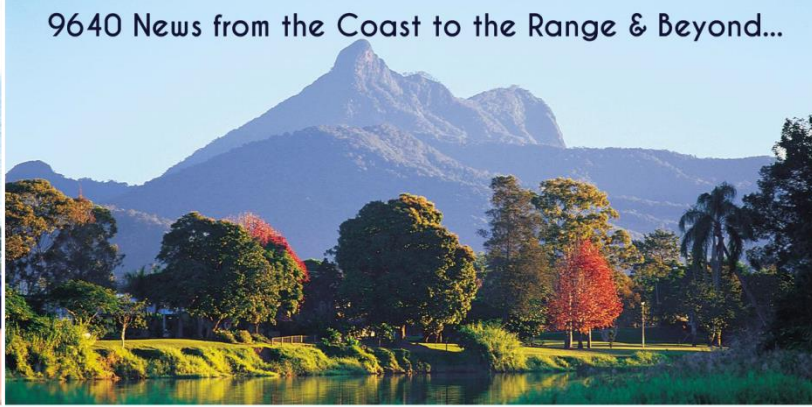




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& KAILEEN

9640 News from the Coast to the Range & Beyond...



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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Jeff's Journal

AS COVID SEEMS TO BE ON THE DECLINE THE FLOOD WATERS ARE ON THE RISE

I am looking out my window on February 28 as I prepare some final articles for this Newsletter but because of the driving rain I can see no more than 100 metres. I am high and dry but my heart goes out to those within our District and outside our District affected by the floods in Northern New South Wales and Southern Queensland. Once the situation settles there will be much for Rotary to do and I am confident that, as always, you will answer the call for help.

Well it is now 7 days later and Rotarians and many others are helping in a big way. Many are out there catering, washing clothes, cleaning properties and putting acts of service before their own needs. I was heartened to see so many volunteers from the Gold Coast including members of Burleigh Heads Rotary in action in Murwillumbah. We have a generous country. Another opportunity to be generous is by donating and taking the time to encourage others to donate to our District 9640 Flood Appeal details of which are set out in this newsletter. 100% of all funds raised will be distributed by our clubs to those in need.

STOP PRESS

We've been successful in receiving a flood relief grant from the Foundation for the amount of \$25,000.

Phil Fairweather,
Foundation Chair



Kaileen & Nick Cummins
aka Honey Badger



Helping at Tumbulgum



The clean-up team



Jeff, Mark Moore & Grant
Prendergast fixing the fences



Rotary International has designated March as Water and Sanitation Month. Rotary has been involved in water and sanitation projects almost since its inception. As many of you will know, Rotary's first community service project in 1907 was the building of a public toilet block in central Chicago.

Water and Sanitation is rarely a problem in the world we inhabit. We need only turn on a tap or push the flush button. However, in the rest of the world 2.5 billion people lack access to adequate sanitation facilities. Over 3000 children die each day from diarrheal diseases caused by unsafe water.

The Rotary Foundation through its grants enables Rotarians to ensure people have sustainable access to water and sanitation by:

- *Providing equitable community access to safe water and improved sanitation and hygiene*
- *Strengthening the ability of communities to develop, fund and maintain sustainable water and sanitation systems*
- *Supporting programs that enhance communities' awareness of the benefits of safe water, sanitation and hygiene*
- *Supporting studies for career-minded professionals related to water and sanitation*

Many clubs that undertake water and sanitation projects in underdeveloped countries receive assistance from the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Rotary Action Group (WASHRAG) which was founded in 2007 as WASRAG and which provides expert advice to Rotarians on the implementation of sustainable water and sanitation projects. WASHRAG will also contribute \$2,000 to projects that it deems worthy of support. WASHRAG will supply speakers on water and sanitation projects to Club Meetings. Membership of WASHRAG is open to all Rotarians.

Over the years many Clubs in District 9640 have initiated Water and Sanitation projects overseas. These include

- *Gold Coast Passport this Rotary year collaborating with Social ImpaKt to provide 48 water filters to two rural communities in the south of Bali*
- *Broadwater Southport this Rotary year undertaking with the support of the Gold Coast Club and others a Global Grant Water Supply Project in Guatemala*
- *Casino in 1997 installing a pump for a potable water supply and new reticulation lines to Kilu'ufi Hospital and village residences in the Solomon Islands*
- *Broadwater Southport in 2015 funding the provision of a Skyhydrant Ultrafiltration system in a remote rural region in China*
- *Stanthorpe in 2015 equipping a bore for reticulation to the Naiyala High School and residences in Fiji and returning in 2017 to install monitoring equipment and to connect potable bore water to the School and residences*
- *Lismore in 2018 with the support of cluster clubs and a District Grant installing a pump and pipeline in Uganda from Lake Victoria to local fishing villages*
- *The District in 2018/2019 obtaining a Global Grant for a Water, Sanitation and Hygiene project in elementary schools in the Philippines*
- *Burleigh Heads in 2018/2019 installing a solar borehole pump to a rural village in Papua New Guinea*

These projects involved more than spending money building wells. The expertise of our members was shared with local leaders to ensure the long term success of the projects.

How can you or your Club help? You could consider:

- *Continuing or increasing your contribution to the Rotary Foundation to help in continue its work in the Water and Sanitation field*
- *Becoming a member of WASHRAG*
- *Initiating a Water and Sanitation project overseas*
- *Celebrating World Water Day on 22 March to raise awareness of the need to do more in the water, sanitation and hygiene field*

HOPE SPRINGS ROTARY CENTENARY CHARITY COMPETITION

How is your Club progressing in the challenge to be the highest fundraiser in the District between January 1 and May 31 2022 for charities with DGR status? Full details of the competition are set out in the November District Newsletter.

DEATH OF END POLIO AID WORKERS IN AFGHANISTAN

Doubtless many of you would have heard of the senseless murder in Afghanistan of 8 workers involved in Rotary's distribution of the polio vaccine. Set out is a call for action from Zone 8 End Polio Co-ordinator PDG Bob Aitken to complete our Polio eradication campaign.

"TRAGEDY IN AFGHISTAN PROVIDES INSPIRATION TO END POLIO NOW!"

The tragic events in Afghanistan last week must serve as motivation to Rotarians around the world to dedicate ourselves to completing our Polio eradication campaign. Action by terrorists in murdering eight polio workers is totally unacceptable. This needless loss of life – and the fate of previous polio workers and volunteers in several different situations in recent years – will be all for nothing if we do not END POLIO NOW. Senior leaders across all partner organisations in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative all believe we are on the brink of final victory!

The wild polio virus figures speak for themselves –

- 2019 – 176 (147 in Pakistan; 29 in Afghanistan)
- 2020 – 140 (84 in Pakistan; 56 in Afghanistan)
- 2021 – 6 (1 in Pakistan, 1 in Malawi, 4 in Afghanistan)
- 2022 – 1 (1 in Afghanistan at February 23)

For those people who believe Rotary and its partners have spent enough time and resources on the campaign and that it's time to move one, take a message from the recent 'imported' case in Malawi ...

The World Health Organisation has confirmed that it was imported from the same area in Pakistan where several cases have recently been discovered. Surveillance continues and intensive vaccination campaigns have been conducted throughout that, and other, areas and the situation now appears to be under control.

It is vital that we all stay in the fight. Promote, create awareness and raise money. We must provide resources to conclude the campaign and we must ensure the world knows how easy cases can be transported to other areas in these modern times.

NO ONE IS SAFE UNTIL THE JOB IS DONE!"

Donations from you and your Club are needed now more than ever. Donations to the Polio Plus Fund from clubs and members from our District to date are significantly lower than usual at this time of the year probably due to the disruption to Clubs' face to face meetings caused by Covid. We should not let Covid interfere with our commitment to end polio.

Donations can be made by:

Personal – online & Direct Deposit	Club & Personal – Direct Deposit	Club & Personal - Cheque
www.rotary.org/donate Australian Rotary Foundation Trust BSB 332 084 ACC 551038195	Australian Rotary Foundation Trust BSB 332 084 ACC 100345225	Rotary International South Pacific and Philippines Office (RISPPPO) PO Box 1415 Parramatta NSW 2124

If making a direct deposit please advise RISPPPO of your payment details so that you will receive a tax deductible receipt and the District will receive a credit in funds which later will result in funds being available to the District to distribute as District or Global Grants.

When donating either individually or as a Club, you need to indicate whether the donation is to go to the Polio Plus Fund or the Annual Fund. Also PDG John Randel (Annual Fund, Endowment and Major Gifts Chair) should be advised at nokie95@bigpond.com of all donations. Thank you for considering this request.

VISITS DURING FEBRUARY

The easing in Covid conditions has allowed Kaileen and I to attend meetings of the Rotary Clubs of Southport, Jimboomba, Goondiwindi, Banora-Tweed, Goonellabah, Parkwood, Maclean, the Koala Lovers and our own Mt Warning AM. Thank you to all for your warm welcome and for showcasing the activities of your clubs. It was great to be able to induct new members at Goonellabah and Mt Warning during the visits. It was particularly pleasing to being part of the celebrations at Goondiwindi to recognise the contribution of 16 members who in total have 477 years of service to Rotary as members of Rotary International.



Runaway Bay



Parkwood



Mt. Warning AM



Jimboomba

Another highlight during February was attending the surprise function organised by Griffith Gold Coast to honour PDG Graham and Marion Jones for their service to the Malaria Vaccine Project, to Rotary and to the wider community. I cannot think of any couple more deserving of such a function.

Regards, *District Governor Jeff Egan*

DISTRICT 9640 EXPO 25 TO 27 MARCH 2022

Only a few more days left to register for the Conference
We are ready, can't wait to see you all

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Be inspired by our guest speakers
Be inspired by Rotarians that you'll meet
Be inspired by the power of Rotary
Be inspired in Tenterfield
You'll find inspiration all around you

March is Water and Sanitation Month

For the last two years it was COVID. And here we are: the first serious armed conflict in Europe in well over 50 years [yes, Henrietta, Ukraine is indeed in Europe, and so was Czechoslovakia ☺] and – puff – all other concerns are swept from the front pages. What chances then that a bland, mundane theme such as Water and Sanitation would even come to our conscious mind? OK, exception: over the past two weeks, we've had quite a bit too much of the stuff falling out of the sky...

In our (relatively) civilized society we take water and sanitation for granted. Isn't that what we pay Water Rates for? Yet, **visualise for a moment: you have no (running) water.** (Paradoxically, some regions in District 9640 are in that very position right now; let's hope it is only temporary).

You can't? Well then, walk out to the street and turn the mains water tap off and see how long you last before you crack. You will also discover that without water, there isn't any sanitation either. Now, suddenly your problem is bigger than whatever leads the TV news.

Well, that is exactly what, in the third decade of the third millennium, an awfully large proportion of our planet's population faces every day. And it's not just "over in Africa" (forgive me if that sounds callous). As an individual, in concert with your Rotary club, very much can make a difference. For example, about 2015, a team from Stanthorpe Rotary Club delivered and installed a massive system to provide secure water to Naiyala High School in Fiji. It didn't make the evening news on TV, but then, that's not what Rotary is all about. As Rotarians, we are proudly part of an organisation which boasts the most esteemed of charities, [The Rotary Foundation](#) and, on the local scene, the **Rotary World Community Service (RAWCS)**. [Click on this link](#), then apply a filter of 'Water' and you'll find a list of 55 water related RAWCS programs currently running.

About 100 years ago, Austrian satirist Karl Kraus wrote about war: *"first, one hopes to win; then one expects the enemy to lose; then, one is satisfied that he too is suffering. In the end, one is surprised that everyone has lost."* As individuals, we can't do much to change the course of a major conflict. But that doesn't stop us from winning some battles which bring joy rather than misery. In contrast to an armed conflict, this battle that we can win.

Franz Huber - Rotary Club of Surfers Sunrise

District 9640 Flood Appeal

Many communities within our District desperately need help to recover from the devastating recent floods.

The District has launched an appeal for financial assistance for the flood victims

If a donor does not require the donation to have tax deductibility status then donations should be deposited into **Acct: Rotary International District 9640 Ltd. BSB: 084462 ACC: 816279059**. This is the account to which Rotary clubs should donate. The name of the donor needs to be included on the deposit.

If tax deductibility status is required, the donation should be deposited into **Acct: Keith Wilson Relief Trust Fund. BSB: 633000 ACC: 175308303**. The name of the donor needs to be included on the deposit AND please send via email to PDG Sandra Doumany at srmd@bigpond.net.au (include donor name, amount, donation to be spent on a specific area (if requested)).

District 9640 will advise on the distribution of all funds received into both accounts with the funds being allocated to Rotary Clubs in flood affected communities for distribution to those impacted by the floods.

I am aware that many Rotarians in many clubs have already commenced providing support via working bees to clean properties, providing meals and other donations in kind and my sincerest thanks go out to all involved. This fine work needs to continue.

Please consider making a personal financial contribution, encouraging your Club to contribute to the appeal and seeking donations from those outside Rotary.

Regards, JEFF EGAN DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2021/22

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KOALA LOVERS CLUB PLAYS STARRING ROLE IN RI PUBLIC IMAGE CAMPAIGN

A COLLABORATION between Rotary International, Rotary International South Pacific and Philippines Office (RISPPPO), and *Rotary Down Under* has seen the recently chartered Rotary Club of Koala Lovers, Qld, take centre stage in a new public image campaign by RI.

This first environmental cause-based Rotary club in Australia was another innovative new club formed by IPDG Andy to attract "Gen Z" to Rotary. Of the 21 members in the club 16 are under the age of 30.

Read the full article [HERE](#) (pg 6-8)



DISTRICT AWARDS

APPLICATIONS FOR THIS YEAR'S DISTRICT AWARDS ARE NOW OPEN

While many of the traditional awards have been retained and some of the old ones (mostly where there was just one or two applicants) have been discontinued, there are also some new sections.

For example 'Best New Project' – ideal for a small club which has, during the last two difficult years, embarked on something new and innovative.

Download the full list: [HERE](#) and get ready to submit your club's applications. Closing date is 30 May 2022.

All awards will be presented at the District Governor's Changeover on 26 June 2022.



PP Ray Seiffert, PHF a Rotarian for 54 years in the **Rotary Club of Lismore West** celebrated his 90th Birthday 18 February, 2022. Ray was inducted into Lismore West Rotary in 1968 with the classification Technical Education. Throughout the past 54 years he has been a dedicated Rotarian who has epitomised the ideals of Rotary. Ray has served in every possible position in his Rotary Club and will be Vice President for the 2022 – 2023 Rotary year. PP Bob Barnes (Vice President) presented Ray with his 90th Birthday cake.



PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Rotarian Ken Harbour was presented with the President's Award by **Rotary Club of Currumbin Coolangatta Tweed** President John Giuricin. Ken was honoured for his dedicated service to Rotary and to the Southern Gold Coast community.



Three very "senior" Rotarians still active at a **Malaria Vaccine Project 5th Celebration Meeting**. Graham Jones AM, Sam Doumany AM and Gerard Brennan OAM.

Great to see their enthusiasm to contribute.

CLUB PROJECTS

Want to know what clubs are doing in our District? Have a look in the D9640 Members tab on the District Website [HERE](#) rotary9640.org

D9640 Members

Members Only Menu

Projects and Activities of Clubs

MAKING ROTARY MEMBERSHIP MEMORABLE SUMMIT - How can we make M&M's in Rotary?



Governor Jeff Egan have organized a one-day summit to discuss "Making Rotary Membership Memorable" on Saturday 23 April at The Rydges Gold Coast Airport Hotel. April is the perfect time to evaluate and relook at our Club Membership Strategies.

All Rotary, Rotaract and District Leaders are invited to hear from & meet face to face the inspirational guest speaker Rtn. Jason Browne from Pennsylvania in the USA in District 6290. Jason is a speaker at the 2022 June RI Convention in Huston in Texas. He was an entertaining presenter at the 2020 Rotary International Assembly in San Diego California & a former Public Image Coordinator for Zones 28 & 29 in the USA. IPDG Andy Rajapakse with his International network has helped us to invite this amazing guest speaker to our district.

What makes our Rotary membership memorable? To find answers to this big question, our District Membership Chairman & DGN Dave Harmon together with District

The summit starts at 9.30 am and ends by 3 pm including lunch and a beer with plenty of time to network. Grab this rare opportunity of 4 motivating hours of face-to-face interaction with Jason who will share new ideas & best practices to retain and attract members to your Rotary or Rotaract Club.

Joining Jason as Workshop Facilitators are; Zone 8 Rotary Membership Coordinator Adrian Roach, Zone 8 Assistant Rotary Coordinator & New Style Club Champion D9640 IPDG Andy Rajapakse, D9620 Membership Chairman PDG Jithendra Prasad, D9675 Membership Chairman Renga Rajan, D9640 Membership Chairman & DGN Dave Harmon, Vanessa Jansen Membership Director of Gold Coast Corporate Rotary, Laura Telford Rotaract Australia Chair 2022-2023 and DGE Tim Keeler from D9620.

This is a face-to-face event in a covid safe indoor environment.

Only 100 seats are available. Click the link to book your seat now; www.trybooking.com/BXXIQ or email Dave; dharmon22361@gmail.com

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IPDG Andy Rajapakse invited as Training Leader to 3 Australian Rotary Districts

We are proud of our Immediate Past District Governor Andy for being invited by 3 large Australian Districts as a Training Leader in his new role as "Zone 8 Assistant Rotary Coordinator." In March and April, Andy will be conducting 60-minute workshops on starting new style Rotary clubs at the District Training Assemblies in D9790 in VIC on the invitation of DGE David McPherson, in D9675 Sydney, NSW on the invitation of DGE Dr. Janice Hall and in D9710 Adelaide, SA on the invitation of DGE Paul Thomas OAM.

