If week one of our District wide journey is anything to go by then Shauna and myself are in for a great year and so too is District 9640. We have been inspired by the desire of clubs to implement International President Mark Maloney’s theme “Rotary Connects the World” as they look at ways to improve their engagement at Club, Community, and District level.

District Changeover in Tenterfield was a wonderful event as we celebrated the end of District Governor Terry and Carol Brown’s tremendous year. Terry provided wonderful leadership throughout his year, brought great energy to the position and highlighted many fantastic achievements throughout his year. Carol also had an excellent year raising just shy of $30,000.00 for Human Brain Research.

DG Terry also had the privilege of presenting PDG John and Sue Randel with the Brian and Nancy Knowles Award. Terry gave a brief summary of all the work and commitment that John and Sue have made over their 20 years of service to Rotary. The award is named in honour of Brian and Nancy Knowles for significant and substantial service to Rotary on a local and international level.

The week ended on a sad note as Tenterfield farewelled their YEP student Tsumiki after 12 months in Tenterfield. Tsumiki was an excellent exchange student - had many great experiences, enjoyed her time at Tenterfield High School and made lifelong friendships. I commend the YEP program to all clubs. Any club wishing to know more about the program and would like to get involved should contact YEP Chair Chris Thurtell for further information.
I had the great pleasure and honour to induct 3 new members (Coomera River, Gold Coast and Broadwater Southport) into Rotary during my first week, including my first corporate member Tegan Tarquino from Gold Coast Hospital Foundation and while our District has performed well with membership over the past 12 months, disappointedly we have again experienced a significant loss of members at the end of the financial year. This is a trend we must focus on and understand the actions needed to be taken at club level to arrest this situation. Too many of those members departing the organisation are doing so after a brief period as a Rotarian (2 years or less) suggesting that we are not keeping our promise to new members to be part of an exciting, engaging and inspirational organisation. To assist clubs, I have asked all presidents to perform a Club Health Check by November this year and report their findings to their AG. AGs will then bring the results to the November District Leadership meeting for discussion. This health check should expose any weakness that a club may have.

The Australian Rotaract Conference is the biggest event on the Rotaract Australia Calendar and will be on the Gold Coast in 2020 (more details to follow). This conference brings together Rotaractors, Rotarians and friends from all over Australia (and internationally) for a weekend of engaging presentations, workshops and socialising. This is a great opportunity for us to capitalise on International President Mark Maloney’s goal to build Rotaract and I am asking clubs to begin thinking about how this can be achieved at club or group level.

July is New leadership month and as we take office as District Governor, Club President and Chairs we also accept extra responsibility to ensure our clubs and District continue to operate at the high level that we as Rotarians both expect and deserve. Leadership along with club development are areas that we need to focus on if we are to keep up with the pace of change that we are experiencing in our lives. As people of action who are heavily engaged in our communities it is important that we lead the way with our action and the things that we say and do.

We look forward to visiting your club in the future and hearing about all your projects, plans and goals for the 2019-20 year.

Harry Bolton

District Governors Goals

My goals for the year are:
- Grow and strengthen your club by retaining your current membership while striving to increase
- Conduct a Public Relations campaign that brings focus on your club’s activities
- Hold one activity that engages with youth from your community
- Conduct a club health check (My Rotary) and report outcomes to your Assistant Governor (AG) by the November leadership meeting (17 November 2019)
- Contribute at least $100 per capita to the Annual Fund of Rotary Foundation
- Support the District Governor Partnership program (Malaria Vaccine Project)
Shauna and Harry will be visiting Griffith University at the Gold Coast on 18 July to see firsthand how the program is progressing.

DONATIONS ARE WELCOME ANYTIME. Every donation helps. Donations to the Malaria Vaccine Project can be made by Direct Deposit to: Rotary Account BSB 084 462 Account 796 395 692 Reference MVP - Shauna.

If you make a donation, please let Shauna know by sending an email to Shauna at harry.bolton@bigpond.com. Thank you for your support.

Message from International President Mark Maloney

Dear friends, Rotary leaders, and Rotaract leaders:

A new Rotary year is upon us, and let us say one final thank you to former President Barry Rassin for his outstanding leadership. Barry, we will miss you, but we know and appreciate that you will continue to lead Rotary in important ways for years to come.

I have spoken for several months about how Rotary Connects the World, and the time has now arrived to put our words into action. We have an exciting year ahead of us, a year when we begin to implement the new Strategic Plan, what I call the Rotary Action Plan and when we will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the signing of the UN Charter.

That anniversary will underscore the ties we have and goals we share with the United Nations. We will host five special events—UN Day in New York, three presidential conferences in Paris, Santiago, and Rome, and a final celebration just before the Convention in Honolulu. This will help us achieve the first Action Plan goal of increasing our impact by demonstrating that Rotary’s influence in the world has only just begun.

The second Action Plan goal is expanding our reach. To achieve that, we need to grow Rotary – reaching out to new members, engaging current members, and creating more alternatives for membership for the next generation of Rotarians.

The third goal is enhanced participant engagement, making sure that Rotarians have experiences that are personally and professionally relevant and fulfilling. This is why I believe so strongly in building a more family-friendly Rotary -- one that welcomes children to our activities and that is considerate of families in our scheduling. Let us recommit to putting the needs, expectations, and growth of our participants at the center of all we do.

The final priority of our new Action Plan is increasing our ability to adapt. New approaches to our organizing principles do not threaten our sense of who we are. That is why I believe that Rotary must respect professional commitments and not require Rotary leadership to be a full-time job. We need to respect the time and responsibilities of young people who are building careers.

Together, we will harness the power of connection just as our organization has been doing for more than 114 years. We have a long, proud heritage. And we will continue to thrive because we are not afraid of change.

I look forward to leading you in this important journey, as Rotary Connects the World!

Yours in Rotary,

Mark Daniel Maloney
President, Rotary International 2019-2020

Gold Coast Rotary - Garden Festival 4 August 2019

OVER 75 EXHIBITERS, 15 FOOD VENDORS, WORKSHOPS and CELEBRITY SPEAKERS. Program available HERE
As a new Rotary year begins, we kindly remind you that PDG Terry Brown, aided by PP Michelle Mitchell from RC Currumbin-Coolangatta-Tweed and PP Leslie Turton from RC Beaudesert, are all committed to District 9640’s fundraising and donating the sum of $50,000 over five years to the Currumbin Wildlife Hospital for its Koala Immunisation Vaccine Project. This equates to about $200 per club per year over five years. We thank the Clubs who donated last year: We started the ball rolling and forwarded the first instalment of $10,000 last year – As a District 9640 Project, we earnestly request all other Clubs to consider this small $200 donation for this coming year and subsequent years.

For Future Presidents and Boards – We request that you include the sum of at least $200 per year in your annual budget for our District’s very important local environmental project. Thank you!

Banking details are: Bendigo Bank Tugun | BSB- 633 000 | 165283433 | Name – Koala Immunisation Project

Thank you to everyone who supporting our raffle. Congratulations to the winners:
1st Prize - Julian Fields, Rotary E-Club, 2nd Prize - Sandra Head, Rotary Club Warwick Sunrise, 3rd Prize - Sue Johnson, Friend of Rotary.

With many thanks for your kind consideration,

Michelle Mitchell PP, Rotary Club of Currumbin-Coolangatta-Tweed Inc.

You are warmly invited to attend the 2019 Annual RAM Conference in Melbourne, on 24-25 August. This year, the Conference is at the Ciloms Airport Lodge, Tullamarine, Melbourne.

If you are new to the Conference, they are offering two Pre-Conference Workshops on the morning of Saturday 24 August.

- **Mr Len Tarivonda, Director, Department of Public Health, Vanuatu and Dr. Tessa Know, Technical Officer, WHO, Vanuatu will speak on: Vanuatu’s National Malaria Program and needs.**
- **Tim Freeman, RAM-Global Fund Project Manager, Papua New Guinea (PNG) will present: RAM’s Chasing Malaria program and how this program can be adapted for implementation elsewhere.**

Updates include: global malaria statistics; malaria in pregnancy; and the malaria vaccine PlasProtecT® research.

At the Conference, on Sunday 25 August, RAM will host a General Meeting and conduct an orientation for new Regional and District RAM Chairs.

Online registration is now open on our website [www.ram.rawcs.com.au](http://www.ram.rawcs.com.au) Registration closes on August 12th.

Finally, this Conference is an opportunity to personally thank our National RAM Manager Dave Pearson, as he stepped down at end of June 2019. Dave has been the National Manager for the last four years and has been instrumental in further developing RAM to what it is today - a highly regarded organisation in Australia and among international Rotary groups working in malaria elimination.

Please join us at the Conference in Melbourne. We look forward to welcoming you all.

_Dai Mason | D9640 RAM Chair 2019-2020_
Griffith Gold Coast Rotarians were out in full force recently when they served up a traditional Aussie Winter Christmas dinner for those doing it hard in Southport.

This is the fourth Christmas in July dinner organised by the Club, who work with Set Free Care to make it a regular event in the calendar for the locals.

About 75 people attended from the Southport community and they all enjoyed canapés, a main course of turkey, ham and vegetables, and finished it off with Christmas cake and custard. Yummm.

The Club is supported by many local businesses who provide some of the food for the meals, items for Christmas hampers and handy tote bags.

As well enjoying their hearty Christmas meal, the kids could escape to a special area to play and do supervised activities. Santa made a special visit and delighted each child with a present and a long chat.

While it is a lot of work for the Club leading up to the dinner, on the night the look on the faces of the diners made it all worthwhile.

Rhooda Whitton
13 June 2019

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 2019 INSPIRATIONAL WOMEN’S AWARDS 2019

The Rotary Club of Sydney Darling Harbour is pleased to announce the launch of the Inspirational Women’s Awards 2019, held on 6 June 2019 at Parliament House hosted by The Hon Mark Coure, MP, Member for Oatley and Assistant Speaker of the NSW Legislative Assembly.

While individual organisations have specific internal awards, the Rotary Inspirational Women’s Awards (RIWA) recognises service to the community across all sectors. It is directed at the non-Rotary community. It is about commitment, dedication, perseverance and proactivity in improving the lives of others. The Awards are open to women across NSW.

In keeping with Rotary’s motto of ‘Service Above Self’, these Awards acknowledge and celebrate community service performed by women through their various activities and endeavours. They recognise the work done by women, the “quiet achievers”, whose actions inspire others and make a difference to their communities.

The awards are divided into two categories: Young Inspirational Woman of the Year – 18-30 years of age, and Inspirational Woman of the Year - 30+ years of age, with the addition of a special category for a spectacular volunteer. There are separate awards for city and rural nominations.

Nominations close on 27 July 2019. Members of the public and Rotarians are encouraged to submit online nominations via the award’s website at www.riwa.com.au

A panel of independent judges from Rotary Districts in NSW will assess nominees on three (3) key criteria:

- Community service which best exemplifies Rotary’s motto of Service Above Self
- Achievements
- Personal attributes

Finalists will be announced on 22 August 2019 at Parliament House and the Awards lunch will be held at City Tattersalls Club, Sydney on 27 October 2019.

Enquiries can be made to:
RIWA Chair: Rae-Anne Medforth Email: riwa@rotarydarlingharbour.org.au Phone: 0411 054 119

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Please find the link to the RIWA Website for more information about the Awards and how to nominate and the nomination form. www.riwa.com.au. The RC Sydney Darling Harbour is hosting the Awards this year.

Sue Lea  | Email: leasuekev@bigpond.com
Steering Committee Member  | Rotary Districts and Clubs of NSW Inspirational Women’s Awards
EVANSTON, Ill. (June 10, 2019) — Rotary is giving US$100 million in grants to support the global effort to end polio, a vaccine-preventable disease that once paralysed hundreds of thousands of children each year.

The funding comes as Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) address the final—and most pressing—challenges to ending poliovirus transmission, and as Nigeria approaches three years without any reported cases of wild poliovirus, bringing the Africa region closer to polio-free status.

“We have the wild poliovirus cornered in the smallest geographic area in history, and now there are just two countries that continue to report cases of the wild virus,” said Michael K. McGovern, chair of Rotary’s International PolioPlus Committee. “As we work with our partners to apply innovative new strategies to reach more children, and embrace lessons learned thus far, Rotary is doubling down on our commitment to end polio for good. I’m optimistic that the end of polio is within our grasp, but we must remain vigilant in rallying global political and financial support as we push towards a polio-free world.”

As long as a single child has polio, all children are at risk, which underscores the need for continued funding and commitment to eradication.

To support polio eradication efforts in endemic countries, Rotary is allocating half the funds it announced today to: Afghanistan ($16.3 million), Nigeria ($10.2 million), and Pakistan ($25.2 million). Additional funding will support efforts to keep vulnerable countries polio-free.

In 1988, Rotary became a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Gates Foundation later joined. Since the initiative launched, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent.


CROSS THE SEA AND SEE HAWAII - 2020 Rotary International Convention

The next Convention will be held Honolulu Hawaii, 6-10 June 2020. Why not join us to see what Rotary has to offer outside your club and district as ‘Rotary Connects the World’!

District 5000 has the honour to host the 2020 Rotary International Convention in our Aloha State. It is an incredible opportunity to meet Rotarians from all over the world, exchange ideas and learn from a multitude of excellent, inspiring speakers. As the Host, D5000 gets to showcase our culture and our beautiful State. Rotarians will be able to sign up for events, tours or just enjoy our islands.

To register, go to riconvention.org

If you want to share something, please email me. 8th August is the deadline for the next edition
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