



DISTRICT 9640 NEWS

A letter from Andy



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Rotary District 9640

Leadership Excellence Award 2021 Winners

Congratulations to the 20 Presidents who have led their clubs to +3 and above growth from 1 July 2020 to 10 June 2021.

	PRESIDENT	CLUB	MEMBERS
1	Dave Harmon	Ballina-on-Richmond	75 (+38)
2	Joe Wilkinson	Hope Island	56 (+14)
3	John Clark	Burleigh Heads	44 (+9)
4	Nic Rone	Varsity Lakes	15 (+7)
5	Rebecca Lancaster	Warwick	14 (+7)
6	Charles Thomason	Surfers Sunrise	36 (+6)
7	Robert Blanchard	Grafton MidDay	31 (+5)
8	Steven Behn	Iluka Woombah	19 (+5)
9	Kristine Grayson	Boonah	40 (+5)
10	David Parkins	Jimboombah	36 (+5)
11	Doug Bryce	Warwick Sunrise	29 (+4)
12	Julia Hassal	Stanthorpe	27 (+4)
13	Graham McCrae	Murwillumbah Central	23 (+4)
14	Cliff Harmsworth	Mermaid Beach	24 (+4)
15	Geoff Austin	Casino	28 (+3)
16	Tony Lines	Coomera Valley	27 (+3)
17	Graeme Jones	EClub NextGen	25 (+3)
18	John Giuricin	Currumbin Coolangatta Tweed	24 (+3)
19	David D'Varsh	Mullumbimby	19 (+3)
20	Peter Clark	Kyogle	8 (+3)

All award winners, family and friends, join us at the District Awards ceremony and Changeover on 26 June 11 am at Mermaid Waters Hotel, Gold Coast. Click [HERE](#) to book your seat now.

D9640 at a Glance

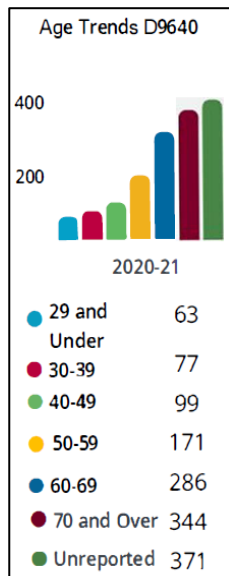
(1 Jul 2020 to 10 June 2021)

Total Members 2020 July	1177
New Members joined	352
Members left	118
Total Members 2021 June	1411
Net Growth	+234
Female Members	530
Male Members	881
UNDER 40'S	140

ROTARY CLUBS - 58

38 GAINED	10 RETAINED	10 LOST
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CLUBS	NUMBER	MEMBERS
Rotaract	4	84
Interact	13	208
Early Act	1	20
ROTEX	1	18



Meet our Future Leaders of D9640



District Governor 2021-2022
PHF. Jeff Egan
Mt. Warning AM Rotary NSW

Jeff was born and educated in Sydney. After attaining Arts and Law Degrees from Sydney University, he and his late wife PDG Anne made a "tree change" in 1980 and moved to Murwillumbah to establish a legal practice.

As well as establishing a legal practice, Anne and Jeff also established a family. Kate, her husband and two children live in England, Tim (a onetime Rotarian and RYLA Chair for District 9640) lives in Brisbane and Ben, his wife and soon to be two children live at Mt Tambourine. In 2013 Jeff joined the Rotary Club of Mt Warning AM of which PDG Anne was a Charter Member.

At Club level Jeff has served as President, Secretary and Foundation Chair. At District level he held the position of Youth Protection Officer for 3 years and the position of Assistant Governor for Cluster 4 for 3 years. Jeff is a Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation and a Member of the Paul Harris Society.

Jeff is keen to ensure that each Member sees value in his or her Rotary membership, that they all find Rotary fun, that they continue their membership and recommend membership to others. Jeff resides at Tweed Heads with his partner Kaileen who is also a member of the Rotary Club of Mt Warning AM.



District Governor 2022-2023
PHF. Karen Thomas
Burleigh Heads Rotary, QLD



District Governor 2023-2024
PHF. Dave Harmon
Ballina-on-Richmond Rotary, NSW

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY ONLINE

This year District Assembly is being delivered as a series of online presentations related to aspects of Rotary Club business. The presentations run from 5 to 23 minutes and are accompanied by slides and links to further information.

Click on the link [HERE](#) to view the presentations.

In addition to the presentations the Training Team will be holding Q&A Forums in August at:

Ballina - Sun 8, Warwick - Sat 14, Gold Coast - Sun 22

Welcome New Rotarians

Ballina-On-Richmond

Bruce Cadwallader

Boonah

John Brent

Broadwater Southport

Michael Gosling

Burleigh Heads

Warren Bobin

Tracey Maree

Casino

Brenton Corey

Patrick Deegan

Gold Coast Passport

Agustina Caballero

Rachelle Doss

Jessica Hall

Anastasia Koimtzidis

Lindy Dupree

Goondiwindi

George Milligean

Grafton

Grant Heeley

Karin Heeley

Hope Island

Julie Bell

Kristy Thomson

Carolyn Waller

Jimboombah

Nick Spanner

Mermaid Beach

Gillian Reeve

Ron Harvey

Nerang

Brendan Gold

Matthew McKenzie

Parkwood

Katherine Bentley

Robina

Maureen Powell

Summerland Sunrise

Jane Laverty

Surfers Paradise

Cheryl Gibbons

Surfers Sunrise

Dean Castell

Satellite – BALLINA LIFESTYLE

Derek Audus

Lyn Audus

Ian Mercer

Roger Pallant

From the desk of DG Andy - What a year of opportunities!

This was an extraordinarily challenging Rotary year but together you and I gave it our best shot. Look how we as a team performed in this year of new opportunities to celebrate 100 years of Rotary in Australia! 44 of our 58 clubs contributed AU\$340,000 (US\$275,000) to our Rotary Foundation to make our District 9640 the 6th largest contributing district this Rotary year in Australia.

Thank you to the presidents and members of 53 of our clubs for engaging with our Rotary 100 Baton relay with a cause to say no to domestic violence. Our clubs generated 53 media articles, 12 TV news stories, and 1023 Social Media posts to create a bigger impact for Rotary in our communities. In this year of a Global Pandemic, together we expanded our reach by starting 6 new Rotary Clubs of The Granite Belt, Gold Coast Corporate, Currumbin Beach in QLD, Lismore Networking, Evans Head and Ballina Lifestyle Satellite Rotary in NSW. This is the biggest Satellite Rotary Club in Australia. Together they attracted 120 new members.

We engaged with our youth this year by starting 3 new Rotaract Clubs of Northern Gold Coast, Gold Coast Makers, and The Scenic Rim in QLD attracting 54 young leaders 18 to 30 years of age. Now our district has 4 Rotaract Clubs with Burleigh Rotaract the oldest and a total of 74 Rotaractors. A new Interact Club at Ballina Coast High School attracting 20 teen leaders was formed in April. Now we have 13 "High School" based Interact Clubs, 12 in QLD and 1 in NSW. In April we launched the new Sothern Star ROTEX Club to engage 17 recently returned Rotary Youth Exchange Students and their parents with Rotary.

The 5 new Rotary clubs we formed attracted and engaged more under 40's to our district to increase from 71 last year to 140 to date. With 10% of our membership under 40 years of age we have the highest number of under 40's in a Rotary District in Australia and Zone 8. 5 years ago our district had only 48 under 40's. Today 32 of our clubs have members under 40 years of age. 8 of our current club presidents are under the age of 30. This year we had one of the biggest Rotary District Conferences in Australia with almost 300 delegates from 47 clubs. 20% of the attendees were under 40 years of age. Who said young people are not attracted to Rotary?

A big thank you to all our 58 club presidents and 4 Satellite club chairs and the members for growing Rotary in this challenging year. Let's now make every member's Rotary experience memorable. Let's hold on to every member of our club and walk through this challenging year together. If a member has not been well or not come to club events for some time can we please call the old-fashioned way and check how he or she is doing? Rotary is about building friendships! Can we make M&M's in Rotary? Watch this video [HERE](#) to make M&M's.

If time permits, please join me and incoming District Governor Jeff Egan at our District Governor Changeover luncheon on 26th June in the Gold Coast to celebrate the year of opportunities and welcome the year of changing lives.

Andy

Congratulations Ballina-on-Richmond Rotary!

This club in a small country town of 9000 people in NSW led by DGND Dave Harmon & team increased its membership from 37 on 1 July 2020 to 75 and became the 2nd largest Rotary Club in NSW behind Sydney Rotary.

Today Ballina-on-Richmond is the 7th largest Rotary club in Australia out of 1070 clubs. We are proud of them recording the highest net membership growth of a Rotary Club in Australia and Zone 8 this year.



The first club changeover of our district was Ballina-on-Richmond on 3rd June attended by DG Andy. New president Col Lee with his new board ready to lead in 2022.



Details and application form available [HERE](#).