

**Rotary**  
District 9640



*The Rotary Foundation Special Edition - #2*

## Welcome to the Magic of Rotary - District 9640



More than 100 years ago, Rotary members made a promise to generations still to come – they established The Rotary Foundation to secure a better future.

Here's an update on The Rotary Foundation (TRF) as of April 2025, covering our District Grants, the April Rotary Foundation webinar, and other activities.

### Key Dates for District Foundation Grants

**District Grants 2024-2025 – reports due by no later than 31 May 2025.**

Reports of completed District grants must be submitted to the District Grants Chair, Neil Jones, on completion of the project, but by no later than 31 May 2025. Thank you to our clubs who have already submitted their reports. If you haven't yet, time to get moving and submit before 31 May 2025.

**District Grants 2025-2026 – applications opened in March and are due in by Friday, 30 May 2025.**

All the details you need are available on our [District Website](#).

## Rotary Foundation Webinar (April 2025) - Key Takeaways

- **April may be the best time to maximise the impact of the dollar relative to where it might be in May and June.** Individuals and Clubs could consider making their annual contribution to the Foundation now rather than later.
- It is the purpose of every Rotary Club to support the Rotary Foundation and most do.
- Our Annual Fund is the 'workhorse' of the Foundation which supports our District and Global grants.
- The Disaster Response Fund has responded to recent events in our region most noticeably the Vanuatu earthquake and the current flooding in Queensland.

Thank you to all Clubs and individual Rotarians who have contributed to The Rotary Foundation so far this year. Your support is valued and appreciated.

## Foundation Recognition @ District Conference

At the District Conference this year, we gathered our District Rotary Foundation team, Major Donor and Bequest Society Members, Paul Harris Society members, and for the first time, Polio Plus Society members. Launched at the District Foundation Seminar on 17 November 2024, we now have 18 members and 12 more who need to submit their forms.

So, what are the Paul Harris Society and Polio Plus Society? Here is a quick overview and let's meet our District Foundation team experts.

### **Paul Harris Society (District contact: PDG Jeff Egan Rotary Club of Mt Warning AM)**

I think we all know about Paul Harris Fellow Recognition, but if you don't, please ask your Club Foundation Chair, President or visit our District [website](#).

The Paul Harris Society (PHS) recognises Rotary members and friends of The Rotary Foundation who elect to contribute \$1,000 or more each year to any combination of the following -

- Annual Fund
- PolioPlus Fund
- Disaster Response Fund

By becoming a member of the Paul Harris Society, Rotarians can ensure that their contributions make a significant impact on the lives of those in need, whether through supporting vital health initiatives, disaster relief efforts, or sustaining the fight against polio.

On the other hand, the Polio Plus Society focuses exclusively on one of Rotary's most ambitious and enduring projects.

## **Polio Plus Society (District contact: Gillian Reeve, Rotary Club of Mermaid Beach)**

2025 marks the 40th anniversary of the launch of Rotary's ambitious PolioPlus program aimed at ridding the world of the paralyzing disease poliomyelitis. When we talk about Polio Plus, we know that the word "Polio" refers to the mission of a polio-free world, but we need to acknowledge the added life-saving benefits of the "Plus" component of the program.

To increase sustainable giving, the PolioPlus Society (PPS) encourages Rotary members and others to pledge at least US\$100 per year to the PolioPlus Fund until polio is eradicated from the face of the earth. That's less than USD\$2 per week.

More details are available via our [D9640 website](#).

## **Rotary Foundation Centurion Program (District contact: Bruce Kuhn, Rotary Club of Murwillumbah Central)**

Join fellow Rotarians as a Centurion by contributing AUD\$100 or more annually when possible. Your tax-deductible donation to The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust supports the Rotary Foundation's work.

- This is a **very easy way** of getting into the habit of making a personal contribution to **The Rotary Foundation – Our Charity**.
- All Centurion contributions from Rotarians count towards their Club's Annual Giving total.
- 100% of the funds are used for Areas of Focus projects both locally and internationally – no admin fees.
- 50% of your donation comes back to our District in 3 years' time to support District Grants, Global Grants, Vocation Training Teams, Areas of Focus Scholarships
- 50% goes to the World Fund.
- Your donation accrues PHF points which you can be awarded, you can transfer the points to you club or to someone else of your choice.
- The commitment you are asked to make is **simply contribute A\$100 per year as long as you are able to**.
- Partners of Rotarians as well as private individuals can also participate in the program and their support would be most welcome.

