Terry’s Tales March 2019

MARCH – Is Water and Sanitation Month
Why not “Celebrate” it at the District Conference in Lismore 29 – 31 March.

Many of the Conference Keynote Speakers will embrace one of the Rotary six areas of focus. Water and Sanitation will feature in presentations by:

Jo Wigg who has just returned from Uganda, after working on the Safe Water Njeru Project. Rhett Butler Skyjuice Foundation: Their Vision is “Safe Water for Every Child”. Skyjuice works with an alliance of partners, in the public, private and community sectors, including Rotary, Disaster Aid Australia, Oxfam, World Vision, Red Cross, UNICEF and many others.

Corrina Grace: Founder and Executive Director of Project SERES. Building thriving, sustainable, community developments in Guatemala and El Salvador.

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT CONFERENCE DELEGATES
The Conference program commences with the Auditorium Open at 17.30 on Friday 29 March. On Saturday and Sunday 30 and 31 March - Call to Order is at 9.20. On Saturday and Sunday entrance to the venue is available at 8.30.

At our Club visits all Presidents were given a Red Heart with your club name. We would like someone from your club to bring it to the conference. Our goal is 52, it’s not too late to be part of the fun.

CLUB CHANGEOVERS:
Each year Past District Governors or the District Governor are part of a busy calendar to attend club changeovers. Clubs sometime request a certain person, some PDG’s may select certain clubs. We do need to be considerate of the distance involved. To assist the planning, could you please advise me of your Club Changeover date, venue, time and if you would like to request a particular District Officer.

PARTNER’S PROJECT – THE HUMAN BRAIN RESEARCH PROJECT
Carol’s fundraising goal for the Human Brain Research Project was $30,000, to date she has raised $24,000. Some clubs indicated support for the project during our club visits. Donations can be forwarded to District Treasurer Mark Twyford, or deposited to BSB 084 462 Account 796 395692, Reference HBR Carol.

Any clubs with raffle books in support of this project, please bring them to the District Conference or post to Carol Brown P.O. Box 1077 Casino NSW 2470.

WHY and how to host a ROTARY DAY
In an effort to increase membership and highlight Rotary’s inspiring work, RI President Barry Rassin is urging clubs and districts to organise fun, informal community events called Rotary Days.

“Rotary Days events will offer you the chance to have an impact in your community, build long-term partnerships, increase interest in membership, and improve Rotary’s image. Any club, big or small, can host a Rotary Day. Neighbouring clubs can pool their resources and co-host an event, and entire Districts can come together for a large-scale Rotary Day.
Tips for planning a Rotary Day:

- Consider including a hands-on service project as part of the event to let visitors see for themselves how Rotary benefits the community.
- Feature guests that appeal to a non-Rotary audience. Consider young leaders, inspirational leaders, celebrities, musicians, or other public figures.
- If the event will offer food, keep it simple – for example, a self-service buffet rather than a formal sit-down meal.
- Advocate on local issues related to Rotary’s areas of focus by calling attention to challenges that affect people in your area.
- If you charge admission, keep prices low. Ask local businesses to sponsor your event.
- Welcome families and make the event enjoyable for them.
- Present Rotary as an appealing opportunity for potential members to make new friends, exchange ideas, and take action to improve their community and the world. Avoid using Rotary jargon or referring to club traditions.
- Highlight the work of local Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, Rotary Community Corp Members, and other community members who do extraordinary humanitarian work.
- Recognise non-Rotary community members who demonstrate Rotary’s service ideals.
- Sponsor an event with a partner organisation to show that, by working together, we make a deeper and more lasting impact on our communities.
- Ask local news media to cover the event.
- Collect participant’s contact information, and invite them to future club events.
- Partner with local civic groups, service organisations or local businesses.

During and after the event post photos and videos to social media. Imagine the collective impact we can have if all Rotary Clubs engage their neighbours, friends, young people and organisations.

DG Terry Brown and Carol with District Governor Elect Harry Bolton and Shauna, at the Bavarian Beer Fest, Mini Concert at Ballandean Estate Winery.

The Bavarian Beer Fest is a project of the Rotary Club of Tenterfield. Profit from this year’s Beer Fest will support victims of the recent bush fires, in Northern NSW.

District Governor - Terry Brown

District 9640 Conference
29-31 March 2019

Less than two weeks left to register for the Conference

We are ready, can’t wait to see you all

Be inspired by our guest speakers
Be inspired by Rotarians that you’ll meet
Be inspired by the power of Rotary
Be inspired in Lismore
You’ll find inspiration all around you

If you haven't yet registered, please register now to help our Registrar

DG Terry & Carol Brown and the RC of Lismore look forward to hosting you
For the RYLA year of 2019, I was selected to be the Team Leader of District 9640.

Straight off the bat, I knew I had some big shoes to fill from the past years’ Team and Team Leader, but it also gave me something to strive for, I wanted this year to run as smoothly and be as amazing as the year before so everyone involved could experience the week that is RYLA.

During the year we ran into some speed bumps with life getting in the way of some of the members causing them to have to pull out from the team, we didn’t let that slow us down we recruited some amazing replacements along the way and were back at it.

As the RYLA week was approaching we ran into a few more snags with a number awardees pulling out and some of our speakers either pulling out or needing to change their time slot, the teams in charge of Rotary Relations and Guest Speakers worked tirelessly rectify these issues, to say there was some stress at this point would be an understatement but the team remained calm and did an incredible job completing the tasks at hand.

Going into the week our team was quite a few members down from previous years, but I was confident in everyone’s abilities to work together and pull the week off, with the hard work of every member of the team and the Rotarians involved the week was able to run smoothly without a hitch it didn’t matter what their allocated positions were whatever job was required everyone was eager to help.

If you asked me a few years ago if I could see myself in the position of Team Leader it would have been an instant no, only due to the guidance and support of the amazing people over the years of being part of RYLA that gave me the confidence to apply for the position and it’s something I wouldn’t change for anything as over this time I have met inspiring people, watched and helped people grow either on the Team or attending the week and made friends for life.

RYLA is an incredible experience and without the hard work and dedication of all Rotary clubs and organisers involved it would not be possible.

Ethan Templeton - RYLA Team Leader 2019
A team of 10 Rotarians and partners from District 6250 Wisconsin USA visited our district from 18th February to 4th March. They were hosted by Banora-Tweed, Lismore West, Casino, Grafton and Gold Coast Rotary Clubs.

The purpose of RFE is to promote peace through cultural understanding, forming friendships and learning about Rotary projects in our area. 12 Rotarians and partners from our district will travel to Wisconsin in July for 14 days as a reciprocal visit.

Over the next 12 months Rotary Friendship Exchange teams will be hosted in this area from Seattle and Vancouver Island, India and Brazil. **Wendy Scarlett | RFE Chair**

**ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITY TO BRAZIL**

Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) to Rotary District 4640 Brazil – 4th – 17th March 2020 (tbc)

Rotary Friendship Exchange is open to all Rotarians and partners. The exchange is for 2 weeks, with the team members being hosted with Rotarians from Parana, Brazil.

You can apply to be part of a team of up to twelve, to participate in this great Rotary experience of culture, friendship and hospitality from 4th – 17th March 2020 in District 4640. Exact dates to be confirmed. This area is in western and central part of Parana state in Brazil and is a very popular spot for tourists as it includes Iguassu Falls. The exchange could provide a great opportunity to visit other parts of South America either before or after the exchange.

Rotary travel insurance will cover the exchange plus up to 60 days private travel.

The incoming visit to our District by Rotarians from District 4640 is planned to occur 5th – 17th October 2019 and outbound team members clubs are expected to host the inbound team, during their 14 - 15 days experience within District 9640. Please discuss your desire to be part of the team with your club to obtain their consent to possibly host the inbound team from Brazil.

**Requests for a Team Membership Application should be directed to** RFE Chair Wendy Scarlett on 07 5524 4368 or 0407 130449 or email: wendy.scarlett51@gmail.com Applications are to be submitted by **Sunday 31st March 2019**

Please click [HERE](#) for information about this beautiful district.
Disaster Aid Australia is delighted to present an exciting opportunity for Rotarians and Friends to travel to the reclusive but spectacular country of Bhutan and at the same time offer you the opportunity to help provide safe clean water to a local Bhutan school.

DAA is currently working with the Bhutan Government and the local Rotary club of Thimphu towards providing clean safe water to over 120 schools in the country.

The Bhutan travel opportunity is looking for groups of 2 people to travel together to the Bhutan. They will help deliver a SkyHydrant unit to a local school. You will also receive a $5,000 tax deduction for the trip.

The cost is from $6,450pp and includes:
- Return economy airfares to Bhutan via Bangkok
- Six nights accommodation
- 1 week personalised tour around Bhutan with car and driver.
- 3 meals a day
- Visit to the school

For more details please contact Wayne Kirby (0418 950 250 wayne@kirbyfamily.id.au)

Bhutan is a rare gem in world tourism. Nestled in the foot hills of the Himalayas, tourism has only been allowed since the 1970’s and even today the number of visitors is strictly controlled. They measure the country’s well being in terms of Happiness rather than by GDP. It is a great opportunity to see an ageless culture in a wonderful landscape.

Don’t just be a tourist become a Friend of Bhutan. Remember if your club has not fully allocated its international’s funds this year then consider helping Disaster Aid in funding our many other projects. Click HERE for more info.

Wayne Kirby | District Chair for Disaster Aid Aust

**Visit Bhutan**

and give safe water to 100’s of children

(online in conjunction with Disaster Aid Australia and the Rotary Club of Thimphu)

From $6,450 (twin share).

- Return economy flights Australia to Bhutan via Bangkok
- Six nights accommodation in Bhutan, 3 stars, or best available in rural areas
- 3 meals per day plus afternoon tea
- Bhutan Visa and sightseeing fees

**Conditions**

1. Each trip is for a minimum of 2 people, additional persons travelling together for a single-occupancy upgrade will be charged $6,950 per person
2. Base rate is based on January 2019 Australian Dollar to US dollar conversion
3. Low season is January, February, June, July, August, December, There is a peak season surcharge of US$ 500 per person for peak seasons
4. All participants are required to provide a current ‘Working with Children’ check before bookings will be confirmed
5. All participants will need to show they have comprehensive travel insurance
6. Alternative will need to be made in your itinerary in the event of logistic constraints surrounding the SkyHydrant
7. Tour will be with Thai Airways from Australia to Bangkok and from Bangkok to Paro (Bhutan) with Druk Air
8. Upgrades to allow travel dates and additional time spent in Bhutan or Thailand will attract additional costs
9. Installation of SkyHydrant will be by the Bhutan School Planning and Building Co-ordinators

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**Water of every child**

Don’t just be a tourist... become a friend of the Bhutanese people.
World-wide, April 25th is declared as World Malaria Day. Here in Australia, because of Anzac Day, this day has been moved to April 30th. It is a time to reflect on the impact of malaria upon the world and the progress we are making in fighting and controlling it in our countries of focus, namely Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and Timor Leste.

The battle against malaria continues to be waged on many fronts. We should be very proud that Australia is at the forefront of world research in developing new anti-malarial treatments and in seeking to find a suitable long lasting, cheap and easy to administer vaccine. Discovering such a vaccine is imperative because the malaria parasite transferred by an infected mosquito is developing increasing resistance to sprays and drugs.

Malaria Awareness Day is a very important day in the Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM) Calendar for it is a great opportunity to promote community understanding of the global campaign to eradicate malaria by 2040. It is also a chance to highlight the outstanding contribution RAM has made in the last 24 years, supporting in a number of ways the local health authorities in our areas of focus.

POSSIBLE CLUB ACTIVITIES

- The guest speaker for the normal meeting that week to speak on malaria;
- Instead of presenting the guest speaker with a gift, donate the dollars towards a RAM project;
- Plan a special dinner and invite other clubs to participate;
- Arrange a sausage sizzle at a suitable high-usage venue e.g., your local Bunnings store;
- Set up &/or man a display at a suitable venue, e.g., the local shopping centre;
- Encourage your Rotaract and Interact Club/s to get involved;
- Arrange to speak to at least one class in your local school/s;
- Where possible set up a poster or display in a local shop or business;
- If you have a market, use it as a promotional display;
- Place an article in your local press;
- Run a special VIP Dinner;
- Arrange an interview with your local Community Radio Station;

For further information contact Dai Mason District 9640 RAM Chair | Daimason1942@gmail.com | 0418 369 647

Busy times in YEP land with our 9 students from our district leaving on January 19th after a solid 6 months of preparation for their exchanges to Japan (3 students), Switzerland, USA, Italy, Belgium, Netherlands and France. All are doing fine even if it is initially more daunting than expected.

Our weekend for the 2018 rebounders was held a couple of weeks ago in Beaudesert. Interesting comments reflected the growing cultural changes and attitudes in some countries which will make us look closely at where we go in the future. The overlay of redistricting also is shaping our program.

Our current in bounders have been here for 8 months now and are all having great exchanges and you will get to meet them at the Conference in Lismore. Please take time out to engage with them. We are now fielding the next cohort of inbound students that arrive in July so I will be contacting all the clubs in the district to consider taking in a student. We are now down to 5 clubs out of the 50 or so in the district that are participating in the program. Charity begins at home how about opening yours?

Chris Thurtell | District Chair YEP
Read the article below and see how District Grants can make a big difference. Applications for the 2019-20 year are now open and must be received by 28th April 2019. For the forms or more information contact District Grants Chair, PDG Michael Irving: mrirving1@bigpond.com

RC OF YAMBA District Grant $2500 – “Operation Heart Start”

“Operation Heart Start” is the idea of the Rotary Club of Yamba to make our town of Yamba “Heart Safe”. Yamba RC are driven to get defibrillators into the community that will be available 24 hours a day with public education provided on how to use them. We want to make Yamba a “Heart Safe” town. For this reason, Yamba Rotary purchased and installed two defibrillators that are available to the public 24 hours a day. One was placed at “Turners beach”, a popular surfing and swim beach and the second at one of our over 55s retirement village known as “Palm Lakes”.

When the defibrillators were handed over, CPR and defibrillator lectures with practical experience to members of the community was conducted by Rotarians, led by Rotarian Gayle Doe who is a Clinical Nurse Specialist in the Emergency Department. Ongoing education sessions to the community will occur as requested.

The defibrillator boxes have the Yamba Rotary logo placed on them for identification. Street Signage with Rotary Logo & Clarence Valley Council identifying defibrillator placement was developed by the Clarence Valley Council and installed by Rotarians.

Funding was 50/50 with Yamba Rotary and the District Grant. Funds were raised by Rotary throughout the year by holding markets, a fishing competition, and sand castle building competition.

Gayle Doe
Director Community Projects
Rotary Club of Yamba

Multidistrict Rotary Foundation Dinner

The above listed Rotarians represented District 9640 at the multidistrict Rotary Foundation Dinner at Fitzty’s in Loganholme on the 20th February.

The Guest Speaker was Past Rotary International Director Bryn Styles. Bryn resides in Canada and was enjoying the weather on the Gold Coast. Sandy Doumany
The Rotary Club of Currumbin-Coolangatta-Tweed Inc. is immensely proud of our long-term member David Phillips, who together with his partner Rosie Sawyer, were both awarded the OAM in the last round of Decorations for service to veterans and their families. Diana, Club Secretary.

Do you like Mobile Phones, Facebook, TV, Radio, Newspapers, Magazines, Laptops, I pads, Movies, Theater or Billboards? Then you must like Public Relations. All these media together makes the world of Public Relations. It’s fun.

Join us on Sunday 26th May at the Rotary District 9640 Public Relations Seminar planned just for you. It’s in Gold Coast. Starts 10am Qld time. Ends 4pm Qld Time.

For $35/ you will hear 4 amazing speakers from Melbourne, Sydney and Gold Coast. Participate in hands on breakout sessions to share new ideas. Morning Tea or Coffee. 4 choices of lunch to select from & a glass of beer, wine or soft drink to go with it. That’s a deal! But we have only 100 seats. Would you like to grab one? Click HERE to book your seat now.

Warm Regards, DGN Andy Rajapakse | Public Image Chairman | Rotary International District 9640 Australia
Want to see your club’s news in the DG Newsletter?

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