

# 2016-2017

Rotary International District 9700

Governor: Michael Milston



## SERVICE PROJECTS Committee and Program Mandates

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A **Standing Committee** is one which provides advice to the Board and oversees a range of special committees

A **Special Committee** is one charged with the planning, operation and management of a specific program or project



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**Name of Role:** **District 9700 Director - Services**

**Status:** Appointed by District Governor

**Purpose:** To ensure the smooth operation of the District through effective and targeted community service projects management and development

**Director Tasks:**

- Provide support for the delivery of the various community service projects management and development activities within the portfolio
- Bring to the Governor any existing or emerging issues that may flag a potential risk for the organisation, District and/or Rotary International
- Receive reports from the various sections of the portfolio and use these to inform regular reports to the Board against the goals and targets set for the District in this field

**Areas and roles covered include:**

- 1 Services and awards - Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS), Vocational Service, NSW Inspirational Women's Awards
- 2 Health related programs - Australian Rotary Health, Bowelscan, Interplast, Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC)
- 3 Community development - Rotary Action Groups with D9700 supporters (Rotarians For Fighting Aids (RFFA), Rotarian Action Group for Endangered Species (RAGES), Food Plant Solutions (formerly Learn Grow))
- 4 Peace and Disaster Relief Programs - District Peace Communities Program, ShelterBox, Disaster Aid Australia
- 5 District Probus

**Reporting:** To the District Governor, through the District Board

**Director:** **2016-2017** **Peter Gissing**

**Name of Committee:** Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS)

**Status of Committee:** Multi-District Program operates at national level; D9700 has a Special Committee to support the Clubs involved

**Vision:** *To encourage and foster the advancement of international goodwill, peace and understanding through meaningful World Community Service projects supported by active participation of Australian Rotarians and Rotary Clubs*

**RAWCS** assists Rotary Clubs develop and manage projects to improve the lives and living conditions of others in developing countries in our region. RAWCS Ltd. operates as a national company with D9700 being part of the Eastern Regional Committee of Districts.

Clubs can support RAWCS projects through:

- Project volunteers working to support aid programs
- Donating goods and services (Donations in Kind)
- Malaria Control (Rotarians Against Malaria)

More detailed information at: <http://www.rawcs.com.au/>

The District Chair is to be recommended to RAWCS Inc and is appointed through the RAWCS Board

**Committee Tasks:**

- To promote the activities of National RAWCS to D9700 Rotary Clubs
- To maintain contacts for Donations in Kind (DIK), Overseas Aid and construction projects and other RAWCS activities.
- To assist D9700 Rotary Clubs establishing work teams and volunteers to go to overseas
- To assist Clubs in developing project proposals and overseas contacts
- Providing a D9700 report at Eastern Region meetings

**Meeting Frequency:** Meetings as required

**Reporting:** To the District Board through the Director - Service Projects

**Finances and Audit Requirements:** Managed through participating Club Project Accounts

**Committee Chair:** 2016 - 2017 Chris Finkel

**Name of Committee:** Vocational Service

**Status of Committee:** Special Committee of D9700 Inc

**Vision:** *To encourage and foster high ethical standards in business and professions, to recognise the worthiness of all useful occupations and to dignify each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.*

Paul Harris wrote: *"Each Rotarian is a connecting link between the idealism of Rotary and their trade or profession".*

**Objectives:** Vocational Service is the responsibility of Clubs and individual Rotarians to foster and show by example, high ethical standards and support projects that help members contribute their vocational talents. Clubs should promote vocational service awareness. This can be done through vocational site visits, following the 4-way Test, Pride of Workmanship awards and activities with youth such as public speaking competitions, job interviews and work experience opportunities.

Further information:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/SiteTools/Search/Pages/ridefault.aspx?k=vocational%20service>

**Committee Tasks:**

- To promote the objects of RI's second avenue of Service in D9700
- To encourage and foster high ethical standards in business and professions, to recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations, to dignify the Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society
- To promote Vocational Service Month (October)
- To encourage Clubs to undertake Vocational Service activities, such as vocational site visits, the 4-way Test, Pride of Workmanship and activities with youth such as public speaking competitions, job interviews and work experience opportunities.
- To recommend Clubs to the DG for the award of the District Graham Barber Vocational Service Award
- To promote and implement the District 9700 Vocational Excellence Award and in conjunction with the DG select the awardee/s; to negotiate and arrange for the presentation of the Award

**Meeting Frequency:** As needed

**Reporting:** To the District Board through the Director - Service Projects

**Finances and Audit Requirements:** Managed through the District Treasurer

**Committee Chair:** 2016 - 2017 Murray Paterson

**Name of Program:** NSW Inspirational Women's Awards

**Status:** A NSW Awards event; D9700 Coordinator appointed by District Governor

**Objectives:** *NSW Inspirational Women's Awards* are presented biennially at a dinner held in Sydney to honour inspirational women in our community. The event receives considerable support and publicity across the state of New South Wales. It is supported by all Rotary Districts in NSW and by Inner Wheel.

**Coordinator Tasks:**

- To assist clubs in their support of the "NSW Inspirational Women's Awards"
- To coordinate promotion of the Awards within D9700
- To encourage nominations from Clubs and to select a District Winner
- To liaise with the "NSW Inspirational Women's Awards" organizing committee

**Meeting Frequency:** As needed

**Reporting:** To the District Board through Director - Service Projects

**Finances and Audit Requirements:** None

**Coordinator:** 2016 - 2017 PDG Irene Jones

**Name of Program:** Australian Rotary Health

**Status:** Multi-District Program operates at national level; D9700 has a District support committee.

**Vision:** *To encourage and stimulate the promotion of good health in Australia*

**Objectives:** The principal goals of Australian Rotary Health are to:

- Encourage, promote, stimulate and aid medical and health research in Australia
- Coordinate and manage Rotary health initiatives and community health projects
- Promote, encourage and stimulate public interest in the prevention and treatment of ill health in Australia

Australian Rotary Health is an RI approved multi-District project, supported by all Rotary Districts in Australia. It has grown to be one of the largest independent medical research funds in the country. While the current focus is mental health research and education programs, ARH supports a broad range of other health related projects. ARH offers Indigenous Health scholarships and Rural and Remote Medical and Nursing scholarships.

Rotary Clubs and individuals can support ARH programs and scholarships through fundraising activities and/or direct donations.

For more information see: [www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au](http://www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au)

**Committee tasks:**

- To promote the role of ARH in improving rural health services
- To liaise with ARH on behalf of the District
- To liaise with clubs regarding scholarships available and providing information on Research Grants
- To encourage clubs to be involved in ARH programs and fundraising

**Meeting Frequency:** As needed

**Reporting:** To the District Board through the Director - Service Projects

**Finances and Audit Requirements:** Managed through participating Club Project Accounts

**District Rep:** 2016 - 2017 PDG John Egan

**Name of Program:** Bowelscan

**Status:** A Multi-District Program that operates at national level as a Program of Australian Rotary Health, District Coordinator(s) appointed by District Governor

**Objectives:** The objects of the Rotary Bowel awareness campaign are:

- To develop a community awareness of the nature of bowel cancer
- Early detection of potential or actual bowel cancer

Participating Clubs organise local publicity (coordinated in March/April) and sell test kits to the public. The kit is used at home and returned to participating pharmacies for testing by an accredited pathology laboratory for faecal occult blood. All results are privately notified by the medical coordinator, with any positive results also notified to their nominated doctor for follow up.

**Coordinator tasks:**

- To support D9700 clubs who elect to run local Bowelscan projects
- To provide follow-up statistics to participating clubs
- To liaise with the National Bowelscan Committee Inc.

**Meeting Frequency:** Program runs in May each year

**Reporting:** To the District Board through the Director - Service Projects (from the D9700 ARH representative)

**Finances and Audit Requirements:** Managed through participating Club Project Accounts

**Coordinators:** 2016 - 2017

**Colin Dunn & Brian Roy (South)**



**Name of Program:** Interplast

**Status:** A program which receives strong support from Rotary clubs in Australia and New Zealand; District Coordinator appointed by District Governor

**Objectives:** Interplast volunteers repairs bodies and rebuilds lives by providing free surgical and medical treatment to people in developing countries of the Asia Pacific Region living with a disability as a result of a congenital or acquired condition. Treatment targets those in need who would otherwise not be able to afford access to services.

Interplast assists with developing local capacity by providing training and mentoring for medical and allied health professionals to provide safe and appropriate treatment.

Website: [www.interplast.com.au](http://www.interplast.com.au)

**Coordinator Tasks:**

- To promote Interplast as an overseas medical treatment and training program to Clubs in D9700
- To liaise with the national committee of Australia & NZ
- To coordinate presentations and fundraising on behalf of Interplast

**Meeting Frequency:** As required

**Reporting:** To the District Board through the Director - Service Projects

**Finances and Audit Requirements:** Managed through participating Club Project Accounts

**Coordinator:** 2016 - 2017 Eugene Moloney (South)  
Russ Martin (North)

**Name of Program:** Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC)

**Status:** A program, which was started by Rotarians and has Rotarians on the board [the Eastern Region includes D9700], receives strong support from Rotary clubs in Australia and New Zealand; District Coordinator appointed by District Governor

**Objectives:** ROMAC provides medical treatment in Australia and New Zealand for children from developing countries who have life threatening and/or complicated conditions that cannot be treated in their own country. As well as restoring dignity to the children, Australian surgeons and medical staff gain valuable experience in treating these severe cases that they would rarely see. No Australian child is disadvantaged and ROMAC adheres to strict immigration guidelines.

Website: <http://www.romac.org.au/>

**Coordinator Tasks:**

- To assist clubs in their support of and financial contributions to ROMAC
- To coordinate ROMAC promotion within D9700
- To liaise with the national ROMAC committee

**Meeting Frequency:** As needed

**Reporting:** To the District Board through Director - Service Projects

**Finances and Audit Requirements:** Managed through participating Club Project Accounts

**Coordinator:** 2016 - 2017 **Graham Tupper**

**Name of Program:** Rotarians For Fighting Aids (RFFA)

**Status:** A Rotary Action Group, D9700 Support Team

**Vision:** *Improving the lives of orphans and vulnerable children affected by HIV / AIDS through the power of Rotary.*

RFFA's mission is to engage Rotarians and partners to support the care, nutrition, education and life skills, with a particular focus on developing and implementing community support efforts for orphans and vulnerable children, thereby mitigating the consequences of HIV/AIDS pandemic. Donations for the Orphan Rescue Kit is a practical way Clubs and Rotarians can support RFFA.

RFFA is recognised by RI as a Rotary Action Group and is registered with RAWCS (project # AP 059/07).

More information: <http://www.rffa.org> ; <http://theork.com>

**Committee Tasks:**

- To promote the Resource Group RFFA to D9700 Rotary Clubs
- To promote the Orphan Rescue Kit on behalf of RFFA

**Meeting Frequency:** As needed

**Reporting:** To the District Board through the Director - Service Projects

**Finances and Audit Requirements:** Managed through participating Club Project Accounts.

**Committee Chair:** 2016 - 2017 PDG Fred Loneragan

**Name of Program:** Rotarian Action Group for Endangered Species (RAGES)

**Status:** A Rotary Action Group; D9700 Coordinator appointed by District Governor

**Objectives:** The Rotarian Action Group for Endangered Species, RAGES, acts to mobilize Rotarians and provide global awareness and focused ACTION in the continuing struggle to preserve and protect endangered species. RAGES will initially focus on the rhinos, elephants, mountain gorillas and chimpanzees in Africa, where poaching is a danger not only to these rare animals, but also to the economic survival of the indigenous people with whom they share the habitat. To qualify to be a Rotary Action Group, RAGES has been recognized by the Board of Directors of Rotary International.

**Coordinator Tasks:**

- To assist clubs in their support of and financial contributions to RAGES
- To coordinate RAGES promotion within D9700
- To liaise with the national RAGES Rotarian Action Group committee

**Website:** [www.endangeredrag.org](http://www.endangeredrag.org)

**Meeting Frequency:** As needed

**Reporting:** To the District Board through Director - Service Projects

**Finances and Audit Requirements:** Managed through participating Club Project Accounts

**Coordinator:** 2016 - 2017 John Glassford

**Name of Program:** Food Plant Solutions (formerly Learn Grow)

**Status:** A Rotary Action Group; Currently inactive

**Vision:** *Helping the hungry feed themselves.*

**Objectives:** Food Plant Solutions helps people in developing countries learn about and grow the best local foods to match their nutritional needs. A unique database provides comprehensive scientific information on the agronomic requirements and nutritional value of edible plants from all countries of the world. Food Plant Solutions uses this database to deliver information on appropriate local edible plants to communities in easily understood books and posters and supports local training. Clubs can support the program by running a *Food for Thought* meal. Food Plant Solutions is an approved Rotarian Action Group.

Website: <http://foodplantsolutions.org>

**Coordinator Tasks:**

- To promote Food Plant Solutions to Clubs within D9700
- District 9700 representative for liaison with the national organisation

**Meeting Frequency:** N/A

**Reporting:** To the District Board through the Director - Service Projects

**Finances and Audit Requirements:** None

**Coordinator:** 2016 - 2017 Inactive

**Name of Program:** District Peace Communities Program

**Status:** A Special Committee of D9700

**Purpose:** Rotary Peace projects are those that successfully make a difference in the lives of individuals and groups and so contribute to Peace within the community

**Background:** The idea of Peace Communities was initiated in District 9700 in 1992. It has been embraced by many Rotary Districts and Clubs and Peace Cities have been designated around the world. Rotarians committed to furthering Peace set up Peace symbols on suitable sites. Rotarians and local citizens meet on special days to recognise local citizens, students, schools and organisations for their contribution to Peace in Action within the community.  
The program also activates partnerships between Rotary Clubs and civic authorities and organisations to focus on peace in local communities.

**Committee Tasks:**

- Encourage Rotary Clubs to initiate Peace in Action projects with community groups (e.g. creating a garden for dementia patients, supporting Aboriginal conciliation activities, conducting a program for disadvantaged teens).
- Utilise the Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga Koorringal's Peace Communities Kit to assist Clubs and communities to develop Peace projects
- Publicise the work of communities in their endeavours towards Peace.

**Meeting Frequency:** As needed

**Reporting:** To the District Board through Director - Service Projects

**Finances and Audit Requirements:** None

**Coordinator:** 2016 - 2017 Deidre Tome

**Name of Program:** ShelterBox

**Status:** A program, which was started by Rotarians and has Rotarians on the board, receives strong support from Rotary clubs in Australia; District Coordinator(s) appointed by District Governor

**Objectives:** Provides emergency shelter and vital aid to stabilise, protect and support communities overwhelmed by disaster and humanitarian crisis. Sponsoring a ShelterBox costs \$1,000, including delivery direct to those who need it. Each box bears its own unique number so as a donor you can track your box all the way to its recipient country via the website. Trained ShelterBox Response Teams distribute boxes on the ground, working closely with local organisations, international aid agencies and Rotary clubs worldwide.

Website: <http://www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au>

**Coordinator Tasks:**

- To assist clubs in their support of and financial contributions to ShelterBox
- To coordinate ShelterBox promotion within D9700
- To liaise with the national ShelterBox committee

**Meeting Frequency:** As needed

**Reporting:** To the District Board through Director - Service Projects

**Finances and Audit Requirements:** None

**Coordinator:** 2016 - 2017 **Roy Ferguson**

**Name of Program:** Disaster Aid Australia

**Status:** Disaster Aid Australia is a project of the Rotary Club of Endeavour Hills (D9820) and its partner Clubs; D9700 Coordinator appointed by District Governor

**Objectives:** Disaster Aid Australia (DAA) delivers innovative Australian-based humanitarian aid packages to people in developing countries who have suffered loss following natural or other disasters. Specifically, DAA provides families in desperate need with shelter, materials, water and light – and a new start within their communities, with hope and dignity. A donation of \$A800 will provide a basic Family Survival Pack which will deliver help to a family in desperate need.

Website: <http://www.disasteraidaustralia.org.au/>

**Coordinator Tasks:**

- To assist clubs in their support of and financial contributions to Disaster Aid Australia
- To coordinate Disaster Aid Australia promotion within D9700
- To liaise with the national Disaster Aid Australia committee

**Meeting Frequency:** As needed

**Reporting:** To the District Board through Director - Service Projects

**Finances and Audit Requirements:** None

**Coordinator:** 2016 - 2017 **Graeme McLean**



**Name of Program:** District Probus Chair

**Status:** Probus is part of the Rotary family of activities and is separately constituted; D9700 Coordinator (“Rotary District Probus Chairman”) appointed by District Governor

**Objectives:** Rotary's commitment and financial investment in the formation of Probus clubs is vital to the continued success of Probus which is Rotary's most successful community service activity.

The basic purpose of Probus is

- to advance intellectual and cultural interests amongst adult persons;
- to provide regular opportunities to progress healthy minds and active bodies through social interaction and activities,
- to expand interests, and
- to enjoy the fellowship of new friends.

**Coordinator Tasks:**

Acts as Rotary District Probus Chairman, and is a key link between Rotary and Probus to:

- Investigate the need to form new Probus clubs
- Engage Rotary clubs to sponsor new Probus clubs
- Promote Rotary projects to Probus clubs, build and strengthen the relationship between Probus and Rotary
- Regularly visit and communicate with Probus clubs
- Assist ageing and failing Probus clubs through process of amalgamation or re-birthing
- Support Probus clubs in membership development and retention
- Provide guidelines and guidance on Probus administration Website:

**Website:** <http://www.probussouthpacific.org/>

**Meeting Frequency:** As needed

**Reporting:** To the District Board through Director - Service Projects

**Finances and Audit Requirements:** None

**Coordinator:** 2016 - 2017 PDG Henry Gardiner