Welcome to all members of District 9640 to Membership and New Club Development Month. This month provides an opportunity for all Rotarians to step forward in their own club’s and Be the Inspiration, by sharing Rotary with others in the community. During the first week of my official club visits, I had the pleasure of inducting two new members into Rotary. A warm welcome to Judy Edwards from Casino and Reanna Piggott from Kyogle.

Hold a club assembly and make recruitment a top priority this month. New members bring new ideas, new energy, and more service opportunities. An increase in membership will provide additional funds for The Rotary Foundation. We are all capable of getting new members, LET’S INCREASE OUR DESIRE.

TWO MILLION EQUALS ZERO
The number of Rotarians around the world has remained at 1.2 million members for the past 15 years. During this period, the number of clubs has grown by 15%, AND at the same time, Rotary has inducted more than 2.2 million members! So, getting new members doesn’t seem to be a problem, but retention IS. John Smarge, who is the 2018/19 aide to RI President Barry Rassin, spoke at the International Assembly and said that clubs have to start working on retention BEFORE members come into a club. That’s because every club has its own culture and that needs conveying to surrounding communities to attract people who not only have the same values, but also share the same culture. Yes, we DO need to let the general public know what Rotary is, and for what Rotary stands. Let’s do our part!

IS THERE A HOLE IN YOUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP BUCKET?  Let’s FIX it now!
District Membership Chair PDG Michael Irving and Public Image Chair DGN Andy Rajapakse, have arranged a Membership Retention Seminar for Rotary club leaders. The venue is the Quality Hotel, Sunshine Blvd, Mermaid Waters, Gold Coast.

We have invited two of Australia’s celebrity speakers from Sydney and Adelaide. This is their first appearance in District 9640. You should not miss this opportunity.

Rotarian Mark Huddleston from District 9520 S.A. Key Note address “You reap what you sow”, author of the famous Rotary Membership handbook, “Creatures of Habit”, founder and charter member Rotary Club of Seaford and Past President Rotary Club of Edwardstown in South Australia, former D9520 Membership Chairman, 30 years as a Rotaractor and Rotarian. Has made over 140 Rotary membership development presentations across Australia and New Zealand. Mark will share experiences and new ideas on “how we could retain members in Rotary Clubs”.

Rotarian Evan Burrell from District 9685 NSW. Rotary International Communications Committee Member, Rotary International Convention breakout session speaker in 2017 & 2018, Assistant Public Image Coordinator for RI Zone 8, RDU Facebook Editor and Social Media Consultant. Twenty Years as a Rotaractor and a Rotarian, Past President of Rotary E Club of Greater Sydney. Has made over 55 presentations across Australia and North America, on using social media to win. He will share experiences and new strategies on “attracting and retaining rotary members through social media”.

DISTRICT DIARY
DG Visits to Rotary Clubs
August
Mermaid Beach 15th
Nerang 15th
Southport Satellite 16th
Coomera Valley 20th
Beaudesert 21st
Hope Island 22nd
Grafton Midday 27th
Lismore 27th
Byron Bay 28th
Maclean 29th
September
Yamba 4th
Iluka Woombah 4th
Alstonville 5th
Coomera River 6th
Southport 18th
What’s on
25-26th August
RAM Conference
Griffith University
8th September
Casino Rotary 80th Anniversary, RSM
8th September
‘An Enchanted Evening - Sogno D’Italia’
Southern Cross University
Combined RC’s of Lismore
6th October
Charity Race Day
Gold Coast Turf Club
RC of Surfers Paradise
21st October
Graffiti Removal Day
4th November
Membership Seminar
Gold Coast

DISTRICT CALENDAR
READ MORE HERE
This thought-provoking & inspiring event is for Rotarians and Rotaractors of D9640. It is also open to D9630 and D9600. Seating is limited to 100. Registration fee is $30. This includes seminar, morning tea, coffee, choice from 5 lunch menus, a drink, parking on site and booking fee. As this is a training event clubs can pay delegate registration. Please book early and avoid disappointment.

BRAND NEWS – from Rotary International

Although most of the public knows our name, Rotary International’s research tells us that too many prospective members or supporters do not fully understand Rotary. They don’t know what we stand for and what we do in local communities. And nearly 60% of those surveyed said they unaware that a Rotary club exists in their own community.

The People of Action campaign helps you bring Rotary’s story to life by showing Rotary members of the people of action we are. Telling our People of Action stories in a meaningful, coordinated way builds the public’s understanding of who we are and what we do. It highlights the impact we make in our communities and around the world. Learn how to tell your People of Action story and help answer the question, “What is Rotary?”

District Governor - Terry Brown

Meet Your Assistant Governor - Group 2 – GAE FERRIS

My great great (great) grandparents were early settlers in the Casino area so I have a long local family history. I have two daughters, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren, all girls except one!

My working background is retail ‘banking’ management over a period of 35 years but I had a career change 6 years ago and I am now working as an Administration Assistant for Northern NSW Health.

I’ve been a proud and dedicated Rotarian for over 21 years, held the position of President twice, as well as Secretary and Treasurer and been honoured with a Paul Harris Sapphire.

My greatest achievement through Rotary was working with (now retired) ophthalmologist, Dr Malcolm Tester to obtain the first 3H Grant (now Global Grant) awarded by Rotary International in the South Pacific. The hard work paid off and a Grant of US$275000 was awarded in 1998-99. The ‘Beam of Hope’ project, was a program run over 3 years and amongst many things, included a media campaign to educate the people of Fiji about the importance of being tested for diabetes to avoid going blind. A laser machine was purchased to carry out eye surgery that enabled patients to see again.

I’m currently Chairperson of the Combined Rotary Clubs of Lismore – Events Committee (previously Opera at The Channon committee) and have been actively involved in fundraising and organisation of the opera concerts over the past 10 years or so.

I feel privileged to have been asked to be Assistant Governor for Cluster 2, including the Rotary Clubs of Lismore West, Casino, Kyogle, Lismore and Summerland Sunrise.

Combined Rotary Clubs of Lismore Presents

‘An Enchanted Evening’

’Sogno D’Italia’

Saturday 8th September 2018

WHERE: Whitebrook Theatre - Southern Cross University
TIME: 4.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
TICKETS: $55 pre purchase - book online
Visit the website - www.lismorerotaryevents.org.au
For more details: phone 0412742095

An evening of song, music and opera featuring tenor Raffaele Pierro, soprano Leslie Martin-Nightingale and pianist Leanne Warne.
A number of club’s in our District have contacted me and asked if something can be done to assist families affected by the crippling drought in New South Wales and Queensland. Almost the entire area of both States is officially drought declared.

The Burrumbuttock Hay Runners have been delivering hay to New South Wales and Queensland since 2014. Although hay is donated by generous farmers all over Australia, most comes from Victoria and the Riverina. No one in the Burrumbuttock Hay Run is paid a wage, they are all volunteers. This includes truck drivers who also donate the use of their trucks and machinery to load and unload the hay. Donated funds are used to fuel the trucks transporting the hay.

All donations go to the Rotary Club of Sydney and 100% of donations support drought affected farmers in New South Wales and Queensland. All payments are made by the club. If BHR are notified that a farmer is desperate and cannot pay an electricity account, the Rotary Club of Sydney provide this service from the account.

The biggest hay run completed involved 258 trucks, 406 trailers, 6 million dollars, worth of hay, over 500 volunteers, travelling 1800 km from Burrumbuttock to Ilfracombe QLD. The result was 800 farmers feeding 300,000 animals. Each truck used approx $2000 worth of fuel.

BHR is about mates helping mates in a time of need. Farmers impacted by drought often struggle to ask for help and many due to the financial strain of trying to keep the farm afloat also battle mental health issues.

IF YOUR CLUB WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE DISTRICT 9640 DROUGHT FUND: Please send a cheque to District Treasurer Mark Twyford, P.O. Box 1216, Southport Qld 4215. Advise, Club Name DA2019, or DD BSB – 084462 Account 796395692

For more info : District Service Projects Chair – Richard Crandon crandon612@gmail.com Mobile : 0411 422 222.

District Governor -Terry Brown

Rotaract focuses on the development of young adults (18-30 years) as leaders in their communities and workplaces. With more than 70 clubs spread across the country, Rotaractors in Australia are part of a worldwide organisation of 210,000 individuals in 9,100 clubs covering 170 countries.

Meet the passionate young people of our District’s two Rotaract Clubs: Ballina-Richmond President Daniel Snart and Burleigh Heads President Caitlin O’Connor.

My goals as president of the Ballina Richmond Rotaract club are:

1. To increase membership by a considerable number (with that number ambitiously set at 10)
2. To begin undertaking a current, or starting our clubs own service project within our local community
3. Be able to fundraise money to go towards the benefit of the community via community organisations/ charities and their programs
4. To achieve a presidential citation for Rotary International
The Rotaract Club of Burleigh Heads has a very exciting year planned ahead, with the professional and personal development of members, our working relationship with rotary, and FUN at the forefront of our minds for the 2018-2019 year.

As a relatively large Rotaract club, we currently have over 20 active members, with an average age of 21, all of whom are incredibly passionate and enthusiastic about making a difference in the world through our local and international projects. Previously some of these events have included trivia nights to raise money for Malaria, & the Open Doors foundation, as well as annual participation in the Cancer Councils Relay For Life, beach BBQ’s.

One of our most important goals for the year is to become more involved with the Rotary clubs in our district, and any of their events. Therefore, if your club wants to hear more about Rotaract, has an upcoming project that requires volunteers, or you think our club would be interested in attending, please don’t hesitate to contact us at burleighheads@rotaract.org.au

Additionally, we would like to invite ALL to attend our upcoming Movie Night, on the 17th August, 6:30pm, at Marymount College, where we will be raising money and awareness for the 7 Women Project. The documentary follows a series of women over a four year time period, demonstrating the growth and change that comes from a little bit of education, training and hope. We hope to see you all there!!!

Rotaract Club of Burleigh Heads – President Caitlin O’Connor

Days for Girls (DfG) is a global volunteer organisation with more than 50,000 volunteers around the globe. Volunteers prepare and distribute sustainable menstrual health solutions to girls who would otherwise miss school during their monthly periods. Days for Girls began in 2008 and in 10 years has reached over one million women and girls in over 116 countries with DfG kits and feminine health education.

Many clubs in our District are involved with DfG including Rotary Clubs’ of Allora, Ashmore, Banora-Tweed, Byron Bay, Currumbin-Coolangatta-Tweed, E-Club Next Gen, Gold Coast, Iluka-Woombah, Maclean, Mt. Warning AM, Parkwood and Southport. Here are some of their stories.

SOUTHPORT ROTARY

Southport Rotary has been a generous supporter of the Days for Girls Project for a few years.

Our “Rotaryanns” group & Rotarians & friends have helped by cutting out, overlocking & sewing liners, shields & bags for the kits. We have held workshops where there is an opportunity for fellowship as well as productivity. Soaps, undies & washers are donated by Southport Rotaryanns & friends with the result that we have now produced enough items to complete 1500 Days for Girls kits.

The collating is done at the Mt Warning chapter of Days for Girls. Kits have been sent to Nepal, Kenya, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Fiji, to refugee camps in Greece & to a remote village in Guinea where a visiting medical officer was able to instruct the girls & young women in their own language on reproduction & hygiene & the use of the kits. This is a vital part of the process.

The DfG kits bring dignity to girls & young women during their period & allow them the opportunity to continue to go to school & do their daily work rather than miss days because of lack of hygienic sanitary items. The ultimate aim is for the local communities to create a micro business producing their own kits.

Raz Irving
The RC of Currumbin-Coolangatta-Tweed Inc. has 3 functioning DFG hubs in Nepal, with a 4th hub equipped and ready to launch. Our ladies all have a portable electric machine from Australia, as well as a treadle machine we bought in Nepal for when there is no power. Our correspondent Club RC Pokhara Fishtail oversees this, monitors funding and keeps up supplies to our project managers.

Another DFG hub is in the Simpani slum in Pokhara, on the flood plain of the Sepi River. Project leader Mrs. Shuba has produced more than 800 kits which are distributed in government high schools. I’m happy to say that RC Pokhara Fishtail also initiated a prolapse clinic which has been very beneficial to older women in this agricultural community.

In November 2016, we visited a government High School in Prithivi Rupa, 1 1/2 hours from Pokhara in the mountains. We donated 115 kits from Mrs. Shuba to the students and their teachers. The kits are a life changer for these young women in rural areas, as it means they can continue to study. There is simply no disposable income to be able to buy a packet of pads!

We also operate a DFG hub in Kirtipur, Kathmandu at the Angel Academy School. Project manager is Mrs. Gayatri Napit, who began producing kits at the end of 2016, as her home had been destroyed by the 2015 earthquake. When RC Ballina-on-Richmond members went to Gatlang last January, they were able to collect 50 kits from Gayatri’s stock to distribute among the young women of Gatlang.

Our Club fosters this project with team work and the readiness to collect things we can re-sell, which has made it possible to continue with a very small budget. All our trips are self-funded and we manage to carry a 6.5 kg sewing machine as hand luggage, as well as warm clothing, sporting goods and educational aids. Diana Traversi

The Iluka Woombah Rotary Club has been supporting Days for Girls as an international project for four years. Our group is a very lively dedicated group made up of Rotarians, their partners and members of the local community and surrounds.

The Iluka group is ably led by Rhonda Hase and to date we have been able to complete and distribute over one hundred kits per year since inception. We are financially supported by Rotary, donations, as well as fundraising at the local markets with a DFGs stall each month and a bi-annual pop up stall in Yamba.

Completed kits are now transported via the YWAM Mission ship from Townsville to Papua New Guinea and ably distributed to the girls/women by Kerrie Huxham. We are very fortunate as a group to see our project go full circle and the photos of the girls receiving their kits are a joy for all of us to see. Alana Alexander
BYRON BAY ROTARY

In this project Byron Bay Rotary is partnering with Eastgate Church Ladies and Mt. Warning Chapter of DFG Australia. This project is empowering girls, women and communities with sustainable feminine hygiene, sanitation and health training.

Early this year Julie and Isabella from our Project Group have been to West Africa in order to distribute these kits for young girls and women, so that young women in Africa are able to keep going to school and work with dignity and confidence. Each year 50 of these kits have been distributed so far and the ladies are working on 300 more kits. Every helping hand is welcome!!! Gerd Schmittat

Being August 1st, the theme of all Horses Birthday was carried through to coincide with a visit from DG Terry Brown and his wife Carol, who are not without their own horse connections.

Saddles and hay bales were the order of the day, with pin the tail on "Bancroft" being an important agenda item for the meeting.

On a more sobering note, the hay bales will be re used to promote fund raising for drought stricken farmers. Kaileen Casey

The Gold Coast Ramble, organized by the RC’s of Gold Coast, Surfers Sunrise and Griffith Uni, was a superb fun event! Surfers Sunrise fielded two teams, ‘Monster Mayhem’ (headed by Rosie Rocco) and ‘Yo Ho Ho and a Bottle of Ramble’ (headed by Simon Brook). Monster Madness won the event - by just one point! Rosie’s team raised $712.50 (in favour of Gold Coast Homeless Youth. Second placed ‘Niopotamus’ fundraising score was $705.00 - just one point less. The day was as glorious as can be - the Gold Coast at its best. A total of 20 teams competed, raising a total of almost $6,400, designated to charities of the teams’ choice.

A special Thank You must go to chief organizer David Baguley and his team from the Gold Coast and Surfers Sunrise Rotary Clubs, as well as to the Surfers Paradise Alliance people who provided massive assistance with setting up marquees, providing tables and chairs etc. Looking forward to next year’s event! Franz Huber
We are pleased to report on the use of District Designated Funds and the successful completion of Global and District Grants for 2017-18.

### District Designated Funds Summary

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<td>50% of Annual Fund contributions from 2014-15</td>
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<td>Carried forward from 2016-17</td>
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<td>District Block Grant 2017-18 (see table below for details of the 21 District Grants funded)</td>
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<td>GG1746851</td>
<td>Vishwa Bharti Rotary School, Shamshabad - This project upgraded facilities at Agra Rotary School and is sponsored by Gosford North and Agra Taj Mahal clubs, with assistance from Warwick Sunrise RC ($801), Taree North RC, D9685, D9650, D9640.</td>
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<td>District DDF transfer to PolioPlus (26/03/18)</td>
<td>PolioPlus - annual commitment of 20% DDF since 2013-14, matched 2:1 by Gates Foundation increases this district contribution to $40,137</td>
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<td>GG1865212</td>
<td>Internet e minori - This project which aims to educate young people in Milan about the dangers of the internet, is sponsored by RC Naviglio Grande San Carlo Milano and RC Buenos Aires with $1500 assistance from E-Club Next Gen and D9640.</td>
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<td>GG1866879</td>
<td>WASH Facilities at Elementary Schools, Quezon City, Philippines is a $40,000 project sponsored by D3780 and D9640. It aims to provide hygiene training, toilets and hand washing facilities in 5 elementary schools each with 2500+ students.</td>
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<td>Malaria Elimination in Border Towns in Timor Leste is a Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM) project sponsored by North Hobart RC and Dili Lafaek RC. 15 Australian districts have contributed DDF and 15 Australian clubs have provided cash towards the total project cost of $251,334</td>
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<td>GG1874188</td>
<td>ENABLING ABILITY - Currumbin Community Special School. Project hosts Burleigh Heads RC and Jaffna RC aim to provide specialist playground equipment for basic education and literacy of severely intellectually impaired children. The $35,250 cost is assisted by Rotary clubs of Burleigh Heads ($3,000), Currumbin-Coolangatta-Tweed RC ($3,000), Malmo, Jaffna, D9640 and D3220</td>
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<td>Empower Through Enterprise Resilience is hosted by Gate City RC (Greensboro) and E-Club Next Gen. The grant will provide entrepreneurial business training and livelihood tools to 200 single-head of household women with dependent children, are at or below the poverty line in DaNang, Vietnam.</td>
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### Potential Global Grants:

- **Human Brain PhD Scholarship**- D9640 tagged $10,000 DDF in 2016-17 | **10,000**

### Total Additional Potential Commitment tagged

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### Rotary Club

1. Ashmore
   - Provided shade structures to 11 Orange Sky mobile laundry vans for homeless with assistance from Robina, Tenterfield and Jimboomba Rotary clubs, Burleigh Rotaract, Miami High Interact and St Stephen’s Earlyact. | **1800**

2. Ballina on Richmond
   - Reconstructed 2 earthquake damaged homes in Gathiang Village, Nepal by 7 Rotarians plus provision of 40 house packages, school materials, dental supplies, sporting equipment, tools, training and developed personal relationships. | **3000**

3. Broadbeach
   - Constructed an interactive sensory garden for people with dementia at Cedar House, Mudgereraba and upgrading of the sensory garden at Rosemary House in Arundel with assistance from Bunnings and Ashmore Men’s Shed. | **5618**
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<th>4.</th>
<th>Burleigh Heads</th>
<th>Supplied and installed solar power, wiring, pump, tanks, and pipes to a kindergarten in Kimbe Village, PNG.</th>
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<td>5.</td>
<td>Currumbin Coolangatta Tweed</td>
<td>Supplied and educated of 380 Days for Girls kits for girls and women to 2 villages and a primary school in Siem Reap, Cambodia in conjunction with Gold Coast DFG and two NGO’s - Lotus House and Heartprint House.</td>
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<td>6.</td>
<td>E-Club Next Gen</td>
<td>Provided Christmas lunch and gifts to 160 guests with mental illness and/or substance abuse issues on the Gold Coast.</td>
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<td>7.</td>
<td>E-Club Next Gen</td>
<td>Provided a first year scholarship to assist a university student from Grafton area.</td>
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<td>8.</td>
<td>Grafton Midday</td>
<td>Supplied and educated use of 200 Days for Girls kits for girls and women in PNG in conjunction with a mercy ship.</td>
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<td>Iluka-Woombah</td>
<td>Provided Christmas lunch and gifts to 160 guests with mental illness and/or substance abuse issues on the Gold Coast.</td>
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<td>10.</td>
<td>Southport (Griffith Satellite Club)</td>
<td>Provided a mid-winter Christmas lunch, gifts and entertainment to 80 disenfranchised people in Southport in conjunction with and Set Free Care, a registered Public Benevolent Institution.</td>
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<td>11.</td>
<td>Surfers Sunrise</td>
<td>Assisted with freight of a shipping container of goods and construction materials for a school classroom for underprivileged children in Samoa. Project involved 5 Northern Region Collegiate high schools and 50 volunteers.</td>
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<td>12.</td>
<td>Tweed Hds South</td>
<td>Provided 1400 birthing kits for DIK distribution to pregnant women in the Pacific region.</td>
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<td>13.</td>
<td>Tweed Hds South</td>
<td>Provided scholarships for high school students in the Tweed River area.</td>
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<td>14.</td>
<td>Stanthorpe</td>
<td>Funded and freighted a shipping container of donated school and educational related items to three primary schools and the high school on Lakeba Island, Fiji. Items were collected from the Palm Beach primary school and several schools in the Stanthorpe district and from friends of Rotarians.</td>
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<td>Allora</td>
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<td>21.</td>
<td>District 9640</td>
<td>Group Cultural Exchange with D6980 Florida, USA involved an outbound team of 4 young professionals and an inbound team of 5 young professionals, with each team led by an experienced Rotarian. The inbound team was hosted by 6 clubs and presented at the 2018 District Conference. The outbound team will present at the 2019 District Conference.</td>
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**TOTAL** | **44,485** |

District grant payments totalled A$44,485 (US$35,306) leaving no unexpended funds.

The final acquittal report for the District Block Grant DG1843317 was submitted by District Grants Sub-Committee Chair PDG Michael Irving on 27 June 2018. Advice was received from Steven Sundstrom, Regional Grants Officer on 28 June 2018 that the report had met all of the Foundation’s requirements and the grant was closed.

All grant records have been maintained in terms of the District Qualification Memorandum of Understanding and have been provided to District Rotary Foundation Stewardship Sub-Committee Chair Neil Jones for checking prior to submission to the District Auditor for the annual financial audit.

We take this opportunity to thank all participating clubs for their cooperation throughout the application, implementation and reporting phases of the process. We congratulate clubs on completion of very worthwhile projects “to make a difference”.

Finally, we thank 2017-18 District Governor Darrell Brown for his support and encouragement throughout the Rotary year.

PDG Tony Heading
District Rotary Foundation Chair

PDG Michael Irving
District Grants Sub-Committee Chair

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**THE SCIENCE EXPERIENCE**

The Science Experience offers a three-day hands-on science experience for Year 9 and Year 10 students at Universities throughout Australia. It was initiated by the Rotary Club of Doncaster over 30 years ago and is a Rotary District Supported Project. More details, concerning all universities in Australia, brochures and application forms, are on the website [www.scienceexperience.com.au](http://www.scienceexperience.com.au)

Contact: Rotary Representative, PDG Marilyn Mercer [mmm@myisp.net.au](mailto:mmm@myisp.net.au) 0416 026 848
Graffiti Removal Day is fast approaching, a great way for our Rotary Clubs to work with community volunteers and to be part of a great promotional day highlighting the communities disdain of graffiti. Graffiti is estimated to cost NSW $300 million each year. This Rotary based program is winning and we need site supervisors and volunteers to continue the momentum on Sunday 21st October 2018.

In particular we need in the following council areas more site supervisors and volunteers. Ballina Shire Council, Kyogle Council, Richmond Valley Council.

If you are located in remaining NSW Councils contact myself and I will advise you of the nearest site supervisor.

We are also looking for sites to be nominated (exclude RMS and State Rail as these are looked at by their respective organisations on the day). Visit our site www.graffitiremovalday.org.au

PDG Barry Antees | Mobile: 0413 880 267
Deputy Project Manager/Volunteer Manager | Graffiti Removal Day

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**8 September 2018: International Literacy Day**

**Literacy and skills development**

September 8 was proclaimed as International Literacy Day by the UNESCO’s General Conference in 1966. Since then, literacy celebrations have taken place annually around the world to remind the public of the importance of literacy as a matter of dignity and human rights and to work towards a more literate and sustainable society.

*September is Literacy month for Rotary*

Literacy ‘skills’ broadly includes knowledge and competencies required for employment, careers and livelihoods, particularly technical and vocational skills, along with transferable skills and digital skills. Focusing on youth and adults within the lifelong learning framework, the effective links between literacy and skills can be explored.

We are all aware that globalisation and fast-advancing digital technology are transforming ways in which people work, live and learn, and are generating new skill demands and lifelong learning needs. They are also influencing ways in which education and learning are organized and managed, involving multiple leading agencies, including government organisations, communities and the private sector.

In addition to considering actions to support literacy, as Rotarians we should use the opportunity for public awareness of Rotary’s efforts and impact in literacy and education.

**How will your club support International Literacy Day?**

International Literacy Day 2018 provides renewed impetus for Rotary Clubs to make meaningful connections between literacy and technical and vocational education and training through literacy projects and programmes.

Is there a literacy project that you could initiate, repeat, support or maintain? Past Literacy Rotarian Action Group (LitRAG) newsletters offer information about ‘What is a Literacy Project?’ (April 2018, p.2) and many ideas for literacy projects (Feb 2018, p.3).

**Key questions to consider are:**

- What knowledge and experiences can our club and literacy partners share regarding successes and failures in promoting integrated approaches about literacy?
- What specific strategies are the most effective? What are the success factors?
- What is the evidence of impact of integrated approaches on individuals and their communities? What is their potential to motivate learners to participate in learning?
- What more can we do?

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