



OUR MEMBERSHIP GOAL

1219

1 JULY 23

1300

GOAL

30 JUNE 24

LEADERSHIP MEETING DATES 2023-2024

@ Ocean Shores Country Club

13 August

12 November + D9640 AGM

18 February 2024

9 June

DG VISITS - JULY

25 Currumbin-Coolangatta-Tweed

31 Murwillumbah

DG VISITS - AUGUST

1 Murwillumbah Central

2 Kingscliff

7 Casino

8 Kyogle

9 Lismore Networking

14 Banora Tweed

15 Byron Bay

WHAT'S ON

5-6 August Botanical Bazaar

Gold Coast Rotary

[DISTRICT CALENDAR HERE](#)

THE LATEST NEWS FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR DAVE

Fellow Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors and friends,

It is indeed an honour and privilege to be your District Governor for the year ahead.

In January this year, Robyn and I, along with 545 other District Governor-Elects from around the world, travelled to Orlando, Florida for the final part of my 2 years of training to become a Governor. It was a special experience in that it opens your eyes and heart to the organisation that is Rotary International.

Our Leadership Team is excited and motivated at the opportunities that await us this year. My Coach PDG Andy Rajapakse and I have a plan and strategy for our clubs to connect with communities and work towards achieving our goals aligned with International President Gordon McNally's 4 main areas of focus. Gordon's theme '**Create Hope in the World**' aligns perfectly with the initiatives and campaigns we have to share with you. Click [HERE](#) to see DG Dave's Strategic Plan.

RI President Gordon's 4 Areas of Focus are;

- Promote World Peace
- Break down the stigma of Mental Health
- Eradicate Polio
- Empower Women and Girls



Our clubs will continue to support the great work the Rotary Foundation does with the End Polio Campaign while also supporting the work Foundation does throughout the world supporting those living in and escaping wars, civil unrest and natural disasters.

RI President Gordon has personally been touched by Mental ill Health. Only in the recent past Gordon lost his brother to suicide. Ian was a professional, loved by all and left behind a wife and 2 children. Many of our clubs support Mental Health initiatives such as Australian Rotary Health's '**Lift the Lid**'. We can all do more in breaking down the Stigma of Mental Health. I am excited to share with you that our District, along with Brisbane District 9620, have been asked to be a community partner for 'Luke's Long Walk'. Luke will be walking from Grafton to Brisbane in September raising awareness of Mental Health while also raising funds for the Movember campaign.

Clubs in our District will also have the opportunity to lead a 'Rotary Says NO to Domestic and Family Violence and YES to Respectful Relationships' Zone 8 campaign in November/December this year. We will have Rotarians from 16 countries in our Zone taking part. Rotarians from Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands. Imagine how this will expand our reach, enhance participation from our members and our community but most of all, imagine the impact. What better way could we Empower Women and Girls than be the voice for those that often don't have one.

Earlier this year we had a very successful PETS training day and 2 very successful District Training days (Assemblies) where we were able to share with those present our Leadership Team, our combined goals and plan for the year ahead. I am here to support, motivate and lead by example. The crucial link for us all is to connect and work as a team with our amazing Assistant Governors. I encourage you to develop early, a rapport with them. If we all work together towards a common goal, we will be able to achieve, as a combined group, amazing things.



Our District needs your help as we are again close to the stage of having a district membership of under 1200. Once we reach this point a merger with one of our neighbouring districts will again be on the table. Our Leadership Team has a plan and it starts today with a 90-day plan for each of our clubs to set their Membership goal on My Rotary as +1 while also setting your Foundation goal. In any team environment it is critical to set a goal and plan to succeed. If each of you can just take some of the load, we will all be winners in growing our membership.

Let's all combine to reach a district membership of 1300 by the end of the year. Do you know 328 Rotarians left clubs in our district in the last Rotary year? 224 of them had been in Rotary for less than 2 years. We have to take action to reduce this loss of members. Our clubs need to consider how they connect to their community. Is your club meeting centric? Or are you a club that is action focused? What do you think best serves your members and your community?

Let's develop our clubs into clubs of action and provide our members with memorable moments that have them engaged and wanting more.

Please share with me ideas and or an action that your club has been involved with that has helped attract and maintain members.

I am pleased to share with you that our Governors Train (G-Train) is up and running and we have already had 2 meetings. We plan to meet weekly and are committed to enhancing the health of our district and dealing quickly and efficiently with all Rotary operational matters. The G-Train is made up of DGN John Oomen, DGE Lisa Hunt and yours truly DG Dave Harmon. You will see a brief Bio of both Lisa and John in this Newsletter.

Robyn and I very much look forward to working with you to help **'Create Hope in the World'**.

DG DAVE

FUTURE LEADERS OF OUR DISTRICT



DGE LISA HUNT COOMERA RIVER ROTARY

Lisa was born and raised in Southport Queensland and after transferring to Sydney with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, started her association with Rotary as the

Charter President of Camden/Narellan Rotaract Club (D9750) in 1994. In April 1995, she was then selected to be part of the Group Study Exchange team (GSE) from D9750 Australia to D2350 Sweden. This experience reinforced Lisa's passion to make a difference locally and globally.

When Lisa, Gareth and their daughter Sarah moved back to the Gold Coast in December 2010, the connection with Rotary then expanded to include all

members of the family. They are all members of the Rotary Club of Coomera River, of which Lisa and Sarah are past presidents. Gareth is a past president of the Rotary Club of Hope Island.

Professionally, Lisa has over 20 years' experience working in senior executive roles in HR and WHS across the Residential Property industry, Banking and Financial Services and Motoring and Services sectors across Australia and New Zealand. Prior to moving into HR roles, her career included over 10 years in banking and finance. In parallel with a successful career, Lisa has achieved a diverse range of achievements, so make sure you take time to chat to find out more about DGE Lisa.

Our District 9640 is closely linked to Lisa's family history and she is proud to have the opportunity to be a leader for Rotary in our district.



DGN JOHN OOMEN EVANS HEAD ROTARY

Narelle and I moved from Forbes NSW, via Melbourne, to Casino in 2017.

We started an ICT business in 1994 in Forbes and it continues today in Casino.

I was introduced to Rotary in 1998, joining the Rotary Club of Forbes. This is a traditional evening Club and I struggled with attendance back in the days when attendance was measured closely. Forbes Rotary decided to sponsor a breakfast club, the Rotary Club of Forbes Ipomoea in 2003, to accommodate people like myself and 24 other Charter members. I was their Charter President and Narelle, their Secretary.

One Saturday evening in 2017, Fr Peter Slack noticed a couple of new parishioners and invited me to his Casino Rotary Club, which I joined in 2018.

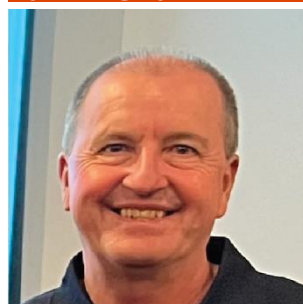
I was accepted as President of Casino in 2019, and served as Assistant Governor 2020-2023.

In 2021, I assisted PDG Andy Rajapakse and PP Geoff Austin to establish a new Rotary Club in Evans Head, which Casino sponsored.

A Club with energy and fresh ideas appealed to me, so in 2022, I transferred to Evans Head.

I seek challenges and am excited to be given this opportunity to support DG Dave, DGE Lisa and the entire District team in whatever way I can during the coming busy years.

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Iluka-Woombah
Maclean
Yamba

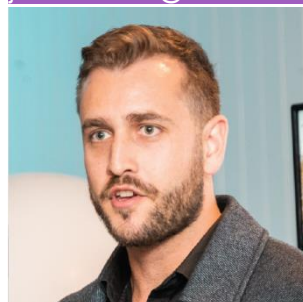
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Byron Bay
Evans Head
Lismore Networking
Mullumbimby
Summerland Sunrise

Cluster 3
Casino
Goonellabah
Kyogle
Lismore
Lismore West
Upper Richmond

Cluster 4
Ballina-on-Richmond
Ballina Lifestyle
Satellite
Banora-Tweed
Currumbin-Coolangatta-Tweed
Kingscliff
Mt Warning AM
Murwillumbah Central

Cluster 5
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Gold Coast
Gold Coast Corporate
Gold Coast Passport
Health & Wellness Satellite
Hope Island
Mermaid Beach
Young Mermaid Beach
Satellite

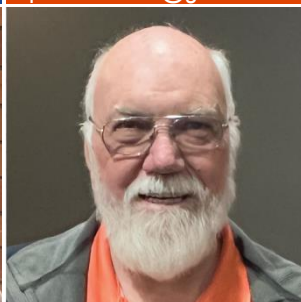
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Cluster 6
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Coomera River
Coomera Valley
Nthn Gold Coast
Rotaract
Rotex
The Scenic Rim Rotaract

Cluster 7
Ashmore
Broadbeach
Broadwater-Southport
Griffith Gold Coast
Griffith Gold Coast Rotaract
Surfers Paradise
Surfers Sunrise

Cluster 8
Allora
Beaudesert
Boonah
Fassifern Valley
Jimboomba
Warwick
Warwick Sunrise
Jimboomba Sunrise Satellite

Cluster 9
Goondiwindi
Stanthorpe
Stanthorpe Flexitime
Satellite
Tenterfield
The Granite Belt

Cluster 10
e-Club Next Gen (Qld)
Murwillumbah
Mudgeeraba
Nerang
Parkwood
Runaway Bay
Varsity Lakes

Welcome New Rotarians
Ballina Lifestyle Satellite
Patricia Paynter
Grafton Midday
Terry Moulds
Hope Island
Naomi Fowler
Matthew Gates
Sepehr Mahjoub
Susan Wright
Murwillumbah Central
Paul Baulman
Robert Holman
Philip O'Neill
Goondiwindi
Jamie Clyne



**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
PRESIDENT GORDON MCINALLY**

"The goal is to restore hope - to help the world heal from destructive conflicts and, in turn, to help us achieve lasting change for ourselves. Rotary helps create the conditions for peace, opportunity, and a future worth living. By continuing what we do best, by remaining open and willing to change, and by keeping our focus on building peace in the world and within ourselves, Rotary helps create a more peaceful world - a more hopeful world".



INCREASE OUR IMPACT

- Working together to develop practices and tools for measuring and sharing Rotary's positive, long-term change
- Using our resources for programs that have the potential for the greatest impact
- Applying lessons learned through our polio eradication efforts to how we approach other partnerships
- Implementing Programs of Scale to provides us with a new framework for thinking about how we bring about change in the world

EXPAND OUR REACH

- Embracing and exemplifying diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in everything we do at Rotary
- Exploring new products and participant models so that people can join us and take action, no matter where they live

ENHANCE PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT

- Making participants central to what we do, which means we're being proactive, asking people how they want to engage with us
- Looking at ways to measure member engagement and satisfaction

INCREASE OUR ABILITY TO ADAPT

- Improving our operations to become more agile and more responsive
- Consider small changes you can make to improve how your club operates

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