

## LEADERSHIP MEETING DATES 2023-2024

@ Ocean Shores Country Club

12 November + D9640 AGM  
18 February 2024  
9 June 2024

## DG VISITS - AUGUST

16 Iluka-Woombah  
22 Ballina Lifestyle  
29 Upper Richmond  
30 Grafton Midday  
31 Mullumbimby

## DG VISITS - SEPTEMBER

5 Goonellabah  
6 Mt Warning AM  
7 Lismore West  
11 Grafton  
12 Yamba

## WHAT'S ON

26 Aug [Parkwood 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary](#)  
Parkwood  
2 Sept [70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration](#)  
Stanthorpe  
10 Sept [Rotary Duck Race](#)  
Ballina-on-Richmond  
7 Oct [Charity Race Day](#)  
Surfers Paradise  
25 Oct [Annual Business Breakfast](#)  
Gold Coast Corporate

## DISTRICT CALENDAR [HERE](#)

## AUGUST is MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH

We are Rotary, each and every one of us who are members of this great organisation. As we reflect what the Membership month of August means to us, it is important that we place the club we are a member of and its members foremost in our thoughts.

With this in mind, I would like to pose a couple of questions for you to consider.

- *Is your club one that you are excited to be in?*
- *Does your club have projects that pack a punch and create Impact?*
- *Does your club Amplify your Impact by telling your story?*
- *Do you have Fun along the way and enjoy the Fellowship of your club?*

When we look at our District Membership it is important that we consider the above points. This Rotary year, our Leadership Team set out a 90-day plan for our club Presidents to take back to their club. Your club's goals are our Leadership Team's goals.

## So where are we and where do we want to go?

Our District Membership as of the first of July was 1198. We lost some 342 members from our clubs last Rotary year and gained 207 new members, so where do we want to go from here? Our aim is to get back to a District Membership of 1300. At present I am pleased to share with you that we have a net increase of +19. We're off to a good start.

When you look at why members stay in our Rotary clubs there are 2 main reasons that stand out. **Community Service** and **Friendship/Fellowship**. Conversely, the reasons given by many Rotarians that leave our great organisation are that their club *lacks community engagement and a lack of Fellowship/Friendship*.

So, if you are part of a club that is connected with your community, has projects and or campaigns that create impact, values its members and provides memorable membership moments, your club will not only retain members, but it will also grow its membership.

Our Leadership Team has a couple of opportunities for your club to be involved in. Firstly, there is the **'Hope Springs'** initiative. This initiative is an opportunity for your club to double the funds you may wish to donate to a local charity or organisation that has tax deductibility status. This is not a competition. This is an opportunity for clubs with smaller membership numbers to 'Pack a Punch' and 'Create Impact'. Depending on the funds raised, there are 5 matching grants available.

Full Details [HERE](#)

## Hope Springs Rotary Community Partnership Initiative

\$100,000 is available to clubs in District 9640 thanks to 3 generous Rotarians in our District. Clubs can participate by fundraising for a DGR registered charity in your community.

The 5 Clubs that donate the most funds (in proportion to the clubs paid membership) will receive matching funds for their nominated charity up to the following amounts:

1 \$30,000   2 \$25,000   3 \$20,000   4 \$15,000   5 \$10,000

Clubs can participate by:

Fundraising during 1 Sept 2023 to 1 April 2024. Funds raised outside this date are not included. Submit application including funds raised, details of the charity and DGR registration to DG Dave Harmon [districtgovernor@rotary9640.org](mailto:districtgovernor@rotary9640.org) by 6pm 1 April 2024.

Successful clubs will be notified and the 'Hope Springs' sponsors will donate matching funds to the 5 nominated charities. This is a unique opportunity for Rotary and Rotaract Clubs of all sizes to double the amount of donations to their favourite local charity.

## DAY OF ACTION - 1 DECEMBER 2023

Clubs in our District will also be leading a Zone 8 campaign '**Rotary Says NO to Domestic and Family Violence and YES to Respectful Relationships**'. We propose to have a **National Day of Action on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> of December**. Some Clubs may plan an activity on another day and that is fine. This is a rare opportunity for clubs to connect and partner with community groups and other organisations to activate a campaign to create awareness and be visible out on the streets.

Just last week after lengthy negotiations, the five Rotary Districts of NSW successfully formed a partnership with NSW Police for this campaign. QLD Police are soon to follow.

Many will remember back in 2021 our 100 years of Rotary with a cause 'Rotary Says NO to Domestic Violence' Baton Relay in PDG Andy Rajapakse's year. This campaign was highly successful. It packed a punch and created impact so much so that we had a positive membership growth of 218 members in that year. At least 60% of this growth is attributed to this campaign. **I encourage your club to connect with your Assistant Governor to plan now for your 'Call to Action'**. Further, I encourage you to order your

purple campaign shirt now. These shirts are a great resource to wear at any of your club activities. They engage the community and promote your club and the Rotary brand. They encourage a conversation.

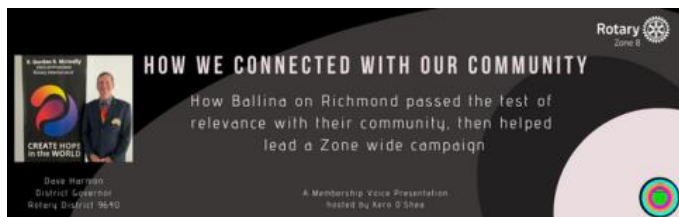


I encourage you to visit the 'Rotary Club of Ballina-on-Richmond web page and click on the link at the top right of the page '[Rotary Zone 8](#)'. You will find our purple shirt order form, banners and other promotional material you can adapt for your club.

This Thursday night August 17th, I am presenting a 'What, How & Why To' presentation on Membership Voice which is an online platform via Zoom that all can attend. I encourage your club to connect via the attached link to find out how you can be part of this campaign.

Let's all combine this year to 'Create Hope in the World'.

*DG Dave*



### MEMBERSHIP VOICE WEBINAR

This Thursday 7.00pm I am presenting on Membership Voice a Webinar on our Zone 8 Domestic and Family Violence Campaign. I will share the why, when, what and how to initiate this campaign. Join this zoom for an interactive how to and why to. Register [HERE](#).

## ! ATTENTION - INSURANCE is not AUTOMATIC for CLUB EVENTS

The Insurer has mandated that Clubs wishing to access Rotary Insurance have all events/projects in which their Rotary Club is involved be **signed off by the Club Board** and the relevant Risk documents must be completed and submitted to the District Insurance Officer (DIO) to confirm cover.

**Club Youth Protection Officer (Insurance Requirement).** For Rotary Insurance the Club Youth Protection Officer is a mandated position for those clubs conducting or involved in Youth programs in any manner or form.

The Club Youth Protection Officer must be a standalone position that requires the full National Police check. The Club President, Club Secretary, or any member managing/arranging Youth activities or events, cannot also be the Club Youth Protection Officer. The position is to be recorded in the Rotary database.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 30 CLUBS THAT HAVE SET GOALS IN MY ROTARY

Presidents or Secretaries, please login to [my.rotary.org](https://my.rotary.org) and set your club goals in Rotary Club Central.

Ballina-on-Richmond	E-Club of NextGen	Iluka Woombah	Mt. Warning AM	Stanthorpe
Banora-Tweed	Gold Coast	Jimboomba	(Murwillumbah)	Summerland Sunrise
Broadbeach	Gold Coast Passport	Kingscliff	Mullumbimby	Tenterfield
Broadwater Southport	Goondiwindi	Lismore	Murwillumbah Central	The Granite Belt
Burleigh Heads	Goonellabah	Lismore Networking	Nerang	Warwick Sunrise
Coomera River	Grafton Midday	Mermaid Beach	Parkwood	
Coomera Valley	Griffith Gold Coast			

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO OUR CLUBS

<b>Ballina-on-Richmond</b>	Linda North	Linden Johnson-Johnston	<b>Lismore</b>	<b>Murwillumbah Central</b>
Thomas Tait	<b>Gold Coast Corporate</b>	Shelley Wallace	Colleen Greig	David Freeman
<b>Boonah</b>	Janet Clark	<b>Grafton Midday</b>	<b>Lismore Networking</b>	<b>Nerang</b>
Stephen Rynja	Ailsa Day	Bruce Harding	Kelly Williams	Judith Nankamba
<b>Byron Bay</b>	<b>Gold Coast</b>	Terrence Moulds	<b>Mermaid Beach</b>	<b>Surfers Paradise</b>
Jeffrey Linden	Darryl Grundy		Carly King	Lee Peters



## CONGRATULATIONS PDG ANDY!



PDG Andy Rajapakse from Burleigh Heads Rotary in the Gold Coast, who was our DG in 2020-2021, has been appointed this week by the 3 District Governors of D9560 Northern Queensland & Timor Leste, D9620, Brisbane, Sunshine Coast, PNG, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu and D9640 as their representative

Director on the Board of **Rotary Down Under Inc**, publisher of the RDU Magazine for Zone 8. He takes office at the AGM in November 2023 for a 3 year term.

In addition, PDG Andy has also been appointed from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 as a Director of the Board of RMCH (Rotary Action Group for Reproductive, Maternal & Child Health)

the first and largest Rotary action group with 13,000 members worldwide. RMCH was the winner of the 2022 Rotary Foundation Programs of Scale Grant of US\$2 Million for a safer families program in Nigeria. Andy has been an active member and Australia Area Coordinator of the action group for 2 years. [rotaryrmch.org](http://rotaryrmch.org)

There are 25 Rotary Action Groups recognized by Rotary International that any Rotary member can join to expand your Rotary experience beyond your club. Please visit [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) and find your match.

We wish PDG Andy a successful term in these Regional and Global leadership roles that have enhanced the public image of our District 9640, of all Rotarians and the clubs of our district.



Purchase your shirt or cap from [rdusupplies.com.au](http://rdusupplies.com.au) ready for the Gold Coast End Polio NOW event.




Shirt \$23  
Cap \$22

## Next Steps for Regionalisation Pilot in Zone 8

Since the Zone 8 Regionalisation Pilot received financial support from the Rotary International Board in April 2023, a large amount of work has been happening behind the scenes.

Club presidents, secretaries, and people who opted to receive additional information about the Regionalisation Pilot, have been receiving regular monthly updates.

Following feedback that information on the pilot has been hard to find, we have restructured the [Creating Tomorrow](#) Regionalisation website, adding new pages under the "What are we doing?" tab. There are now web pages dedicated to key aspects of the pilot.



Regionalisation Pilot

Look out for updates and informed.

WHAT ARE WE DOING?WHO ARE WE?RESOURCES

LATEST UPDATES

WHY DO WE NEED TO UPDATE HOW WE DO THINGS?HOW HAS THE PROJECT COME ABOUT?COMMUNITY GROUPS AND LEADERS

SPECIALIST NETWORK ROLESREGIONAL COUNCIL

REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

MEMBERSHIP

LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

PUBLIC IMAGE AND PARTNERSHIPS

FOUNDATION

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

END OF THE PILOT

Latest updates.

[Australian Rotary Health](#) has been operating for over 40 years and has provided more than \$56M in health research and health career scholarships. Since 2000 ARH has had a focus on research into mental health. In the 2023 year the priority for research has been into the mental health for 0–12 year olds. In the past 10 years, in our district alone, our families have been subjected to severe drought, drinking water shortages, mice plagues, bushfires, devastating floods and in recent years COVID. Little wonder the mental health of our children is in crisis. How can you and your club help? There are several ways, by donating and also by raising the awareness in your local community for the need to address mental health.

Contact Nerida Dean your district representative [nerida.d@outlook.com](mailto:nerida.d@outlook.com) or 0407 008 848 for a club speaker presentation and for tips on how to connect with your community to raise the awareness of mental health. RI President Gordon McNally wants Rotarians to offer hope to those facing mental health challenges. We can create hope.

Donations can be made by **For Direct Deposits:** Australian Rotary Health **BSB:** 112 879 **Account:** 065 433 595 Please advise of your deposit via email to [admin@arh.org.au](mailto:admin@arh.org.au) donations over \$2 are tax deductible

# FOUNDATION MOMENTS

Quick insights into *your* charity — The Rotary Foundation



## INVESTING IN ACTION

The Rotary Foundation plans for the future, not just for today, and helps members put ideas into action. **In the words of Arch Klumph, RI President, 1916/17:**

"Rotary has assumed a great obligation to the world .... Its opportunities are limitless, but its income today and of tomorrow will never permit it to do the many things which it could and should do. Let me remind you of these three facts: (1) money alone does little good, (2) individual service is helpless without money, (3) the two together can be a godsend to civilization."



**Thank you for the time, energy, and financial support you give to Rotary's mission.**

< Visit [my.rotary.org/donate](https://my.rotary.org/donate)



## YOUTH EXCHANGE NEWS

### First Short-Term Student Departs



For the first time since 2020 our Rotary Youth Exchange team has farewelled a student at the airport with the departure of Georgia Watts to District 4500 in Brazil for a three-month short term exchange! Georgia is sponsored by the RC of Goondiwindi and will spend her exchange living with her host family in Natal. When she returns in October her host sister Dani will be with her as our first inbound student since 2019! Dani will live with Georgia and her family in Goondiwindi for three months and attend Goondiwindi High. This reciprocal family-to-family student exchange is a special feature of the short-term exchange program.

Millie Lewis (RC of Goondiwindi) and Kiki Gonzales (RC of Kingscliff) are heading to District 4945 in Argentina in October for three months. Their host sisters – Lucia and Paloma – will return with them in January for their own exchanges here in District 9640.

### First Orientation Camp for Long Term Outbound Students

12 students from our district have been selected for our 12-month exchange program and will depart Australia

in January for Denmark, Italy, Germany, Korea, Japan, the USA and Brazil.

We will be receiving 13 students in return (including a one-way student from Ukraine) arriving between December 2023 – July 2024. A huge thanks to the clubs who have committed to sponsoring and hosting our exchange students. Thank you to Ashmore, Beaudesert, Burleigh Heads, Coomera River, Evans Head, Gold Coast, Goondiwindi, Grafton, Kingscliff, Nerang and Stanthorpe!

### Can you help us bring Elizabet from Ukraine to Australia on a Rotary Youth Exchange?

In December we will be welcoming Elizabet to Australia from Kyiv, Ukraine, as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student, hosted by the RC of Coomera River.

This is a one-way exchange that we have arranged that will be fully funded for Elizabet through donations to our youth exchange program - this will cover her flights, insurance, visa, and all of her living expenses during her year here in Australia.

To date we have had six generous clubs each making a \$500 donation towards Elizabet's exchange - a huge thank you to Ballina-on-Richmond, Yamba, Maclean, Iluka Woombah, Warwick and Tenterfield.

If you would like to help us make this exchange possible or get involved in the YEP program, please get in touch with David Kenny on [yep@rotary9640.org](mailto:yep@rotary9640.org)

**Kathryn Koch** - Deputy Chair & Country Coordinator: The Americas





## BOOK OF HOPE

On Thursday 27 July, DG Dave, AG Letitia de Lima and Rotary Club members attended the launch of the Book of Hope funded by the RC of Griffith Gold Coast in collaboration with the Gold Coast Centre Against Sexual Violence.

This is the second Book of Hope supported by Rotary as the first was funded by the Rotary Club of Southport in 2015.

Courageous survivors of sexual, domestic and family violence contributed their stories, poems and writings to the Book.

More than 80 people attended the launch and reception in Southport, including the Lady Mayoress and other dignitaries.

Marion Jones, in launching the Book of Hope, mentioned how appropriate it was for this project to come to fruition in the year when our Rotary International President's theme is "Create Hope in the World".

## THE POWER OF DISTRICT GRANTS



The Empowerment of Women Project NextGen 2022-2023 has successfully achieved the supply of sewing machines and fabrics to underprivileged girls and women in the Varanasi area of India. A district grant of \$1000 AUD has been provided and \$1000 AUD donated by Rotary e-Club of NextGen made this project possible.

This project would not have been achievable without the local participation of Rotarian Doctor Nischal Pandey E-Club Connect, District 3012 who coordinated the management of the project.

This project provides immediate and long-term benefits by providing materials and equipment needed to assist in establishing and enhancing the skills of the women. Upon achieving these skills the women will be more employable hence assisting them to be productive members of society.

As a result of this project, the products that the women create support women and girls to improve their hygiene during their menstrual period allowing them to continue their education and socialise without fear of being shunned. The project was completed in April 2023 with the purchase of the goods but, the usefulness of these goods is ongoing and has immeasurable benefits for women in the Varanasi area.

*Narelle Eather*

## CAMEROON CONTAINER, BRINGING DISTRICTS AND CLUBS TOGETHER IN A UNITED INTERNATIONAL PROJECT

On 8<sup>th</sup> July the Rotary e-Club of NextGen packed a 20-foot container at the Rotary Australia Repurposing Equipment (RARE) site at Alexandra Hills.

A lot of planning took place between club member Professor Ged Williams OA, and Rotarian Doctor Ntogwiachu Daniel Kobuh at the Essential Health for All Foundation in Cameroon. Rotarian Narelle Eather was able to source Radiology Equipment that was no longer being used in Australia.

Ged Williams flew up from Melbourne to personally oversee the packing and was like a kid in a candy store, seeing first hand all the essential items being loaded.

Bruce Fanning from the RC of Warwick Sunrise drove down with medical supplies from the Warwick Hospital.

Frank Muller from the RC of Brisbane Airport organised the purchase of the shipping container as well as sourcing a very good freight price to the seaport of Douala, Southwest Cameroon.

Rotarian Patricia Dear from the Satellite Club of Bribie Island and RARE shed manager coordinated the sourcing of supplies during the five and a half hours of packing. E-Club

of NextGen members Angelo and Sheryl Carlotto, PDG Ian and PDG Heather Yarker and Jane Loxton were kept busy helping on the day.

The combination of volunteer hours involved in the preparation and packing was 213 hours. To equate that to a dollar figure of donated services at twenty-five dollars and hour, gives a result of \$5,325, plus a conservative value of goods at \$250,000, then the \$10,000 for container and freight costs plus ancillary items, totalling \$265,325.

From a conversation with Rotarians about a need for Hospital equipment in Cameroon resulted in a service project involving Districts 9620 and 9640 all working together on an International Project.

The Power of Rotary in Action. PP, AG, Jane Loxton

