



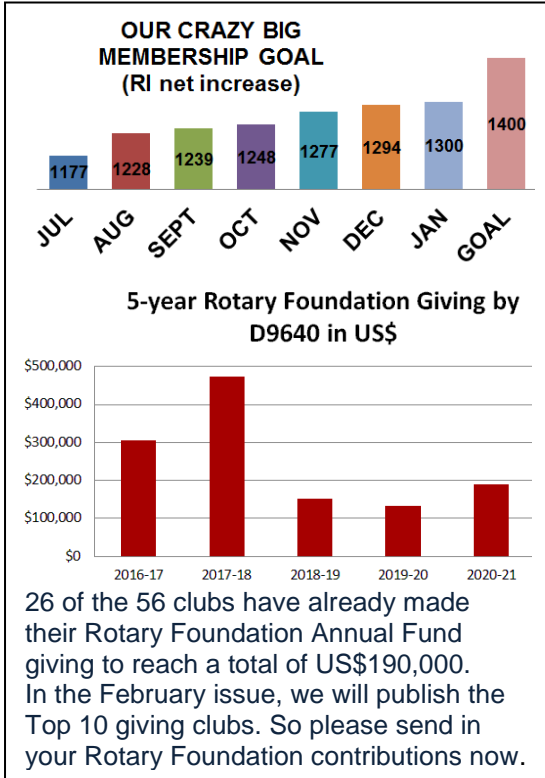
# DISTRICT 9640 NEWS

## A letter from Andy



DG ANDY RAJAPAKSE  
RC OF BURLEIGH HEADS

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### From the desk of District Governor Andy

My Dear Rotarians,

I wish you and your loved ones a happy 2021.

This will be the year of courage and change to most of us. If we can build our "Energy" to face the challenges of 2021, believe me we can face many more to follow in 2022. My first Rotary function in 2021 was to visit Kyogle Rotary club in NSW on Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> January. This is the smallest club in our district. They have had 5 members for the past 2 years. On my invitation our NSW Northern Rivers Area Coordinator Past Governor Terry Brown, newly elected District Governor Nominee Designate Dave Harmon & his wife Robyn joined me at Kyogle Club Secretary Peter Constable's beautiful home. Peter has been the winner of the best garden competition for many years. Treasurer Leo Laarhoven also joined the chat. Club President Peter Clark could not make it due to work at his Cheese factory in Murwillumbah. What was this chat about?

You know that I am a champion in starting new style clubs and using social media. But sometimes I believe in using good old-fashioned ways like Bus Advertising. Do you remember that? So instead of sending emails or text messages to the club President or Secretary, I felt a face to face, eyeball to eyeball chat would be best to find a solution to this problem. The problem was the RI Manual of Procedure of 2019 now requires District Governors to recommend the termination of Rotary

Clubs with less than 6 members. As we sat, I got down to business and asked Peter & Leo why such a great club with a 74 year old history of doing good in Kyogle has not attracted new members in the past 10 years? While we chatted into the afternoon over a delicious lunch prepared by Peter's wife Mary, Peter & Leo remembered 3 prospective members who had shown interest to join the club for some months. But the club was too busy doing good in the community and had no time to ask them to join Rotary. Is this a story many Rotarians can relate to? If we don't stop and ask, no one will join.

Club Secretary Peter got his light bulb moment and asked if we can help run a Rotary information day and he could call in another 4 prospective members including a corporate member. DGND Dave grabbed the opportunity and said yes, he would come from Ballina and run the event in Kyogle. PDG Terry was focussed and fixed 16<sup>th</sup> February for the Rotary Information Day in Kyogle. I love working with positive teams. Together we will help attract 5 new members to Kyogle Rotary in the next 3 months, so this little Rotary club can record a 100% growth. When leaders meet and exchange ideas, we can take quick action to open opportunities we never saw before! To achieve this, first we must start talking to each other.



the biggest ever Pumpkin seen in the Southern Hemisphere. It was 867 kgs. David Parker, the Charter President of the Evans Head Rotary Club in NSW that we will charter later in January, sent me this picture of his wife Karen admiring the winning Pumpkin. A happy club Secretary Peter called me today and said a young lady at the Big Pumpkin Festival had walked up and said she is interested in joining Rotary. He was proud to say, yes of course please join our Rotary wine and cheese evening on 16<sup>th</sup> February.

It was not long ago that Kyogle Rotary raised \$65,000 in one night for a local cause. Kyogle Rotary plays an active role in the annual Kyogle Giant Pumpkin Festival. Two days after my meeting the 2021 Big Pumpkin Festival was on and the winner set a new benchmark for

As District Governor, I will continue to start new Rotary clubs in our district. A new club attracts 20 members to Rotary in one go. Still, I will find time and the energy to help grow the smallest clubs in our district. As your District Governor, I am a member of every Rotary club and I belong to every Rotary club in our district. Attracting new members is "No 1 Priority" for a Rotary club to survive 2021. We are Rotarians and we are problem solvers. Join my journey & make Rotary in Australia, great again!

*Andy*

**MEET OUR  
DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2023-2024  
DAVID HARMON**



Paul Harris Fellow, Dave Harmon is the current President of the Rotary Club of Ballina-on-Richmond in NSW.

Dave and his wife Robyn have been members of Rotary for 7 years and they have 2 adult sons. Prior to joining Rotary, Dave was in APEX for 10 years and held several executive positions. He has a Bachelor of Teaching and has just semi-retired after 37 years as an Engineering Trades Teacher at TAFE with the last 15 years spent in a consultancy role. Dave has developed state wide curriculum and assessments in Engineering Trades and is qualified as a Pressure Welding Inspector and Certifier.

Dave is a recipient of The Director General of Education Award for Excellent Service to Public Education and Training. He has been a National Judge for World Skills Australia and coached an Australian winner of the World Skills Olympics who was ranked in the top 10 in the world. Dave served for 10 years on the Board of Directors for Coffs Coast Hockey Association and has coached and played in representative teams at a state level.

As President of the Rotary Club of Ballina-on-Richmond from 2019 to date, Dave, together with his team, initiated and led the club's dynamic membership growth of attracting 18 new members in 18 months to become the 3rd largest Rotary club in our district with 48 members. It is the largest Rotary club in the NSW side of our district. Dave plans to grow his club to +55 members by 30<sup>th</sup> June before taking on the key role as District Membership Chairman during District Governor Jeff Egan's year from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021.

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE TEAM**



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**Keys to International Project Success**

One of the great benefits of being a Rotarian is to be able to give back by using your skills and knowledge in projects that improves the lives of others.

The role of **District 9640 International Service Chair** is to inspire our district's clubs to get involved in International service. The **District Resource Network** has been created and comprises of Rotarians with experience and project skills, Rotary's areas of focus and TRF Grants.

The DRN will support International service initiatives by sharing information about available resources, circulating

inspirational project ideas and answering any questions you may have.

Rotary and Rotaract clubs can seek project partners through [Rotary Showcase](#). As part of the new feature, your club can list proposed projects and seek partners for financial or other support, share your project for Global Grants, and connect with other clubs to build relationships, all with the goal of implementing new service projects to improve communities around the world. Check out some of the projects [HERE](#).



**DG ANDY HAS ANNOUNCED THE 2020-2021 DISTRICT AWARDS. THEY ARE;**

1. Best Rotary Branding in a City or Town.
2. Best Rotary 100 Baton Relay Activation.
3. "Rotaractor of the Year".
4. "Interactor of the Year".
5. "Youth Exchange Student of 2020".
6. "Community Service Project of the Year".
7. "Fundraising project of the Year".
8. "Rotary Club President of the Year" to the club with the highest net growth of members from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020.
9. "Rotary Club of the Year" for the highest average of the net membership growth and Rotary Foundation Annual Fund giving.
10. "Club of the Future" to the club with the highest number of members under 40 years in age.
11. "New Club of the Year" for the club with the highest net growth of members since the charter date of clubs chartered after 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017.
12. "Assistant Governor of the Year" to the AG with the highest membership growth in the cluster from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020.
13. "Outstanding Leadership Award" to every club president with a net growth of +3 from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020.
14. "Outstanding District Chair of the Year".
15. "Outstanding Past Governor of the Year".



2021 District awards applications will be accepted from 1st May to 31st May 2021 for award categories 1-7. District Awards Chair Amanda Cerise Ryder from Grafton Midday Rotary Club will send out the District awards applications to all club Presidents in April.



**2021 District Awards will be presented to the winners at the District Changeover Gala Luncheon on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June at Mermaid Waters Hotel in the Gold Coast.**

**100 YEARS - 100 STORIES**

Have you sent in your story to be included in the "100 YEARS - 100 STORIES" Book? There is still space for YOUR story. So send it to PDG David Lee (RC of The Granite Belt) [dwijlee@bigpond.com](mailto:dwijlee@bigpond.com).

No Rotarian will want to miss the opportunity to own a copy of this limited edition "100 YEARS - 100 STORIES" to be released on the 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021 - the Centenary of Rotary in Australia.

**ORDER NOW from PDG David Lee**

At **\$25 per copy**, the book will make a great gift for family or friends of Rotary or maybe as a "Thank You" for Club Guest Speakers. 100 diverse and interesting Rotary stories from District 9640 in one book will be a great and easy way to promote Rotary.

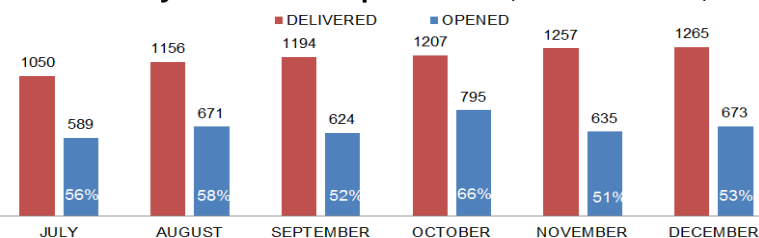
Please send us photos and stories of your **Australia Day Celebrations** for the February Newsletter. Email to Jodie: [orungalj@bigpond.net.au](mailto:orungalj@bigpond.net.au)

**Have you elected your club President for 2021-2022?**

Please send the name and email address to DGE Jeff Egan Email: [jeffegan04@gmail.com](mailto:jeffegan04@gmail.com) to receive an invitation to the Presidents-Elect Training on 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> March.

<b>CLUSTER 1 TO 4 FOUNDATION SEMINAR</b>	<b>2021-22 PETS TRAINING</b>
<b>SUN 7 FEB</b> Casino RSM	<b>SAT 6 &amp; SUN 7 MAR</b> Quality Inn, Mermaid Waters
<a href="#">DISTRICT CALENDAR READ MORE HERE</a>	

**Monthly Newsletter Open Rate - (Stats from Clubrunner)**



**D9640 is Number 1 in Rotary Zone 8**

Congratulations and Thank you to every club President, Secretary, Membership Chair, and member in District 9640 for making our district the number 1 Membership Growth District in Zone 8 of Australia, New Zealand and the 12 Pacific Islands. Here is the Zone 8 leader board from 1st July 2020 to 1st Dec 2020.

District	# Club	# Member	# Member
9455	46	1,067	22
9465	47	1,151	7
9510	85	2,048	1
9550	40	814	52
9570	45	938	21
9600	61	1,252	12
9630	53	1,086	14
9640	56	1,279	102
9650	54	1,311	(13)
9670	46	999	(37)
9675	58	1,313	(12)
9685	70	1,758	(7)
9705	79	2,013	(31)
9780	56	1,568	(26)
9790	63	1,513	(21)
9800	64	2,060	(34)
9810	40	1,091	(17)
9820	45	1,162	(15)
9830	46	1,114	35
9910	38	932	(16)
9920	53	1,262	12
9930	50	1,434	(11)
9940	48	1,348	(67)
9970	32	1,110	4
9980	30	1,085	(9)
<b>Districts:25</b>	<b>1,305</b>	<b>32,708</b>	<b>(34)</b>

Numbers in Net **Green** – increase 51 members or more **Orange** – increase 0-50 members (**Red**) – decrease



**JOIN THE ROTARY AUSTRALIA DAY LIVE STREAM CELEBRATION PRE REGISTER [HERE](#) Tues 26 Jan 2pm**