A BIG THANK YOU

The pace for the last month has been hectic and we have racked up many kilometres, the club visits have been amazing and we have enjoyed them all. Thank you for the hospitality and generosity you have shown. It has been enjoyable learning how each club, in their own way is being The Inspiration to local and International communities.

Club Presidents – Have you nominated a member of you club for an Award?

Avenues of Service awards –

After club presidents nominate a member for achievement in one of the five Avenues of Service (Club, Vocational, Community, International and Youth), you’ll receive an email with a link to approve and produce a certificate for the member. A visit can then be made to the club by the DG to present that person with the award. When a member has received all five Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, International Service, and Youth Service Awards, you can request a pin and a crystal award from Rotary International to acknowledge their achievement of the overall Avenues of Service award.

Achievement Award –

Governors can now recognise a club for a service project in their community. Similar to the Avenues of Service Awards, a club president first nominates their club, and then you receive an email with a link to approve and produce a certificate to present to them.

The Rotary Foundation District Service Award will remain administered at the district level, but governors can now download and customize the certificate from Rotary’s website.

You can learn more about these and other Rotary awards at rotary.org/awards

POLIO –

It’s very distressing that another 2 cases of WPV have been detected in Pakistan this week, bringing the total for the year to 22. This is the same number for the entire year of 2017. The road to eradication has been longer and harder than expected. While last year saw a record low number of wild polio cases, we have fallen short of stopping the disease completely. One child affected is too many, and so far, this year there have been 22 children paralysed by wild poliovirus. For every paralysed child, there are an estimated 200 others who carry the virus without any symptoms. This is why, even as the world sees just a handful of cases, we must reach millions of children each year to prevent a massive resurgence of polio. If these vaccination efforts ceased, the consequences would be catastrophic. Within 10 years, polio could be back on every family’s doorstep, paralysing as many as 200,000 children each year.

CHILD PROTECTION –

District Leaders responsibility in addressing any allegations of abuse or harassment that may occur with any of their district’s programs: Rotary’s Statement of Conduct for Working with Youth, adopted in 2002, indicates it is the
responsibility of all Rotarians, their spouses, partners, and other volunteers to safeguard the wellbeing of any youth with whom they come into contact through Rotary and protect them from physical, sexual, and emotional abuse. As district leaders you have a responsibility to ensure that all volunteers participating in your district’s youth programs are trained and aware of how to handle allegations of abuse or harassment. Rotary International takes all allegations of abuse or harassment seriously, and we ask that you ensure that all allegations are immediately reported to local law enforcement and to Rotary International at youthprotection@rotary.org. Districts must also follow through on any allegations in accordance with RI Policy and local law, which is in the best interest of the young people in our programs and for Rotary. Should you have any questions about your district’s responsibility for youth protection, please consult the Rotary Youth Protection Guide and the Rotary Code of Policies or contact youth protection@rotary.org

District Governor - Terry Brown

Carol Brown: DG Partner’s Project 2018 – 19
HUMAN BRAIN RESEARCH PROJECT

The GOAL is to raise funds for a PhD candidate for Parkinson’s Disease Research

Donations to the Human Brain Research Project can be made by cheque payable to: Rotary District 9640 Human Brain Research Project. Rotary District 9640 Treasurer, Mark Twyford P.O. Box 1216, Southport Qld 4215 or paid to: Rotary Account BSB 084462 Account 796395692 Reference HBR-Carol.

A special thanks to those clubs who have made contribution to my project. I would also like to express my gratitude to clubs who have made a commitment to support this project. To date we have raised $19,031.00 towards the target of $30,000.00

Professor Peter Silburn Key Note Speaker at the 2019 District Conference

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.

WELCOME TO VARSITY LAKES ROTARY

The new Rotary Club of Varsity Lakes was officially chartered on the 3rd September 2018. A Gala charter dinner was held on Friday 19th October 2018.

The large crowd in attendance was told by District Governor Nominee Andy Rajapakse, how Rotary came to Varsity Lakes. IPDG Darrell Brown welcomed the members of Varsity Lakes to the family of Rotary. Karen Andrews MP and Chief Guest, Federal Minister for Industry Science and Technology then welcomed Rotary to the Varsity Lakes community.

The members of Varsity Lakes Rotary were inducted by Past Governor and District membership Chair Michael Irving. The club’s Charter President Peter Childe-Freeman was installed by District Governor Terry Brown. It is not often that on the night of induction as members of Rotary, someone is recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow. Nic Rone and Matteo Salerno were both recognised as Paul Harris Fellows, for their dedication and contribution to the establishment of the Rotary Club of Varsity Lakes. Congratulations to everyone involved.

DG Terry Brown presenting the Charter to President Peter Childe-Freeman

PDG Michael Irving Inducting new members

Paul Harris Fellow Recognition to Nic Rone and Matteo Salerno
1. Current Global Grants in Development across our district
   - GG1871252 - Empower Through Enterprise Resilience – This grant is hosted by the E-Club NextGen and Gate City RC North Carolina. It will provide training and livelihood tools to benefit 200 single-head of household women entrepreneurs who have dependent children and are at or below the local poverty line in Vietnam. No District DDF was requested.
   - GG1877244 - Cambodia Village Empowerment - This project will assist 1,241 poor Cambodian families to improve their standard of life through access to clean water, sanitation, sustainable incomes, training and education. The grant (total value US$224,259) is hosted by RC Gainesville Florida and RC Pursat Cambodia, with sponsorship assistance by RC Lismore West (US $766.50) and RC Summerland Sunrise (US$2190). District has matched this sponsorship with US$3190 DDF.
   - GG1979464 – Marquemos la diferencia del cuidado de la Salud en la Comunidad – This grant is hosted by RC Villa Real-Versailles, Argentina and RC Maringá-Norte, Brazil with sponsorship assistance by RC Surfers Paradise (US$3045) and matched by US$3000 DDF. Rotarians will be involved in replacing obsolete equipment in a general hospital in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

2. World Polio Day
   Many clubs organised fundraising /public awareness events including Polio Movie Nights. The attached facebook link is an excellent opportunity for you to share. It is just over 10 minutes but very informative and tells a great story of what Rotarians are doing to END POLIO NOW.
   [Link: www.facebook.com/worldmadegood/videos/1399781620155996]

3. Rotary Foundation Christmas Cakes and Puddings  (Foundation Traditional Fruit Cake Programme)
   Cakes and Puddings are available for order from the RC Melton Valley website: rotarymeltonvalley.org.au
   Ph: 0419 889 594 or Email: rotarymeltonvalley@hotmail.com

Tony Heading | District Rotary Foundation Chair 2017-2020

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Hi everyone! Your District Facebook team would like to say hi and touch base with you all about the work we’ve been doing with the page and how you can help us! Sam, Andy and I have been working to try and make the District page as engaging and interactive as possible. To do so, we’ve been focussing on some key factors:

1. Increasing our page engagement
2. Ensuring that the content is there ahead of events, to allow members and the public to engage
3. Making sure that all the content makes sense to non-Rotarians, to enhance our public image and build our relationship with the public

We currently have 1070 people following our page and this week were able to reach 2,457 people with our posts this week…but we can only keep building with your help!

With that, there are some really easy things that you can do to help us and help keep building our public image so the community knows about all the great work that you do:

1. If you haven’t already, head along and like our page! Just search Rotary District 9640 on Facebook
2. Please like, comment on and share our posts, this helps spread the word as far and wide as possible
3. Be sure to send us content you would like on the page regularly. We are looking for info on events before they happen, good quality photos from events you hold and particularly, videos! If you can take some good quality photos and videos, that would help tremendously

Thanks so much to those that have already been engaging with the page and thanks in advance to those who help from now on, we appreciate it so much! Kaye, Sam & Andy

We are running another Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th November. This will be held on the Gold Coast at the Gold Coast Italo-Australian Club.

Nearly 200 people in our District have attended an RLI course and the feedback has been wonderful.

Participants have ranged from Rotarians of 4 months to Rotarians of 40 years! The course covers sessions that include

— Team Building
— Attracting Members
— International Service
— Effective Leadership Strategies
— Rotary Opportunities
— Public Image & Public Relations
— Rotarians, Vocational Service, & Expectations
— Rotary online

We would love you to nominate members of your Club who you would like to benefit from this Course. Generally Clubs pay for their Members to go. The cost is $150 per person, which covers morning tea and lunch on both days, coffee and tea, and all course materials. Each day begins at about 8.30 QLD time and ends at approximately 4.30pm on Saturday and 3.30pm on Sunday.

We do limit places, and at this point, we are half full. If anyone from your Club would like to do the course, can you please email me their name, details and which Rotary Club they are from so that I can send them all the material.

If you would like any further information, please don’t hesitate to contact me via email or on my mobile.

Yours in Rotary, Simone Wong [Coordinator - District 9640 Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) D9640]
rotarysimone@gmail.com 0439 937 449
Karen Wibberley - Group 5

Karen is married to Mark and they have one daughter Maddie 21 years old, who is in her last year of University studying a Business degree. Pippy and Lucy are members of her canine family.

She originally qualified as a Nurse and practiced for many years before the desire to try something different led to a change of career. For the last 14 years she has been involved in managing shopping centres and designing & implementing marketing campaigns.

A Rotarian of 9 years Karen is a proud member of Ashmore Rotary Club. She has held various Board positions and was Club President 2016/2017. Currently she looks after Cluster 5 which comprises of Ashmore, Robina, Mudgeeraba, Parkwood & Burleigh.

Karen has recently returned from a GCE experience to District 6980, Central Florida.

Karen’s free time is enjoyed with her family and friends. Dining out, live theatre, travel, concerts, international films, City breaks and road trips are just a few of her interests.

If you were to pass away before your wife...

The presumption to this story: You are a man and your partner is a woman. Hold it! Don't shoot just yet! Yes, I acknowledge, in these enlightened days it may well be illegal for me to even mention - sorry, I mean ignore to mention all the other possible relationship options. But I'll persist. And let me state it clearly: the opinions of the editor do not necessarily represent those of the management.☺ So, onwards...

Let us assume that you pass away before your wife does (statistically proven to be a distinct possibility, and no snide jokes please!): would your wife still enjoy a regular circle of friendship? I mean, a circle of friendship that is still there some 3 or 6 months after your funeral? If so, that's great! If in doubt (or if you are indeed female and this has sort of triggered your interest), keep reading.

In the 'olden days' (not sure if I'd want to call them 'good olden days though), Rotary clubs (at that time the exclusive domain of the male of the species) had Ladies' Auxiliaries, commonly called 'Rotaryannes'. With the advent of (a) Rotary clubs becoming mixed and (b) women more and more accepting paid employment, the Rotaryannes just about vanished.

Enter Innerwheel. This organization is, as far as I know, exclusively for women. And no, you don’t need to be a widow to join, of course. Just a requirement of good character, a desire to enjoy friendship and good companionship, to serve the community. And men are quite welcome to tag along to their social functions. The organization is not new: Innerwheel was founded way back in 1924 in Manchester, England and first appeared in Australia in 1931, in Ballarat VIC of all places. Today, they boast over 100,000 members in 108 countries. In our region, we have two clubs on the Gold Coast, as well as several clubs in the Boonah, Ballina, Lismore and Grafton area. They generally meet once a month and support a major research project. At present, Cordblood (Stem Cell) research, carried out by Prof Michael Doran (QUT) is one of their major projects.

Friendship? Over the past 20 years or so, I have accompanied my wife to dozens of conferences. Friendship is the very item that pervades the atmosphere. And if you think these generally elderly ladies are just taking it easy: wait till you see them dancing the jig – see photo from the National Innerwheel Conference just a couple of weeks ago in Canberra! Sorry about being blurry – they simply moved too fast!

For more information, click here and here, or contact the editor who will gladly forward your enquiry to the nearest club!

Franz Huber | Rotary Club of Surfers Sunrise Inc

Registrations for District Conference 2019 are now open - to register, simply CLICK HERE
Inspiring, exciting, challenging, thought provoking, engaging, networking, opportunities, strategies, commitment, just a few words describing the recent membership seminar held on the Gold Coast. Thanks Andy and the membership team for organising such a wonderful seminar.

We had the pleasure of listening to Keynote speakers Mark Huddleston and Evan Burrell. Mark, author of “Creatures of Habit” shared his experience and ways to move forward. Evan, RDU Facebook Editor & Social Media consultant got us all thinking about new and exciting ways to attract members though social media.

We need to make sure our clubs are relevant, offer opportunities and stay relevant and attractive to existing and new Rotarians. With the new information gained from this seminar, we can plug that ‘Hole in the bucket’.

There are many online resources available to clubs, have a look at www.rotary.org/learn for great resources on a variety of topics. If you would like information or resources from the recent seminar please contact Andy Rajapakse andyradjapakse@gmail.com Ed.

**DISTRICT 9640 2018-2019 ROTARY PEACE FELLOWS**

This year District 9640 had 5 applications for endorsement during May, for the Rotary Peace Fellow Scholarships, and they consisted of 1 only local Byron Bay, NSW; 1 from Pakistan; 1 from Brazil; 1 from Madagascar and finally 1 from Nigeria.

4 applicants made it through the District 9640 criteria, where they had their submissions endorsed by the then District Governor DG Darrell Brown, following interviews with each of the applicants, and their applications forwarded to RI.

This year worldwide, there were just under 700 applicants, to take up Rotary Peace Fellow fellowship awards, of which there were only 100 assigned.

Early October, the District 9640 and each Applicant were notified, by RI, that none of our applicants were successful in achieving a scholarship, which is so disappointing not just for the District however, especially for the applicants.

One of those unsuccessful applicants, was a second time applicant from Pakistan where last year, she was granted an “alternative” position, which means that the applicant was good enough for a scholarship, however, there were insufficient positions available, unless someone pulled out or couldn’t make it. That situation occurred & was duly notified of that availability on the 26 April, with RI requiring an answer by the 30 April. The timing couldn’t have been worse for the applicant as the week before receiving notification, she had given birth to a beautiful daughter, and had to refuse acceptance of the opportunity to advance her personal goals or at least put them on hold, thereby, applying again this year.

Do you know someone that may qualify for a RPF??

Ray Higgs | District 9640 Chairperson for Rotary Peace Fellows | RC of Surfers Sunrise.

**Rotaract Club of Ballina-Richmond**

President Dan Snart had the pleasure of inducting their newest member Cameron into Rotaract. Welcome Cameron to the Rotaract and Rotary family, we look forward to many years of friendship and fun.

www.ballinarotaract.org.au
**District 9640 Australian Rotary Health Committee**

The Australian Rotary Health Committee has now been formalized and we are looking for the opportunity to present our current information, along with the history of this outstanding all Australian programme – ‘By Australians, for Australians’.

What is exciting, is that we have an agreement with Australian Rotary Health to allow Rotary Clubs to become Companions of A.R.H. by utilising a payment system spread over a three year period. For example, by contributing $1,700.00 per year to A.R.H. during this time frame, your club will be eligible to become a Companion – yes, just a total of $5,000.00 over three years. Also – for those clubs and members that are believers in Australian Rotary Health and its outstanding work across such a broad range of medical research programmes, for $10,000.00 you can become a Gold Companion.

I am fully aware that many Rotary Clubs are quite parochial in their attitude to contributing to the Rotary Foundation or some of the overseas programmes - they prefer to support local community organisations. In this regard, Australian Rotary Health is benefiting all Australian communities and of course, the medical research carried out could be and is of major benefit to all of mankind.

Please take the opportunity to accept the challenge for your club to become a Companion of Australian Rotary Health and also take the opportunity to have one of our committee speakers deliver the Australian Rotary Health story to your club.

*Rtn. PDG Brian Heaton RC Runaway Bay*

**Around the District**

**MENTAL HEALTH – HAT DAY – AT THE RC OF SUMMERLAND SUNRISE - LISMORE**

The Rotary Club of Summerland Sunrise continued their long tradition of supporting Australian Rotary Health, Lift the Lid for mental Health, at their Breakfast Meeting on Friday 26th October.

There were many colourful hats on show, the winners of the best hat’s were DG Terry Brown and PP Josephine Saunders pictured with Chief Judge Joan Binney. The meeting highlight was the induction of former Rotarian, Susan Webster as a member of Summerland Sunrise.
Grafton Midday RC recently received a Hansard Community Recognition Award for their inaugural Carols by Candlelight event held last December, presented to the club by Mr Chris Gulaptis MP for Clarence.

With over 1100 locals attending our first ‘Carols by Candlelight’ last December, we are expecting an even bigger crowd this year, now word the is out of how great last year’s event was. TV celebrity vocalist and dancer Rhonda Burchmore will be appearing as our guest artist this year on Saturday 1st December at Alumy Creek Reserve, with the Clarence Valley Orchestra & Chorus, under the baton of Conductor and Rotarian Greg Butcher.

This year the Midday Club we will also be taking donations from this much loved free event, to go towards the purchase of an ICU Defibrillator, to the value of $12,500 for our local Grafton Base Hospital.

**George Burchmore - Rotary Club of Grafton Midday**

**George Negus keynote speaker at Help a Farmer’s Family fundraising lunch**

On Friday 23rd November hosted by the Rotary Club of Nerang

Award-winning Australian author, journalist and television presenter George Negus will speak at a fundraising lunch in support of drought-stricken farmers hosted by the Rotary Club of Nerang on Friday 23rd November.

The event, Farm Aid – Help a Farmer’s Family, will be held at the Nerang RSL Club from 12pm to 2.30pm and will include a live auction and a raffle featuring items donated by sponsors and community members.

Rotary Club of Nerang’s Mehmet Tavli said the club wanted to support farming families by raising funds for to be distributed to various drought relief programs.

“Australians know the resilient nature of our farmers and how important they are for their economic and environmental contributions to Australia,” Mr Tavli said.

“The conditions they are currently facing are extremely difficult and many of our farmers have been overwhelmed by the challenges they face.

“Rotarians are neighbours, community leaders, and global citizens uniting for the common good. We want to reach out to our business community and come together to help our farmers.”

*Tickets to the luncheon* are $100 each and include a three-course meal and glass of wine. Sponsorship packages are available.

Book tickets: [www.eventbrite.com/e/farm-aid-tickets-50622645696](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/farm-aid-tickets-50622645696)

For more information, contact: Paul Dent Email: paul@pauldent.com.au Phone: 5594 3373
We're still on the lookout for awardees for 2019. The week is from the 2nd to the 7th of February, 2019, at the beautiful Tyalgum Ridge Retreat. Make sure you don't give away too much, but make sure they know it'll be a life changing experience. Send them the link to the application, or to our Facebook or Website. We're counting on you!

Love, Your Friendly Neighbourhood RYLA Team

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**How well do you know Rotary?**

**VOCATIONAL SERVICE**

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**RYLA**

**Rotary Youth Leadership Awards**

RYLA is one of those “once in a lifetime” experiences. RYLA helps young people, the future leaders of Australia to realise their full potential and ignites their passion for life.

Do you know a young person who would benefit from RYLA? Applications are now open and will be closing 25th Dec 2018.

The cost for RYLA is $650 per awardee ($50 Awardee, $600 Club) Open to youth aged 19-28 years, living within District 9640

Please visit “RYLA9640.org” for further information.

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**It’s Your Newsletter So Use This Space**

Deadline for the December edition is 8th December

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