

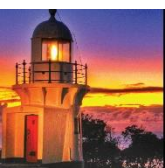


# DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

DG DAVE HARMON & ROBYN ROTARY CLUB OF BALLINA-ON-RICHMOND



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## Rotary District 9640 Conference

Sat 18 May 2024  
BALLINA



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The month of **March is Water Sanitation and Hygiene** month in the Rotary calendar.

Clean water is something we in the developed world often take for granted. We are fortunate that we can afford to use potable quality water to hydrate our plants, gardens and lawns.

Despite great progress, including many Rotary projects that support clean water and sanitation, billions of people still lack access to safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene. The World Health Organisation estimates that 1 in 3 people globally do not have access to safe drinking water.

Mere access to water is not enough if it is not clean and safe to drink. So, what is Rotary doing to address this? Like in so many humanitarian challenges around the world, we are doing plenty.

Through water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) programs, Rotary Clubs around the world mobilise resources, form partnerships and invest in infrastructure and education programs that help make water supplies in communities self-sustainable, safe and secure.

Our Rotary District has over the years, initiated, planned, and delivered many WASH programs. One that has only recently been completed is a project that the Rotary Club of Broadwater-Southport initiated as the international host sponsor with support from the Rotary Clubs of the Gold Coast, Hope Island and Lismore combining for a Foundation Global grant in Guatemala.

Rotary partnered with a charity called **SERES** which stands for '**Social Equity, Resilience, and Ecological Sustainability**'. Their mission is to **cultivate and catalyse youth leaders** in **Guatemala** and **El Salvador**, empowering them to build more **just and sustainable communities**. Read the report [HERE](#).

The project consisted of the drilling of a well (bore) and installation of a submersible pump, erecting a tank stand and installing tanks for a water supply to local farmers on small acreage blocks. This project was more than just providing a safe and permanent water supply. It was also about teaching the local population about sustainable farming practice. Well done to all concerned and a special thank you to Dennis O'Brien from the Rotary club of Broadwater Southport who was pivotal with the success of this project.

Our Rotary year is getting away on us. I wish to draw your attention to the '[Hope Springs](#)' initiative. The application date for this ends at 6.00pm on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> of April. So, if you want to be in contention to have your hard-earned donation to another organisation matched dollar to dollar, you need to have the completed application to me by this date. This includes proof of the donation that your club has made to the recipient with further evidence of the recipient's DGR tax status.

Our District membership is back on the improve. We are currently at +7. Let's all keep club membership high on our priorities. I am encouraged by clubs in our District that over the

## Hope Springs

Rotary Community Partnership Initiative

1 \$30,000

2 \$25,000

3 \$20,000

4 \$15,000

5 \$10,000

**\$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.

Applications close 1 April. Click [HERE](#) for details.

# DISTRICT AWARDS

Award Categories details and Application forms available for download from the District website homepage [rotary9640.org](http://rotary9640.org)

### Categories:

- A. Best Club Communication
- B. International Service
- C. Community Service
- D. Service to Youth
- E. Rotary-Interact Involvement
- F. Public Relations – General/event
- G. Best New Project
- H. Significant Achievement
- I. Membership Award

Awards will be presented at the District Changeover - June 30, 2024.

past couple of years have struggled with their membership and have now, by making club membership a high priority, grown their club. We all need renewal in our clubs to survive into the future. An interesting statistic of our membership age in our Zone highlights to us that now is the time to act. When you consider that 70% of our members are aged 70 or over, we need to take action. This in no way undervalues our senior members contribution or value to our organisation. Can I ask the question "have you introduced a new member to your club in the past 2 years?"

Many clubs have completed their **Membership Surveys**. This is an opportunity for your club to check on the health of your club. Do your members feel connected and valued? This is a tool that enables your club to respond to any concerns and take any action required before a member may decide to leave your club. Please also consider holding a Community Information event. This is an opportunity for you to showcase your club to your community. Please contact Membership Chair Rowan Johnstone for more details.

Our District Public Image Chair Candice Olivier will be sharing some uplifting stories with you over the coming month or so. I would like to introduce you to the first of a series know as 'The Good Stories of District 9640'. Click on the [link](#) to hear about one of our Rotary stars PDG Ross Smith.

I would like to share with you, initiatives that a couple of our clubs are working on.

- **Coomera Valley Rotary Club** are raising funds to support Parkinsons Research being conducted by Griffith University. A generous member of their club Rob Stanford will match any donation from a club to this cause up to \$50,000. Click on the [link](#) for more information.
- **Jimboomba Rotary Club** is holding a 'Step up for Men's Health' lunch on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Funds raised will go towards Prostate Cancer education and awareness. Click on the [link](#) for information, sponsorship details also available [HERE](#).
- **Lismore West Rotary Club** have been working hard over the past couple of years developing a 'Falls Prevention' program for seniors. As Rotarians, we have the ability to greatly reduce these concerning numbers. Supported by NSW Health and international experts, the Rotary Club of Lismore West have a package that they would like to share that will enable you to take immediate action to help reduce falls in your local area. Click [HERE](#) for more details.



Last weekend I had the pleasure to be one of the Keynote speakers at the invitation of my DG colleague Tonia Barnes' Sydney District 9675 Conference. I was asked to present about the transformation of the Rotary Club of Ballina-on-Richmond and our club's Domestic and Family Violence project that has, over the past couple of years, gone from a Club, to District, to a Zone 8 campaign. Districts around Australia are very excited and committed to build on the success we

Over the past month DGE Lisa, DGN John and I have been meeting with our District clubs online to discuss the establishment and formation of our new Rotary Community Groups and the process and procedure for nominating and, if needed, electing your Rotary Community Leader. As a club member you have nothing to fear with this Regionalisation Pilot. The way your club operates will not change much however, there are many positives that this Pilot will afford us. Please click on the [link](#) for more information.

Last week, along with PDG Andy, I had the pleasure to meet with representatives of [Angel Flight](#) for a media release related to a donation made to them in November. This donation was on behalf of IPDG Karen who nominated Angel Flight as her DG project. It was a pleasure to meet Angel Flight CEO Marjorie Pagani and Media and Partnership Officer Clarissa Wright. These donated funds will go towards providing fuel for the many privately owned planes that provide this amazing service. Angel Flight Australia is a charity that coordinates non-emergency flights to help rural people dealing with medical needs, poor finances and the daunting distance of isolation. Pilots donate their time and their own plane. They are often first responders in Natural Disasters like the devastating Northern Rivers Floods. Angel Flight organised 10 flights to Ballina Airport to deliver much needed food and medical equipment. Please click on the link to find out more.

had last year. With our Regional Council adopting this campaign as one of the projects of scale for the next 3 years, we have the opportunity to make real impact with this shocking societal problem. We have many stakeholders that are interested in partnering with Rotary for this campaign including NSW Police. We are currently in negotiations to formalise a 3-year partnership agreement.

It is getting closer to party time. **Our District Conference is on the 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> of May.** This is a great opportunity for members of our clubs to mix, connect and network with Rotarians who you may have not yet met. Amazing people, people of action, volunteer change-makers. You never know who you may meet, befriend or get an idea from that you can take back to your club.

I am pleased to be able to share with you our speakers for Saturday's program. Further, all but one of our speakers either live in our District or grew up in our District so we are very much highlighting the amazing talent we have right here on our doorstep. Don't miss this opportunity. It promises to be fun, educational and a rewarding time for all.

*DG Dave*

## APRIL FALLS MONTH - A COMMUNITY INFORMATION TABLE IS NEEDED IN YOUR TOWN



Do you know how many Australians aged 65+ die from a fall every day?

It's 14. This is almost as many as all Australians who die from melanoma, drowning, death by suicide, cycling and car accidents, everyday combined.

Every day, 364 older Australians have a fall that puts them in hospital.

However, with your help, falls can be dramatically reduced.

Supported by NSW Health and international experts, the Rotary Club of Lismore West have prepared a ready-to-go package to help Rotary Clubs promote this message - and showing how!

We have a responsibility to share this message. Lismore West are inviting all District 9640 Clubs to contact them, get the free package and use it to host a community information table on 'Falls Prevention' in their town during 'April Falls Month' 2024 - click [here](#) to find out how.

*David Barnes, Lismore West Rotary*



## Regionalisation Project

There have been plenty of milestones reached with a few more to go before the 1 July, when the pilot commences. Overview of the milestones are available [HERE](#).

Clubs in Zone 8 have been allocated to Rotary Community Groups (RCGs), a new way for clubs to collaborate so they can achieve more than they could on their own.

RCG's in our District are:

### 9640-1

Alstonville  
Ballina-on-Richmond +  
Satellite Club  
Byron Bay  
Casino  
Evans Head  
Grafton  
Grafton Middy  
Iluka-Woombah  
Macleay  
Mullumbimby  
Upper Richmond  
Yamba

### 9640-2

Allora  
Beaudesert  
Boonah  
Fassifern Valley  
Goondiwindi  
Jimboomba  
Scenic Rim Rotaract  
Scenic Rim Sunrise  
Stanthorpe +  
Satellite Club  
Tenterfield  
The Granite Belt  
Warwick  
Warwick Sunrise

### 9640-3

Burleigh Heads  
Burleigh Heads Rotaract  
Gold Coast  
Gold Coast Corporate  
Gold Coast Passport  
Griffith Gold Coast  
Hope Island  
Mermaid Beach +  
Satellite Club  
Runaway Bay  
Surfers Paradise  
Surfers Sunrise

### 9640-4

Ashmore  
Broadbeach  
Broadwater -  
Southport  
Coomera River  
Coomera Valley  
E-Club Next Gen  
Mudgeeraba  
Nerang  
Northern Gold Coast  
Rotaract  
Parkwood  
Southern Star Rotex

### 9640-5

Banora Tweed  
Currumbin-  
Coolangatta-Tweed  
Goonellabah  
Kingscliff  
Kyogle  
Lismore  
Lismore Networking  
Lismore West  
Mt. Warning AM  
Murwillumbah  
Murwillumbah Central  
Summerland Sunrise

Each RCG needs a Community Leader. Interested? Click [HERE](#) for more info.  
[creatingtomorrowrotary.org/community-groups](https://creatingtomorrowrotary.org/community-groups)

## WELCOME MEMBERS NEW TO CLUBS

### Ballina Lifestyle Satellite

Alan Stone

Jennifer Stone

### Ballina-on-Richmond

Scott Heselwood

### Broadwater Southport

April Daley-Holmes

Rowan Johnstone

### Burleigh Heads

Roger Mussett

### Coomera River

Joseph Martinovic

Jacqueline Wark

### Gold Coast Corporate

Joshua Bassett

Grant O'Donnell

Angela Palmer

### Gold Coast

Therese Gentle

### Griffith Gold Coast

Robert Aley

### Hope Island

Cedar Anderson

Craig Medhurst

Kymberley Medhurst

Gary Parker

Mitchell Santoro

### Mt Warning AM

Julian Cleak

### Parkwood

Gary Bryant

Mary Bryant

### Surfers Paradise

Robyn Brown

Peter Dimond

### Tenterfield

Beverley McCullough

Kevin Rumble



Burleigh Heads



Satellite Club of Ballina Lifestyle



Parkwood

## ROTARY ZONE 8 DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON

As of 14 March 2024

District	# Club	# Member	# Member
9423	87	1,835	(28)
9510	83	1,877	(21)
9560	84	1,602	(15)
9620	101	1,982	(35)
9640	55	1,195	7
9660	94	2,074	11
9675	52	1,103	(2)
9685	63	1,524	(33)
9705	72	1,725	(26)
9780	51	1,298	(6)
9790	63	1,423	(32)
9800	62	1,834	(27)
9810	35	906	(4)
9820	43	1,072	23
9830	43	1,033	(13)
9910	38	831	2
9920	52	1,141	38
9930	49	1,256	(15)
9940	36	1,074	(28)
9999	62	1,861	(41)

Districts:20 1,225 28,646 (245)

Orange – increase 0-50 members

Red – decrease

Does not include Honorary members

## FOUNDATION MOMENTS

Quick insights into *your* charity — The Rotary Foundation

### WHAT IS EVERY ROTARIAN, EVERY YEAR?

This initiative encourages every Rotary member to:

- Participate every year in a Rotary Foundation program that makes a difference in the world.
- Contribute every year to the Foundation's Annual Fund at a sustainable amount.

The Foundation recognizes a club as Every Rotarian, Every Year Club if its giving reaches US\$100 per capita or more and all dues-paying members give \$25 in a year.

Today, about one-third of Rotarians participate in this initiative. Thanks in part to the generosity of these donors, the Foundation awarded more than 2,000 global grants in 2020-21 for large-scale, sustainable projects. Think about how much more Rotary could accomplish if every member gave at least \$25 to the Annual Fund.



Thank you for supporting Every Rotarian, Every Year initiative.

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**Rotary**  
Foundation



# Rotary District 9640 Conference Sat 18 May 2024

Friday 17 May 5.30pm \$10  
Fellowship, Drinks & Nibbles

Saturday 18 May 8.30am \$65  
Conference Day Sessions

Saturday Evening 6.30pm \$80  
Presentations, Band, Dancing

## GUEST SPEAKERS



**CRAIG FOSTER AM**  
Former Soccerroo,  
Human rights activist



**FAY JACKSON**  
Emeritus Deputy Commissioner  
Mental Health Comm. NSW



**Fr MORGAN BATT**  
International Alpine  
Mountaineer



**SCOTT TANNER**  
Superintendent  
NSW Police Force



**KIRRA PENDERGAST**  
The Online Safety Agency  
Safe on Social



**DAMIAN LOONE**  
Retired Detective Sergeant  
'Lynette Dawson case'



**Prof MICHAEL GOOD AO**  
Institute for Glycomics  
Malaria Vaccine Project



**MICHELLE TANNER**  
Matamata Rotary  
Give Every Child a Future



**Lindsay May OAM**  
DG 2021-22 D9685  
RI President's Rep

Rotary   
District 9640

Join us at the  
Ballina RSL Club

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**PARRIS SMITH**  
The Scenic Rim Rotaract



**JACQUELINE WARK**  
President Nthn.GC Rotaract



Saturday Night Live Band - Wear the Fox Hat



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