Welcome to Rotary Year 2018 / 2019

By the time you are reading this, most Clubs will have completed their Changeover, and a new Board will be managing each club on behalf of its members. The District 9640 Changeover was held at Windara Casino on the 30th June. It was well attended and enjoyed by those present. PDG Darrell Brown handed over the Governorship to Terry Brown. I would like to pass on my thanks to Immediate Past District Governor Darrell for his guidance and leadership in 2017 – 2018. Clubs have no doubt been in planning mode for some time and I am most interested in hearing more of club objectives and goals.

The role of District Governor is one of tremendous honour and something I feel extremely privileged to be doing. The most important component of Rotary is each individual member. Clubs would not be able to function effectively or achieve their goals without your commitment.

I will not take my role lightly and intend to work hard to do the very best I can in the name of Rotary. I have a team of experienced and dedicated District Chairs who are “at your service”. Please do not hesitate to call on them for assistance.
New Rotary Theme
We start the Rotary Year with a new theme of “Be the Inspiration”. It follows on nicely from last years theme of Rotary : Making a Difference. Rotarians are asked to “Be the Inspiration” in their clubs, in their communities and in the world.

District Governors Goals
My goals for the year are:
- For each club to have a net gain of 1 new member.
- To establish a minimum of 6 new Satellite Clubs. I hope that clubs who are finding it difficult to attract new members to traditional clubs will consider working with District Membership, Extension and Assistant Governors leaders to explore growth opportunities.
- Every club to contribute $100 US, to the Annual Program Fund of The Rotary Foundation.
- Every club to contribute $40 US to End Polio Now.
- All clubs to support nominations for all Youth Programs.
- All clubs to achieve a Presidential Citation.

Membership
AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH: When was the last time you invited someone to Rotary? Clubs have more flexibility than ever before to adopt new membership strategies. The District membership team is available to assist clubs with advice on the best way to implement new measures. Why not give your members a new Rotary experience, by sponsoring a Satellite Club? Your only commitment is to indicate your interest and someone will guide your club through the process. The time for action is now, it’s never too late to do something.

Thanks to Jodie Shelley from the Rotary Club of Ballina-on-Richmond for taking on the role of Newsletter Editor. We hope we can help you to “Be the Inspiration”, through The Rivers Review in 2018/19.

Terry Brown

Barry Rassin
Rotary International President 2018 – 19
Rotary Club of East Nassau | Bahamas

Barry Rassin holds an MBA in health and hospital administration from the University of Florida and is the first fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives in the Bahamas. He recently retired after 37 years as president of Doctors Hospital Health System and continues as an adviser.

A Rotarian since 1980, Rassin has served Rotary as director and is vice chair of the Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees. He was an RI training leader and aide to 2015 – 16 RI President K. R. Ravindran. Rassin received Rotary’s highest honour, the Service Above Self Award, as well as other humanitarian awards for his work leading Rotary’s relief efforts in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake there.

Rafael M. Garcia 111
Rotary International Director 2018 - 2020
Rotary Club of Pasig | Philippines

Rafael Garcia III is the president and CEO of Mega Group of Computer Companies, a multinational conglomerate of 44 companies that specialize in high technology systems.

A Rotarian since 1971, Garcia has served RI as an Advisor to the Endowment and Extraordinary Grants Fund, a training leader, committee member, president’s representative and member of the Rotary Foundation technical advisory team. Garcia has received the Outstanding Management Award on the Service Avenues of Rotary International for his work at the Pasig Rotary GK Housing Village, a 159-unit housing project in the city of Pasig.
Carol Brown: DG Partner’s Project 2018 – 19
THE HUMAN BRAIN RESEARCH PROJECT

For the District Governors partners project for 2018/2019 I am adopting the Human Brain Research Project. The Goal is to raise funds for a PhD candidate for research into Parkinson’s Disease. Having volunteered at an Aged Care Facility for a number of years, I have witnessed firsthand the affect this debilitating disease has on victims and family members.

There are estimated to be some 80,000 Australians living with Parkinson’s disease. A diagnosis can occur at any age with the most common age of diagnosis being 65, 20% of those diagnosed are under the age of 50, 10% before the age of 40.

There is no cure for Parkinson’s disease, but there are effective treatment and therapy options that can help manage symptoms. There is still much to learn about what causes Parkinson’s disease, but research is ongoing and there is every hope that outcomes for people with Parkinson’s disease will continue to improve and that ultimately there will be a cure.

Professor Peter Silburn is a Neurologist with a special interest in neurodegenerative disorders of the brain, in particular Parkinson’s disease and related disorders as well as movement disorders in general and innovative therapies including neurosurgery. Professor Silburn will be a Key Note speaker at the 2019 District 9640 Conference.

As the Human Brain Research Project is a District project, some clubs have supported it over a number of years. I am hoping that others will help to improve the lives of many Australians by donating to the Human Brain Research Project, in this year of “Be the Inspiration”.

Carol Brown

NEW CLUB IN OUR DISTRICT – ROTARY CLUB OF GRIFFITH GOLD COAST

THE SOUTHPORT SATELLITE CLUB BECOMES A CLUB IN ITS OWN RIGHT

In 2016, the Rotary Club of Southport, sponsored the Southport Satellite Club at Griffith University. Under the guidance of experienced Rotarians from the Southport Club, the Satellite Club flourished and on the 7th June, 2018 was chartered as a club in its own right: The Rotary Club of Griffith Gold Coast.

The 2017/18 District 9640 Governor Darrell Brown inducted Sam Hall as the charter President, as well as the new board and club members.

The breakfast meeting was attended by a large number of District 9640 Rotarians. It had a true International feeling with 13 of the new club members born in different countries.

Rotary Foundation Peace Fellowship Awardees Dinner 18th July

Rotary Foundation Peace Fellowship Awardees, currently studying at the University of QLD campus will do a presentation on what they do now and where they will go after their studies to apply their learnings to make a difference.

Organized by the Rotary Club of Surfers Sunrise, this is a Multi-Club dinner meeting with partners and friends held at the Surfers Paradise RSL Club. All Rotary clubs are invited to attend. $22.00 per person. For more information and to book click HERE or contact Franz Huber - Rotary Club of Surfers Sunrise franzhuber@onthenet.com.au
What a privilege for Rotary to serve the iconic Royal Flying Doctor Service.

In 2013 the Rotary e-Club of NextGen asked the Royal Flying Doctor Service Qld Section if there was anything it could do for them. They replied a week later with 4 items. Rejuvenate 6 houses in Mt Isa, install landscaping at the new hangar facility at Charleville, support the installation of an ambulance transfer station at the Rockhampton airport base and provide good food at a reasonable price at the Birdsville Race week. The Club said “Yes” and a 5 year agreement was settled.

Over the past 5 years all these requests have been completed by calling for partners and volunteers from around Australia. The work has not all been done by club members and has not cost the club from community funding. The refurbishment of 6 Royal Flying Doctor Service houses in Mt Isa was done by Rotary Friends volunteering 3400 hours over 3 months. The landscaping coincided with attending Birdsville so Goondiwindi Club led by Peter and Gloria Cory partnered with us. Likewise, the Transfer station was partnered with Rockhampton North Club and Birdsville Race week is supported by up to 20 volunteers each year mostly from Rotary Friends from Bundaberg to Adelaide.

So NextGen Club was the Award winner for Brisbane area, one of 9 across for the entire R.F.D.S. Qld, Section. The Award comes with the making of a 2 minute promotional video for each winner.

Royal Flying Doctor Service is celebrating its 90th year and a Gala function is set for July 29th at which the outright Local Hero winner from public voting will be announced. Please vote for this Rotary achievement each day by clicking [HERE](#).

Ian and Heather Yarker, Rotary e-club of NextGen

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**D9640 GROUP CULTURAL EXCHANGE (GCE)**

![Image of the Philippines](Image)

**RECRUITING NOW!!!!!**

heading to...

Rotary District 3780 Philippines

This year we would like to make contact with interested young professionals (25 - 40 years) really early, so we can engage and maintain their interest in this fabulous opportunity. Formal invitations will be out soon.

**PLEASE PUT THE WORD OUT AT WORK AND ACROSS YOUR COMMUNITIES**, sending me names and email/telephone contact so I can create a list of potential applicants.

Exchange Dates: March 15th - April 14th 2019

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Meet Your Assistant Governor - Group 1 - AMANDA RYDER

I am the mother of two boys, Angus 17 and Deakin 15, an 8 month old Boxer pup named Spud and a 7 week old Russian Blue kitten named Oska.

I grew up in North Ryde, before moving to Grafton. Studies include Bachelor of Social Science at the University of New England, Diploma of Youth Work, and Leadership and Management. I worked in Youth Programs and Employment Services before NSW Fair Trading in 2010 as a Consumer Protection Officer. When Rental Bonds was relocated from Sydney, I was appointed Service Delivery Team Leader.

In my spare time I have renovated and built a number of houses. We have been in our current home for 4 years, but prior to that we had moved seven times in the space of eight years, once it was only across the road. I am the Secretary of the Criterion Theatre Grafton, sometimes treading the boards too. After being invited to the Rotary Club of Grafton Midday as a guest speaker, I never left. I was flattered to be offered the position of ADG for Grafton, Grafton Midday, Maclean, Yamba and Iluka Clubs. They are an amazing bunch who achieve so much in the Clarence Valley. One weird thing about me is that I am a bit of a car nut, which has helped our Rotary Trivia team with car facts, but not my budget with the upkeep of a 1965 MGB and a new CLA.

1st MALARIA WORLD CONGRESS - Melbourne 1-5 July 2018

Malaria is a disease that affects humans causing death and functional disability. Plasmodium falciparum malaria has been in existence for 50,000–100,000 years. Deaths from Malaria are around 450,000 per annum, mainly pregnant women and children, with 214m people being affected annually. Hence the call for people and organisations, involved in the complex battle to eliminate and then eradicate Malaria, to get together and cooperate in a cohesive manner.

The 1st Malaria World Congress took place in Melbourne 1-5 July. Over 1100 people attended from 69 countries. Sessions ranged from plenary, with keynote speakers, to a wide variety of breakouts, with multi presentations based around the designated topic for the day. The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Hon Julie Bishop MP, said that “Australia is deeply committed to eliminating malaria once and for all and the people in this room can help us achieve this goal”. She went on to say “Diseases like malaria know no borders and health security is a global challenge. We need to operate transnationally”.

Some of the key points that came out of the Congress were:
- THE ELIMINATION OF MALARIA IS AT THE CROSSROADS
- Universal Health Security is a key strategic component and a global challenge
- Collaboration - Consensus - Commitment is needed across all boundaries
- $0.5–1.0b funding increase would make a huge difference
- Strengthening of surveillance systems is essential
- The cost benefit of elimination is significant
- THE SATUS QUO IS NOT OK

There are many more components to these issues that were discussed in great detail at the individual sessions and functions with the day starting around 8.00am and finishing after 9.00pm.

Significantly some of the cost benefits resulting from elimination can be stated as:
- Reduced worker and school absenteeism
- Reduced out of pocket expenditures placed on families for treatment
- Reduced maternal mortality, neonatal and child deaths
- Increased productivity in key economic areas
- More effective health and health security

Rotarians manning the stand in the global village

Being bitten by one of these would not be fun
In the last month Paraguay was declared malaria free. By the way, Australia was declared malaria free in 1962. A new initiative in the fight is gaining ground. The inauguration of the Civil Society movement that concentrates on achieving sustainable health systems and financing. This is potentially an area that Rotary Clubs could be involved with as part of the campaign in the fight against malaria.

Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM) were well represented at the Congress. The National Manager for RAM - David Pearson - was a member of the International Advisory Board to the Congress. RAM had a significant stand in the Global Village that was manned by local and interstate Rotarians.

The initiative by clubs in District 9640, to raise $500,000 for the clinical trials of the vaccine being developed at the Institute for Glycomics, was part of the RAM stand with brochures and pull up banner.

One of the most pleasing surprises to come out of the Congress was to hear many speakers praise the work of Rotary in its campaign against polio and RAMs work in the Pacific Region. It is being held up as a model for progressing the elimination of Malaria. This was, by far, the best recognition for the work that we do as Rotarians that I have heard at any international meeting.

A full report on the Congress will be made available in the near future. If anyone would like a copy, please contact me daimason1942@gmail.com.

A reminder to all Rotarians that the annual RAM conference will be held at the Institute for Glycomics at Griffith University on the Gold Coast on 25-26 August 2018. Registrations can be made by accessing the RAM website HERE.

Dai Mason (District RAM Chair)
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