

LEADERSHIP MEETING DATES 2023-2024

@ Ocean Shores Country Club

12 November + D9640 AGM
18 February 2024
9 June 2024

DG VISITS - SEPTEMBER

20 Hope Island
21 Burleigh Heads
21 Ballina-on-Richmond
22 Summerland Sunrise
25 Beaudesert
26 Gold Coast Passport
27 Fassifern Valley
27 Jimboomba Sunrise
28 Boonah

DG VISITS - OCTOBER

3 Mudgeeraba
4 Ashmore
4 Mermaid Beach
5 Coomera River
5 Young Mermaid
6 Broadwater Southport
9 Coomera Valley
10 Alstonville
12 Maclean
16 Surfers Paradise
17 Parkwood

WHAT'S ON

20 Sept [Kokoda Fundraising Raffle](#)
Broadwater Southport
7 Oct [Charity Race Day](#)
Surfers Paradise
13 Oct [Rotary Koala Golf Day](#)
Currumbin Coolangatta Tweed
25 Oct [Annual Business Breakfast](#)
Gold Coast Corporate
28-29 Oct [Zone 8 Virtual Conference](#)
8 Nov [Foundation Recognition Dinner](#)
District 9620
12 Nov [40th Birthday Celebrations](#)
Banora Tweed

[RAWCS Project with the RC of Maui -
D9685 Maui Wild Fire Disaster](#)

DISTRICT CALENDAR [HERE](#)

OUR MEMBERSHIP GOAL
These figures include Rotaract members



39 % of our members are female
9% of our members are under 40 years of age

September is Basic Education and Literacy month

We are Rotarians, we are change makers. We can be, and many times are, the voice for those in our towns and around the world that do not have one.



Rotarians around the world are committed to supporting both Rotary's key areas of focus and the goals of the United Nations. The United Nations Goal No.4 is to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all. Literacy is at the heart of basic education. If you are unable to read, how can you learn other forms of basic education like science, history and economics?

It is true that education is for many, the way out of poverty. The Rotary Foundation has as one of its 7 areas of focus, Basic Education and Literacy. Did you know that 776 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate? That's 17% of the world's population. (My Rotary Service in Action)

Globally, Rotary and Rotaract clubs are engaged in a wide range of impactful projects that help students thrive around the world. They range from teacher training, development of educational resource materials and working with and volunteering in local schools. One of RI President Gordon's areas of focus is to empower Women and Girls. What better way to empower Women and Girls than to help them read and write? This helps prepare them to be able to contribute financially to their family income, and empowers them to be leaders in their families and communities.

*Nelson Mandela said
"Education is the most
powerful weapon which you
can use to change the world."*



At a local club level, I can share with you a project the club I am a member of is working on with St Gertrude Primary School in Uganda. While many children in Uganda attend Primary School, the opportunity for them to go on and attend secondary school can be both unaffordable and very competitive. Students from low social-economic backgrounds are likely to face constant disruption to their schooling as they cannot afford to pay their tuition in full. This increases their chances of failure in their final year of primary school.

This can and does have dire consequences for these children who are left behind for a life of poverty, crime and limited employment opportunities. The Rotary Club of Ballina-on-Richmond along with our local Interact Club combined to introduce and fund a pilot Primary School Scholarship program for 7 students in Year 6 who were not able to pay for their tuition and were also falling behind in their grades.



It is truly amazing how a small amount of funds can impact and change lives in developing countries. This Scholarship project provided \$150 for each student to complete Year 6 with the outcome being that each of the students were able to pay for their schooling and improve their grades enabling them to continue onto secondary education. There is much we can do to encourage equity in Education.

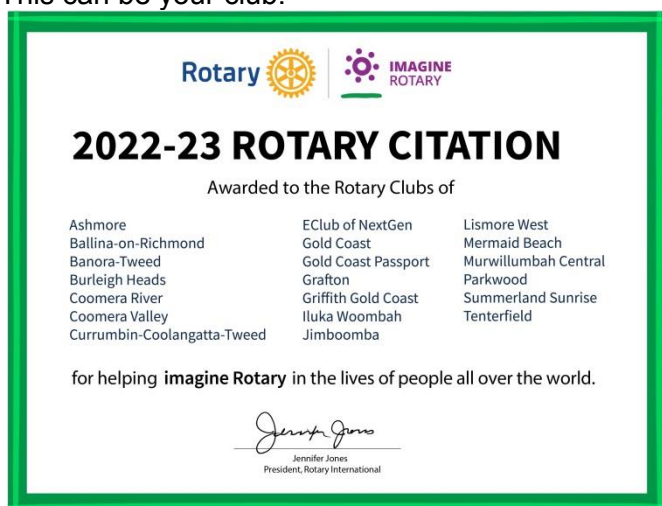
Many of our clubs in District 9640 collect books for distribution to schools overseas through RARE and in doing so, are actively supporting our Rotary Foundation's focus on basic education & literacy. Further, we have many Rotarians who volunteer at local schools in various reading programs including [Story Dogs](#). This program has amazing outcomes especially for students with learning difficulties.

We have some important events coming up in the following months. The **Polio Train Ride** is happening on **Saturday 21st of October**. As in past years, we will encourage our members to ride the Gold Coast Rail and the G Link Tram.

We will be departing Pacific Fair G Link at 10.04am and returning to Pacific Fair (Broadbeach South) where we can meet up for a drink and lunch afterwards.

For those who will travel on the Gold Coast Rail, we propose leaving Helensvale at 11.07am and returning to Helensvale around 11.54am. There will be more specific information go out in next month's Newsletter.

A big congratulations to the 20 clubs that received **Rotary Citations** in recognition for setting their club goals for the past year and achieving them. For some, setting club goals may seem challenging and/or may be seen as setting yourself up to fail. This is certainly not the case as a goal is something to strive towards and helps you plan and strategize on how, as a combined group, your club can achieve the set goal. If you do not quite get there that is OK because at least you have tried and learnt some lessons along the way. It is no coincidence that all types of organisations, companies and sporting teams are successful because they continually challenge themselves to be better. This can be your club.



A big shout out to our 54 clubs that have set their goals on My Rotary and the 18 clubs in our District that have already achieved their 90-day plan with their membership goal of +1. The star performer is the Rotary Club of Gold Coast with +7 membership growth so far this year. Well done President Barry Lane and Membership Chair Glenn Wran for your leadership and enthusiasm.

We have had a couple of clubs register their interest in the Hope Springs initiative. Please don't leave it to the last minute to be part of this very positive opportunity.

Clubs are encouraged to plan for their 'call to action' during the International 16 days of Activism against gender-based violence from 25.11.23 – 10.12.23. PDG Andy Rajapakse is organising an event on the Gold Coast for Saturday **25th of November** with other events planned for Ballina and Murwillumbah. We need a call to action from our clubs on the Granite Belt, the Clarence River, Northern Rivers and the QLD/NSW border.

The **National Day of Action for all Rotary clubs in Australia is Friday the 1st of December**. We encourage our clubs to activate some activity be it a walk, vigil, bike ride, static display or breakfast/morning tea/lunch/dinner. Order your shirts now. Your Assistant Governor is your link to plan a cluster-based activity.

Last week Robyn and I had the opportunity to meet with Federal Politicians at Parliament House in Canberra to discuss the Rotary led Zone 8 campaign against Domestic and Family Violence. I am pleased to share with you that we have Tri-partisan support for our project and that thanks to Angie Bell Federal Member for Moncrieff and Shadow Minister for Early Childhood Education and Youth and at the invitation of Justine Elliot Federal Member for Richmond and Assistant Minister of Social Services and for the Prevention of Family Violence, we will launch this campaign at Parliament House in Canberra during the sitting weeks of October or November.



This is the opportunity for your club to connect with your community and for your members to take action on one of the most challenging social issues facing our society. This call to action will give your club relevance and an identity. Be the voice for change. Speak out, break the silence, end the violence. Together, we can help promote peace and create hope in the world.

But wait there is more. We are having a **Membership Seminar in Boonah on Saturday 14th October**.

District Membership Chair Rowan Johnstone, District 9620 IPDG Tim Keeler and I, are organising the event. This is a seminar about connecting with community, making membership memorable, attracting members and most importantly, retaining members. Save the date. This seminar will deliver the what, when, how and why of all things Membership. I look forward to seeing you there.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO CLUBS WHO RECEIVED A DISTRICT GRANT

CLUB	\$	PROJECT
Ballina-on-Richmond	\$1000	Primary School Breakfast Club Program
Ballina-on-Richmond	\$2000	Domestic Violence Education Program & Awareness Campaign
Burleigh Heads	\$1250	Fishing Buddies Program for Disadvantaged Youth
Coomera River	\$1000	Marine AED Defibrillator for Volunteer Marine Rescue
Coomera Valley	\$1000	Breakfast Club Program Helensvale State School
E-Club of Next Gen	\$3000	Supply Medical Equipment to Effective Health for all Foundation Hospital, Cameroon
Grafton Midday	\$2633	Junction Hill Public Seating Project
Grafton Midday	\$625	Domestic & Family Violence Awareness Program
Jimboomba Satellite Sunrise	\$3000	Traction Program Beaudesert High School
Lismore/Lismore West	\$1280	Lismore Powerhouse Museum Defibrillator Project
Lismore Networking	\$2000	Smiley Suitcases Project
Mt Warning AM (joint project)	\$5000	Kenya Health Solar Power for Bore Pump project
Murwillumbah Central	\$5000	Kenya Health Solar Power for Bore Pump project
Mullumbimby	\$446	Upgrade Signage at Rotary Projects in Brunswick Heads
Nerang	\$4000	Turkiye Container Home – Earthquake Disaster Relief
Northern GC Rotaract	\$1000	Interact Community Impact Cup Project
Stanthorpe	\$1200	Ageing Well Seniors Morning Tea Project
Summerland Sunrise	\$1000	Education Support for Flood Disadvantaged Students

END POLIO TRAIN & TRAM RIDE Saturday 21 October



End Polio Movie Event

Raising Awareness & Funds to End Polio

Polio Plus movie fundraiser this year will be a streaming night, with the film 'Breathe' that came out in 2017. A story about the devastating effects of contracting polio.

'Breathe' details life of British polio survivor Robin Cavendish, who contracted the disease in Kenya in 1958.

Clubs can Host a Streaming Event to view the movie 'Breathe' and raise funds for Polio Plus. You will need access to BINGE or STAN.

Movie Fundraiser and Train / Tram Ride Enquiries:
Gillian Reeve - Polio Plus: gillianreeve@gmail.com



PREPARING OUR OUTBOUND STUDENTS FOR THEIR YOUTH EXCHANGE

On the weekend of 19 and 20 August, 15 outbound exchange students and their parents gathered at KDV Sport at Carrara on the Gold Coast to receive their first orientation as they prepare for life as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student. In addition to receiving a lot of information from the Youth Exchange Committee, the students also received lots of advice (and stories!) from several former exchange students from our Southern Star ROTEX Club as well as local member Angle Bell MP who is a former RYE student to Denmark. The students and their parents were also fortunate to meet DG Dave Harmon and Robyn during the Sunday session. The students all left the camp excited about the amazing experience ahead of them. They will receive a second orientation in December before they depart in January.

Thank you to the sponsor clubs who have made this possible for our D9640 outbound students:

Student	Sponsored by	Going to
Annabel Dungey	Grafton	Germany
Emily Forgan	Gold Coast	Italy
Karla Gordon	Evans Head	Korea
Lauren Harvey	Beaudesert	Japan
Cody Lamberth	Grafton	Japan
Finn McGuinness	Burleigh Heads	Denmark
Abbey Petersen	Stanthorpe & Stanthorpe Flexitime	USA
Kendall Ranger	Nerang	Italy
Parker Schatz	Ashmore	Germany
Satdhana Sureskumar	Coomera River	Japan
Mikalya Thorn	Ashmore	USA
McKenna Wearing	Kingscliff	Brazil
Pin Qi Wong	Beaudesert	Denmark
Kiki Gonzales (Short Term)	Kingscliff	Argentina
Millie Lewis (Short Term)	Goondiwindi	Argentina

Are you interested in volunteering for Rotary's flagship youth program, helping create world peace one student at a time? The RYE committee is a group of Rotarians who are passionate about providing the life-changing, enriching experience of youth exchange to future leaders in our district.

As we re-build our program following a three year covid hiatus we are now looking for new committee members to join our team! We have several roles available including Country Coordinators, Compliance and Training Coordinator, Short Term Program Coordinator and Host Family Coordinator. We are a hard-working

committee so we do require volunteers who can commit a few hours a week to their role. If you'd like to find out more about the extremely rewarding volunteer opportunities available with youth exchange, please get in touch with us at

yep@rotary9640.org



Kathryn Koch Deputy Chair & Country Coordinator



FOUNDATION MOMENTS

Quick insights into *your* charity — The Rotary Foundation

WHAT IS THE ROTARY FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL FUND?

The Annual Fund is the funding source for a broad range of local and international Foundation programs. Rotary members volunteer their time and expertise to work with communities on meaningful projects that use contributions to the Annual Fund wisely.

In 2021-22, donors gave US\$140.2 million to the Annual Fund. These contributions come from members, other people who support Rotary's goals, corporations, and workplace giving programs (some of which can be matched by employers to increase your donation).



For more details on Foundation activities, please go to the [TRF Annual Report on Operations](#).

< Visit my.rotary.org/donate

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ballina-on-Richmond

Tammie Barnden

Troy Daley

David Leavett-Brown

Andy Vidler

Laura Woolcott

e-Club of NextGen Qld.

Ricky Prout

Gold Coast Rotary

Beth Dermoudy

Kuldip Kaurah

Angelika Patras

David Patras

Manish Saini

Dirk Van Zyl

Griffith Gold Coast

Michaela Waite

Hope Island

Kevin Burke

Kyle Ferguson

Mudgeeraba

Moyna Glenn Goold

Murwillumbah

Brian Donaghy

Northern GC (Rotaract)

Alex Johnson

Tenterfield

Lou Hietbrink

MEMBERSHIP SUMMIT

Saturday 14 October 2023

Boonah 9am-3pm

HOW ?

do we increase our club membership
can we attract and retain members

WHAT ?

does a successful club look like
part does social media play in membership
are the six characteristics of a successful service club

GUEST SPEAKERS

Dave Harmon District 9640 Governor

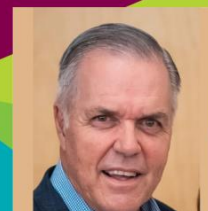
David Kenny AG D9640, Zone 8 Regionalisation Pilot Membership Specialist

Rowan Johnstone District 9640 Membership Chair

Janee Hong Past President District 9620

Tim Moore PDG 9820, Zone 8 Regionalisation Pilot Implementation Task Force Chair

Tim Keeler AM Past District 9620 Governor



\$25 Rotarian \$30 Non-Rotarian

Registrations close 6 October www.trybooking.com/CLSUU

Boonah Showgrounds Dining Hall, Melbourne St, Boonah

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Hosted by Rotary Club of Boonah

President Cec Miles & Membership Director Ray Stanton

THIS SUMMIT WILL CHANGE HOW YOU THINK ABOUT ROTARY