

2024 - 2025

District 9640 Annual Report



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District Governor



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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which Rotary District 9640 lives, learns, and serves. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and recognise the generations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who continue to care for Country.

Leadership & Governance

District Company Board

District Governor/Chair	Lisa Hunt
Vice Chair	IPDG David Harmon
District Treasurer	Jeannie Anderson
District Governor Elect	John Oomen
Finance Chair	Doug Lipp
Director – NSW Rep	Robert Chilman
Director – Qld Rep	Robert Brown
District/Company Secretary	Janette Glynn

District Leadership Chairs

Chair – Community Service	DGE John Oomen
Chair – Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Conflict Resolution	Bruce Kuhn
Chair – Interact	Andrew Lowry
Chair – International Service	David McLean (resigned during year)
Chair – Learning & Development	Simone Wong
Chair - Rotaract	Barry Lane
Chair – Rotary Foundation	PDG Tony Heading
Chair – Youth Programs	Gareth Hunt
Public Image	Candice Olivier
Rotary Youth Exchange	Kath Koch

Community Group Leaders

RCG 9640-01	Robert Blanchard
RCG 9640-02	Andrew Lowry
RCG 9640-03	Anthony Zirili
RCG 9640-04	Deb Frugtniet/Rob Brown
RCG 9640-05	Gae Ferris
RCG 9640-06	Vacant

Governor's Year in Review

Executive Summary

Our theme for the year, "The Magic of Rotary," encapsulated the spirit of our organisation. There is something truly magical about the way we come together as Rotary and Rotaract members to create positive change. It reminds us that our work is not just about projects and programs; it's about the lives we touch and the hope we inspire.

The 2024–2025 Rotary year was a celebration of connection, belonging, and the irresistible magic of Rotary as we:

*champion Rotary's Action Plan
find a balance between continuity and change
work for peace*

Our Rotary Action Plan is our strategic framework that focuses on four essential priorities:

- **Increasing our impact** - amplifying the good we already do. Whether it's through service projects, fundraising efforts, or community partnerships, we have the power to make a significant difference. This past year, we focused on continuity by scaling successful initiatives (Say No to Domestic and Family Violence, Mental Health, Falls Prevention and more), and embracing the formula for change with new projects.
- **Expanding our reach** - growing our Rotary family (Rotary, Rotaract and Interact) through membership, new clubs, partnerships and extending our influence. Engage with people to retain members, attract new members who bring fresh ideas and energy and engage our communities, share our stories, and invite others to the conversation.
- **Enhancing participant engagement** - making sure that everyone feels valued and connected. That our clubs are places where people form deeper, more meaningful relationships. We must create an inclusive environment where every member can contribute and grow. Our strength lies in our diversity, and by fostering a culture of engagement, we will unlock the full potential of our collective efforts.
- **Increasing our ability to adapt** - embracing change and being agile. The world is evolving, and so must we. By being open to new approaches and innovative solutions, we can navigate challenges and seize opportunities.

2024-2025 Goals

Priority 1: Increase our Impact

- Eradicate polio, highlight Rotary's role and plan for a polio-free world
- Increase the overall giving to The Rotary Foundation
- Encourage community assessments and measurement of projects at all levels

Priority 2: Expand our Reach

- Cultivate diversity, equity and inclusion
- Strengthen existing relationships and develop new partnerships
- Establish and nurture innovative clubs and new participant engagement
- Increase awareness and understanding of Rotary and our members impact in the world

Priority 3: Enhance Participant Engagement

- Enhance member engagement by meeting their needs and increasing member retention
- Increase collaboration and connection
- Highlight opportunities offered through Rotary to foster professional connections and build leadership skills

Priority 4: Increase our Ability to Adapt

- Support regional adaptability by testing innovative approaches to foster greater collaboration and operating efficiencies
- Support DEI in our leadership and governance

The Rotary Foundation (TRF)

The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.

2025 has been another busy Rotary year in The Rotary Foundation (TRF) space with lots of activity. This report provides a summary of activities related to many areas covered under the banner of The Rotary Foundation.

The District Foundation Team

Thanks to the wonderful, dedicated Rotarians who make up the District Foundation team during 2024-2025.

District Foundation Chair	PDG Tony Heading
Grants Chair	Neil Jones
Stewardship	Greg Bowler
Polio-Plus	Gillian Reeve
Peace Fellowships	Jane Welsh
Endowment & Major Gifts	PDG Jeff Egan
Fundraising	Bruce Kuhn
Paul Harris Society	PDG Jeff Egan

Foundation Grants

District 9640 Rotary Foundation District Grant Review for the Rotary year 2024-2025

Each year an annual review is conducted for the previous year's allocation and management of District Grants. District 9640 has complied with the District 9640 Rotary Foundation Financial Management Plan and The Rotary Foundation Memorandum of Understanding. A copy of the D9640 District Designated Funds (DDF) and Grants Annual Report 2024-25 is **attached**.

D9640 has a 100% compliance with our grants management process for the 2024-2025 Rotary year.

The District 9640 Rotary Foundation Financial Management Plan was updated this year. A copy of the signed document is available on the district website.

D9640 Fundraising for the Rotary Foundation

What a positive momentum in club and personal contributions to the Rotary Foundation. Across all funds (Annual, Polio Plus, Other & Endowment) over **USD 252k** has been contributed during 2024-25 by clubs and members.

- **A total of US\$130,466 was donated to the Annual Fund**
- **A total of US\$44,368 was donated towards Polio**
- A total of US\$70,513 was received from the Endowment fund.
- A total of US\$7,350 was received in 'Other funds' (e.g. directed gifts to approved grants)

The total equates to a total giving amount of US\$252,696.

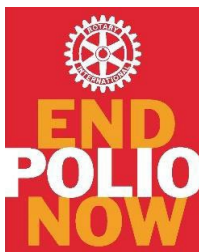
- Only the Annual Fund amount is used in the calculation for the District Designated Funds that return to the district in 3 years.
- Other funds include term/directed gifts and funds for approved grants.
- Only the annual interest on Endowment Funds returns to the district each year.

Polio Plus Society

This year we launched our Polio Plus Society with eighteen members and counting. Everyone can be part of our District 9640 Polio Plus Society, a fundraising and recognition program specifically to support the worldwide effort to eradicate polio.

This new fundraising and recognition program that specifically supports PolioPlus encourages Rotary members and others to pledge at least US\$100 per year to the PolioPlus Fund until polio is eradicated from the face of the earth. Contributions will count toward Paul Harris Fellow recognition and Major Donor status and will be matched 2-to-1 by the Gates Foundation.

Polio update



As you would be aware Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 35 years, and we have made incredible progress in the fight to rid the world of it forever. As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, Rotary has helped to reduce polio cases by more than 99.9% since the mid-1980s. It is crucial to eradicate polio from the last two countries where it remains endemic and to keep other countries polio-free.

WHO Wild Polio Virus Summary

The Polio report (July 2025) shown below details the progress being made in the battle to eradicate Polio and shows both the Wild Polio virus (WPV) confirmed cases and the Circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus (cVDPV) cases.

Country or territory	Wild virus type 1 confirmed cases									
	Full year total							01 Jan-08 Jul ¹		Date of most recent case
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024	2025	
Pakistan	12	147	84	1	20	6	74	8	14	12-Jun-25
Afghanistan	21	29	56	4	2	6	25	9	2	09-Mar-25
Mozambique	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	10-Aug-22
Malawi	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	19-Nov-21
Iran	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA
Total (Type 1)	33	176	140	6	30	12	99	17	16	
Tot. in endemic countries	33	176	140	5	22	12	99	17	16	
Tot. in non-end countries	0	0	0	1	8	0	0	0	0	
No. of countries (infected)	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	
No. of countries (endemic)	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Total Female	18	72	59	2	10	4	43	4	6	
Total Male	15	104	81	4	20	8	56	13	10	

Wild poliovirus (WPV)

- Total global WPV1 cases in 2024: 99
- Total global WPV1 cases in 2025: 16 (compared with 17 for the same period in 2024)

Peace

Our Four-Way Test shows us how peace starts within. It guides us to treat others with honesty and kindness, fostering peace in our communities.

A Peace Pole is a monument that displays the message "May Peace Prevail On Earth" in the language of the country where it is placed. It usually displays 3 to 7 additional languages meaningful to the host site. The message is an affirmation of peace, and its placement furthers Rotary's goal of building a culture of peace throughout the world.

At the start of the year, I asked our incoming Presidents to consider installing a **Peace Pole** in their local community. We now have Peace Poles clustered around the district – in Lismore, Southport, Hope Island, Ballina, Kingscliff, Goondiwindi and Griffith University (Gold Coast) – that symbolise the global Rotary motto "May Peace Prevail on Earth". Thank you to everyone for taking positive action to foster peace in our communities. Let's keep this going.



Clubs and Members

Extending the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion agenda

At the outset of the Rotary year, Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick reminded the class of 2024–2025 District Governors that the global conversation on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion must also embrace Belonging. This addition transformed the agenda into Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging (DEIB). It was a powerful shift, as it acknowledged that our members not only deserved to be included but also to feel that Rotary was their home – a place where they could bring their authentic selves and thrive in service.

Embracing DEIB is not only about strengthening Rotary; it is also about laying the foundations for peace. By creating environments where all people feel respected, valued, and heard, Rotary fosters communities that are more understanding and less divided.

Demographics

- **8%** Under 40 years of age.
- **40%** Women in Rotary

New Clubs

We warmly congratulate the following new clubs who chartered during the year. Each brings new energy and purpose to our District:

Rotary Club	Broadwater North
Satellite Club	Alstonville – Plateau
Rotaract Club	Australian Gamers (online)

New Interact Clubs

Beaudesert High School (sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Beaudesert and Scenic Rim Sunrise)

Southport State High School (sponsored by Parkwood Rotary)

These clubs were more than new beginnings; they were milestones that demonstrated the appeal of Rotary values to today's generation of students. They also showed us the importance of giving young leaders a platform where they can express their creativity, learn about service, and experience belonging.

Youth Programs and Rotary Youth Exchange

Thanks to the team of wonderful, dedicated Rotarians who make up the District Youth Programs team during 2024-2025.

District Youth Programs Chair	Gareth Hunt
RYPEN	Jacqueline Wark
RYTS	Mindi Devine
RYLA	Anthony Zirilli
MUNA	Susan Howard
Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) Chair	Kath Koch
RYE Deputy Chair	Natalie Jansson
Youth Treasurer	Mark Moore
Youth Protection	PDG Jeff Egan

Our Youth team worked tirelessly to support our youth programs throughout the year, including:

- RYPEN
- RYTS
- RYLA
- MUNA

Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE)

Youth Exchange remained a cornerstone of cultural understanding and peacebuilding. Our inbound and outbound students were once again living examples of how embracing diversity fosters international friendships and breaks down barriers.

During 2024-2025 we had 15 long term inbound students, farewelled 10 on the experience of a lifetime and welcomed home 13 rebounders.

Looking Forward

The growth of Interact and Rotaract, Youth Exchange, and the success of our wider youth programs have shown us that Rotary has a strong future when young people are embraced and supported.

Fellowship & Events

Fellowship is the heart of Rotary. It is one of our five core values, alongside leadership, integrity, diversity and service. Fellowship is what binds us, sustains us, and inspires us to lead, to serve with integrity, and to embrace diversity in meaningful ways. It is the foundation upon which every Rotary success rests.

District Conference

The District Conference 2025 **'Together We Inspire'** at Southport Sharks showcased storytelling, collaboration, and the spirit of Rotary.

We were honoured to host Rotary International Director Elect (RIDE) PDG Jennifer Scott and PDG Ian Scott as our RI President Stephanie Urchich representative.

Friday highlights

- The power of collaboration between Rotary District 9640, NextGen Rotary Club and the Griffith University Gold Coast Campus = a Peace Pole in the garden at the Institute for Biomedicine and Glycomics at the University where Rotary Foundation scholars attend. An incredible peace building initiative, providing equity and better health outcomes to those in malaria prone areas.
- The Rotary Club of Surfers Sunrise Wheelchair "Factory". This project started 28 years ago and to date has manufactured over 11,000 wheelchairs.
- Welcome Cocktail reception. With our theme of storytelling this year, one of the most moving moments of the night was listening to Col Lee OAM (RC Ballina-on-Richmond), share excerpts from his book "Turning the Tide". This book shares the incredible work he; fellow Rotarians and community members did to help rebuild, rescue, and support those affected by the Ballina 2022 floods.

Saturday highlights

- Saint Stephens College drumline leading the official party and our RYE team flag bearers.
- Youth Panel – Youth Chair, Gareth Hunt and RYE Chair, Kath Koch.
- Keynote Speaker Peter Gash OAM, Lady Elliot Island
- Melanie Lewis, End Plastic Soup
- Masquerade Gala

Sunday highlights

- Sunshine and our End Polio morning walk to the Peace Pole.
- Showcasing collaboration - Cole (Kick for Kids Foundation), Kat (Make Ways Foundation) and Sarah (Sierra Learners Inc). Collaboration panel moderator PDG Tim Keeler.
- Nat Cook OAM OLY ...amazing!!

House of Friendship - energy, connection and fun. Many of our displays were linked to our speakers as you will see below.

- Lady Elliot Island (Keynote Speaker: Peter Gash)
- End Plastic Soup (Speaker: Melanie Lewis)
- Australian Rotary Health (ARH) (Speaker: Prof Lara Farrell)
- Malaria Vaccine Project (Speaker: Prof Michael Good)
- Human Brain District Project (Interview with PDG Graham Jones and Chiemeka Chinaka, PhD Candidate, Queensland Brain Institute)
- Kick for Kids Foundation (Speaker: Cole Suter)
- Make Ways Foundation (Speaker: Kat Cacavas)
- Projects from our Rotary Community Groups (RCGs)
- Rotary Falls Prevention Project (Speaker: David Barnes).
- School Mates (RC Goonellabah project) (Speaker: John Walters)
- Shelter Box (Speaker: Mike Greenslade)
- RC Ballina-on Richmond- Flood Recovery (speaker: Col Lee) and Say Not to Domestic and Family Violence (SNTDFV)
- Northern Gold Coast Rotaract (NCGR) - SNTDFV shirts
- RC Boonah showcasing new projects that are increasing impact in their community.
- RC Surfers Paradise Wheelchair project (Contact: Geoff Croad)
- Towards Respectful Relationships (RC Kingscliff project)
- Kidds for Kids (RC Hope Island project)
- Christmas Presents for Kids in Care (Jane Padden, RC Coomera Valley)
- Rotary Foundation (thank you to District Foundation Chair Tony Heading and District Grants Chair Neil Jones for being available to talk to members.)
- Rotary Down Under (RDU) pop up shop. (RC Coomera River)
- Youth programs. Thank you to all the Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) team who joined us all weekend.
- Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC) (Contact: Mike Hetherington)
- Rotary South Pacific Conference 2025 (thank you Ros Teirney for travelling from Tasmania to join us)

Club Attendance (Top 5)	Number of Members	% of Members
1	Coomera Valley	Coomera Valley
2	Ballina-on-Richmond	Coomera River
3	Surfers Sunrise	Summerland Sunrise
4	Surfers Paradise	Surfers Paradise
5	Parkwood	Kingscliff

Recognition & Awards

One of the most rewarding aspects of this Rotary year was the opportunity to recognise and celebrate the growth, milestones, and achievements across our District.

Each year, Rotary District 9640 takes great pride in celebrating the extraordinary contributions of Rotarians and friends of Rotary. These awards are not just acknowledgements of service, but powerful reminders of the collective impact we achieve when individuals bring their skills, passions, and dedication to the forefront of our work.

Significant Service Award

Recognises a club whose project has addressed a significant need in the community.

- Rotary Club of Ballina-on-Richmond

Avenues of Service Awards

Clubs can honour a Rotary/Rotaract member who participates in service activities in one of the five Avenues of Service — club, vocational, community, international, and youth service.

Club Service

- Robert Brown (Hope Island)

Community Service

- Colin Lee (Ballina-on-Richmond)

International Service

- Cecil Miles (Boonah)
- Bren Milsom (Burleigh Heads)

Youth Service

- Natalia Jansson (Gold Coast)

Brian & Nancy Knowles Award

This Award is intended to honour what Rotary District 9640 recognises is a joint contribution by an outstanding Rotarian and his or her partner through their support of their Rotary Club, local community, District 9640 and Rotary International.

Our 2025 recipient of this prestigious award is PDG Harry Durey and Joyce Durey (Coomera Valley).

Club Anniversaries

This year we celebrated several clubs reaching significant milestones in their Rotary service:

25 years - Rotary Club of Mt Warning AM (Murwillumbah) – chartered 24 May 2000

50 years - Rotary Club of Nerang - chartered 2 June 1975

80 years - Rotary Club of Currumbin-Coolangatta-Tweed - chartered 27 June 1945

These anniversaries represent far more than the passing of years. They stand as evidence of enduring fellowship, dedicated service, and meaningful contributions to both local communities and the wider world.

The 2025 Council on Legislation

Every three years, representatives selected by their Rotary districts gather to debate and vote on proposals designed to adapt to changing times and move Rotary forward.

Clubs, districts, the RI Board, and the general council of RI in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI) may submit legislation and resolutions to the Council on Legislation (COL).

The 2025 COL met at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Chicago from 13th to 17th April 2025.

“This Council represents the heart of Rotary’s democratic process and the best of our international spirit,” said 2024-25 RI President Stephanie Urchick at the opening session. “The gathering is one of Rotary’s most powerful expressions of multiculturalism. Here, voices from every corner of the globe come together — not to compete, but to collaborate.”

Here are some of the decisions made this year:

- The annual dues paid by Rotarians to RI will increase by US\$3.50 in 2026-27 and by US\$3.75 in each of the following two years.
- A regular independent analysis of processes and cost structures in the administration of RI will be held.
- The number of members required to charter a new club was reduced from 20 to 15.
- Changing the names of the Presidents Elect Training Seminar (PETS) to Presidents Elect Learning Seminar (PELS) and District Training Seminar (DTA) to Club Leadership Learning Seminar (CLLS) were approved.
- Rotary club boards will now be required to present a mid-year financial report to their club members by January 31st. It was previously a deadline of December 31st.
- District conferences, which have been mandatory run by districts each year are now optional.
- It was agreed that the Board could test new governance models in districts beyond the pilots currently underway in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI) and in Australia and New Zealand.

More detailed information about this year’s Council meeting can be found at [2025 COL voting results](#) and [2025 COL - Report of Action](#).

Regionalisation Pilot

District 9640 continued its involvement in the Zone 8 Regionalisation Pilot, an ambitious initiative to explore how Rotary can thrive with modern, flexible governance. This included the introduction of Rotary Community Groups (RCGs) within the District and Rotary Community Leaders (RCLs) replacing the old Assistant Governor model.

The Pilot provided an opportunity to reimagine how Rotary could grow and thrive, but it also introduced ambiguity and change that required flexibility and patience. From the outset, District 9640 was encouraged to respect the integrity of the Regionalisation Pilot by allowing the Regional Council to manage the implementation independently. This approach ensured that the outcomes could be assessed fairly, without unintended influence from Districts.

In practice, this meant:

- Membership initiatives and strategy were guided centrally, rather than through District-led planning.
- “*Fit for Purpose*” workshops were conducted with only a select number of clubs, to provide focused testing.
- A portion of our Rotary International–allocated allowances were redirected to support the pilot’s implementation.
- Communication protocols were established with Community Group Leaders so that updates and feedback could be shared regularly.

This deliberate restraint allowed the pilot to test its systems and frameworks in a way that preserved objectivity. While it sometimes limited the role our District could play directly, it reinforced our commitment to contributing constructively to the broader goals of the trial.

To remain strong, Rotary in our part of the world needs to explore ways of consolidating resources, growing membership, and finding new efficiencies. The Regionalisation Pilot is an opportunity to show that our clubs and Districts can adapt and collaborate in ways that strengthen our independence and influence within Rotary International.

Standing still is not an option. If we embrace change with open minds and work together, the opportunity is there to strengthen our clubs, attract new members, and ensure a vibrant future for Rotary in our region.

Reflection and Thanks

I am filled with gratitude for our clubs, leaders, and every Rotary and Rotaract member who made 2024–2025 a year of connection and purpose. The Magic of Rotary is found in laughter, teamwork, and compassion that turn ideas into impact.

Circling back to my very first DG communication, I asked the question what is **the Magic of Rotary**? It starts with you, our communities, the impact of what we do (our projects) and importantly the power of collaboration and partnerships. It is what we do that makes a difference every day everywhere. Even small actions or a smile can make a difference. The magic is within each one of us.

Serving as District Governor has been the greatest honour — witnessing the resilience and creativity of District 9640. Together, we've shown that Rotary remains a force for good. Keep creating irresistible club experiences and spreading the magic of Rotary.

Thank you from Gareth and I for all your support this past year. We look forward to continuing to support you in the years ahead.

Lisa Hunt
District Governor 2024–2025



26 September 2025

District Governor John Oomen
Past District Governor Lisa Hunt
District 9640 Rotarians

District 9640 District Designated Funds and Grants Annual Report 2024-25

We are pleased to report on the use of District Designated Funds and the successful completion of Global and District Grants for 2024-25.

District Designated Funds Summary

47.5% of Annual Fund contributions from 2021-22

50% of Available Endowment Fund Share Earnings

Total Carried Forward

Available DDF 2024-2025

US\$

\$48,564.23

\$10,559.93

\$47,795.60

\$106,919.76

Grant	Project	DDF US\$
Available DDF 2024-2025		106,919.76
Transfers		
Transfer DDF to PolioPlus (DGSC approval 05/06/25)	<i>PolioPlus - annual commitment of 20% DDF since 2013-14. With \$0.50 - \$1.00 World Fund matching and 2:1 Gates Foundation matching, our US\$25,000 contribution is value added to US\$112,500.</i>	25,000.00
Approved		
DG2566286 (approved 10/07/24)	<i>District Block Grant 2024-25 (see table below for details of the 10 District Grants funded)</i>	28,491.00
GG2456392 (DGSC approval 20/02/24)	<i>Tongan Surgical Project to install ventilation and other upgrades to two existing operating theaters, and supply medical and surgical equipment to provide orthopaedic surgeries and training on arthroplasty to medical staff at Vaiola Hospital in Nuku'alofa, Tonga. This grant (total value \$131,396) is hosted by RC Nuku'alofa, D9920, with international sponsor RC Whanganui Nth, D9930 (one of our partner districts).</i>	5,000.00

GG2463067 (DGSC approval 03/12/24)	<i>Rural Obstetric Emergency Training in Congo DR</i> to provide obstetric emergency training to healthcare workers, and traditional birth attendants, to improve their capacity to care for mothers and children in remote villages in the Democratic Republic of Congo. This grant (total value \$72,460) is hosted by RC Goma-Nyiragong, D9150, with international sponsor RC Taree, D9660 (one of our partner districts).	5,000.00
GG2464505 (DGSC approval 24/04/24)	<i>Teacher Literacy Enhancement Project (Quezon Province) Philippines</i> to provide a teacher literacy enhancement (Read Aloud) training for grade 1 to 3 teachers in San Narciso, Philippines. This grant (total value \$59,450) is hosted by RC Makati Rockwell, D3830, with international sponsor RC Manningham City, D9815. We have previously partnered with filipino districts on global grants.	10,000.00
Total DDF Funding 2024-25		48,491.00
Returned Funds DG2566286	Return of \$6,318.91 for approved District grants that did not proceed.	(6,318.91)
Balance DDF rolled forward to 2025-26		39,747.67
Submitted - waiting TRF Approval		
GG2571906 (DGSC approval 21/11/24))	<i>Construction of Washroom Toilets (sanitation) for Families in Prey Lngeang Village, Cambodia</i> to reduce sanitation and hygiene related illness by providing hygiene behavior change, technical training, and approximately 130 washroom toilets to individual families in the village of Prey Lngeang, Siem Reap Province, Cambodia. This grant (total value \$145,600) is hosted by RC Angkor, D3350, with international sponsor RC Chadstone/East Melbourne, D9800. Our district matched the RC Ashmore contribution of US\$10,000.	10,000.00
GG2576338 (DGSC approval 05/06/25)	<i>Vision for Vavuniya- Restoring Sight Reviving Lives</i> is a US\$144,608 proposal to provide an operating microscope to the District General Hospital in Vavuniya, Sri Lanka., hosted by Colombo Mid-City, D3220, and the international sponsor is <i>E-Club of Greater Sydney</i> , D9685.	5000.00
Draft		
GG2573054 (DGSC approval 03/12/24)	<i>Train The Trainer in Obstetric Emergencies in Zimbabwe</i> is a US\$30,000 proposal to to provide obstetric emergency training to healthcare workers, and traditional birth attendants, to improve their capacity to care for mothers and children in remote villages in Zimbabwe. This grant is hosted by RC Harare-Central, D9210, with international sponsor RC Taree, D9660 (one of our partner districts).	5000.00
GG2579101 (DGSC approval 05/06/25)	<i>Village Sustainability with Empowerment and WASH</i> , is a \$205,800 Sustainable Cambodia project, hosted by RC Pursat, D3350, and the international sponsor <i>RC Salt Lake City, D5420</i> with support from 10 Districts and 17 clubs across NZ, Fiji and Australia. RC Summerland Sunrise has committed US\$6500.	5000.00
	Total Additional Potential Commitment tagged	25,000.00

DG2566286 District Block Grant 2024-2025

Rotary Club	Project	Grant US\$
1. Ashmore	<i>Ashmore State School Early Reading Literacy Support</i> - Early reading literacy support through provision of decodable reader resources to Ashmore State School to enhance the variety and volume of materials available for grades 1-3.	1617
2. Burleigh Heads	<i>Education Community Resources for Timor-Leste</i> - Source and transport specific educational, health and community resources including school desks, chairs, text books and classroom supplies to Timor Leste in response to specific requests/needs identified in conjunction with local Rotarians.	3333
3. Byron Bay	<i>Expect Respect Project</i> -Support for project “Expect Respect”, an 8 week film-making initiative for Year 10 students which focuses on creating short films that address the theme of domestic violence and respectful relationships.	1775
4. E- Club of NextGen	<i>Essential Health for All Foundation, Cameroon.</i> - Assist with the purchase of a shipping container and freight costs to transport donated medical equipment and supplies to Essential Health for All Foundation, an NGO established to help Cameroon develop stronger health services and care delivery to remote rural communities in Cameroon.	3333
5. E- Club of NextGen	<i>The Street University Community Garden</i> - Support for project developed by former Griffith Gold Coast Club in collaboration with The Street University, Southport to develop a community garden at the youth centre, to provide troubled youth with a peaceful space for engagement, reflection and positive experiences, and to support mental health through gardening.	2334
6. Kingscliff	<i>Kids of Purple Website</i> - To support the professional development of a website “Kids of Purple” which was designed by a Rotaract Year 12 student for use of young people exposed to domestic violence and providing an easily accessible source to understand more about domestic violence and feel less alone.	300
7. Parkwood	<i>Help for the Homeless & Families Escaping Domestic Violence & Lonely Residents of Aged Care</i> - Provision of food hampers, personal hygiene products and school supplies to local disadvantaged community members including the homeless, families escaping domestic violence and those families struggling financially.	2060
8. Scenic Rim Sunrise	<i>Traction Program at Beaudesert High School</i> - Provide 12 students the opportunity to participate in a Traction Program at Beaudesert High School. This program aims to re-engage students who are in danger of failing and prematurely leaving school.	1100
9. Surfers Sunrise	<i>Support for PCYC Gold Coast</i> - Support for Police, Citizens & Youth Centre through provision by Rotarians of various gymnastics equipment and sponsorship of youth programs.	2734
10. Goonellabah	<i>School Mates Project</i> - To support club’s School Mates Project which provides financial assistance for educational costs such as school uniforms, learning materials, excursions, breakfasts and lunches which many families are struggling to meet. The need is identified by the school principal who notifies the club of what is needed.	3333
TOTAL		21,919

Whilst US\$28,491 was initially approved for 15 district grants, six clubs were unable to complete their planned projects and their grants were cancelled. Fortunately, the District Grants Committee was able to fund a late grant application by Goonellabah RC from contingency funds in the District Block Grant. The final acquittal report for the District Block Grant DG1961065 was submitted on 19 June 2015, \$6319 in unspent funds was returned to The Rotary Foundation and the block grant closed on 1 July 2025.

All grant records have been maintained in terms of the District Qualification Memorandum of Understanding and have been provided to Greg Bowler, District Rotary Foundation Stewardship Sub-Committee Chair 2024-25 for checking prior to submission to the District Auditor for the annual financial audit.

We take this opportunity to thank all participating clubs for their cooperation throughout the application, implementation and reporting phases of the process. We congratulate clubs on completion of very worthwhile projects exemplifying “the Magic of Rotary”. Finally, we thank 2024-25 District Governor Lisa Hunt for her support and encouragement throughout the Rotary year.

PDG Tony Heading
District Rotary Foundation Chair 2022-25

Neil Jones
District Grants Sub-Committee Chair 2022-25