

Rotary
District 9640



Special Edition - Disaster Response

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Since December 2024 we have had many weather events impact the Rotary Districts in our beautiful Zone 8. An earthquake in Vanuatu (which is part of New Zealand District 9910), floods in north Queensland (District 9560 which also includes part of NT and Timor Leste), Cyclone Alfred (which impacted us (D9640), D9620 and D9560) and more recently the record breaking rainfall with Western Queensland being inundated by the worst floods to hit the region in 50 years.

In February following our District Finance Committee meeting we distributed \$5,000 between D9910 and D9560. All funds went directly to each District disaster fund account. This was matched \$ for \$ by a Rotarian, so our \$5,000 became \$10,000.

Additionally, 100% of funds raised from our District Conference Raffle (\$2,000) which we did have allocated to go to The Rotary Foundation has instead been deposited to the District 9560 Disaster Fund Account.

We appreciate the contributions of our clubs and members thus far. There are various stages in the recovery process, and we will continue to work together with D9560 and D9260 in the coming months and years, maintaining the same level of support they have provided to us.

For those not on Facebook, I thought it would help to provide everyone with the details below from D9560 and D9620.

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Rotary District 9560 Northern Australia and Timor Leste

Rotary District 9560 Governor Andrew Gillespie and Rotary District 9620 Governor Sue Mulraney have announced that the two neighbouring Districts have united to support flood-impacted communities in Western Queensland.

Following record-breaking rainfall, western Queensland is being inundated by the worst floods to hit the region in fifty years, with more rain forecast for the next few days.

Hundreds of residents have been forced to evacuate, thousands of homes are at risk and farmers are losing substantial amounts of stock, significantly impacting their families and livelihoods.

The full scale of this situation is still unfolding, but it is expected to be severe.

Rotary Districts 9620 and 9560, which include the vast areas of Queensland impacted, are working together to support these communities. They have already appointed a disaster coordinator, conducted an initial needs assessment, and contacted state and local government authorities to collaborate. Addressing mental health issues will likely become a key focus of their efforts following the disaster.

How you can help:

There are two ways you can support these efforts and be sure that the funds will help directly:

Donate to the District 9560 Disaster Fund Account (NO tax deductibility, therefore suitable for club and district donations, for immediate funding availability) - BSB 633000 and Account Number 186414595
and/or

Donate to the Rotary Foundation Disaster Response Fund (WITH tax deductibility in Australia, therefore suitable for individuals, in support of the Disaster Response Grant application that is being prepared by the districts) - DONATE HERE: <https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>

