \$US 115,000 at the end of November. It is still relatively early days, but in order to maintain our District Designated Fund, which funds our humanitarian and educational project support both here and overseas, we need everyone's strong support in the 6 months ahead.

Our combined D9675/9685 Annual Foundation Dinner was held this year on 26th November at Waterview Function Centre. We were privileged to have Immediate Past RI President Ian Riseley as our guest speaker. This was a gala evening with 300 guests enjoying excellent food and an interesting night of presentations.

A special award was presented by PRIP Ian – one of only five in the world each year – *The Rotary Award of Honour* – to Steve Killelea, Founder and Executive Chairman of the Institute for Economics and Peace. Following that presentation, recognition certificates and regalia were presented by District Governors Susan and Sue, and PRIP Ian to 6 new Paul Harris Society members and 12 Rotarians who have joined the Bequest Society, become Major Donors, or moved up a level of Major Donor status. Congratulations to all those recognised, as it is your commitment that enables our Foundation to keep supporting club project activity at a strong level.

David Rands

D9685 Rotary Foundation Chair

Scholarships – Pam Pritchard

Pam reminds us that applications are due to her for the 2019 scholars on the following dates:

Global Grant Scholars: 31st March 2019 –
District Interviews April/May 2019

Peace Fellows: 31st May 2019 – endorsed by
District by 1st July 2019.

Our Scholars and Fellows are keen to maintain their involvement with Rotary, and they will be pleased to accept invitations to speak at clubs, or at District Conference.

The E-Club of Greater Sydney is hosting a Global Grant Scholar, Garrett Milne from Canada, and he is studying at Sydney University.

Marshall Dunn, our outgoing Global Grant Scholar who has been at Columbia University

2017-18, will be back in Sydney during January. He has been doing some contracting to various corporations in NY teaching on managing stress and meditation.

Caroline English (London School of Economics) has written “Close to the end of the year but I don’t graduate until July so still a while to go yet! Everything is going very well - I’m working on a Capstone project for the International Organisation for Migration, which is very interesting and challenging.

I have a couple of options emerging in London and in Canberra so not sure what path I’ll take yet. I’ll let you know when I’m in Sydney but it may not be until late 2019.”

Please contact Pam if you would like a speaker or to find out more about the whereabouts and activities of our scholars.

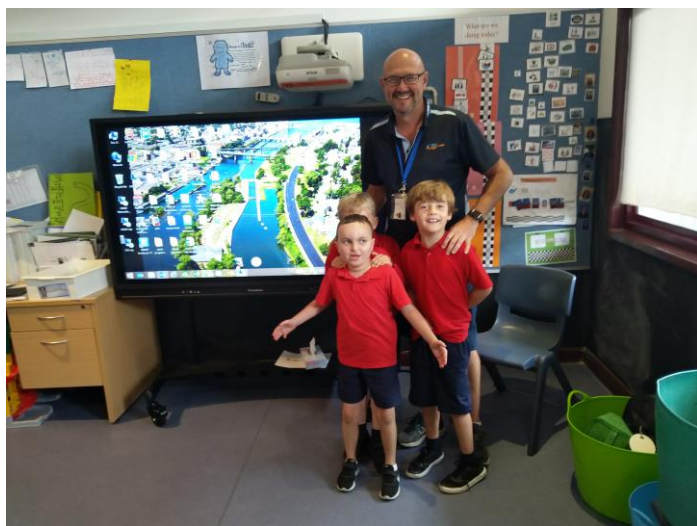
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Grants update from David Dean

District Grants

37 District matching grants totalling \$A130,000 were approved and funded for this

Rotary year, and we are pleased to advise that several are now completed and final reports have come in. The deadline for completion of all these grants is 1 June.



The Entrance Rotary Club, using a district grant has provided communication equipment for the Aspect special school on the Central Coast



Carlingford Rotary has used a district grant to carry out a hearing health project in Samoa.



Upper Northern Beaches Rotary has provided support for the drilling of bores and the installation of water pumps in Cambodia using a district grant.

It is not too early to start planning for a District Matching Grant in the 2019/20 Rotary Year. We will have about \$120,000 available to distribute in grants of up to \$3000 for local projects or up to \$6000 for international projects.

Global Grants

Our District is also very active in promoting Rotary Foundation Global Grants, which provide matching funds to help clubs conduct larger projects.

So far this financial year (December), our District has had 4 Global Grants approved by The Rotary Foundation:

Oecusse, East Timor Sustainable Villages – Epping Club - \$US49,320

Chennai, India – toilets in schools – Madras Coromandel Club (13 Indian clubs and The Hills Kellyville and D9685 assist in funding) - \$US162,500

Port Harcourt, Nigeria - Water and Sanitation for two schools– E-Club of Greater Sydney - \$US52,756

Isabela Province, Philippines - Reduction of Cataract Blindness– Turramurra Club - \$US 53,519

Another three grants have been officially submitted for review, and a further six grants are in the final draft stages.

Our support of Global Grants this year is made possible by generous contributions made to the Annual Fund by clubs and individuals in our District in the 2015/16 Rotary year.



Beecroft Rotary has a global grant with Delhi South Metropolitan Rotary to build 200 flush toilets in the village of Mewat.

Crows Nest Rotary, and Districts 7640, 9940 and 9675 assisted with contributions to bring the total value up to \$US 80,454. The project is due to be completed in 2019

Carlingford Rotary has led a global grant project to supply potable water for 4 communities in Ghana through the use of mechanical boreholes.

This provides clean water through all seasons for these communities.

The total funding was \$US38,000 working with Accra Ridge Rotary.



For more information about obtaining a District or Global Grant for your project, please contact Grants Chair, David Dean at djhdean@gmail.com

Mark and Dave set the benchmark

End Polio Train Ride



Last issue we featured a promotion for PolioPlus fundraising. RISPPPO's Mark Anderson and his son Dave were preparing to ride the Sydney train system to raise funds. Here is the result

A BIG SHOUT OUT to you SYDNEY, THANK YOU, you achieved \$A240,000.00 in donations and with the Gates Foundation matching our dollars 2:1 the final amount will come to \$A720,000.00! Woohoo!

In the countdown to history to End Polio Now this Challenge was the innovative idea of Mark Anderson and his son Dave Anderson from Beecroft Rotary, to "Ride the Train to End Polio".

The Challenge started at 4.32am at Epping Station and went through 187 stations in one day, ultimately finishing at Cronulla Station, Sydney at 10.15pm.

Thanks to everyone that turned up at the stations to donate and/or to take the ride, fundraised to help make this event the success it was and to those that jumped on the trains to supply coffee and food for those on this challenge. Well done Sydney!

Centurion Program

How can you become a Rotary Foundation Centurion?

All it takes is a commitment to donate \$100 to the Foundation each year. You know, that's less than a cup of coffee a week!

To make it easy to be a Centurion, the District makes available Centurion money collectors at no cost; each collector will hold exactly \$A100 in \$2 coins. If you add a coin each week you go to Rotary, you will be a Centurion in 50 weeks. If you add the odd extra coin, the time will be even shorter. Take to the completed collector to your Club Treasurer ... it's that simple! Then you can start a new collector.

We have stocks of collectors, so get your Club involved now.



For more information, please talk to your Club's Foundation Director, or Gavin Ralston, Centurion Chair gadr@bigpond.net.au

Rotary Foundation Dinner

Waterview

Bicentennial Drive, Bicentennial Park, Sydney Olympic Park

26 November, 2018 at 6:30PM



IPRIP Ian Riseley presents the Rotary Award of Honour to Mr Steve Killelea, Chairman of the Institute for Economics and Peace

THE 2018/19 TEAM

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KEY DATES

District Conference 29-31 March

District Assembly 14 April