



As we celebrate summer arriving and our festive season beginning, we as Rotarians also celebrate the work Rotarians around the world are undertaking to combat diseases through effective treatment and prevention. December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month. Back in 1985, Rotary pledged to eradicate Polio and look at where we are at today with a 99.9% reduction in Polio. We are so close to the eradication of this terrible, yet preventable, disease. Rotary International has partnered with the World Health Organisation, the Centre for Disease Control & Prevention and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to complete this pledge.

As Rotarians we believe good health care is everyone's right. Sometimes it is hard to imagine the life some 400 million people live who cannot afford or access basic health care. Diseases that are preventable result in misery, pain and poverty for millions of people worldwide. Rotary leads both large and small efforts to address this. We set up temporary clinics, blood donation centres and training facilities in underserved communities struggling with outbreaks and health care access. In the 2020 – 2021 Rotary year, the Foundation contributed \$38 million towards Disease Prevention and Treatment. Let's all continue to support the great work our Foundation does.

November/December aligns with the international recognised 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence and our District has led a campaign that says 'No to Domestic Violence and YES to Respectful Relationships' across our Zone.

I am pleased to share with you that on the 15th of November, District Governors from around Australia travelled to Parliament House in Canberra for the official launch of this campaign (this is a first for Rotary in Australia). Over the past weeks we have had over 100 Rotary led activities throughout Australia, including our Gold Coast Tram ride on the 25th of November, walks in Ballina, Grafton, Murwillumbah, Beaudesert, Coomera and Lismore. Thank you all for your support and participation in this much needed campaign.

As we approach the end of this Calendar year, I would like to remind our clubs and members about the very generous initiative that can match a donation your club makes to an organisation that has Tax Deductibility status Dollar for Dollar. The 'Hope Springs' initiative is a win for all concerned. Further, the process of application to be part of this and to meet the requirements is simple and not complicated so please consider participating.

If your club would like to be part of this fantastic and very generous initiative, please confirm it with me. For clubs that have already confirmed interest, please formalise this interest with an email that outlines the cause you are supporting, amount you intend to donate and the organisation you intend to donate the funds to.

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
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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 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.


Let's all participate



Thank you to all our clubs and members for the work you continue to do in your communities. I am pleased to share that our Rotary clubs have attracted nearly **100 new members** this year. *Congratulations!*

As of the end of November our District was leading our Zone with membership growth and is currently at +50. Let's all keep up the great work, connect with your community, invite friends, colleagues, family to one of your meetings, share why we are in Rotary, what we do, what we achieve, and the real meaning and personal growth that comes from **'Service Above Self'** or the original slogan **'One Profits Most Who Serves Best'**.

On Saturday the 2nd of December our District held our annual College of Governor's Christmas Lunch. I was delighted to present Neil and Dell Maxwell with their personal trophy for the Brian and Nancy Knowles Award they received for their combined service to Rotary over 50 years. Well done Dell and Neil, you are legends and set a standard of community service that any Rotarian would be proud to emulate.



Survey results from clubs are in and our G-train will be working over the Christmas break to formalise the Regionalisation Pilot Community Groups. We hope to get these groupings to clubs early next year.

Robii and I have immensely enjoyed visiting 57 of our Rotary clubs this year. Your enthusiasm, friendship and commitment to your communities is inspiring. It provides motivation for us to keep stepping up and strive to achieve more.

Robii and I wish you all a joyful Christmas surrounded by people you love and those who love you. Thank you for your commitment to Rotary and your community. As you sit back and enjoy the festive season think about the good you have done, the people you have helped, the lives you have changed. Be proud, be happy and be grateful.

When we hit the ground running next year, let's all combine to 'Create (more) Hope in the World'.

Love and sincere best wishes, *DG Dave and Robii*

Leadership Meeting dates 2024 @ Ocean Shores Country Club

18 February & 9 June

WHAT'S ON

10 Jan – Webinar –How to use Canva to optimise your club's image online

Hosted by District PR Chair Candice Olivier
Details [HERE](#)

4 Feb Gold Coast Ramble

Gold Coast Rotary

17 -18 May D9640 Conference - Ballina

- Friday 17 - PDG's Lunch & Social

Evening Drinks for everyone

- Saturday 18 - Conference, Dinner -
Dance evening & Special Presentations

Robyn's Partner Project - The Rotary Foundation

\$29,026 donated from clubs
and individuals in our District.

**Helping
YOUR Foundation
YOUR Club
YOUR Communities**

Thank You!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO CLUBS

Broadwater Southport

Maxwell Delmege

Samantha Delmege

John Monteith

Burleigh Heads

Mitchell Calley

Evans Head

David Crooks

Gold Coast Corporate

Daniel O'Connor

Griffith Gold Coast

Robert Hault

Maclean

Craig Oeding

Mt Warning AM

Angela Donnelly

Parkwood

Joe Wilkinson

Jordan Williams

Stanthorpe

Edith Miron

Rachael Walker

Surfers Paradise

Marilyn Byford

Summerland Sunrise Rotary raised \$700 for Australia Rotary Health to help Lift the Lid on Mental Illness.

Our Community Director Nerida Dufficy co-ordinated a Club Breakfast Meeting with 31 members and guests. Lots of fun was had by all because we call it a Silly Hat Day and attendees usually wear one! We were thrilled to raise \$700 for the morning to help research on Mental Illness. - *Josephine Saunders*



FOUNDATION MOMENTS

Quick insights into your charity — The Rotary Foundation

WHAT IS SHARE?

The SHARE system is how The Rotary Foundation distributes funds to districts. When you contribute to Annual Fund-SHARE, the first 5% is deducted for operational costs. The remainder of the contribution is divided between the World Fund and District Designated Funds (DDF). The Trustees of the Rotary Foundation allocate money from the World Fund, and your district allocates DDF to the programs that people in your area want to support.

The name defines what the system does because contributions are shared throughout the world.



You can help our district and support meaningful projects by giving to the Annual Fund-SHARE!

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The Rotary Foundation



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Ukraine Fundraiser



Lismore Networking Bollywood Fundraiser



Northern Gold Coast Rotaract



Yamba Rotary 40th Birthday



Mt Warning AM (Murwillumbah)



Scenic Rim Sunrise



Maclean Rotary Club



Murwillumbah Central



Rotary Youth Exchange 2024



Nerang Rotary



Ballina Lifestyle Satellite Club



Gold Coast Rotary



Stanthorpe



Surfers Paradise



RYLA 9640 Trivia Night



Coomera Valley